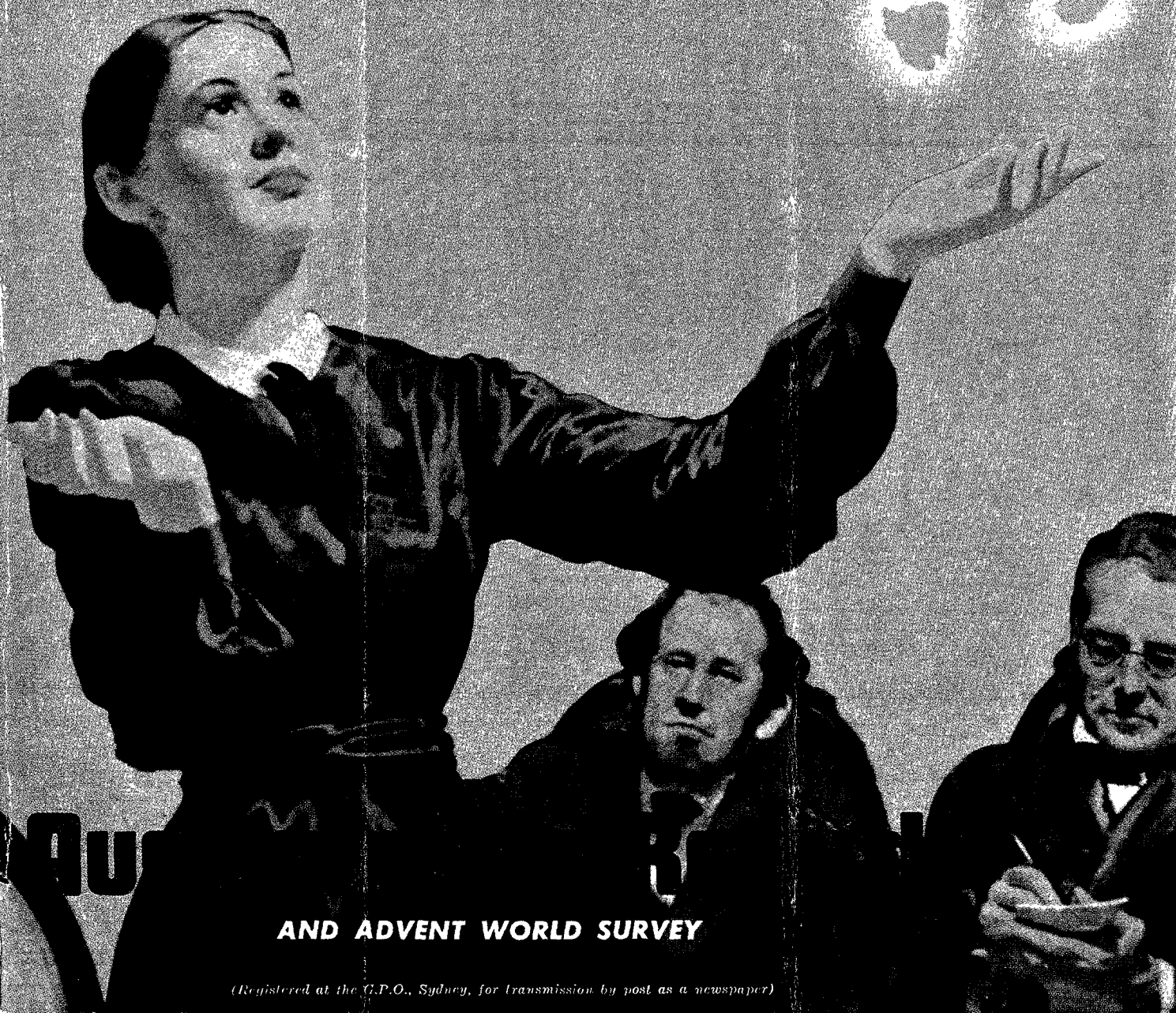


# **Jubilee Year Special**

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# Fulfilment of a Vision



W. E. BATTYE

**T**HIS SPECIAL Jubilee number of the "Record" will tell something of the inception and growth of the Advent Message and the marvellous providential guidance of the Lord in Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific Islands over the past seventy-five years.

The cover of this paper illustrates a scene in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A., when on January 3, 1875, the messenger of the Lord had an impressive vision of an ever-enlarging work of evangelism, represented by jets of light shining like stars in the darkness, ever increasing as other lights were kindled, until the whole world was illumined with their glory.

As the lights increased from country to country there were seen companies of people studying the Bible and accepting the enlightening truths for this hour. When questioned if these countries were named, Sister E. G. White said, "I did not hear any names, except one. I remember the angel said, 'Australia.'"

Thirty-one years later, Pastor O. A. Olsen, speaking of this forecast at the Australasian Union Conference Session, said: "I call to mind—and it seems as though it were yesterday—when years ago in the United States, Sister E. G. White stood before the people pleading for Australia and telling us how the Lord had shown her companies here and there searching the Scriptures, anxious to know the truth; and that God had a people who would be a glory to His name and have a place in His kingdom."

It was ten years after this vision that the first group left San Francisco, reaching Melbourne on June 8, 1885. They consisted of three evangelists—Pastors S. N. Haskell, M. C. Israel, and J. O. Corliss—(See pictures on back page); also a printer, Brother Henry L. Scott, and a colporteur, Brother William Arnold, who sold 1,000 copies of the book "Daniel and Revelation" in Melbourne in less than a year.

Public meetings were held, and as a result the first church to be organized in Australia was formed at North Fitzroy, April 10, 1886, with twenty members. Two young printers, Messrs. W. H. B. Miller (later to become the manager of the Signs Publishing Company) and J. H. Woods (afterwards to be the first Australian ordained minister) were two of the charter members.

In the meantime, Pastor Haskell visited New Zealand, in the middle of November, 1885, and upon the recommendation of a business man in Auckland, secured lodgings in the home of Mr. Edward Hare. Within ten days, Brother Hare embraced the Sabbath truth and immediately journeyed with Pastor Haskell 200 miles north of Auckland to his father's home in the village of Kaeo, to meet the Hare family.

They held meetings and Bible studies for ten days and then commenced regular Sabbath meetings. Pastor Haskell left for Melbourne December 16, leaving behind a number of Sabbath-keepers. A return visit was made on March 9, 1886, on his way to America. He again resumed his labours, and as a result the first baptism was held March 21, when eight persons were baptized. Two days later seven more went forward in this rite. In the evening of March 23, 1886, the first church in Australasia was organized in Kaeo, New Zealand, with fifteen members.

At this time a young man, Brother Robert Hare, left for the United States to train for the ministry. In the same year Pastor A. G. Daniells was called to New Zealand and opened a mission in Ponsonby. It was on May 24, 1888, that Pastor Robert Hare was ordained to the gospel ministry in Oakland, California. He was the first New Zealander to receive ordination to proclaim the glorious truths of the everlasting gospel, in which he served with distinction in New Zealand and Australia during a long and fruitful ministry.

On August 30, 1888, in the Temperance Hall, Melbourne, the first Australian Conference was organized with Pastor G. C. Tenney as president. The conference consisted of four churches—Adelaide, Ballarat, Hobart, and Melbourne, with 266 baptized members. It was at the beginning of the year 1888 that Pastors M. C. Israel and W. L. H. Baker commenced work in Tasmania.

The following year, on May 27, 1889, the New Zealand Conference was organized at Ponsonby church, with Pastor Daniells as president. It was reported that 200 people were observing the Sabbath, of whom 155 were church members. The church has developed until today there are two conferences with a combined membership of 5,600.

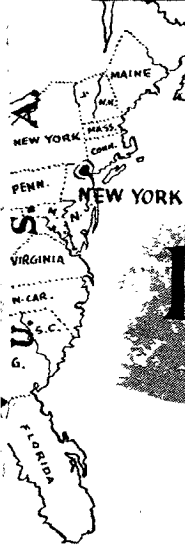
Two and a half years later it was voted that Mrs. E. G. White should spend some time in Australia. Accordingly, Mrs. White and her son, Pastor W. C. White, Pastor G. B. Starr, and several helpers, entered Sydney Harbour, December 8, 1891, and were met by Pastor Daniells, now the president of the Australian Conference. In the same year, Pastor E. H. Gates entered the island mission field. Other workers followed—Pastors J. M. Cole, 1893, and J. E. Fulton, 1895, to Suva, Fiji. Thus the proclamation of the advent truths commenced in the South Seas.

About this time, 1893, Pastor G. B. Starr was studying with a young man, Mr. A. W. Anderson, who quickly embraced the message, was later ordained to the ministry, and became a zealous ambassador as editor and lecturer of the Adventist cause.

The first union conference within the denomination was established at Middle Brighton, Victoria, in January, 1894; when the Australian and New Zealand Conferences were co-ordinated under the name of the Australasian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with Pastor W. C. White as its first president.

Rapidly the advent truths spread to other states, till 1901 saw the establishment of seven local conferences and an expanding mission field, with a total membership of 2,184 believers in the union.

On August 29, 1900, Sister White and her son returned to the United States. The inspiration of her life was a benediction and a blessing to Australasia in promoting the educational, medical, publishing, and evangelistic ministry under the guidance and providential leading of the Lord. Today we have two union conferences with eleven local conferences in the home bases; and three union missions with local fields throughout the South Seas. The growth and remarkable progress in the thousands who are hearing and accepting the message in preparation for the Lord's appearing in further fulfilment of the vision will be told in the following pages.



# LOOKING FORWARD



*"He thanked God and took courage." Acts 28:19.  
Like Paul of old we, too, can thank God and take courage.*



F. G. CLIFFORD  
President, Australasian Division

mation of the gospel. The open door awaits the missionary, and instead of struggling to gain an entry, in many places people are calling for us to bring them the message we hold.

We must, however, realize that there are difficulties to be overcome and perils that will beset the remnant church. These must not be allowed to separate us one from another or from our God. We do have the assurance that we can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." The difficulties will be light and momentary when compared with the glory that shall follow.

This Jubilee year is an appropriate time to look back and note the providential care and divine leading that have been so abundantly manifest in the history of the church. With this background to encourage us, in grateful thanks we mark the seventy-fifth year of our history with a combined, co-ordinated evangelistic

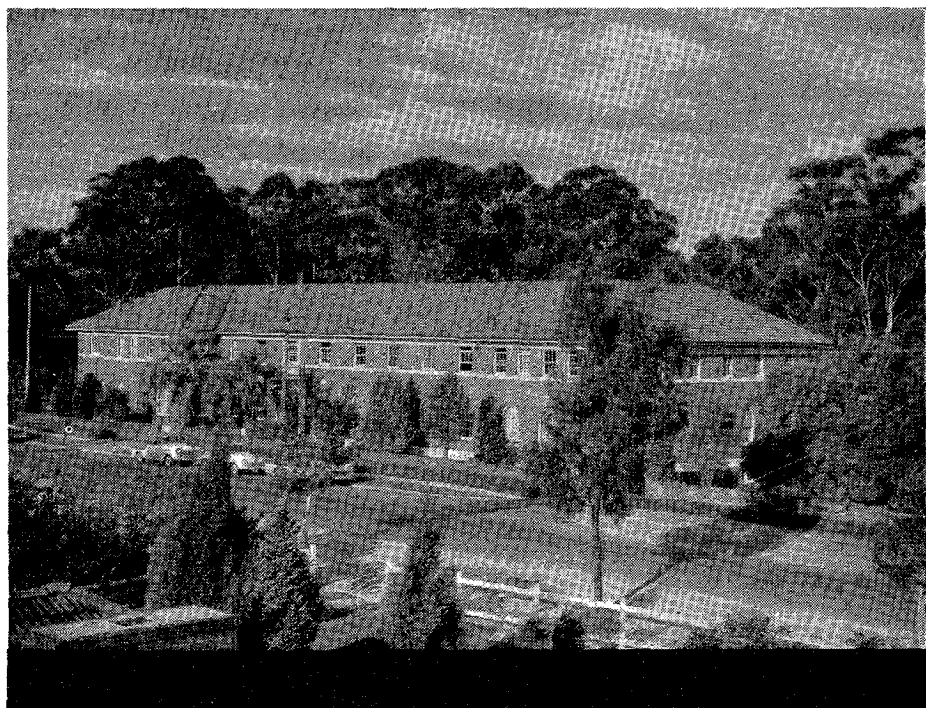
endeavour—the greatest that has yet been undertaken in this field, providing a pattern of all-out evangelistic activity for the days to come. The years remaining to us may be few, but they should be spent in watchful, diligent service. "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh, shall find so doing."

That the impetus of this year of Jubilee might be maintained, there are certain objectives upon which we should set our hearts. These are: a closer individual walk with God, a constant unity among God's people, a faithful stewardship of our goods and talents. With these aims before us, and with God at our right hand to help us, we can look forward with confidence to the early consummation of the blessed hope. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15: 58.

**T**HIS issue of the "Record" calls to our attention the marvellous way the Lord has led us in the past. From the day of small things, for seventy-five years, the message of God has progressively expanded until we now view an established and well-developed work. On this sure foundation we may now move forward with confidence and occupy for God.

In the light of experience we should be able to look forward to increased momentum and accelerated progress in all phases of the work of the Lord, for we are irrevocably committed to herald the third angel's message to every tongue and people in the territory of the Australasian Division. With the blessing and enabling of our God this is well within our range.

We have been blessed with considerable resources. Our territory is not densely populated, and by far the greater portion has already been entered and occupied. In these areas companies of believers bear a steadfast witness to truth. We have no countries that are closed to the procla-





# Jubilee Greetings from WORLD LEADER



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WE JOIN YOU IN SPIRIT AS YOU COMMEMORATE THIS JUBILEE YEAR. THREE-FOURTHS OF A CENTURY AGO THE FIRST MESSENGER OF THE ADVENT MOVEMENT SET FOOT UPON YOUR SHORES. TODAY WE THANK GOD FOR WHAT HAS COME AS A RESULT OF THAT HUMBLE BEGINNING IN FAITH. WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY TO THE MESSAGE AND FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF OUR LORD. YOUR GREAT MISSION PROGRAM IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC IS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND HASTEN THE GLAD AND GLORIOUS DAY OF HIS APPEARING.

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## Blessed Are Your Eyes

L. C. NADEN  
Secretary, Australasian Division

How thrilling it is to be living in this second half of the twentieth century, to witness the marvels of science and the wonders of every passing day! What a privilege to be living in the closing days of earth's history, and behold God finishing up His work in all the world! What an honour, and yet what a responsibility to belong to the church of God in this climactic hour!

Were Jesus here today He would repeat with emphasis those words He spoke in the long ago: "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see." Luke 10:23. It is heartening to witness the fulfilment of Bible prophecy, to behold the dreams of prophets appearing in reality before our eyes. Our hearts are gladdened by the evidence we have that God's purpose for the remnant church in Australasia is being fulfilled.

This Jubilee issue of the "Record" contains reports and pictures that are good to behold. They will undoubtedly cheer the hearts of our readers and be a blessing to our eyes. We will not anticipate here the reports of others, for the various activities of the church of God from home

base to mission field are adequately covered in other pages. We but bring to your attention the encouraging growth in membership through the years.

In 1909 we were just moving into our great island mission programme. In that year our total division membership was 3,433, with 2,988 in the home field and 445 in the mission territory. The following ten years our island membership increased by only forty-five souls. The year 1947 commenced the most heartening decade in the history of our work in Australasia, as the following statistics will show.

	1947	1957	1959
Home Field			
Membership .. .	18,597	27,320	29,041
Mission Field			
Membership .. .	4,949	18,757	21,992
	23,546	46,077	51,033

During the past twelve years we have increased our membership by 27,487. Of this number, 17,000 odd were won in the mission field. This is the fruitage of our devoted European and national missionary force. They gathered the converts in very



largely as the result of your gifts to foreign missions, your Sabbath school offerings, camp pledges, etc.

When one studies the old records and notices that in one section of Papua alone it took forty years to build up a membership of forty souls; and then in that same area the figures sky-rocketed to about 1,000 souls in ten years, one naturally wonders what he is witnessing.

Is not this the beginning of the latter rain? Surely we behold God finishing His work and cutting it short in righteousness!

Blessed are our eyes, which behold what the pioneers longed to see—the glorious manifestation of God's power in our midst, as the remnant are gathered out from every section of this Australasian Division!

# YOUR LIBERALITY HAS MADE THIS POSSIBLE

**T**HIS is the Jubilee Year! Looking back we exclaim, What marvellous blessings have come through the overruling providences of God in relationship to His work throughout our history!

Had our pioneers, in the early years immediately following the 1844 movement, known the great world task confronting this people they would have been overwhelmed. Rather, under the guidance of the Spirit of prophecy, the conception of the global nature of our ministry was unfolded gradually to their understanding, and in 1874 they began to move more fully into the programme.

In that year Pastor J. N. Andrews proceeded to Europe as our first missionary. From that point onwards came a growing realization and understanding of the responsibility laid upon them. Only eleven years later a group of pioneers entered what is now the Australasian Division. Truly, in the intervening period God has marvellously blessed His work, not only in this field, but throughout the world.

Having the conviction of "mission" that is theirs, Seventh-day Adventists have at the same time developed a sense of stewardship which has led them to dedicate themselves and thousands of their sons and daughters to the prosecution of their God-given task, as well as to devote a substantial portion of their means to what we so often speak of as "the finishing of the work." What a privilege it is and has been to do this! And so it is that over a comparatively short time this people have spread themselves over the world; and today they are found in almost every country and island group.

**E. J. JOHANSON**

*Treasurer,  
Australasian Division*



It was not long after the Advent Message came to this field that our people in Australia and New Zealand had placed upon them the privilege and responsibility of carrying it to what we have come to know as the island field of the South Pacific. And right loyally have they responded with both men and means, so that today we have something like 200 white missionaries in this area and a church membership of more than 37,500. Naturally, to maintain such a force requires a strongly supported and well-organized home base. This we have.

The financial structure of this organization, under the guidance of the Lord, has been developed along sound lines. Basic to this structure is the system of tithing, supported loyally by the rank and file of our church membership. It was the introduction of this plan in the movement that made possible a solid foundation in the home base and through it the forward-looking development in the mission field.

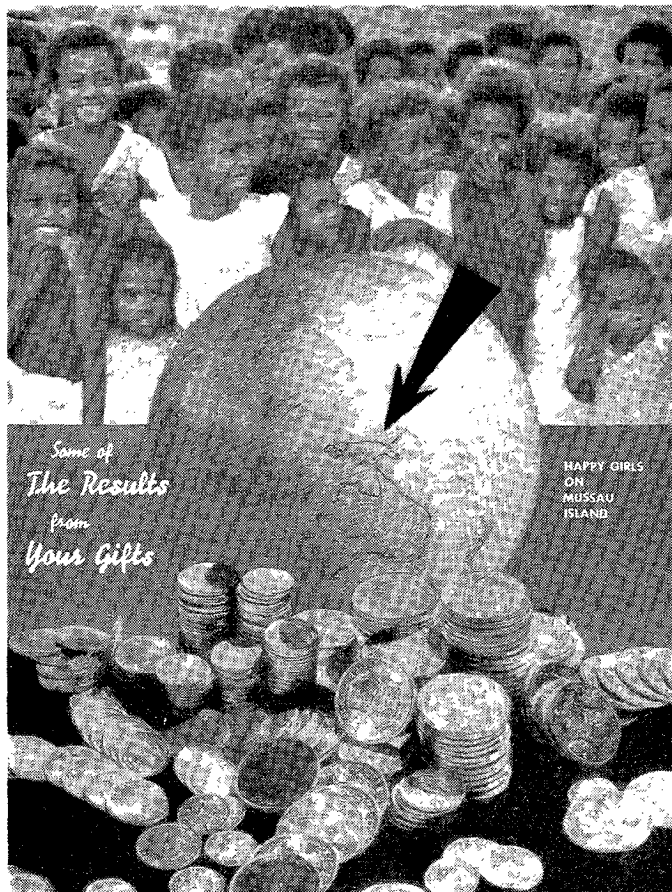
Then we have our freewill foreign mission offerings, allied to which is our Appeal for Missions campaign. That the spirit of missions has possessed the hearts of our Advent people in this division is reflected in their liberal support of our missionary programme. The General Conference likewise grants a substantial annual appropriation to assist us in our task.

In the Australasian Division we are fortunate in having a well-developed and prosperous Health Food Department, a substantial portion of the net earnings of which is devoted to the maintenance and the upbuilding of God's kingdom both at home and in the islands. Its contribution has meant more to us than may be generally understood.

See the activities of our evangelists and supporting workers in the home field, with new converts by the hundreds (1,766 in 1959) swelling the membership of our churches each year, and share the rejoicing of these converts in their new-found faith. This is your ministry, under God; made possible by your faithful support of His cause.

Come with me if you will to the different sections of our island field, and see the marvellous operation of God in the hearts and lives of primitive and erstwhile most degraded native peoples. Today they are free from their old all-pervading fear of evil spirits, and clean in body and mind because of what God has done for them. So often our island believers confound us with their strong, simple, and childlike faith, which God honours in many remarkable ways. They might teach us more favoured ones many lessons. Here again the results are yours, under God; made possible by your consistent, liberal support and your prayers.

Soon the privileges that are now ours will be withdrawn. Soon probation will close and there will be no further use for our means. Soon Jesus will come, "for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Let us continue to do all we can while we can, and so speed the finishing of the work and hasten His coming.



# FORMER LEADERS AUSTRALASIA — SUCCESSORS TO PIONEERS

## A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

C. H. WATSON  
Former President, Australasian Union Conference, and  
World Leader, 1930-1936.

Some fifty-eight years ago, Mrs. Watson and I gave our hearts to the Lord and accepted the glorious message of the second advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. We were then but a young couple with a young family.

Seven years later we received a call to join the ranks of our workers in the service of God; and after three years I was ordained to the ministry of our church. In the same year I was sent to Queensland, where I served for two years, and was then invited to join the headquarters staff of the Australasian Union Conference. There it was my high privilege to labour under the leadership of Pastor J. E. Fulton, a man of God greatly loved by us all and highly esteemed throughout the whole field.

Years later, when Pastor W. A. Spicer first visited the Australasian territory, speaking always of the wonderful Adventist family as he had met the members in all parts of the world, he brought to us words that have lived in our hearts through all the forty-two crowded years that have since gone by. These words he reiterated again and again, and they never lost their truthfulness and vitality. They are just seven plain, everyday words: "It's a good family to belong to."

We little thought then that ours would be the high privilege of meeting so many thousands of the members of that family among the various nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples of the world. But that indeed was what the call of God led us to. We have seen the glory of God in the lives of His people. We have seen His glory in the lives of the labourers and leaders in a great many places where they lived and served. We can tell you of such things by writing about them; but we are not able to fully convey to you how very uplifting and how completely helpful our constant association with such men and women has been to us; how our faith was thereby continually strengthened and our love for, and our confidence in, the church of God and the Lord's leadership of it has been firmly held.

Words cannot tell all that we have seen and felt of the wonders of the Lord's redemptive power in operation through humble instrumentalities, gathering His children from all parts of the earth and preparing them for the glorious home-going of His redeemed family.

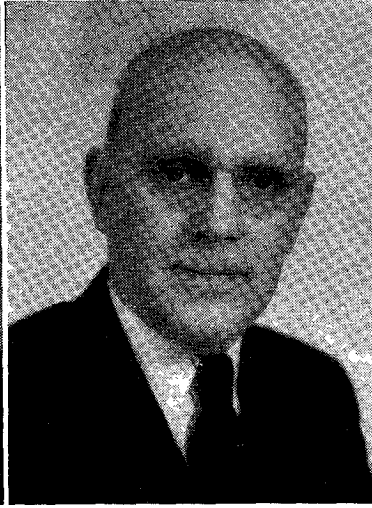
Never has God's truth been so dear to our hearts, or seemed so dependable, so wholly trustworthy as now.

Looking back over those fifty-eight years since we first believed, we hail the jubilee year of the coming of the Advent Message to Australasia, and praise God for what it has done for us personally, and for what it has done and is now doing in our division.



## MEASURING LIFE WITH THE MESSAGE

W. G. TURNER  
Former President, Australasian Union Conference and  
Vice-president of General Conference.



When as secretary of the Australasian Union Conference I was carrying out a two-month itinerary in North America, prior to the 1926 General Conference Session in Milwaukee, it was my privilege to meet the granddaughter of Pastor J. O. Corliss, who had a part in pioneering the Advent

Message in Australia seventy-five years ago. Finding that I was an Australian, this lady showed me the Bible from which her grandfather preached the first sermon on present truth in this field. This was in Temperance Hall, Richmond, Victoria, in July, 1885. Inasmuch as I was born within three miles of Richmond, the same month and the same year, my interest was noted in both the event and the date, and the Bible was given me as a gift.

It was also the Book from which the first sermon was delivered in Adelaide in September, 1886, and in Perth in February, 1896. Upon returning to Wahroonga, I placed this rather valuable and interesting copy of the Holy Scriptures in the keeping of our headquarters office for denominational care.

To me it is helpful to be just as old as the message preached in my own birthplace, now so long ago. Is it not quite within reason to entertain the thought and hope that my whole life upon earth may continue until the closing of the same good message? Surely the coming of the Lord is imminent. Having been blessed with good health, why should not my earthly life close in that triumphant hour when He shall appear in all His glory?

And how the work of God has grown throughout Australasia during this seventy-five-year period! All around us are the evidences of a nearly completed task. Surely we should be of good courage, of confident faith, and in the possession of a lively hope as we see the day approaching. I am personally grateful for the Lord's leading through life, for the knowledge, too, that the same good Book and the same true message is the same today as it was seventy-five years ago. Truth changes not; let us hold fast to it until the end.

In all the years we have spent in making known God's message for this time "we have not followed cunningly devised fables," but "in making known the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," we have become "eyewitnesses of His majesty" in the people He has called and chosen, and whom He acknowledges as His own.

We greet you all as brethren and sisters in the Lord, and pray that He will bless you all richly.



# THE DAY OF SMALL BEGINNINGS

In this year of Jubilee, as we consider the plan and purpose of God for the finishing of His work in this world in our generation, we find much comfort and encouragement as we "remember the days of old." It is my privilege to recall "the days of old" and what grew out of the courage and confidence of our pioneers in God's purpose for His church in the fields of the ministry of healing.

Ten years after the arrival of the first company of Adventist workers in Australia plans were laid for the commencement of the work in the "right arm" of our message. Towards the close of 1895 Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Semmens arrived from Battle Creek and early the next year opened Australia's first "Home of Health" at Ashfield, Sydney. This was the first step in what was to become an outstanding achievement. The "Home" was a small seven-roomed cottage. The workers were without funds. Their method of advertising the new Home was unique. They began house-to-house visitation, explaining the help this new "Health Home" was able to offer the sick. The response was surprising. Within two years the institution occupied three buildings and employed a staff of ten nurses and two doctors.

The programme of activities set out by these early workers was threefold:

1. Providing "Homes of Health" for the care of the sick.
2. Health education by means of lectures, demonstrations, literature, and the production of health foods.
3. Training of nurses to serve in institutions and as field workers.

Within five years various forms of the first objectives were functioning in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Newcastle, Bris-

bane, Avondale, and Christchurch. The year 1900 marked an outstanding development. Dr. M. G. Kellogg reached Australia from Tonga. His arrival coincided with the purchase of an area of land on which the Sydney Sanitarium now stands. Dr. Kellogg drew plans for a building to house 100 patients. This building still stands as the centre portion of the Sanitarium. It was to cost £8,000. At a conference in 1899 our members gave £905 towards this structure. Out of this day of small beginnings we now possess a splendidly equipped institution which, during the last twelve months, cared for 2,360 patients—a daily bed average of 156. The sanitarium and its dedicated staff enjoy a high reputation for service and have the support of many of Sydney's leading surgeons and physicians.

In 1908 with the aid of Dr. W. H. James the beginnings of the Warburton Sanitarium took shape in a small hillside cottage with a staff of two nurses. In 1910 a portion of the present building was erected. Later, under the management of Dr. T. A. Sherwin, considerable development took place, including a small unit for surgery and maternity cases. Today the Warburton Sanitarium has a staff of two physicians and 60 nurses and other workers. Its facilities include a first-class dental clinic, an infant-welfare service, in addition to a much appreciated medical service for the community of Warburton and surrounding districts. Plans are now well in hand for the extension of new facilities. Recently the new Physiotherapy and Hydrotherapy unit was completed. This unit with its up-to-date equipment has been described by prominent members of Melbourne's medical profession as the best of its kind in Australia.



E. B. RUDGE

Former president of the Australasian and the British Union Conferences, and Secretary of the Northern European Division.

"I remember the days of old; I meditate upon all Thy works; I muse on the work of Thy hands." Ps 143: 5.

Our first health journal—"The Herald of Health" was issued about 1908 or 1909. Associated with this magazine many medical and health books were placed in circulation throughout Australia.

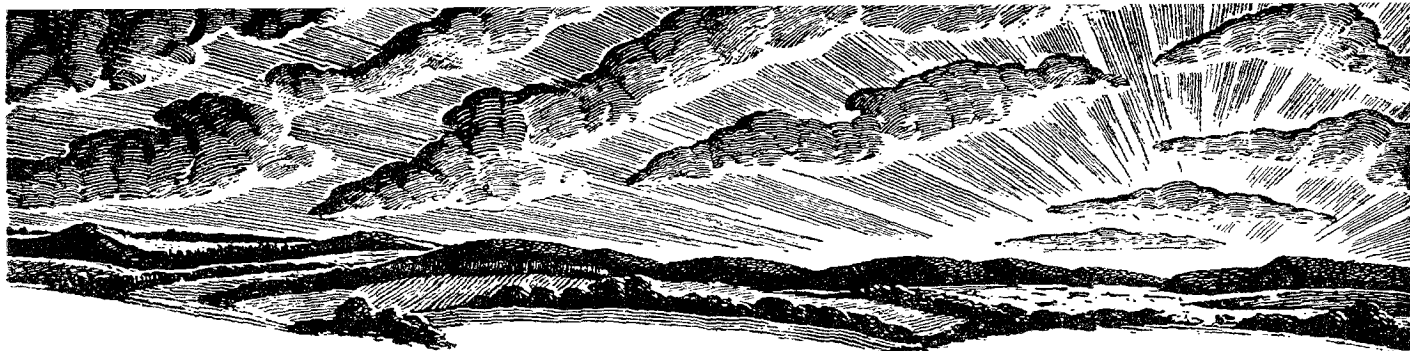
Another early step in augmenting this feature of the original plans for extending the health message was the opening of the first health food factory in 1898. A connected programme of health lectures, and treatment and cooking demonstrations was a consistent feature of the early days. The outcome of these activities developed an interest in God's plan for the maintenance of a "Sound Mind and a Sound Body" that has remained unabated throughout the years.

The third feature of the original programme for our health work took shape with the establishment of our first School for Nurses at Summer Hill in 1896, with a class of six students. Later this school was transferred to the Health Retreat at Avondale, and in 1902 found its permanent home in the Wahroonga Sanitarium. For a time this school gave a three-year course of study. In 1927 when the Sanitarium was under the leadership of Drs. Sherwin and Freeman the course was extended to four years, and the School of Nursing received State recognition. Since its inception 759 trainees have graduated. These workers have served in many capacities at home and in the mission fields. Twenty-five have become members of the ministry. During the last five years thirty-one graduates have responded to calls to serve in overseas mission fields. Our graduates have served in such distant lands as India, China, Burma, Sumatra, Java, South

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Front entrance of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Wahroonga, N.S.W.



## OUR HAPPY INTRODUCTION TO AUSTRALASIA

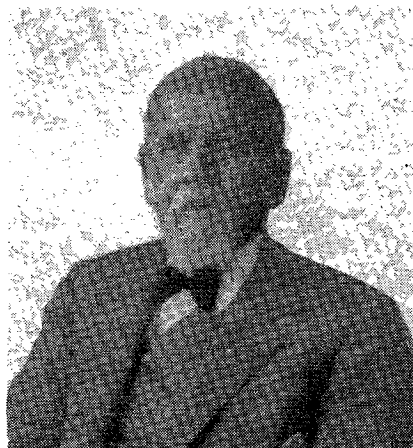
ELLEN G. WHITE

**A**T daylight of December 3, the coast of New Zealand was in sight, and about noon our boat reached the dock at Auckland. This is a beautiful harbour, and the town on the hills above presents a fine appearance. We had hoped to meet Elder Gates of the "Pitcairn" here; but in this we were disappointed; and my son, W. C. White, remained a few days to see him, rejoining us at Sydney. As our boat touched the wharf, a number of brethren stepped on board, and introduced themselves to us, and we had a glad meeting. On landing, we rode to the house of Brother Edward Hare. Here we found a pleasant home, and were refreshed with delicious strawberries, oranges, bananas, and more substantial viands. Then we had a very enjoyable ride into the country. The fresh, sweet air, filled with the fragrance of wild roses, sweet-brier, and new-mown hay, reminded us of our northern summer, the green hedges separating the fields are like England, while there is much in the landscape that resembles California. The vegetation and the general appearance of the country is that of the temperate zone rather than the tropics.

In the evening we met with the church at their house of worship, and I spoke to

EDWARD HARE

The first Seventh-day Adventist in New Zealand.



them in regard to the necessity of receiving Christ as their personal Saviour.

We entered Sydney Harbour at seven o'clock on the morning of December 8. The sea rolled heavily during the night, and it was difficult to keep safely in our berths; but all our party were able to be on deck as we entered the harbour, which is one of the most beautiful in the world. Before we reached the landing, we could see our friends on shore, and could distinguish Brother and Sister Daniells, the only ones present whom we knew, and soon a hearty and tender welcome was accorded us. After a wholesome and well-prepared breakfast at Brother Daniells', our party, with the canvassers, Bible-workers, and a few friends, united in a precious season of worship. We remained in Sydney one week, and had an opportunity to see something of this large and beautiful city. I spoke to the people twice, at the commencement of the Sabbath and on Sabbath morning. The Lord gave me special freedom, and the people rejoiced in the message of truth, which, as they testified, filled their hearts with joy, peace, and the love of God. Brother Starr spoke on Sunday evening with good acceptance.

On reaching Melbourne, December 16, we found our friends at the station, waiting for us, some whom we knew and some whom we did not know, and we were heartily welcomed by all. Horses and carriages were waiting, and conveyed us two or three miles to the Echo Office. In Federal Hall, in the office building, we found a large company assembled to welcome us to Australia, and to unite with us in thanksgiving to God for His preserving and tender care during the long passage across the water. Elder Starr, W. C. White, and myself each addressed a few words to those whom we were meeting for the first time in a new country; and as we united in a season of prayer the Lord blessed us together. After the benediction, we were introduced to many of the brethren and sisters.

On Sabbath, December 19, I spoke in Federal Hall. I had freedom, and my soul was blessed as I spoke the words of life to an attentive congregation. There was a social meeting in the afternoon when

many precious testimonies were borne. My heart was made glad in the Lord, and I could not but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" as I looked upon this large company who have accepted the Bible just as it reads, thus placing their feet on the solid platform of truth, and heard them speak of their faith, believing as a child believes and trusts its parents. Humility in obedience to God is a hard lesson for fallen humanity to learn. There is something in the human, unsanctified heart that rises up in opposition to inspired truth, when it requires separation from former associations and customs in taking a position on the Sabbath which the Lord has blessed and sanctified as His memorial of creation. May the light of these who have had courage, and sincerity, and simplicity of faith, shine forth in good works, that many more may be added to the church, of such as shall be saved. Elder Starr also has spoken several times, giving the flock meat in due season.

On Christmas day our hall was full. Many had come in from Sydney, Adelaide, Ballarat, and the smaller churches. The Lord gave me much of His Spirit in speaking of the first advent of Christ, when angels heralded His birth to the waiting shepherds and sang their glad songs over the plains of Bethlehem.

We see in the people here the intelligence, heartiness, and simplicity that characterize the lovers of the truth in America. Many express gratitude to God that He has sent His servants here.

J. H. STOCKTON

The first Seventh-day Adventist in Australia.





# OUR VAST MISSION FIELD



O. D. F. McCUTCHEON  
President, Central Pacific Union Mission

## Central Pacific Marshals Forces

Just seventy-four years ago, on October 30, 1886, we find the very first group of Sabbath-keepers in our union meeting on Pitcairn Island, in response to the preaching of the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary in the South Pacific Islands. John I. Tay had landed there just about two weeks earlier.

Four years later, the mission ship "Pitcairn" sailed from North America with a full complement of missionaries. These were the vanguard of Adventist missionaries in the South Pacific Islands of Tahiti, Tonga, the Cooks, Samoa, and Fiji. There are residents of Suva, Fiji, still living who well remember the trim, white, two-masted ship "Pitcairn" as she sailed

gracefully into Suva harbour in the early 1890's.

The teaching, preaching, and living of the gospel by those noble men and women very quickly resulted in companies of believers being raised up in each one of the island groups visited.

In 1912 the Advent Message found its way westward to the New Hebrides islands, where today there are 2,500 Sabbath-keepers. In 1925 the veteran missionary, Captain G. F. Jones, took the message of truth to French New Caledonia. And it was in 1947 that the first Adventist missionary, Pastor John Howse, and family established our first mission in the Gilbert Islands, right astride the equator.

Today, scattered throughout the many islands, and covering an area of almost ten million square miles, there are thirty-nine foreign missionaries, more than 250 national workers, and some 9,000 Sabbath school members.

As we review past and present achievements, do we see the task almost completed, or are there yet unentered fields where the preaching of the third angel's message has not been heard? We see a tremendous task far from completion. There are yet scores of unentered islands scattered throughout this vast South Pacific Ocean. Arms are outstretched beseechingly in the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us."

Realizing the utmost urgency of the immediate situation, the entire working force in this union is marshalling for a grand evangelistic offensive, culminating, we hope and pray, in the most abundant harvest of souls ever in this corner of the world vineyard.

A great deal of praying, planning, and finance have gone into the forthcoming intensive evangelistic campaign to be

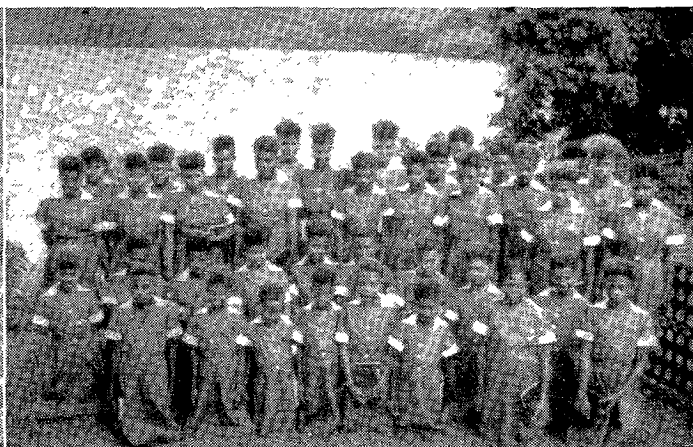
launched in Tahiti. Pastor Lanares, the president of the French Seminary, is to arrive on June 23 for the dedication of our beautiful new church there, and will then launch a soul-winning effort which will be continued each day and night for three weeks. We expect great things in Tahiti this Jubilee Year. Our mission staff is pitifully small in French Polynesia, but our lay members will be carrying a large part of the great amount of labour involved in a campaign of this nature.

We realize the future success and finishing of the task in our union depend largely on the consecrated young people now being educated and trained at Fulton Missionary College. Here we have a loyal, dedicated group of missionary and national teachers who, under the inspiring leadership of Principal A. P. Dyason, are preparing the students to go forth to finish the work of God. It is stimulating to visit Fulton and catch the spirit of dedication, without which this responsibility will not be discharged.

The spirit of Jubilee Year is making itself felt in each of our local missions, and from them we are receiving encouraging reports of carefully and prayerfully laid plans to enter new areas and establish new bridgeheads for the victorious preaching of the second advent. Their prayers and their plans will not be in vain, for has not our Captain said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached . . . for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come?"

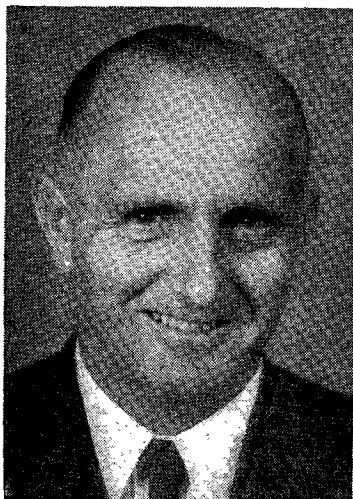
What a privilege is ours of joining hands this Jubilee Year with every member of the church of God within this Division for the greatest evangelistic drive our church has ever attempted. To this end, and together with our members in the homeland, we dedicate our all.

*Left: Christ in the heart gives a radiance to this student at Beulah Missionary College, Tonga. Right: A Christian education leads out of darkness into the light of achievement and a place in God's plan.*



# Sailing on to Victory

## IN THE BISMARCK-SOLOMONS UNION



**E. A. BOEHM**  
President, Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission

*Upper: Under the power of the gospel, once-heathen natives have become consecrated, responsible leaders in the church of God.*

*Lower: One of the fleet of mission vessels which carry the light over the vast ocean spaces.*



Forty-six years have now passed since Captain G. F. Jones and his wife disembarked from the steamer "Mindini" at Gizo in the British Solomon Islands and boarded the tiny craft that had just been lowered from its decks. The little captain had come to give the gospel to the devil-worshipping savages of the Solomon Islands.

The natives of Viru on the island of New Georgia welcomed the Joneses to their sheltered harbour and made available land on which to build the first Adventist mission station in the Solomon Islands. It was not without difficulty or danger that the work was commenced, but courage, faith, and prayer overcame all obstacles and soon light was dawning in the hearts of these people who had sat for so long in gross darkness. The little light began to shine and soon others were kindled in nearby villages.

Captain Jones sailed his little ship into the Marovo Lagoon, one of the most beautiful and largest of all lagoons and also the stronghold of devil-worship. Here and there he found openings and established out-stations and soon calls were going back to Australia for assistance. Pastor Jones and his new helpers opened schools, and children and adults came to learn to read and write and to know the treasures of God's Word. Some of those early pupils are today leading workers for the mission. Pastors Kata Rangoso, Sasa Rore, Kerese Manovaki, Robert Salau, Tati, and Likaveki are just a few names we could mention of men who are holding responsible positions throughout the Bismarck-Solomons and Coral Sea Union Missions.

The indomitable captain could know no rest, and soon we find him sailing a larger ship, the "Melanesia," with some of his dusky disciples on board, towards the islands of the Bismarck Archipelago. Work was soon commenced on Bougainville, and in a village near Rabaul on New Britain. A challenge was then thrown down to the mission to do something for the degraded and hopeless people of Mussau. The challenge was accepted, with the result that the whole population of Mussau and Emira, along with their kinsmen on isolated little Tench Island became Adventist Christians. Doors were also opened on Manus with gratifying results. World War II interrupted the work, but failed to destroy it. European missionaries were withdrawn, but national workers held the ship on its course. With the return of the white missionaries at the close of the war the mission was still found to be strong and flourishing.

Post-war missionaries laboured to establish schools, first in the villages, then at higher levels. Aside from village schools a well qualified training school for Christian workers now operates under the name of the Jones Missionary College. Many natives, as were the people of Viru back in 1914, are attracted to these schools because of the teaching of English, but they quickly find a greater attraction in the English Scriptures and other Christian literature. Our schools are evangelistic agencies.

Hand in hand with Christian education walks the Missionary Volunteer movement which has saved our young people from the snares of the evil one in this modern age of temptation. The MV progressive class-work has captivated the imagination of our young people. Hundreds of them have qualified as Master Guides, and thousands of honour tokens have been issued.

A feature of the work in all these islands has been the fact that when once converts are established in the faith, some of them move off to other areas as missionaries for Christ. Mussau's sons, when the Lord had opened their eyes, saw a vision of primitive fields in the Highlands of New Guinea, and at one stage, a tithe of the population of Mussau were serving as foreign missionaries there and elsewhere. Government officials became alarmed at the numbers of people leaving their home island. Solomon Islanders are found today serving as missionaries in Papua, in the Highlands of New Guinea, on the Madang Coast, on the banks of the mighty Sepik River, and in the lonely Western Islands, as well as in the Bismarck area of their own union mission. Altogether, in both the Coral Sea Union and the Bismarck-Solomons Union there are some 400 men, women, and children of the B.S.U.M. who have left home and loved ones to go out and take the gospel to people of strange tribes, customs, and languages.

God has blessed His work in the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission. Today, with a church membership of 8,084 every thirty-first person within its territory is a baptized believer, and its 16,095 Sabbath School members represent one Sabbath-keeper for every fifteen of the population. This year we have set ourselves an aim to baptize 900 souls. Please pray that God will grant this.

# Much Accomplished ... Much to Be Achieved

In 1908, when Pastor J. E. Fulton was president of the Australasian Union Conference, the Adventist Message entered Papua in the island of New Guinea. The first ambassadors were Brother and Sister S. W. Carr and a Fijian brother. At this time Papua belonged to the natives, and Sister Carr was only the twelfth European woman resident. Land was secured and a mission established with difficulty at Bisiatabu, twenty-six miles from Port Moresby.

Reinforcements arrived in 1910, in the person of Brother F. L. Chaney, preceptor and woodwork instructor at Avondale, to join the Carrs at Bisiatabu. While the mission house was being erected there, Brother and Sister A. N. Lawson commenced their years of spiritual pioneering. Those who followed Brother and Sister Carr tremendously appreciated the foundation they laid.

But the way was so hard that when 1921 came there was not a great deal of progress to report, and Pastor G. F. Jones was commissioned to report on the situation. Following his suggestions, Pastor and Mrs. G. F. Peacock were appointed to New Guinea in 1923 and a school was established, from which some students eventually went out to serve the Lord.

The opening of a mission at Efogi, on the now famous Owen Stanley Ranges, could well be known as the "Lock Expedition to Efogi," for in 1924 our esteemed brother made the hazardous journey over the Kokoda trail to establish a mission station and provide a home for his wife and four small children. One of these children, Pastor Lester Lock, is now in Lae, heading up several departments, and serving in the spirit and zeal of his consecrated father.

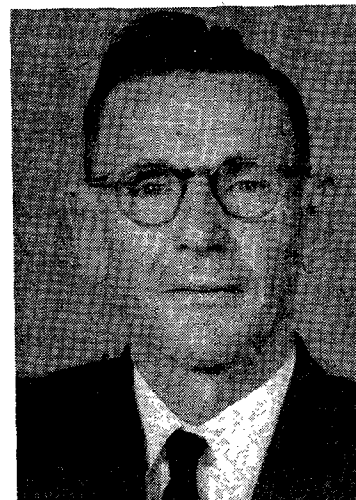
Others who contributed in those early days to the enlargement of God's kingdom are worthy of mention: Pastor Ross James, Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, the Howell brothers and their wives, Sister A. Wiles, Brother and Sister H. W. Nolan, and Brother and Sister G. H. Engelbrecht. Converts were not easily gained, for after forty years the fruitage was only forty. At the end of December, 1959, we had a membership of 3,939 in Papua, and I am sure you rejoice with us in this wonderful growth, and feel gratitude to those who sacrificed all to sow the seed for this harvest.

Strange as it may seem, the Advent Message was not carried into the Territory of New Guinea from Papua; it commenced in 1926 with an interest aroused in Lavalai, a beach village in the south-west corner of Bougainville. Those responsible for this were the veteran missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Tutty.

Here, too, appreciation of the gospel developed slowly, with only three people baptized in two years; but gradually the light spread through the various islands to Rabaul and thence across to Kainantu, which was our first mission station in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea.

The Eastern Highlands today is a very productive field, and at the end of last year their membership was 1,957. From this small toehold the work has enlarged and expanded until there are now eight large missions comprising the Coral Sea Union Mission. In 1947 we had but forty converts; today we have 8,532 in eight local missions.

But we must not sit back and compliment ourselves on what has been achieved without at the same time determining to press forward until this gospel of the kingdom has been preached in every village in New Guinea, for a witness to all its inhabitants. Note with me that whereas we have 1,284 members in the Sepik Mission, I venture to say that with men and means we could double this figure in a few short years.



J. B. KEITH  
President, Coral Sea Union Mission

This is our Jubilee Year, and with you we have resolved to reap as many souls as possible during this period. Our union committee has set an aim of 1,600 souls and already we see evidence that assures us, with the rich blessing of God, that this number will be achieved. I pledge myself in service until this gospel of the kingdom has been preached and the end comes.

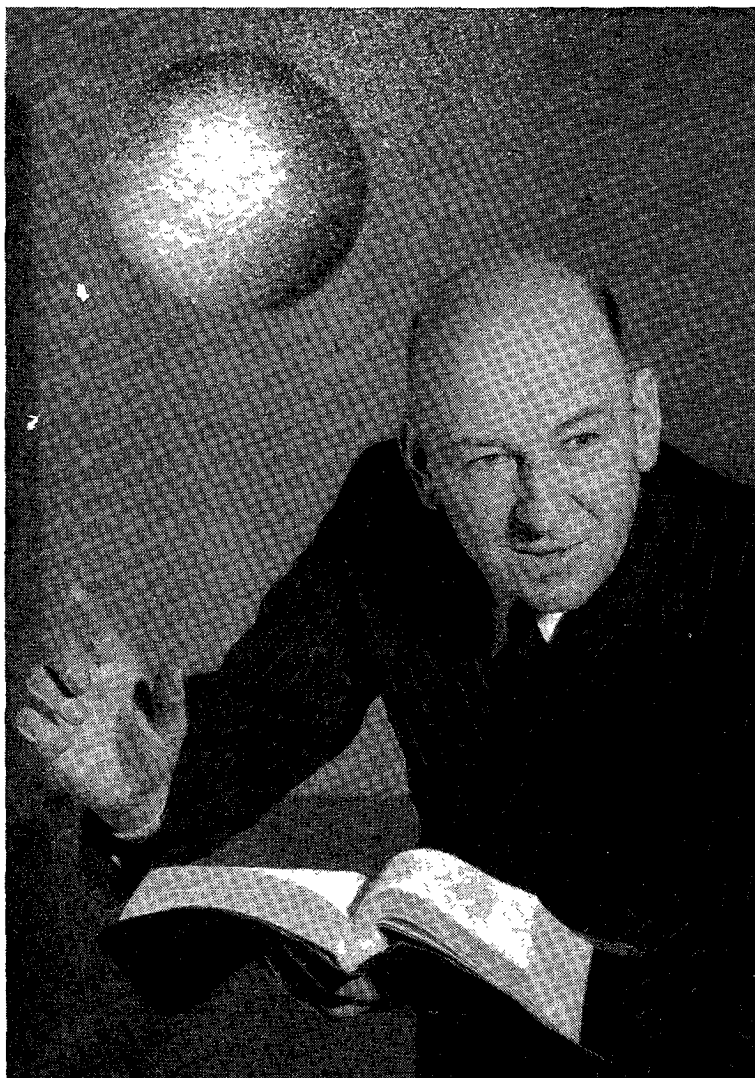


On the borders of uncontrolled areas in central New Guinea, little gramophones are carrying the spoken word to thousands of remote villages. Right: Man in uncontrolled area, wearing a ceremonial headdress.



"The Christian always has a helper in the Lord. The way of the Lord's helping we may not know; but this we do know: He will never fail those who put their trust in Him. Could Christians realize how many times the Lord has ordered their way, that the purposes of the enemy concerning them might not be accomplished, they would not stumble along complainingly. Their faith would be stayed on God, and no trial would have power to move them." — "Prophets and Kings," page 576.





# *Evangelism* OUR SUPREME TASK

G. BURNSIDE

Secretary, Division Ministerial Association

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Blessed Hope,

This is the Jubilee year of the advent truth in Australasia. It is now seventy-five years since the first pioneers of this wonderful message preached in this division.

This is a time for sober thinking. We should have been home ere this.

However, there is much room for rejoicing at the great revival in evangelism at the present time. More people are crowding in to hear God's truth than ever before. No year has ever opened with so many and such well-

*In our large cities thousands are attracted by the uplifted Christ in public evangelism.*





Contributing greatly to the success of the evangelist by prayer and team work are his staff (left) and his mission choir (right).

attended evangelistic campaigns. Many thousands of people are listening to God's message each week, and the prospects for a wonderful year in soul-winning are certainly bright—as bright and thrilling as the promises of our God.

We are aiming for big things as we work together with God to advance His kingdom. Our goal is 5,000 souls in 1960. All unions within the organization are in this glorious task and have set their own aims:

Trans-Tasman .....	1,050
Trans-Commonwealth .....	900
Bismarck-Solomons .....	850
Central Pacific .....	700
Coral Sea .....	1,500

Grand total to be won this year ..... 5,000

Never before in our history has such an aim been set before the Adventist people in this territory. Every aspect of life—religious, political, national, and scientific—indicates that the end of all things is at hand; but most important of all is the fact that God is with us in this supreme task, and His people are ready to attempt great things for Him.

I am convinced the time has come for our ministers to lead the way. God's servants must be used by heavenly agencies to bring about a general awakening that will lead to a division-wide revival and a co-ordinated soul-winning programme.

This Jubilee year is the year of opportunity. Five thousand baptisms in 1960 will give new life and strength to the church. This united purpose will fittingly celebrate the seventy-five years of advent preaching in Australasia. Let us as one go forward with one purpose to perform the one essential task.

**"We should now feel the responsibility of labouring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest."**—"Evangelism," page 6.

We can certainly rejoice in what has been accomplished and the prospects for this year. Whoever dreamed the day would dawn in Australia and New Zealand when 7,000 people would clamour to gain entrance to an Adventist evangelistic campaign—that 6,000 people would reserve their seats for a mission? And yet that is what has happened in recent months. Never were the prospects brighter for evangelism. This is the hour of the world's direst need! This is the hour of the church's most tremendous opportunity!

Let us keep in mind just what is demanded of us by the awful hour in human history to which we have come, the solemn message we are called to give, and the breath-taking events that are impending. Let us never forget that hundreds of thousands at our very doors live in darkness, doubt, and despair.

Truly, my brother, my sister, here is our field. We cannot ignore it. We must not close our eyes to it. The shortness of time, the appalling ignorance of the Holy Scriptures and its truths, on the part of the millions about us, demand our utmost in giving them these truths. We are debtors to the unsaved and the Christless in our neighbourhood. We must heed the commission of our Lord and go forth and preach the gospel to all. Evangelism is our supreme task.

## The Day of Small Beginnings

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Africa, Canada, England, U.S.A., as well as in most of our mission areas in the Pacific.

Thus through the years that bring us to this Jubilee Year we see the leading of the Lord and realize something of the out-working of His purpose for His people and those whom He called upon to serve.

"It is God's purpose to manifest through His people the principles of His kingdom. That in life and character they may reveal these principles, He desires to separate them from the customs, habits, and practices of the world. He seeks to bring them near to Himself, that He may make know to them His will."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 9.



# ADVANCE ALL ALONG THE LINE



## THE BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD

D. SIBLEY  
President, Trans-Tasman Union  
Conference.

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." In these words from the second chapter of the Acts surely we have the true standard for a successful church. Here was increase of the body, visible increase; addition, daily addition. There were not long spells between

the additions to that early church with its first love upon it.

We notice that the Lord did the adding, it was not mere human persuasion of those who would run well for but a season. He delights to join to His church those who would be blessed by such fellowship. Happy the church God can trust with the care of those His Spirit has graciously touched to repentance and surrender. We notice that these souls were "added" to the church, not just made interested in it or made adherents thereof. They were brought "over the line," brought into the fold of safety. That early church was a happy church, for there was brotherly love with a true yearning for the souls of those for whom the Lord had died. It was "every-member evangelism" back there, and believers, "watched for souls as they that must give account."

We thank God that in His church today there is still a yearning for the unsaved round about us. The prophecy that more than one thousand would be converted in a day has already been fulfilled, and our best days of harvest are just ahead of us. Our people are "coming into line," the Lord is showing His willingness to add to His church such as should be saved. In the Trans-Tasman Union numerous missions are already under way, and scores of lay efforts are being planned. One conference alone is preparing to conduct fifteen lay efforts of one kind or another. In some places the preachers have been amazed at the response to their advertising as thousands have turned out in a single day to hear their message. Where the truth has been spoken with conviction, the hearers have shown their readiness to keep coming. What becomes of the gloomy prediction made some time back that wireless and TV had ended the day when people would leave their homes to hear the living

preacher? It would appear that the Lord is still pleased to save men by the "foolishness of preaching," and to this end His Spirit gathers them together. Surely the Lord has gone out before us, and this is a day when His power is shown in preparing men and women to hear and receive His truth. Let us keep pace with His providential openings.

Amongst our laymen enthusiasm was never keener. We have made special funds available for lay evangelism, and from all points of our union requests are coming from those wanting to be set to work, so that these funds are rapidly being taken up. Should we not in this Jubilee Year, "seek for that Spirit that constrained the Apostle Paul to go from house to house, pleading with tears, and teaching repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ"? Let it be every-man evangelism indeed, and let us greet one another with the salutation, "Have you won a soul for Christ yet?"

## The Occasion Calls for Deeds

T. C. LAWSON  
President, Trans-Commonwealth  
Union Conference.



It was here in the city of Melbourne, our present headquarters' location, that the band of pioneers came just seventy-five years ago to preach and establish the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australasia. It was here that the first noble band, with prayers, tears, and travail of soul and body, laid the first foundations upon

which has been reared the present widely scattered and carefully organized structure of the church. We feel deeply honoured to be tied so closely to this place of such sacred memories.

As we look back over the intervening years and see what God has wrought in the spiritual and material realms, and as we think of the joy and hope that have come into the hearts of so many thousands of people through the message that has been proclaimed, it is with sincere appreciation and happiness that we enter into the spirit of this special occasion. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" The occasion calls for more than hymns of praise and words of thanks. It calls for deeds that demonstrate the deep sincerity of our response. How better could this be done than by an all-out endeavour to bring to others the same soul-satisfying experiences that we enjoy in the hopes and assurances that are the lot of those who have learned to trust God and walk in His ways?

To this end the leaders, workers, and lay members of the church in every conference of the Trans-Commonwealth Union have joined in covenant with God that this anniversary year of 1960 will be the greatest soul-winning year in our history. Already there is a movement throughout the field, and aggressive missionary enterprises are getting under way in the larger cities of the union.

Victoria this year has organized perhaps its greatest evangelistic drive, with three major presentations of the Advent Message: Pastor Ratcliffe with his team in the city

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## Victoria Was Favoured

L. S. ROSE  
President, Victorian Conference

TO VICTORIA was given the privilege of bearing and nursing the infant Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia.

1885 saw the first evangelistic meetings being conducted at North Fitzroy, resulting in the establishment of the Australian Conference in the North Fitzroy church. From such humble beginnings the passing years have seen the denomination reaching out and spreading over the Continent. After the first fifty years our Victorian membership had grown to 2,080, and with the dawning of 1960 it was 4,300.

It was in April of 1900 that our educational work commenced with forty pupils, Mrs. O. A. Morse as the teacher and Miss Primal as her assistant. By 1901 our pupils had increased to seventy, Mrs. Morse went back to America, and Mrs. Faulkhead took over. From the struggles of infancy we have grown in this field until today we have three secondary and seven primary schools, with a total enrolment of 467 students.

Warburton was the place selected under Divine providence for the establishment of our only publishing house, the Signs Publishing Company, a sanitarium, and a Sanitarium Health Food factory. All departments of the organization are agonizing with growing pains. This year 1960, is witnessing a great upsurge in the field of evangelism. Under three large and strongly supported mission programmes, 80 per cent of our population is being reached.



L. S. ROSE

In retrospect, I feel we must pay homage to the pioneers and the members of stalwart faith down through the years who, in the spirit of God, sacrificed and spent their lives to bring His cause where it is today. As we shed abroad the light of truth in this our day, may the spirit of the pioneers animate us. May God arise to finish His work and cut it short in righteousness, so that we can all go home together.



## Our Newest Local Conference

A. R. MITCHELL  
President, North Queensland Conference.

North Queensland, better known as the tropical North, was organized as a conference at the annual session held in May, 1955. For some years prior to that date it had operated as the North Queensland Mission of Seventh-day Adventists.

Its territory is extensive indeed, extending from St. Lawrence in the south to Cape York, including the greater part of the Gulf country.

On reaching conference status, its sphere of influence and responsibility was extended to include the well-known and much publicized Mona Mona mission. The total baptized membership as at December, 1955, was 721.

The conference personnel, including school teachers and colporteurs, has grown steadily until today there are in all twenty-eight. The membership has likewise shown steady growth, there being at the end of December, 1959, 823 baptized believers. The number of churches and companies has increased from eighteen to twenty, while the tithe increase has followed the same pattern, only at a more accelerated tempo, from £18,263 to £24,100 in our latest report. There are now four primary schools with an enrolment of 161 pupils.

Much more suitable offices were purchased during 1958—these are situated at 118 Charters Towers Road, Townsville.

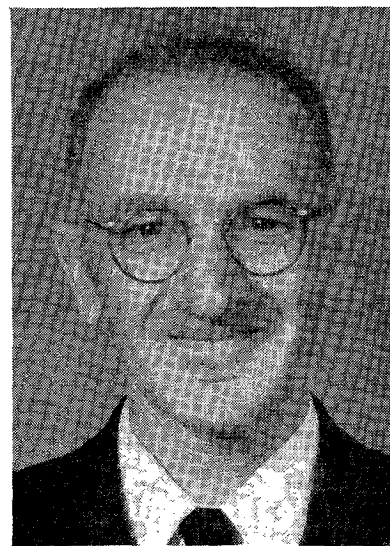
The prospects for the future are as bright as the promises of God. The working force is knit together in a common bond of dedication, determined that this Jubilee Year shall be, under the Lord's enablings, our most productive in soul-winning. We have already begun to operate our programme of evangelism which provides for at least six public missions in addition to the many other aspects of a well-co-ordinated minister/teacher/laymen's crusade.

## Seven Evangelistic Missions Proceeding

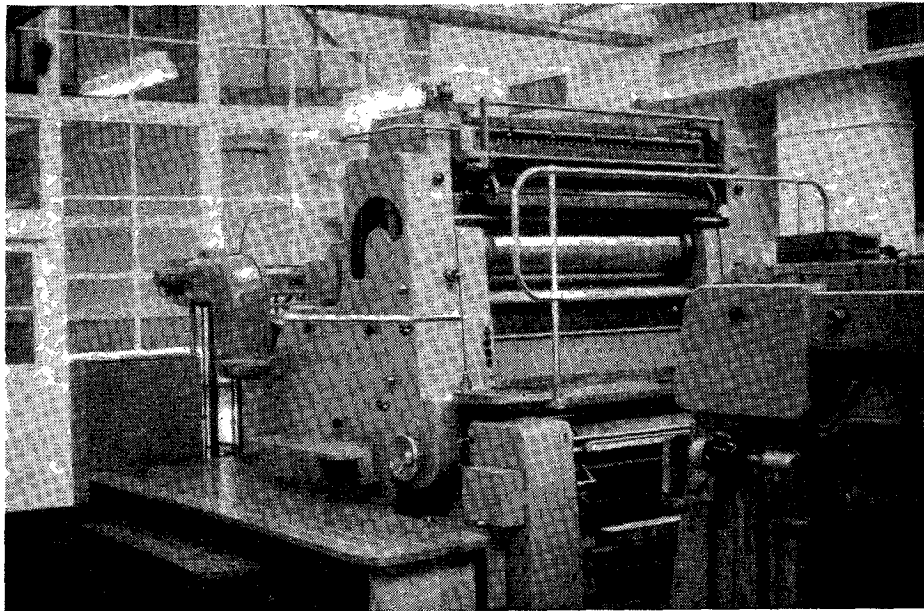
H. J. HALLIDAY  
President, Greater Sydney Conference.

Greater Sydney Conference was brought into being on January 1, 1949, with 2,828 members. During 1950 the membership passed the 3,000 mark, and by December, 1959, we had exceeded the 4,000 mark.

Greater Sydney is launching wholeheartedly into the Operation Jubilee Campaign for 1960. Seven missions are planned for the conference staff, with six already under way, one at least having double sessions for the opening weeks. In addition, fifteen churches have definite plans for laymen's efforts, and one church has plans for at least two, so that there will be not less than sixteen laymen's efforts during this year. We are expecting a record number of baptisms, and conference workers and laymen are already working in a concerted way to bring this most desirable result to fruition. It certainly looks as if 1960 will be a banner year.



H. J. HALLIDAY



*"You Must Print"*

**R**INGING down the years comes the instruction given by the servant of the Lord to her husband, "You must print." Following his wife's instructions, Elder White by faith laid the foundation of a publishing work which today sends "streams of light clear around the world."

The lamp of the publishing work was brought to Australia by the very first Seventh-day Adventists to come here from America. In January, 1886, the "Bible Echo," printed on our own press in a rented shed in North Fitzroy, Melbourne, commenced to shed its light throughout Australasia.

To accommodate an ever-expanding work, the Echo Publishing House moved to Best Street, North Fitzroy. In 1905, renamed the Signs Publishing Company, operations were transferred to Warburton. In 1938 a beautiful brick building was erected here on high ground out of the reach of river floods, and this building with recent additions provides 36,000 square feet of floor space for modern printing and bookbinding machinery.

Throughout the years an ever-growing band of dedicated workers have given of their best to produce books and papers supreme in their declaration of sacred truth and certainly second to none in quality and workmanship.

"Yes," you say. "It is interesting to read of the growth in buildings and plant, but what has the publishing house in Australia really produced to speed on the third angel's message?"

In the seventy-four years since its inception, 1,893,932 large subscription books have been sold. That represents a great many books; but no doubt you, like my-

self, find it difficult to visualize 2,000,000 books, so for a change I suggest we stack them one on top of another. Allowing just one inch thickness for each book you would have to climb a ladder thirty miles high to hand me the last book. That is just about twenty times higher than Mount Kosciusko.

Unfortunately, no complete records have been kept of the sale of smaller books known as "Helps," but they would greatly exceed the total of large subscription books. Add to these the tremendous volume of tracts, periodicals, and booklets, and it is easy to see that the light of present truth has illuminated this division of ours.

Now another illustration; in the past ten years, 15,096,000 copies of the "Signs of the Times" have been sent out from the Warburton Publishing House. If we were to lift the pages from these "Signs" and place them end to end we would produce a ribbon of "light" 7,862 miles long which could extend from Melbourne,

through Darwin, Djakarta, Singapore, Ceylon, Bombay, Karachi, almost to Beirut.

But what do books stacked miles high or pages of "Signs" extended thousands of miles in length really mean in terms of souls saved for eternity? That question can never be fully answered until the Lord reveals it to us in His Father's kingdom, but we do receive many reports from day to day that reveal to us the value of the literature produced by the Signs Publishing Company.

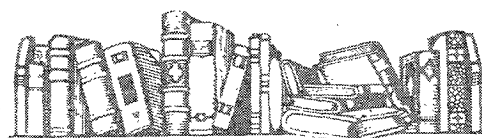
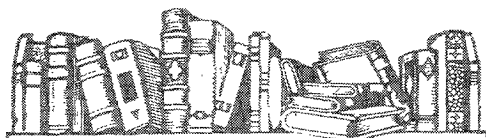
Note this comment on the "Signs of the Times": "While you continue to deal with basic Christian principles, and keep your finger on the pulse of contemporary events, I feel that your paper ["Signs"] must be more widely accepted and used by all Christians seeking the truth."

A literature-evangelist writes: "One family I canvassed at 8 p.m. The wife was so taken with 'Drama of the Ages' that she said to her husband, 'I would prefer it to a new washing-machine.'"

Now add to these two brief testimonials, your own personal testimony as you recall what the books and papers of the message have meant in your Christian life, and I am sure you will praise God that His servant gave us the commission so long ago, "You must print."

Dear Adventist brethren and sisters, the loyal team of workers in the Signs Publishing Company salute you this Jubilee Year! We rededicate ourselves to the soul-satisfying task of preparing the message in the most attractive form possible. Will you make our labour effective by distributing the books, periodicals, tracts, and leaflets far and wide so that in the highways and byways, the cities, towns, and hamlets of your country all may hear the urgent call of God to this generation?

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Manager, Signs Publishing Company.



# The INFLUENCE of the SPIRIT of PROPHECY in Australasia

A. G. STEWART



The year 1891 must go down in the history of the denomination in this territory as one of outstanding interest. For some time it had been planned for Sister E. G. White, her son, Pastor W. C. White, and members of her staff, to visit Australia and New Zealand. It was not until December 8 of this year that they finally reached Sydney. They were accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. G. B. Starr.

They remained in Sydney one week and reached Melbourne December 16, where in Federal Hall a large company of believers awaited them. Seeing what had already been accomplished in this field brought them much joy.

## A Training School

At the time of Sister White's arrival in Australia, with her party, there were about 450 adherents of the Adventist faith in this country and New Zealand. Soon a beginning was made for a training school, by securing two large buildings on St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. At the opening of the first term there were twenty-four students, mostly adults, present. Addressing the assembly, Sister White clearly outlined the scope and purpose of a denominational school and the vital relation to be sustained in the training of workers for the carrying of the everlasting gospel to all the earth without delay.

The school God's messenger envisaged was not to be situated near a city, with its contaminating influences, but in a rural area where industrial work would be a part of the programme. She emphasized that the harmonious development of the mental, physical, and spiritual features of our educational system could be combined, saying: "The missionary work in Australia and New Zealand is yet in its infancy, but the same work must be accomplished in Australia, New Zealand, in Africa, India, China, and the islands of the sea as has been accomplished in the homeland. The field is the world, and the light of truth is to go to all the dark places of the earth in a much shorter time than many people think possible." Avondale was to be a very important training centre for missionaries.

Recognizing the Divine hand guiding the movement in Australasia, Pastor A. G. Daniells, at that time president of the Australasian Union Conference, reported to the 1899 General Conference concerning the rapid developments taking place in this field in these words: "We in Australia have been slow to grasp the meaning of God's providence in keeping His servant, Sister White, in this country. When she came we all thought she was making us a brief visit. She thought so, but the Lord knew better. He placed her in this land, and does not cause the cloud to lift and move elsewhere. Ever since she came God has been instructing her regarding the work here. He has pointed out the mistakes in our method of labour. He has caused another mould to be placed upon the work throughout the entire field."

The evangelistic work in the homelands was also emphasized by the Lord's messenger, when she said:



MRS. E. G. WHITE

"My brethren and sisters in Australasia, there is in every city and every suburb a work to be done in presenting the last message of mercy to a fallen world. And while we are trying to work these destitute fields, the cry comes from far-off lands, 'Come over and help us!' . . . Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord."—"Life Sketches," pages 374, 375.

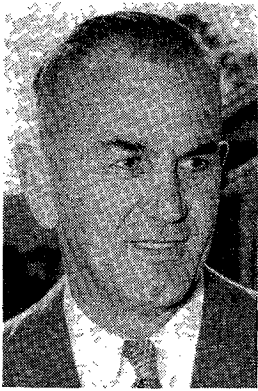
The last three or four years of her stay in this territory, Sister White made her home at "Sunnyside," near the Avondale School. Here, with her staff, she worked unceasingly sending out counsel to the brethren in charge of the church, giving strong support to all phases of the organization, covering home missionary activity, medical ministry, the primary schools, literature evangelism, and the manufacture of health foods.

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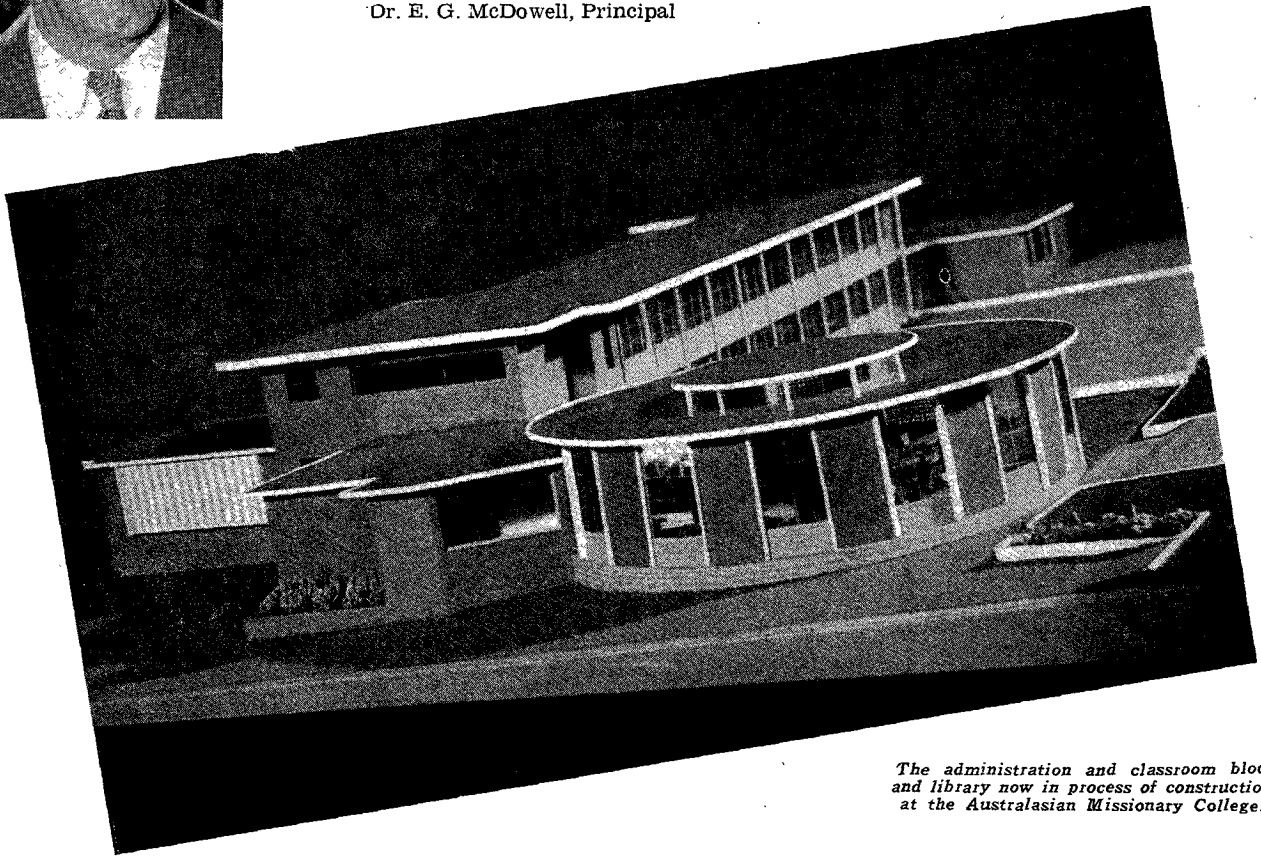
A. G. STEWART





# The Church's Senior Missionary College

Dr. E. G. McDowell, Principal



*The administration and classroom block and library now in process of construction at the Australasian Missionary College.*

One of the most vexing problems that faced the Adventist pioneers in Australia was finding a permanent site for the Australasian Bible School. Between 1893 and 1894 many of the leading brethren were busily engaged in this search, inspecting various areas.

Finally they were inclined to favour a tract of 1,500 acres near Morisset. It was felt that this site offered most of the advantages required for the location of the school. Moreover, it could be purchased very cheaply. The brethren, however, were reluctant to purchase the property, for almost all reports regarding the suitability of the land for agricultural purposes were adverse. Nevertheless, this was the site God had chosen.

On May 24, 1894, Sister White visited the site. Shortly afterward she wrote: "Before I visited Cooranbong on this occasion the Lord gave me a dream. In my dream I was taken to the land that was for sale in Cooranbong. Several of our brethren had been solicited to visit the land. I dreamed that as I was walking about the estate I came to a neat cut furrow that had been ploughed one quarter of a yard deep and two yards in length. Two of the brethren, who had worked the rich soil of Iowa,

were standing before the furrow and saying, 'This is not good land; the soil is not favourable.' But One who has often spoken in counsel was present also, and He said, 'False witness has been borne of this land.' He then described the properties of the different layers of earth. He explained the science of the soil, and said that this land was adapted to the growth of fruit and vegetables, and that if well worked would produce its treasures for the benefit of man. This dream I related to Brother and Sister Starr and family. Afterwards, as I was walking on the ground where the trees had been removed, lo, there was a furrow just as I had described it, and the men also who had criticized the appearance of the land. The words were spoken just as I had dreamed."

Writing from Dora Creek on May 24 Sister White said: "The owners of the property offered us 1,500 acres of land, good and poor mingled, for \$4,500 (£900). This is, I consider, a rare opportunity, and in the providence of God offered to us, and we ought to have the land."

The brethren decided to purchase the land, but a few months later some of them felt they had made an unwise decision.

Sister White urged them not to turn back, stating that with thorough and scientific working the land "will surprise the people in this section of the country." On August 27, 1894, she stated: "We cannot expect to find Eden, the Garden of God, in this sin-desecrated earth. There will always be something to mar the most desirable place; but we do see in this land, if not faultless, a favourable place for the location of the school."

Some years later, when referring to this crisis, she stated that she was much encouraged by a vision in which she "saw flourishing, cultivated land bearing its treasure of fruit and root crops. Many resources were spread out before me, and wherever my eye was directed I saw prosperity."

The passage of time has justified Sister White's confidence in the leading of God in this project. Through the years the farm especially has proved very productive. Citrus fruits and vegetables have done well, while large quantities of ensilage crops, such as corn and oats, have been harvested. Thus we have been able to maintain a high-level production from our dairy herd.

"Possibly the most honoured prize for

livestock to be won at the Hunter River Agricultural and Horticultural Association Show, is the Hunter Valley Co-operative Dairy Company Production Competition which commenced in 1957. The competition is for a group of six dairy cows having the highest butterfat production for a lactation period of 300 days completed during the year preceding the Show. The Australasian Missionary College 'Erlwin' Jersey Stud, Cooranbong, won in 1958, 1959, 1960."—Newspaper report.

For their stock at the Hunter Valley Show this year the College won 9 first prizes, 6 second prizes, and 4 third prizes. We also exhibited the senior champion cow and the junior champion cow and received the P. A. Thomas Trophy for the most successful exhibitor in the Jersey section as well as the valuable Milk Board Trophy for the winner of the point score aggregate against all exhibitors of all breeds.

At their Annual Dinner in Sydney last month The Australian Jersey Herd Society presented the College with four trophies, as owners of the highest producing Jerseys in the State of New South Wales. These trophies for four particular sections were valued at twenty-seven guineas.

One of our cows has just broken the New South Wales record established in 1935-36 for the highest butter-fat production for a two-year-old cow.

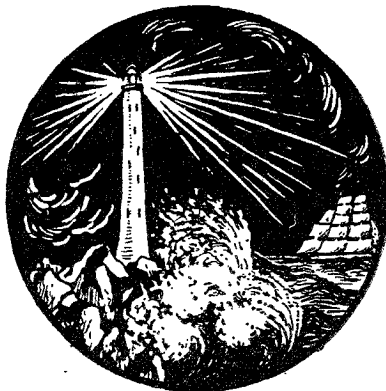
Thus the college has had outstanding achievements with its dairy herd. At present the farm carries 115 head of cattle, including 45 milkers.

When in Australia Sister White was greatly concerned for the extensive mission fields in the areas to the north, north-east, and north-west of this country. She predicted that Avondale would become a training centre for missionaries to these areas in South-east Asia, and the South Pacific.

Graduates from Avondale in large numbers have in the past served, and are currently serving, in the Far Eastern and Southern Asia Divisions, especially in India, while the South Pacific mission

field has always been staffed almost completely by graduates of the Australasian Missionary College.

Sister White also predicted that some of the Asian countries would one day send students to train at Avondale. Recent years have seen many do so. Our 1960 enrolment embraces students from sixteen countries, including Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Singapore, Indonesia, Borneo, Hong Kong, China, and Formosa. Already under the B.A. programme three of our foreign students have graduated and returned to serve their home fields. Many more will do so in the near future. Truly, Avondale has become a great beacon where many torches have been lit to carry the light of truth to peoples in darkness.



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She personally visited round the neighbourhood, even providing a home for orphans and others, thus demonstrating the true, practical Christianity which she constantly advocated.

At the same time she wrote much of the masterpiece of her large literary contribution to the denomination—"The Desire of Ages"—which has been such a benediction to so many people in various lands.

As was so ably said of her at the close of her long and full life: "As we survey the whole field of gospel truth—of man's relation to his Lord and his fellow men—it must be seen that Mrs. White in all her teachings has given these great fundamentals positive, constructive support. She has touched humanity at every vital point of need, and lifted it to a higher level.

"Now she is at rest. Her voice is silent; her pen is laid aside. But the mighty influence of that active, forceful Spirit-filled life will continue. That life was linked with the Eternal; it was wrought in God."

—"Life Sketches," page 475.

Below: Some of the cows of the Australasian Missionary College dairy herd, highest producing Jerseys in the State of New South Wales. Right: A crop of corn whose lush growth confirms the testimony borne by Mrs. White of the possibilities of the land at Cooranbong.



# AN IDEAL PLACE FOR YOUTH

A. F. J. KRANZ

Principal, New Zealand Missionary College



# Rich in Faith and Purpose

R. REYE

Principal, West Australian Missionary College



The New Zealand Missionary College, situated at Longburn, looks back fifty-two years to the beginning of Seventh-day Adventist educational work in the Dominion, with the establishment of the Pukekura Training School at Cambridge in 1908. After four years the school was transferred to the more central location at Longburn, and took the name, "The Oroua Missionary School." The institution has now reached the standard of college work on the Theological course in addition to graduation courses in accountancy, secretarial work, and building.

The property at Longburn covers an area of 105 acres of rich farming land, on which are situated the college and farm buildings and staff residences. This year an additional property of 144 acres of grazing land has been purchased at Oroua Downs. This will enable the college to increase its livestock, which now stands at seventy-seven milking cows, twenty calves, and 100 sheep.

In 1958 the College Jubilee brought rejoicing to our New Zealand constituency, when an up-to-date imposing new block was dedicated. The building consists of classrooms, science laboratory, library, and administration office, surrounded by spacious lawns and gardens, which present a pleasing environment for the work of Christian education.

Scholastically the college has good reason to be proud of its attainments in the high percentage of passes in the school certificates and university entrance examinations as well as in the number of students graduated each year. In 1959, twenty-five young people completed courses of study. Since 1913 over six hundred certificates and diplomas have been issued.

In both conference and health food work in the Dominion, N.Z.M.C. graduates hold a prominent place and many are giving valued service throughout the division and even farther afield. Pastor R. H. Adair of the General Conference was a graduate of the college, and the present General Conference educational secretary, Pastor E. E. Cossentine, was at one time principal and manager.

With its modern classrooms and equipment, pleasing natural surroundings, homely atmosphere, and competent, consecrated faculty and staff, the New Zealand Missionary College is the ideal place for Adventist youth who desire to gain a deeper Christian experience and who wish to fit themselves for life's tasks in these last days.

It is a far cry from "the day of small things" back there in 1906 to this year of our Lord, 1960. With meagre material resources at their command, but rich in purpose and faith, the pioneers built those humble structures that sheltered the first school family, unpretentious indeed, like many another Heaven-directed beginning. School opened in January, 1907, with five students in attendance.

In this Jubilee Year we gather fresh strength and inspiration from the remembrance of the far-sightedness and unwavering determination of those faithful burden bearers of the past, who by faith saw our day and fainted not.

Come to Carmel on this lovely sunny April day. Stand at one of the windows and see spread out before you the glorious panorama of valleys, orchards, and bushclad hills. "Surely," we hear you exclaim, "the pioneers could scarcely have chosen a more attractive setting for the college-to-be!"

Inspect the college grounds with their neat paths, ornamental shrubs and stately silver gum trees. The main building, erected in 1914, still stands, having been added to considerably in the course of the years. Inside, too, much work has been done to provide better living conditions.

May we show you through our new boys' dormitory, a neat modern brick structure, well appointed and providing accommodation for fifty students? A similar building for the young ladies is planned. A walk through the laundry, manual, and farm departments reveals that the years have brought progress in the way of extensions, new buildings, and up-to-date machinery.

The college curriculae have been enlarged to enable us to prepare students for matriculation. The present enrolment is ninety-two. To lead our students to dedicate heart, mind, and body to the cause of Christ is still our grand objective. By His grace we shall occupy till He comes.

"The great work of parents and teachers is character-building—seeking to restore the image of Christ in those placed under their care. A knowledge of the sciences sinks into insignificance beside this great aim; but all true education may be made to help in the development of a righteous character. The formation of character is the work of a life-time, and it is for eternity."—"Counsels to Teachers," page 61.

Left: New Zealand Missionary College, showing the new administration and classroom block. Right: The West Australian Missionary College, in its orchard setting.





(This is a reprint of an article contributed to the "Record" by Sister E. G. White in 1901. We believe the material it contains is still timely.)



Why

# the Lord WAITS

MRS. E. G. WHITE

**T**HE blessings of God cannot come to those who are idlers in His vineyard. Professed Christians who do nothing neutralize the efforts of real workers by their influence and example.

Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the error of darkness into the marvellous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which is to lighten the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be labourers together with God. . . . God cannot pour out His Spirit when selfishness and self-indulgence are so manifest; when a spirit prevails that, when put into words, would express the words of Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" If the truth for this time, if the signs that are thickening on every hand, that testify that the end of all things is at hand, are not sufficient to arouse the sleeping energies of those who profess to know the truth, then darkness proportionate to the light which has been shining will overtake these souls. There is not the semblance of an excuse for their indifference that they will be able to present to God in the day of final reckoning.

It is not the ministers alone, but the laymen, who are not contributing all that they can to persuade men, by precept and example, to accept the saving grace of Christ.

There should be thousands fully awake and in earnest in the work of God, who should be bright and shining lights. There should be thousands who know the time in which we are living, and who wait not to be urged, but who are constrained by the power of God to diffuse light, to open to

others the truth that is so distinctly revealed in the Word of God. There is no time to lose. Men and women should be ministering in unenlightened communities in regions beyond. After they have awakened an interest, they should find the living preacher who is skilful in the presentation of the truth, and qualified to instruct families in the Word of God. Women who have the cause of God at heart can do a good work in the districts where they reside. Christ speaks of women who helped Him in presenting the truth before others, and Paul also speaks of women who laboured with him in the gospel. But how very limited is the work done by those who could do a large work if they would. There are families that have means which they could use to God's glory in going to distant lands to let their light shine forth in good works to those who need help. Why do not men and women engage in the missionary work, following the example of Christ?

He calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, to go into foreign fields, to become acquainted with a different class of society, and to work wisely and perseveringly for the cause of the Master. To answer this call, self-sacrifice must be experienced. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without God and without hope in the world. Many, very many, for the sake of worldly advantage, for the sake of acquiring knowledge of the sciences, will venture into pestilential regions, and will go into countries where they think they will gain commercial advantages; but where are the men and women who will change their location, and move their families into regions that are in need of

the light of truth, in order that their example may tell upon those who shall see in them the representatives of Jesus?

The Macedonian cry is coming from every quarter of the world, and men are saying, "Come over and help us," and why is there not a decided response? Thousands ought to be constrained by the Spirit of Christ to follow the example of Him who has given His life for the life of the world. Why decline to make decided, self-sacrificing efforts, in order to instruct those who know not the truth for this time? The chief missionary came to our world, and He has gone before us to show us the way in which we should work. No one can mark out a precise line for those who should be witnesses for Christ. Those who have means are doubly responsible, for this means has been entrusted to them of God, and they are to feel their accountability to God to forward the work in its various branches.

Will you permit yourself to be detained at home, in order to hold together the means which God has entrusted to you to put into the bank of heaven? You cannot plead that there is nothing to do; for there is everything to do. Will you be content to enjoy the comforts of your home, and not try to tell the perishing souls how they can obtain the mansions Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him? Will you not sacrifice your possessions, in order that others may obtain an immortal inheritance?

When the churches become living, working churches, the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request. Then the truth of God's Word will be regarded with new interest, and will be explored as if it were a new revelation just from the

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**E. E. WHITE**  
Secretary,  
Educational  
Department

Seventy-five years ago there were no Seventh-day Adventists in Australia and quite obviously not a single school belonging to the church. However, Ellen G. White had much to say in her writings about the fundamental necessity of training our children in our own schools and of preparing workers for service. As a result of this counsel only six years elapsed after the arrival of the first Seventh-day Adventist pioneers in this country before a training school was planned and operated in St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. This was the first step in the fulfilment of a vision which foresaw Australia as a home base, ultimately sending out missionaries to those densely populated areas to the north and north-west.

Now in our Jubilee year, what do we see? Within that comparatively brief period of time the church has erected a complete educational system from the primary school to the degree-granting college. It is therefore possible for many children to receive a Christian education throughout their whole school career. Furthermore the vision has been fulfilled in that many of Australia's and New Zealand's native sons have served and are serving overseas as missionaries. Truly the expenditure of hard-earned money and its investment in schools when funds were so low, has paid handsome dividends in souls saved in the kingdom of God. Now each Union Mission has its own worker-training school.

While great tasks in the Educational Department still lie ahead, we can greatly rejoice that today we can report seventy-five schools and 3,147 pupils in the home field and 396 schools and 10,968 pupils in the mission field.

*Happy aborigine girl at West Australian mission school.*



**R. A. VINCE**  
Secretary, MV  
Department.

We may be proud that the first testimony from Sister E. G. White calling for some definite organization of our youth was dated December 19, 1892, Melbourne, Australia. "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. . . . We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth."

Pastor A. G. Daniells planted this seed in Adelaide in 1893, to organize our first Young People's Society.

By 1928, the tree had grown so large that it branched out a Junior MV movement featuring the Progressive Classes; and by 1930 eighty Friends had been invested. Pastor S. V. Stratford, and later Miss H. K. Lewin, promoted this work till it was firmly established.

Pastor E. L. Minchin introduced the Master Guide training course at Avondale in 1935; and by 1948 Pastor H. J. Meyers organized strong JMV class work in the islands, though as early as 1932 Pastors A. S. Atkins and J. D. Anderson had developed JMV societies in New Guinea and the Solomons. Subsequently, Pastors H. A. Dickins and K. J. Gray have carried the island MV programme to a 1959 membership of 20,505 in 520 societies and investitures totalling 847.

Today the MV tree is mighty, with 912 senior and junior societies with a total membership of 35,131. Its ramifications are great. Special leadership courses for juniors and seniors are part of the Master Guide course. Ninety-two Pathfinder clubs were operating, and seventy-three MV camps were conducted during 1959, while missionary activity had swelled to two and a half million units of work. The fruitage, however, is the most important. In 1959 we rejoice to report no fewer than 1,804 young people baptized within the Australasian Division.

We may surely see the hand of the Lord in bringing our youth to the place where they will stand in their place in finishing the proclamation of "the Advent Message to all the world in this generation."



E. E. WHITE



R. A. VINCE



E. R. GANE



W. R. L. SCRAGG

**E. R. GANE**  
Secretary,  
Publishing Department.

The Publishing ministry in Australasia may be said to have had its beginning in 1885, when Pastors S. N. Haskell, J. O. Corliss, and certain others arrived in Melbourne. Among these others were Brother H. L. Scott, a printer, and Brother William Arnold, a colporteur.

Brother Arnold commenced his work as a literature-evangelist with the book, "Daniel and the Revelation," published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Brother George King, our first colporteur in all the world, had pioneered with this same book in North America some time earlier.

Brother Arnold passed through a period of severe testing before he broke through the barriers of indifference and real prejudice in the city of Melbourne. But after six weeks without making a sale the tide turned in his favour, and so successful were his subsequent efforts that he was able to contribute £240 toward the purchase of the first denominational printing press in Australia.

What hath God wrought since those days of small beginnings? Statistics of actual book units delivered by our literature-evangelists in this division from the turn of the century to December last are really illuminating. The total is 1,541,066 units. In recent years our colporteurs have sold sets of books numbering from two to four volumes, and in the above total these sets are counted as one unit.

Over each quadrennium the volume of sales has been advancing encouragingly. We now have approximately 150 regular literature-evangelists in the Australasian Division, and it is confidently anticipated that this number will be considerably increased within the next few months.

As an evangelizing medium the literature ministry is second to none. Our regular evangelists recognize this and are keen to have linked up with their teams one or more colporteurs to ferret out and awaken interests. This co-operative spirit is producing results, as more and more souls first found by the literature evangelists are being baptized and received into church communion.

May God grant us special favour as we seek Him for a larger vision and strive for bigger things in this our jubilee year.

**W. R. L. SCRAGG**  
Australasian Director,  
Voice of Prophecy

The year is 1943, and denominational leaders have just been considering the new giant—radio—and its evangelistic possibilities. This is the action they have just taken: "VOTED: That a Radio Department be organized whose duty shall be the fostering of radio work throughout the field."

A new day had dawned, but, long before, there were the early, tentative beginnings of the radio-TV evangelism that now spans the entire division and contributes so greatly to soul-winning.

Seeking new, fruitful methods, men such as Pastors R. E. Hare, D. Sibley, W. E. Battye, K. Wooller, W. M. R. Scragg, were radio's early pioneers. Unity and strength came when Pastor L. C. Naden was called in 1943 to head up our radio ministry and become the speaker. Later the name—"Voice of Prophecy"—was adopted, Bible courses were introduced, and the programme took on the form that it still holds today. It is a tribute to the youth and vigour of radio evangelism that all the pioneers of this department are still active.

First radio, and now television, are spanning the continent, opening hearts and homes. Today sixty-eight programmes enter a total of 300,000 homes each week. Every working day 150 applications are received for our Bible courses. A Bible Class of 13,000 is actively studying the Advent Message, and in one year alone 763 of our students were baptized.

From the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, the Lord is calling the earth with the mighty, persuasive voice of radio. Through television, Adventist preachers are entering the homes of thousands and fascinating them with the message that we love. This is truly a year of Jubilee, a year of rejoicing, for in our hands are God-given means of finishing the work speedily.



# What Better News Can We Offer?

The first Public Relations Council in this division is planned for this year, and Pastor Howard Weeks, the General Conference director of Public Relations, will attend. Progress is most evident in this department as we see our workers and members combining to communicate God's final message through a programme of Christian public relations.

God has provided the fast-moving and wide-spreading channels of press, radio, TV, and other modern public information media for the purpose of accelerating the proclamation of the "loud cry" to a dying world.

People avidly await the latest news. What better news can we offer them than what God is doing through this people and the principles that stir this movement?

Association with the public is to be a primary function in the fulfilment of our great commission. Learning just how to reach them so as to produce a telling effect for God should be our main concern. To aid in this endeavour our Public Relations Department assists the church administration, departments, and members in their witnessing.

"The character and importance of our work are judged by the efforts made to bring it before the public. When these efforts are so limited, the impression is given that the message we present is not worthy of notice." So wrote Mrs. E. G. White as recorded in "*Evangelism*," page 128.

Our union, local conference, and church press secretaries are pledged to help bring this larger witnessing programme to its loftiest heights. Can we count on you to move forward with us in this time of unprecedented opportunity?



E. H. J. STEED, A.I.P.R.  
Director, Public Relations, Australasian Division,  
Executive Secretary, Australasian Temperance Society.

## TEMPERANCE PLACED ON AN



## Elevated Platform

"In the family circle and in the church we should place Christian temperance on an elevated platform. It should be a living, working element reforming habits, dispositions and characters."

This statement from Sister E. G. White recorded in "*Temperance*," page 165, indicates the important place Christian temperance occupies in our message. From the earliest period of the Adventist movement, the messenger of the Lord emphasized that temperance "is just as much connected with the third angel's message as the right arm is with the body."—"*Temperance*," page 238.

Today we see a growing revival of Christian temperance among us. As Adventists recognize that temperance relates to a better way of life, bringing the whole being under the control of Christ in eating and drinking and whatsoever we do, we will move forward in sanctified strength to accomplish our mission.

Reaching the public with this message, our journal "*Alert*" is becoming increasingly popular. Other features such as the junior magazine "*The Winner*," our temperance films, public rallies, and fruit juice demonstrations, are making a telling impact. This Jubilee Year is a challenge to us all to live the message and share it through "entering wedge" principles of health and temperance.

Our first duty toward God and our fellow beings is that of self-development. Every faculty with which the Creator has endowed us should be cultivated to the highest degree of perfection, that we may be able to do the greatest amount of good of which we are capable.—"*Temperance*," page 137.

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of Melbourne; Pastor D. Self and associates in the city of Ballarat; and Pastor J. B. Conley and his group in the city of Geelong. All of these efforts have had outstanding openings, and now have settled down to solid, consistent attendances. Pastor Ratcliffe, after speaking in the State Theatre twice each Sunday, for eight weeks, is now in the Barclay Theatre, still with meetings twice each Sunday. He also conducts week-night meetings in several suburban centres. We are praying for a rich harvest in Victoria.

Other vigorous campaigns, already showing hopeful results, are in operation as follows: Pastor G. Burnside and his team in Adelaide conducted a successful spearhead campaign, and now Pastor J. H. Wade is continuing it; Pastor A. Cooke and his helpers in Perth; Pastor C. R. Stanley and his group in Albury, South New South Wales; and Pastor C. A. J. Ogg and his assistants in Burnie, Tasmania.

The missions listed above are only the major activities; and to see the evangelistic picture more clearly we must add the scores of other preachers proclaiming the message in smaller places and in less conspicuous ways. Each will bring along his quota of souls at the end of the year.

But this is not all, for in every church our laymen are on the march, and hundreds are already beginning to put into practice the counsel and instruction received at the recent Laymen's Congress. Thousands of homes are being visited, and the seeds of truth are being scattered in the highways and byways, and much is falling on good ground; for new faces are seen in our congregations, trophies of faithful laymen activities.

Today, as never before, there is a sense of urgency in the heart of God's church; for it is not known how much longer there is to warn the world of the coming of our Lord. We see the need, we hear the challenge, we accept it, and this spurs us on to honour God in this anniversary year with the greatest harvest of souls yet seen.



## The Sabbath School Brings Spiritual and Financial Strength

Before me on my desk as I write is the original Register of Officers, the Register of Teachers, and the Scholars' Register, also the Minutes of Sabbath School, Sabbath, July 4, 1885, being the first Sabbath school held in Australia. There was a membership of ten and attendance of ten, giving 100% attendance. It is the Jubilee of this occasion that we now celebrate.

Also on my desk is an exceedingly precious Bible, in the fly-leaf of which is printed by the hand of the owner, Pastor J. O. Corliss, the statement, "The first public discourse on the Third Angel's Message given in Australia was from this Book and was delivered in Temperance Hall, Richmond, one of the suburbs of Melbourne, on the evening of July 21st, 1885." This statement coupled with the official original minutes indicates that the Sabbath school programme preceded the first public presentation of truth in Australasia.

The third item of interest on my desk is the file of the "Bible Echo"—Australia's first missionary paper. On its pages can be observed the manner in which the programme of the Sabbath school was introduced by the pioneers as the message advanced from place to place. They were demonstrating that they believed the messenger of the Lord when she wrote, "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—"Counsels on Sabbath School Work," page 10.

That has been the record of the Sabbath school in this division from one Sabbath school in July 4, 1885, to 1,134 Sabbath schools at the close of 1959; from ten members to 81,641 members over the same period, and with offerings from £37/0/10½ for the first full year—1886—compared with £125,077 in 1959, one cannot but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

The FINANCIAL strength brought to the cause of missions over the period can be measured in terms of £1,692,697 is a thrilling thought. The SPIRITUAL strength brought to 81,641 Sabbath school members scattered over Australasia, from near the Dutch New Guinea border in the north to Invercargill in the south and from Perth in the West to Pitcairn in the east, is a colossal consideration.

Far away beyond either of these considerations, however, is the fact that if the Lord, beginning with a handful of humble Sabbath school members, accomplished what He did spiritually and financially from 1885 to 1959, what will He achieve with 81,641 dedicated Sabbath school members as a beginning in whatever time He makes available to them?

Let's ponder this well during this Jubilee Year. Let's determine by God's grace that we shall not only gather from the Sabbath school programme all that the Lord has in it for us, but that we shall do our utmost to bring the blessing of the Sabbath school to an ever-widening circle of people.

## SERVICE FOR ALL

The concept that "EVERY follower of Christ has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighbourhood, in the town or city where he lives" ("Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 632), has been with this church since its birth. It certainly has been the pattern for the programme here in Australasia. The following words of two pioneer laymen counselling church members today are significant, "Tell them we must bear greater witness for God" and again, "We should be twice as alert as was the church in the early days."

"Twice as alert." That, in other words, is what the messenger of the Lord counselled, for she wrote in "Testimonies," Vol. V, pages 460, 461, "We must double our diligence." As we give an account of our stewardship in this Jubilee Year what progress can we individually report? What progress has been made in the Home Missionary Department?

Pastor Weis, reporting on the Quadrennium ending 1957 stated, "During the past four years 8,978,592 pieces of literature have been distributed, of which three and one-half million carried the Voice of Prophecy application blanks which resulted in thousands of new applications for the Bible Correspondence Course." During 1959 alone, over two and one half million pieces of literature were distributed. We now report in millions.

### Appeal for Missions

In 1918 our Appeal for Missions receipts were £4,861 for the year, in 1959 our receipts were £140,307. Our total receipts since 1918 reach the wonderful total of £1,727,150—approaching two million, and more than our total Sabbath school offerings for a longer period of years.

### Health and Welfare

This Good Samaritan programme of the church is developing in strength and is fast becoming one of the most powerful agencies in the Lord's plans for blessing needy humanity and thereby demonstrating His love to them. Here is the 1959 report of Welfare Activities:

Articles of Clothing Given Away	126,927
Cash Donated to Local Welfare	£17,026
Food Baskets Given Away	207,232
Hours Christian Help Work	535,256
Persons Helped	559,866
Estimated Cash Value of Above Report	£453,268

### Evangelistic Activities

The three Laymen's Congresses held throughout the division brought great inspiration and real strength to so many of our church members. Here was laid the firm foundation for a tremendous forward move in lay-evangelistic activity. This, plus the challenge of Operation Jubilee is calling us to double our diligence and devotedly dedicate our talents and time to Him for the finishing of the work.

*"The ministers and the church members are to unite as one person in labouring for the upbuilding and prosperity of the church."*

E. G. WHITE, "Review and Herald,"  
July 9, 1895.

# We Follow On

## H. WHITE

Sabbath School and  
Home Missionary  
Secretary.

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**T**HIS Jubilee "Record" chronicles the story of the preaching of the Advent message from the Bible of Pastor Corliss in Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth. Church history reveals that inseparably linked with the preaching programme was the missionary witness of members aglow in their first-love experience.

Concerning the Melbourne programme it is written, "The co-ordinated work of the ministers and laymen in the distribution of the papers which we printed was so blessed of God that the work grew. Men and women read themselves into the truth. Twelve people joined the church as a result of reading one tract stuck on the iron fence around the Exhibition Building."

The story of the birth of the church in South Australia is as a second stanza in

a psalm of praise. Sister Evelyn Golding nee Gooding writes: "When the message was first preached in Adelaide my father's sister was the second person to take her stand. Immediately she sent us a packet of tracts. Mother left them unread for about six months thinking aunty had become queer. One winter night they were taken down so that mother could see what the 'new-fangled rubbish' might be. After reading the last of the twenty-eight, mother exclaimed, 'I shall go and be a baptized Seventh-day Adventist.' Father followed, and today thirty-three souls, some of whom are workers in the cause, have come under the influence of that bundle of tracts."

New South Wales came in for the same treatment with the same results. In 1892 the first sermon was preached in Parramatta—Sydney's oldest suburb. The mission team was Robert Hare and David Steed. Active devoted laymen were their co-labourers, for the "Bible Echo" goes on record with the statement: "The Parramatta church has called for over one thousand extra copies of the special edition of the 'Bible Echo' for voluntary distribution." The missionary activities of the members were not confined to literature distribution. Just one band of that first church reporting for a half year recorded two hundred hours of Christian help work, seven nights spent with the sick, two mothers helped with housework, and a sick child had been supplied with a pint of milk a day for three weeks. Thirty food parcels and forty-nine parcels of clothes plus seven parcels of boots and shoes had been given away. The report was signed M. SMITH, DUNDAS.

Two months after the Parramatta Mission and ten miles distant at Kellyville, the minister-member team were again successful under God's blessing. One of the charter members of the Kellyville church, Brother W. J. McGowan aged 89, now living at Avondale, said recently, "Every Adventist loved to talk about the message of Christ's second coming. It was the biggest thing in their lives." Asked if he had any message for God's people who were recently gathered in Congress, he said, "Tell them we must bear greater witness for God."

Still later in Sydney's Surrey Hills, Pastor Starr commenced ten meetings on January 26, 1896. The "Bible Echo" had this interesting cover note, "A company of faithful workers have for several months been circulating the 'Bible Echo' in this and adjacent suburbs of Sydney." Becoming a little more specific and personal it further stated, "One aged but active member, Brother Wainman, sold 1,798 copies of the camp-meeting edition of the 'Bible Echo.' Sister Blunden, who began a little later, sold nearly 1,700, while a little child sold seventy copies in one evening."

The pattern was the same in Queensland when G. B. Starr and Brother Hiscox held their first meeting in Rockhampton on July 26, 1894. This time came the programme of lay evangelism, for Brother Bernoth who settled his family on a farm in that district, would preach in the morning in the tent in German and Pastor Starr would preach in English in the evening. Soon it was recorded that they had Sabbath school classes in both languages and the significant statement is added, "And so they all worked together."

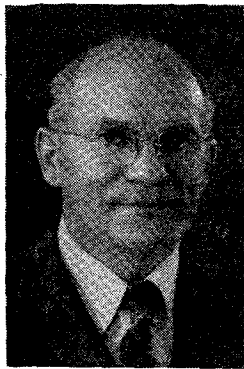
Next, Brother Starr came to Brisbane, sailing from Rockhampton November 13, 1894. So reported the "Bible Echo"; then significantly it further reported, "At Sandgate they found a new Sabbath-keeper who had been won through the missionary work of Sister Horsey, and a lady at Nundah keeping Sabbath through reading 'Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation' and correspondence with Mrs. A. G. Daniells."

Sister Viola Rogers to whom we are indebted for research on this important topic has well stated, "There is a golden thread of voluntary loving labour by church members running through all these historical records."

They taught us how. Now we follow on. What an example! What a challenge!

Were we to trace the history of devoted co-ordinated ministry-membership service down through the years to this moment of time we would find the same inspiring record. In fact, right here and now in the midst of this our Jubilee Year—a year wherein we honour the memory of the pioneers—we find our members and ministers unitedly doing exploits for God. Truly indeed we follow on.





# An Enterprise DESIGNED TO Bless and Flourish

B. O. JOHANSON  
General Manager, Sanitarium  
Health Food Company, Aus-  
tralia and New Zealand.

The foundation of the Health Food work in Australia was laid in the year 1895, in a public address given by Mrs. E. G. White on the first afternoon of the Brighton camp-meeting in Victoria, when health food and restaurant work were mentioned as phases of the church organization.

The task was taken up quickly with the opening of a small factory in Melbourne in 1897, which was transferred to Cooranbong in 1899, and extended to New Zealand in 1900. The building of the Christchurch factory in 1921 was the first real step in spreading our manufacturing efforts in a substantial way to other centres beyond Cooranbong.

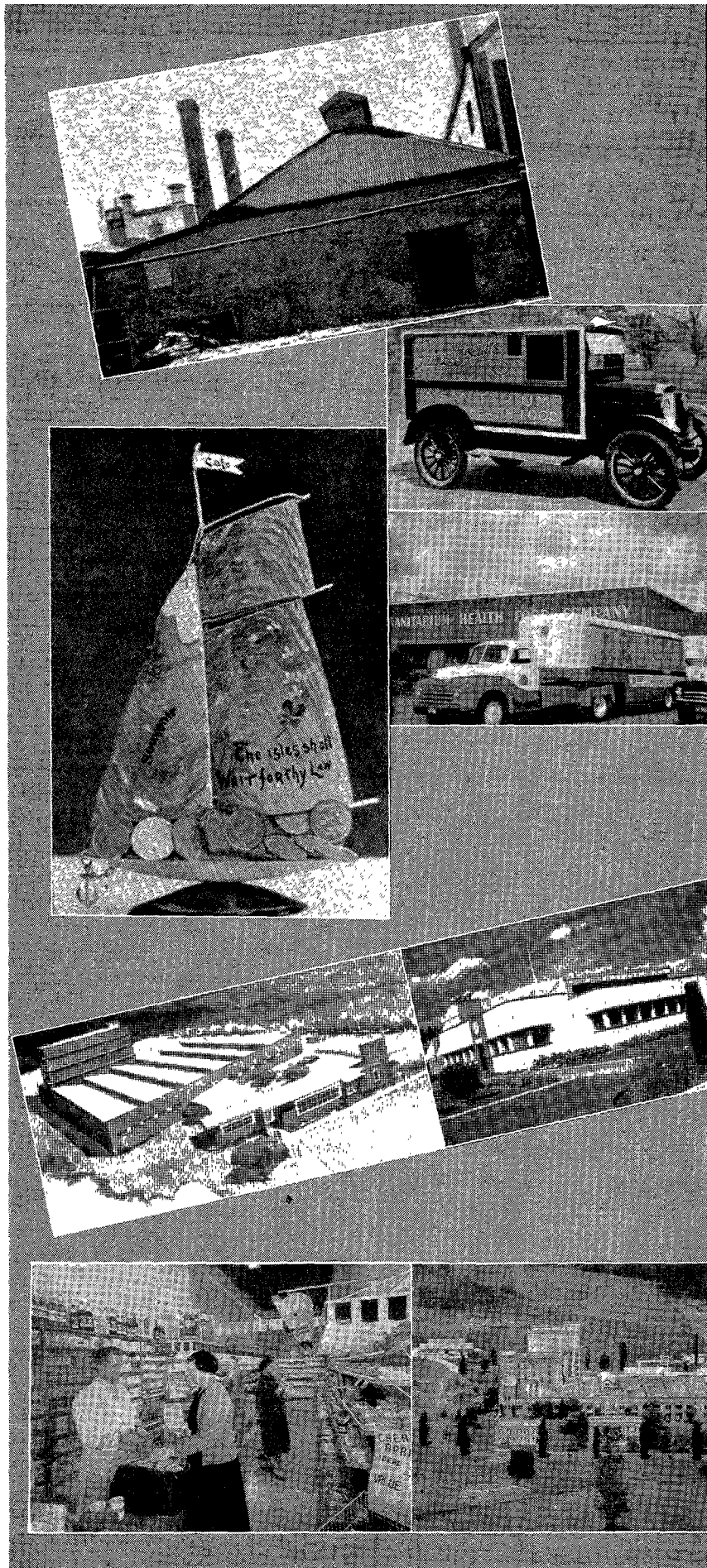
Originally, our tract societies in the various conference offices cared almost entirely for the sale of the health foods; but later this service was taken over by our shops as they were opened here and there; wholesale sections being included, with one main distributing depot in Sydney, followed by our present organization established in the late 1920's, with Wholesale Branches in each state.

1902 saw the commencement of the Retail work, with a small shop in the Royal Arcade, Sydney, moved shortly after to Pitt Street, near Park Street, where our first cafe had its beginning.

A gift to missions of twenty-five golden sovereigns on August 19, 1906, marked the first contribution to other features of the denomination. Financial assistance has increased over the years, amounting this year to more than thirty per cent of the division budget, thus giving the Health Food Department a substantial share in the support of our church schools, colleges, sanitariums, radio and television programmes, and the mission fields.

The various interests now comprise twelve factories, eight wholesale branches, with twelve subsidiary depots, twenty-nine retail shops, and four cafes, employing approximately 1,000 workers and 200 students of our three colleges.

This vast concern is a tribute to the faith and efforts of our early pioneers in commencing the work in spite of very real difficulties and hardships. Others who have followed have contributed their full share, not forgetting the individual church members who have given loyal support. Above all we are grateful for the many evidences of the Lord's providential leadings and His blessing, making possible the achievement as it exists today. We are sure we can count on the individual church members continuing to use our nourishing health foods, thus contributing to the successful operation of this important section of the church's mission.



Above: The first Australian health food factory, North Fitzroy, Victoria. Upper left: First gift to missions, twenty-five golden sovereigns in 1906. Upper right: First delivery van (top) contrasted with a present-day truck at the Lewisham office. Lower centre: Two new factories, Brisbane (left) and Palmerston North (right). Bottom left: Newmarket self-service shop, Auckland, New Zealand. Right: An overall view of the Sanitarium Health Food Company's factory at Cooranbong, N.S.W.



## Twenty-two Converts In Four Weeks

C. F. HOLLINGSWORTH  
President, North New Zealand

The first Seventh-day Adventist to set foot on New Zealand soil was Pastor Stephen N. Haskell, who arrived in Auckland from Melbourne, November, 1885, "about the middle of the month." "Elder Haskell left December 16 for Australia, via the Bluff." According to this first minute of our denominational work in New Zealand, written by the late Brother Thomas Brighthouse, Pastor Haskell was in New Zealand about four weeks. During this short period of time he made twenty-two converts to the faith and organized two Sabbath schools. The minute goes on to say that Pastor Haskell held Bible readings in the evenings, at first in a private home, and later in a hall, during the day visiting families and holding readings and conversing with them.

The first Seventh-day Adventist church in New Zealand was organized by Pastor Haskell in the evening of March 23, 1886, when he stepped off in New Zealand for fifteen days on his way to America. From these small beginnings the membership grew rapidly in numbers, making necessary the organization of the New Zealand Conference in 1889, with Pastor A. G. Daniells appointed president, and Brother C. Clayton, secretary-treasurer.

As we review the growth of Christ's kingdom here over the past seventy-five years, we have much for which to thank God. Today we have in North New Zealand forty-five organized churches and companies, with a membership of 4,115. The future is bright with prospects, our membership having pledged their services in the various lines of evangelistic endeavour, to make this Jubilee Year outstanding in souls gathered out for the kingdom of Christ.

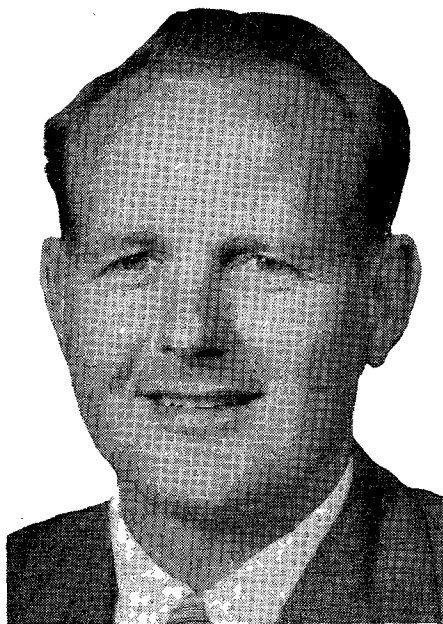
## Early Days Recalled

F. T. MABERLY  
President, West Australia

Over two thousand West Australian Adventists recently sang lustily "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done." Eighty-six-year-old Sister B. O'Brien, the sole survivor of the first twenty members who met in Perth in 1896, had requested the camp congregation to sing this hymn of praise.

She had gazed in wonderment over the vast sea of people assembled in our six-poled pavilion and recalled the struggles and uncertainties of far-away days. Still remarkably keen and alert, her heart was overflowing with the blessings of God upon the church through six and a half decades.

Sister O'Brien clearly recalls that six colporteurs played a major part in the introduction of the Advent Message to Western Australia. They were Brother and Sister J. M. Johanson (parents of our division treasurer, Pastor E. J. Johanson, and the Sanitarium Health Food General



F. T. MABERLY

Manager, Brother B. O. Johanson); Brother and Sister F. W. Reekie, Brother and Sister Cleal. In those early days wives were active in literature evangelism with their husbands. In 1895 Pastors M. C. Israel and W. H. Baker were appointed to preach the Adventist message in the West Australian "mission field."

In 1901 the membership had grown to 150, and in 1902 the conference was organized. Miss Susie B. Gurner (now Mrs. S. B. Edgcombe) was appointed secretary. This sister still lives in Perth and is able to recall vividly her happy associations with our early pioneers.

Bookera, our first church building, was dedicated in 1905, followed in the same year by Fremantle and the next by Osborne Park.

During the past four years our membership has grown from 2,103 to 2,662. Under the blessing of God we earnestly desire at least 250 baptisms during this Jubilee Year.

## Accelerating the Tempo

S. M. UTTLEY  
President, Queensland

In the month of October, in the year 1899, a camp-meeting was held in Toowoomba under the auspices of the Australasian Union Conference. Queensland was a mission field at this time, and in view of the progress of the work it was felt that consideration should be given to organizing into a conference. Thus it was on October 18, 1899, under the chairmanship of Pastor A. G. Daniells, president of the union, the action was taken, and Pastor G. C. Tenney became the first president.

The membership was 211, with four churches situated in Rockhampton, North and South Brisbane, and Toowoomba, with a working force of two ordained ministers, three licensed ministers, and thirteen colporteurs. The total income was £372, with an additional £27 for foreign missions.

Sixty years have passed, and with it much effort, many programmes, and many believers; but as at December 31, 1959, we rejoice in the fact that there were thirty-three churches and four companies, with a membership of 3,231, contributing for the year a total of £130,325.

The division Jubilee year finds Queensland commencing its seventh decade, with a goal of baptisms for the year exceeding its original membership. It is the fervent desire of both laity and ministry to join hands in accelerating the tempo as "workers together with God."



S. M. UTTLEY

# Conferences

## Steady Growth In Vast Territory

E. A. REYE  
President, South New South Wales

The South New South Wales Conference as it is at present constituted came into being when the old South New South Wales Conference was divided into the Greater Sydney Conference and the South New South Wales Conference towards the end of the year 1948. The office-holders in the new conference took up their responsibilities in January, 1949, Pastor W. M. R. Scragg was the president and F. J. Butler the secretary-treasurer.

At that time the membership of the conference was 831; 286 of these were on the conference church, and the balance were distributed among the twenty-one churches throughout the vast territory of the conference. From this small beginning the work has grown steadily until at the commencement of 1960 the membership was 1,247, with twenty-seven organized churches in the conference area. In round figures the tithe income of the conference during the first decade of its existence increased from £16,000 to £42,000.

Just one church school was in existence in 1949, with eleven pupils cared for by one teacher. Today, we have four schools with an enrolment of 103, and seven full-time teachers, with others assisting on a part-time basis.

We are grateful to God for what has been accomplished under His blessing by the comparatively few workers in the field: fifteen credentialled and licensed ministers, one of whom is a subsidized sustentation worker, plus one credentialled missionary and four other sustentation workers, who on an honorary basis give valuable and greatly appreciated help.



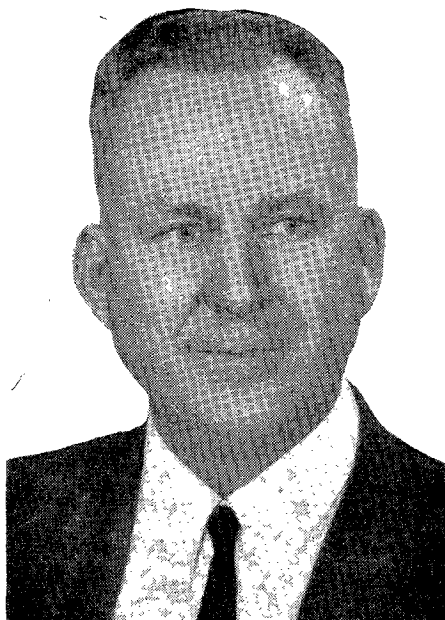
E. A. REYE

## Our Aim to Uplift Christ

H. W. HOLLINGSWORTH  
President, North New South Wales

Action was taken at the Session of the New South Wales Conference held at Parramatta Park, October 18, 1919, as follows: "We recommend that this conference be divided. . . ." And then the proposed area and boundaries were stated. At the next Session held at Gore Hill, Sydney, October 6, 1920, the North New South Wales Conference was organized, with Pastor J. M. Cole as the first president.

The conference office was set up in rooms at the Hamilton church where the business was conducted until a cottage was purchased in Broadmeadow in 1922. Because of growth and expansion it became necessary to move, and in 1926 under the presidency of Pastor H. E. Piper, 21 Gordon Avenue, Hamilton, was purchased. This, although a large cottage, has proved



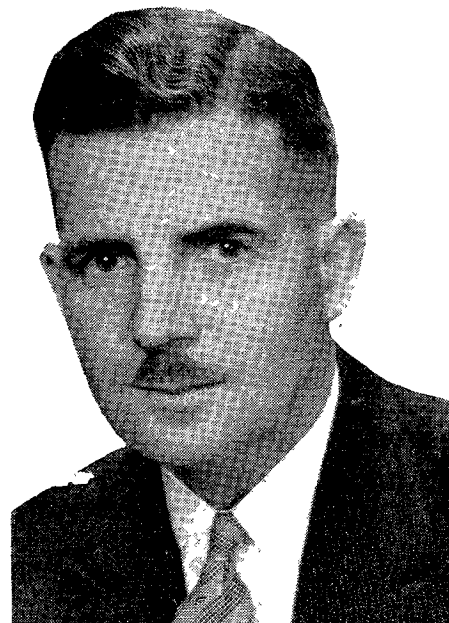
H. W. HOLLINGSWORTH

inadequate to accommodate the administrative and departmental needs of our expanding work, so in this 40th Anniversary year of our organization, 21 Gordon Avenue has been remodelled and a storey added to meet our needs.

The original workers were three ordained ministers, seven licensed ministers, five licensed missionaries, and one school teacher. Today, after forty years, there are 3,951 members in forty churches and thirty-four have their own buildings. The conference workers are twenty-eight ordained ministers, four credentialled missionaries, six licensed ministers, thirteen school teachers, and seven licensed missionaries.

As we rejoice in the increased membership and the added monuments to God's message in church and school buildings, our aim is to uplift Jesus, both by consecrated lives and by preaching the gospel.

As the laymen and ministry unite in consecration and service, we believe God's work will soon be finished and Jesus our Saviour will return for His people.



## Courageous Faith, Hopeful Future

W. E. RUDGE  
President, Tasmania

Tasmania was first organized into a conference by Pastor E. W. Farnsworth in February, 1901, at the Launceston camp-meeting, with a membership of 200, Pastor E. Hilliard being its first president.

Later, the Tasmanian Conference was amalgamated with the Victorian Conference for a period; then at a special session of the Victoria-Tasmania Conference held in the Hobart church on Thursday, March 11, 1915, at 7.30 p.m., the Tasmanian believers were organized into a separate conference. At that time there were approximately 250 members in the Island State, divided into five churches. Tithe receipts in round figures amounted to £1,300 per annum. As far as our records show, there were seven on the staff.

During the forty-five years since then the work has grown until today we have a membership of 1,160 and thirteen organized churches besides four church companies and the conference church. We have three schools, two up to primary level and one primary and secondary. The staff numbers fourteen field and office workers with eight school teachers. The Sanitarium Health Food Company has a modern factory employing twenty-three on the staff, while the Retail Branch operates four shops with a staff of eight.

What of the future? Our goal is 100 souls for each year of the present quadrennium. In this Jubilee Year we are hopeful that we shall baptize in excess of this number. We have an enlightened, enthusiastic membership eager to serve God in the greatest possible capacity. Our courage and hopes in the future are strong, the best days are yet to come. Three words sum up our attitude to future plans: Consecration, Preparation, Participation.



# WHAT IS a SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST?

• WESLEY AMUNDSEN

During the first sixteen years of its existence the remnant church had no formal name. It was not until the year 1860 that a name was adopted that set before the world the basic principles of truth on which the church is founded. As the name "Christian" was given to the early believers, so the name "Seventh-day Adventist" was to distinguish the special people of God in the last days.

After the brethren, assembled in Battle Creek on that eventful day of September 28, 1860, had accepted the name "Seventh-day Adventist" from the many suggested, Ellen G. White wrote the following:

"I was shown in regard to the remnant people of God taking a name. Two classes were presented before me. One class embraced the great bodies of professed Christians. They were trampling upon God's law and bowing to a papal institution. They were keeping the first day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord. The other class, who were but few in number, were bowing to the great Lawgiver. They were keeping the fourth commandment. The peculiar and prominent features of their faith were the observance of the seventh day, and waiting for the appearing of our Lord from heaven. . . .

"No name which we can take will be appropriate but that which accords with our profession and expresses our faith and marks us a peculiar people. The name Seventh-day Adventist is a standing rebuke to the Protestant world. Here is the line of distinction between the worshippers of God and those who worship the beast and receive his mark. . . .

"The name Seventh-day Adventist carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the inquiring mind. Like an arrow from the Lord's quiver, it will wound the transgressors of God's law, and will lead to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, pages 223, 224.

## Twelve Characteristics

1. **A Chosen People.** "Ye are a chosen generation." 1 Peter 2:9. Israel was God's chosen people: "Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day." Deut. 10:15. Today also "God is leading out a people, and preparing them for translation."—"Counsels to Parents and Teachers," page 92.

2. **A Distinguished People.** Here is a people distinguished by their obedience to truth. "The Lord has His eye upon every one of His people; He has His plans concerning each. It is His purpose that those

who practise His holy precepts shall be a distinguished people."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 12.

As long as time lasts we are instructed to hold sacred the denominational distinction placed upon us. "The children of Israel were to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations 'for a perpetual covenant.' The Sabbath has lost none of its meaning. It is still the sign between God and His people, and it will be so for ever."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 18.

3. **A Separate People.** "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." 2 Cor. 6:17. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4.

A practical separation from the world is essential. "Those who serve God in sincerity and truth will be . . . unlike the world, separate from the world. . . . The condition of our acceptance with God is a practical separation from the world."—"Counsels on Health," pages 50, 51.

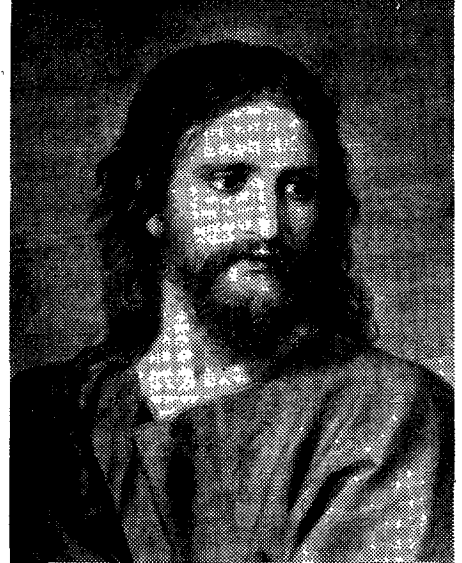
Paul's determination as a Christian caused him to break with the world. "God forbid that I should glory," he said, "save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14.

4. **An Ideal People.** "We shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

God has high ideals for His remnant people, and He will provide the power necessary to reach these ideals.

"God's ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach. The living God has given in His holy law a transcript of His character. The greatest Teacher the world has ever known is Jesus Christ; and what is the standard He has given for all who believe in Him?—'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.' Matt. 5:48. As God is perfect in His high sphere of action, so man may be perfect in his human sphere."—"Counsels to Parents and Teachers," page 365.

5. **Christ's Character Reproduced in His People.** "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps." 1 Peter 2:21.



Christ is to be perfectly reproduced in His people before He returns for them. "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 69.

6. **Untainted Christians.** "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

His people are to stand untainted before the world. "God's elect must stand untainted amid the corruptions teeming around them in these last days. Their bodies must be made holy, their spirits pure."—"Counsels on Health," page 20.

7. **A People Wondered At.** "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at." Zech. 3:8.

God's remnant people are to be His agencies in all the world to fulfil His divine purposes for the human race. No other people in this generation has been given this assignment.

The world forms opinions of our faith and of the Lord through their observation of professing Christians. "Through observing our lives, the people of the world form their opinion of God and of the religion of Christ. All who do not know Christ need to have the high, noble prin-

ciples of His character kept constantly before them in the lives of those who do know Him."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 258.

**8. Stewards of His Grace.** "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:1, 2.

"This is the mystery of godliness, the mystery that has inspired heavenly agencies so to minister through fallen humanity that in the world an intense interest will be aroused in the plan of salvation. This is the mystery that has stirred all heaven to unite with man in carrying out God's great plan for the salvation of a ruined world."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, page 29.

"God has made His people stewards of His grace and truth, and how does He regard their neglect to impart these blessings to their fellow men?"—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, page 24.

**9. Observers of His Holy Rest Day.** "Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations: that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you . . . It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed." "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant." Ex. 31:13-17, 16.

God indicates His relationship to His people by the use of a sign; that sign is

the Sabbath of the fourth commandment of the Decalogue.

"The Sabbath is a sign of the relationship existing between God and His people, a sign that they are His obedient subjects, that they keep holy His law. The observance of the Sabbath is the means ordained by God of preserving a knowledge of Himself and of distinguishing between His loyal subjects and the transgressors of His law."—Id., page 198.

**10. A Missionary People.** "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." John 20:21. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Acts 1:8. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

God has given to Seventh-day Adventists a special work as watchmen and light-bearers. They are not to neglect this.

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 19.

**11. A United People.** "And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are

one." John 17:22. Complete harmony and unity is to be found among those who profess to be the people of God. Only as this is maintained can they stand before the world as His representatives.

"Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. But, in order to do this, we must place ourselves under Christ's command. Our characters must be moulded in harmony with His character, our wills must be surrendered to His will. Then we shall work together without a thought of collision."—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, pages 242, 243.

**12. A People Prepared for the Lord.** "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name." Acts 15:14. "And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads." Rev. 22:4.

The remnant of Israel are preparing for a home in heaven. They are to be living each day so as to be fitted to dwell among beings of heavenly origin.

"My brother, my sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the judgment, that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 285.—"Review and Herald."

*The annual camp-meeting is part of the Adventist way of life, where happy Christian fellowship joins with spiritual refreshing.*



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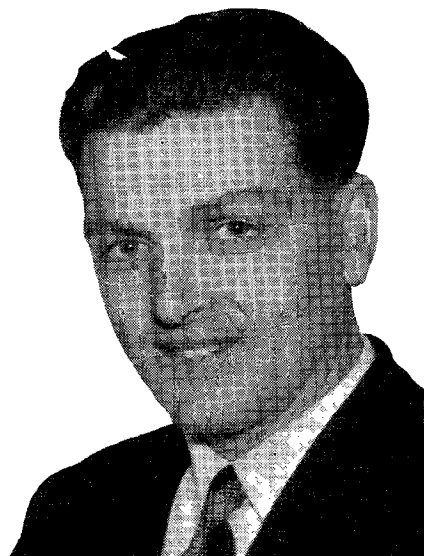
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### Rejoicing In Other Men's Labours

C. D. JUDD

President, South Australian Conference

Sixty years ago the South Australian Conference was first organized by the president of the Australasian Union Conference, Pastor A. G. Daniells. The special session was held in the Bible Chapel, Young Street, Adelaide, on November 25, 1899, at 7.30 p.m.

The total church membership was 190, which at that time included the City of Broken Hill. The tithe for that year was approximately £450. Eight literature-evangelists in the State had sold £200 worth of books during the year.

From this humble beginning, Pastor J. H. Woods, the first president of the conference, with his noble band of helpers, commenced an expansion programme in harmony with the gospel commission.

Today we rejoice in the success of other men's labours, with a membership of 2,009 in twenty-five churches and six companies, and an annual tithe income of £56,808. The Sabbath School membership is 2,253, and the Sabbath School and Mission offerings last year amounted to £17,675, plus £8,000 in the Appeal for Missions campaign. Our ten full-time colporteurs last year sold £14,738 worth of books, while the Book and Bible House sales were £9,184. Nine school teachers are employed to staff three schools with a combined enrolment of 154.

A spirit of love and unity prevails among staff members and constituency. Our hope is firm and our courage is strong. Our aim for 160 souls this Jubilee

year is well within our reach with every department and church a centre of evangelistic zeal.

### The Lord Is Leading

W. W. PETRIE

President, South New Zealand Conference

I have before me the minutes of the first meeting of the executive committee of the South New Zealand Conference under date of February 7, 1915. Pastor W. H. Pascoe was the president and chairman, and three members were present.

From a small beginning in this year the membership grew to 383 during the first decade. In 1935 the membership was 787, in 1945 it was 999, in 1955 it reached 1,390, and in 1959 it was 1,539. This Jubilee Year should see the membership well over the 1,600 mark.

Although the growth in membership has not been great, still we have much for which to thank the Lord, and we face the future full of courage, claiming the promise of the Scriptures that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

During this Jubilee Year ministry and laymen of this conference have their sights raised high, and already a number of baptisms have taken place, with others pending.

Five evangelistic missions have begun well, supported by the laity. The members of the church in the South Island of New Zealand are much encouraged by the way the Lord is leading, and with ministry-laymen co-operation, the success of Operation Jubilee is assured.



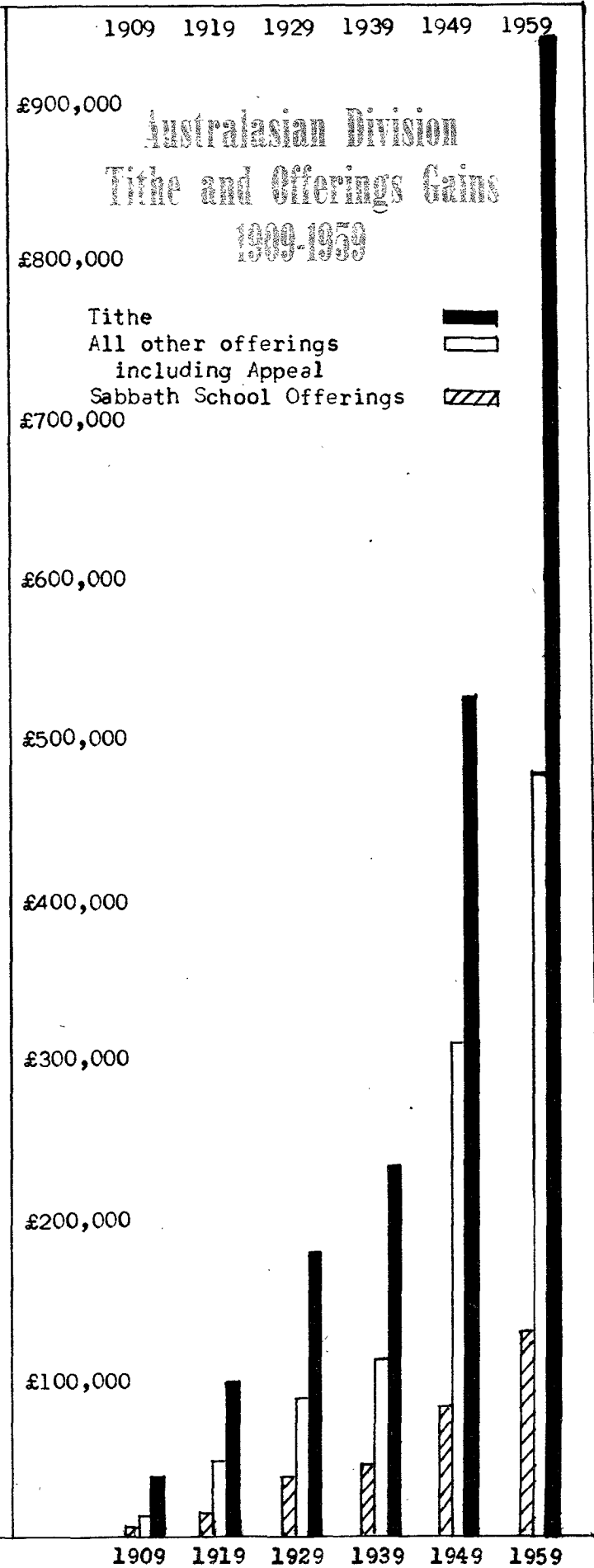
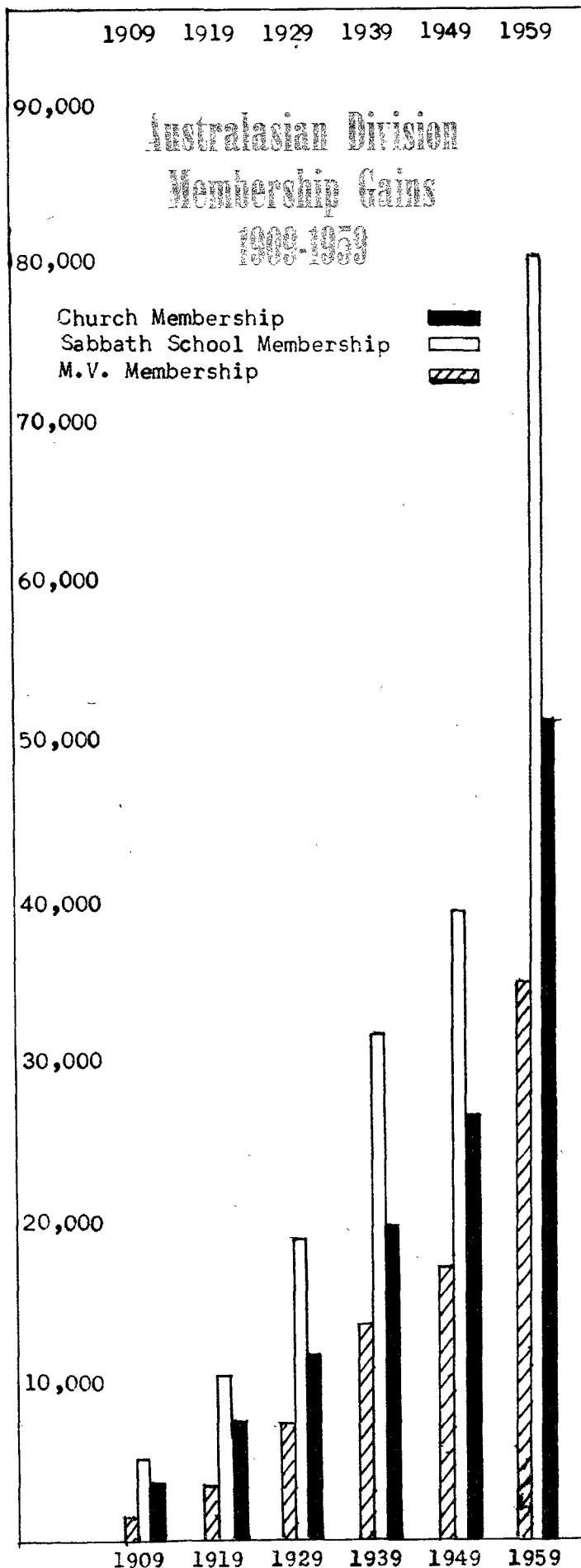
W. W. PETRIE

### Why the Lord Waits

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courts above. Every declaration of inspiration concerning Christ will take hold of the inmost soul of those who love Him. Envy, jealousy, evil surmising will cease. The Bible will be regarded as a charter from heaven. Its study will store the mind, and its truths will feast the soul. The promises of God now repeated as if the soul had never tasted His love, will then glow upon the altar of the heart, and fall in burning words from the lips of the messengers of God. They will then plead with souls with an earnestness that cannot be repulsed. Then the windows of heaven will be opened for the showers of the latter rain. The followers of Christ will be united in love.





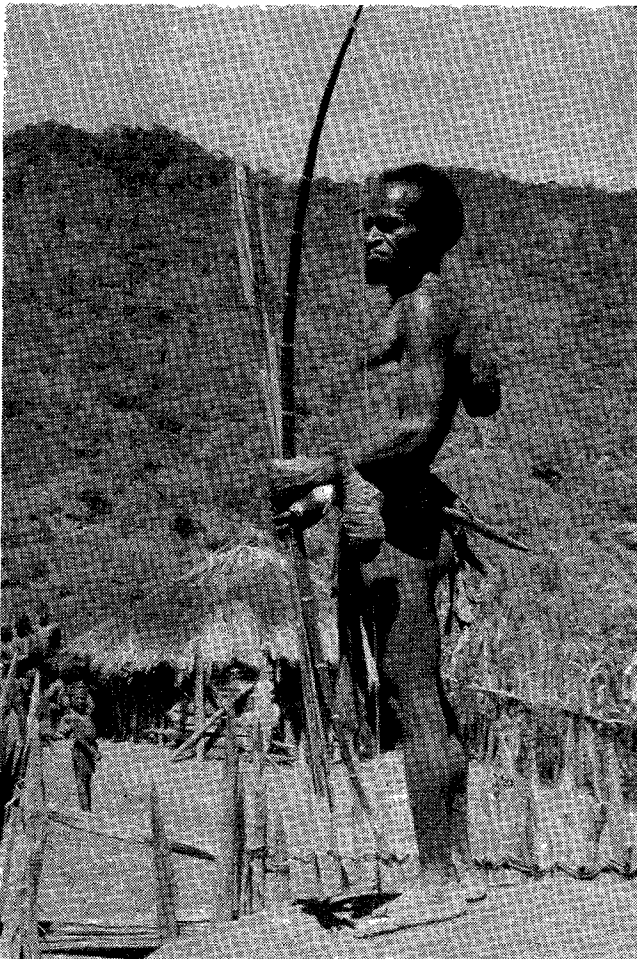
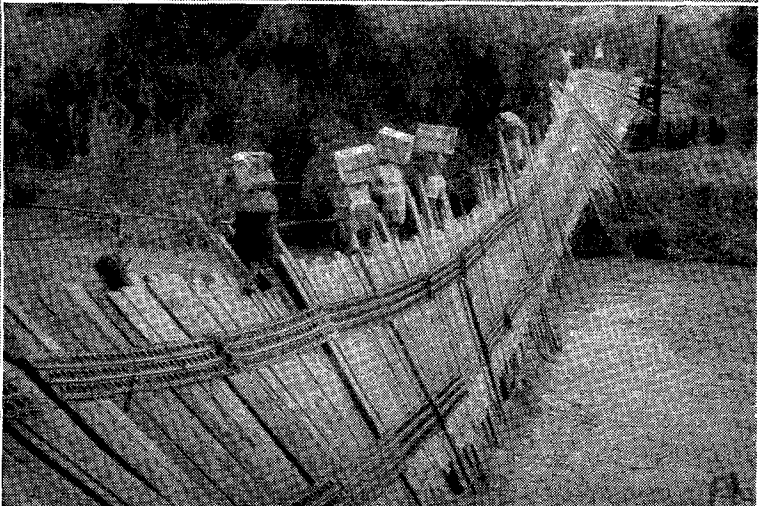
"The time has come when through God's messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth contained in the first, second, and third angels' messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent, and extend to the islands of the sea. There must be no delay in this work.

"Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord."

—"Gospel Workers," page 470. (1915)

# *Dedicated* to the **UNFINISHED TASK**

*Below: New Guinea warrior living in fear. Right, upper: Man of Karimui, New Guinea highlands, pleads with Brother L. H. Barnard for someone to teach his people. Centre: Typical Mount Hagen natives. Lower: Bridge on the way to Mount Michael Mission is still used by carriers after two cables snapped, plunging a Landrover into the river.*



# News in

1885 saw the first converts accepting the Advent Message in this territory, Brother J. H. Stockton in Australia, Brother Edward Hare in New Zealand.

The first church building in Australasia was erected in Ponsonby, Auckland, as the result of a vigorous evangelistic tent mission conducted by Pastor A. G. Daniells in 1886.

The first camp-meeting held this side of the equator was convened in Napier, N.Z., in 1893. Eighteen tents were occupied by fifty-three people. Many others occupied rooms near by.

It was in 1900 that Pastor and Mrs. A. H. Piper, the first missionaries to leave these shores, sailed from Auckland, N.Z., for Rarotonga. Pastor E. H. Gates quoted this statement from the Spirit of prophecy in 1903: "Upon the Australasian field there rests the burden of carrying the message to many of the islands of the Pacific."

In 1892, Mrs. White declared: "The missionary work in Australia and New Zealand is yet in its infancy, but the same work must be accomplished in Australia, New Zealand . . . and the islands of the sea as has been accomplished in the home field," referring to America.

At that time there were 450 believers in the advent cause in this territory. The Spirit of prophecy predicted that workers would be trained in Australia for many missionary fields, especially those under the British flag.

Pastor J. E. Fulton, the Union Conference president, in 1910 reported a total membership of 4,047.

The total value of trade books sold from July 1, 1909, to June 30, 1910, throughout the Union Conference was £1,821.

For two years ending June 30, 1910, the sales of subscription books for Australasia were £23,604 for 46,146 volumes delivered.

In 1910 the membership of our 84 Young People's Societies in the Union was 1,764.

In 1910 the New South Wales Conference membership was 1,126 and the tithe receipts amounted to £5,251.

# Contrast

★ W. E. BATTYE

In this Jubilee Year of 1960 our membership has grown to 51,033.

Today we have 741 such buildings in Australia, New Zealand, and the South Seas, 30 of them in the Sydney area alone.

Now aside from other accommodation, North New Zealand alone requires 300 tents for its encampment.

Today, in fulfilment of this instruction, 198 European workers with hundreds of trained native evangelists span the South Pacific, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Today we witness the expansion of the work over the whole of Australasia, with thousands annually accepting the message of the coming of the Lord.

At the present time 52 missionaries from these shores are serving in Africa, India, and the Far East, 34 of them in India and adjacent fields, thus fulfilling the prediction.

The latest reports reveal that some of our local conferences individually either approach or exceed this figure: Victoria, 4,319; North New Zealand, 4,115; Greater Sydney, 4,041.

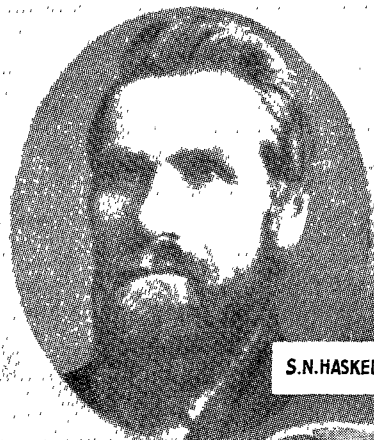
At the recent Victorian camp-meeting, £2,410 worth of such books were sold in ten days!

During the past two years ending December 31, 1959, the number of book titles delivered was 144,351 for the sum of £424,837—truly big business for the King of kings.

Since then the JMV Societies have been formed. These, combined with the MV Societies, number 912, with 35,131 members.

The territory is now divided into three conferences—Greater Sydney, and North and South New South Wales, with a total membership of 9,222, and tithe income of £286,056. What a wonderful achievement in 50 years!





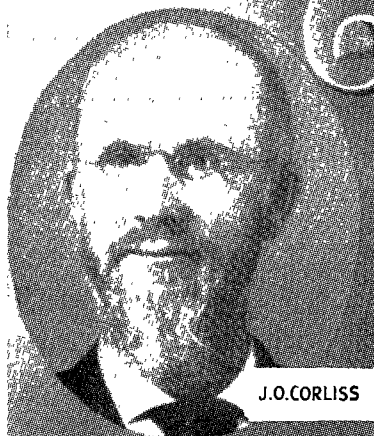
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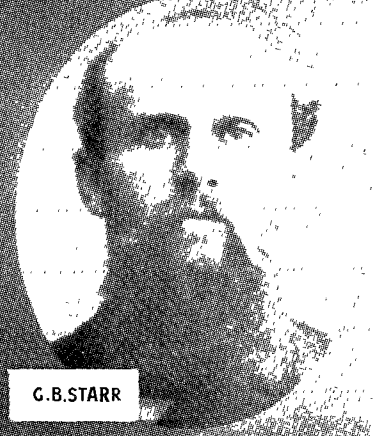
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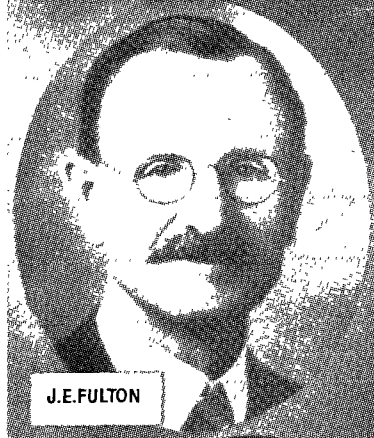
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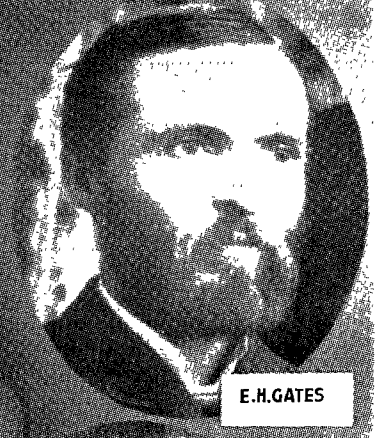
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A. J. DYASON

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Who trusted in God and His power  
And the leading of prophets and seers?*

*They heard the call of the Master,  
"Go, tell of the kingdom to be,  
And carry the hope of My coming  
To Australia and isles of the sea."*

*Lo! here are the bold pioneers  
Who laboured and wept and who prayed;  
They fought the good fight amidst fears,  
But were never, no never dismayed!*

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