

A TRIP TO RUSSIC

DR. J. NUSSBAUM

CONTRASTS IN MOSCOW: January street illuminations for Lenin's birthday, and the same thoroughfare (Gorky Street) under a February fall of snow.



T the beginning of March, 1960, I spent ten days in Moscow. It was possible then for me to make contact with the heads of our church there and assist in two Sabbath services.

The services are held in the large Baptist church in Moscow, and it is always full. One is struck by the fervour and simplicity of those present. Their faces, always so serious, brighten up when they see a foreign believer in their midst. The first Sabbath when I entered the church there was not an empty seat, but at once a deaconess brought a chair, and set it in the middle aisle.

On the platform were the president of the Russian Union, the vicepresident, the pastor of the Moscow church, and a deacon. At the end of the service I went at once to the vestry below the platform. One of our workers, who had earlier been in Rumania, knew me and interpreted for me. It was an unforgettable conversation, which showed me once more that "there is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Eph. 4: 4.

The following Tuesday I spent with the Russian authorities, at my request, and I had a conversation which lasted for several hours with two members of the cultural department attached to the cabinet council. The conversation touched on many different subjects, beginning with the present troubled world situation, and led on to the Bible prophecies which have predicted these events, and further to the study of the right plans to guarantee peace among men. Religious liberty and the Advent Movement were also mentioned often in this conversation.

The whole conversation had a frank atmosphere, which sometimes became quite animated, and from beginning to end it was most cordial.

I had expressed the desire to meet men of science to talk over with them some serious problems which are prevalent at the present time in the learned world. This desire was immediately granted, and I was put in contact with Professor Anouchkine, the best physiologist in the country, who for fifteen years has been associated with Professor Pavlov, whose work is quite world famous.

I first got to know Professor Pavlov in 1935, at the Physiologist Congress in Leningrad, and the memory of his lectures and of our conversations is as clear in my mind as if they had taken place yesterday. In the course of our conversation the subject of health reform was brought up and Professor Anouchkine was tremendously interested in this. The next day he came to my hotel and invited me to lunch with him, and presented me with a magnificently carved box, which he asked me to take to my wife. This memory is a living testimony to me of the power of health reform, a tool very often neglected by a church about which the Scriptures say it is lukewarm, and which is exhorted to become hot, or it will be, in the day of the Lord, spued out of His mouth. (Rev. 3: 15, 16.)

One entire morning was spent in conference with the directors and heads of departments of the Central Institute of Hygiene. The criminal effects of alcohol and especially of tobacco were studied with care. They showed me their propaganda methods which we compared with those prepared in Paris. The ravages wrought by tobacco are less in Russia than in the rest of Europe and the United States. Of the 102 people employed at the General Institute of Hygiene, only eight were smokers. The opposite proportion is probably found elsewhere.

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The day before my departure was marked by two conversations of great importance, the first with the president of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and the other with a cancer researcher of world renown, Professor Schabad.

I talked a long time with the president of the Academy of Medical Sciences, about the causes of cancer. Instead of waiting until this sickness has appeared before beginning to fight it, which, after all, is no solution at all, he is trying to bring about the elimination of this horrible disease rather than its cure.

My conversation with Professor Schabad had chiefly to do with the role played by the cigarette in the case of lung cancer. It is well-known that this question is controversial because of the considerable propaganda efforts and heavy financial outlay made by the tobacco industry to prevent the truth reaching the public. With all the weight of its authority the World Organization of Health has intervened. It has called together in Geneva seven of the best cancer researchers of the world, men with great scientific skill, whose moral integrity and independence are indisputable. Mr. Schabad was one of those, and represented Soviet Russia in this Areopagus. In twelve working sessions the question was thoroughly studied, and the learned men declared unanimously that without a possible doubt there is an evident relation between the consumption of cigarettes, which grows every year, and the alarming development of lung cancer. since the number of victims also increases each year regularly.

I took away with me from my journey to the U.S.S.R. the comforting impression that in this country, as in ours, we find sincere and upright men, appreciative of liberty, desirous to do good and to help their fellow men, and we must for them utter "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks," because "this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2: 1-4.—"Quarterly Review," December, 1960.

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Brief and Bright

E. F. GIBLETT

Departmental Secretary, North New Zealand Pastor E. J. Brownie reports concerning a Voice of Prophecy student he visited: "I contacted Mrs. ----, who wants to continue with the studies." He then says that she wants to bring her seven children up in the faith of Jesus, and that her daughter of nine would like to take the junior course. To get to this home it is necessary to walk a mile from the road, and if the tide happens to be in it is necessary to wade across a creek. The place is so remote that the children cried when they saw Pastor Brownie, the first stranger they had seen for weeks, but he says, "We were good friends when I left."

From Gisborne, Pastor J. B. Trim sends this news item: "We had a very successful participation in a community drive for blood donors last week. When I heard



Dunedin crusade staff: Pastor A. G. Probert, Pastor V. Wood-Stotesbury, Miss D. Fox.

that the Jaycees and the hospital were undertaking a drive for more blood donors, with an aim of 1,500, I got in touch with the Jaycees and offered to help. The response was falling behind, and on Wednesday I offered to have some of our folk stand among passers-by and invite them to enrol as donors. We did this on Thursday and Friday, and were gratified that the numbers enrolled on those days were well in excess of preceding days. We had a full story in the newspaper and our church was included with those specially thanked for their assistance."

Quote from a letter written by Pastor R. Robinson, the pastor of Hutt Valley: "Two of the homes where our lay people have been working with tapes and films have responded. One lady is attending church with her son. The other is sending her children, and promises to attend and also requests baptism. The interest is spreading through the Hutt Valley."

A non-Adventist recently returned from holidays at New Plymouth and visited her Adventist neighbour to give her a picture she had clipped while away. She commented, "This was a marvellous gesture by your church." Here is what the paper said about the picture: "Old people entertained. Guests at an unusual entertainment held in the Fitzroy school hall, New Plymouth, yesterday, were 140 old people who live alone. They were guests at a tea organized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

"The College Dorcas-Welfare ladies have been very active this year [1960]," states Sister F. Wright, the leader at Longburn. "We managed to get one meeting in a month and these were very well attended. We have run three stalls in Palmerston North, bringing in a total of £270, and there were only fourteen of us to work for our stalls. Our first stall, in March, produced £80 for Welfare funds. The profits provided knitted wear for some needy folk. Some of our members took in children. There was a Corso Appeal in Palmerston North and two of our members gave a day packing and sorting clothes. It was hard work for them and very tiring, but we were glad to be represented. Also, they were able to witness as they worked without tea and smokes. October 28, 6:45 a.m., found us taking up our position at the 'Jaycees' Day' stall. We sure had one of the best stocked of the forty-nine stalls in the Square that day. By 4.45 p.m. we were ready to pack up and dismantle, ready for sunset, and when we counted the money, we had £108. We were not a little astonished, as our previous highest figure was £85."

Behold His Glory Crusade D. FOX

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The Executive Committee authorized it. The mission team planned it; and the church people stood behind it. What was it? The Behold His Glory Crusade led by Pastor V. Wood-Stotesbury, assisted by Pastor A. G. Probert and Miss D. Fox, in Dunedin, Scottish City of South New Zealand. Another opportunity for this city, so resistant to the preaching of Seventhday Adventists, to hear God's last message to a muddled world.

To open the crusade two screenings were made of the film: "I Beheld His Glory." So great was the demand for seats that the town hall had to be hired and two sessions run. That night thousands had time to see and hear that the firm base of Adventism is Jesus Christ crucified for the sins of men and risen for their full redemption.

The meetings began on March 6, and so interested did people become that all through the cold winter months they filled the smaller hall chosen by the team. Testimony after testimony was given to the fact that Adventists have a message people are starving for. Many expressed their gratitude for the lectures and affirmed that in all their years of church attendance they had heard nothing to equal the messages from the crusade. Homes opened in the city and suburbs.

and though a number have closed again there is still a solid interest which was first aroused by the crusade, and new homes opening up with good prospects for next year. It has been most revealing to find just how many have had knowledge of the Sabbath truth for many years, but who are unprepared to do anything about it. Surely, only the Lord knows how far the gospel has gone for a witness. Mission figures and church attendance cannot be used to estimate the amount of work still to be done in the earth, for much faithful witnessing has been rejected, but it has been given, and that has fulfilled the gospel commission.

On December 10 a new church company was formed at Green Island, a few miles out of the city. Eighteen of the twentyone charter members were present then, and it is hoped that the membership will be greatly increased as a result of the mission to be held there in 1961.

To date twenty-four have entered the church through baptism. This is the largest number to be recorded in one year in the South New Zealand Conference outside of the city of Christchurch, where there are several churches.

All who have taken part in the crusade feel deeply grateful for God's leading. The work has been blessed, and so also have the workers.

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A Few Feet From Death BETTY MURRAY

An untried year is before us. Can we not step out with confidence as we look back over the year which has passed? It is evident we dare not step out without God's guidance, and I thank Him for His blessings and protection each day as we journey on.

What a wonderful privilege is ours of each day being able to place our lives in His hands! Particular incidents made this very real to me over 1960.

For our annual leave we decided to travel by Landrover from Goroka to Mt. Hagen, 150 miles of narrow, winding, New Guinea road. We spent a very enjoyable fortnight, and darkness was upon us as we neared the last ten miles of mountainous road on our return trip. Rain had been falling heavily, and now through the drizzle we could see, as we rounded a curve, a stream of water across the road ahead. It had cut a gutter in our path, so my husband and a school boy who was returning to Kabiufa College with us, got out of the Landrover to fill the gutter with some sizable rocks. But soon a heavy downpour of rain made them retreat hastily to the vehicle.

We waited, but still the rain continued. We were growing weary, and I thought of our comfortable beds just down in the valley below. So I wasn't terribly thrilled when my husband remarked that if the rain didn't stop in half an hour we would stay the night in the Landrover. I felt too tired to urge or press him to continue the journey; and now I know that the Lord's hand was over us. Scarcely had I settled down and shut my eyes when there was a terrible thundering noise of raging water. Turning on the lights of the Landrover we saw poles and airstrip matting being hurled into the deep gorge below. And just a few feet before us, where was our road only seconds before, was a fifteen-foot chasm! I hate to think what might have happened if we had gone on and the wheels of the Landrover had become bogged in that ditch.

Investigation in the morning showed that a landslide had made a dam in the stream above, but the barrier had given way, allowing a mighty rush of water down to the road. It was a whole week before our vehicle could be driven the remaining ten miles. Once again I thank God for His protection on this occasion.

Later in the year, when we were stationed in Wabag to connect with the hospital building project, I recall vividly a week when I was particularly impressed to pray for my husband's safety. He was living on the hospital site and working on the construction of a home for Dr. Yeatts, while I was staying at East Wabag mission headquarters awaiting the completion of our home. I couldn't think why I should pray, as here in Wabag the day of wild warriors is past. But you can imagine my feelings when at the weekend my husband mentioned how he had escaped a nasty fall. Doctor's house is being built on an extremely windy point of land; and while he was putting the iron on the roof the wind caught a sheet my husband was holding and swept him over. Although he didn't find the ceiling joists very comfortable they saved him from a nasty fall to the flooring joists below.

The native spectators (of whom there is no shortage here at Sopas) were amazed he had not fallen to the ground, and he gave them a lesson on God's protecting care.

We are glad to report some progress on the hospital buildings. Doctor's house is well advanced, the foundations are laid for the sisters' home, clearing has begun on the site for the hospital wards, and Brother Aveling has large stocks of timber cut for the carpenters. Our homes are sufficiently finished for us to occupy them, and this week (January 4) Mrs. Cliff Butler (a sanitarium nurse) and I moved to Sopas.

We love the sunrises as we look down on the fog in the valley below, and are also glad to do a little to relieve the men of the many callers for medicine until Dr. Yeatts' arrival in March. We look forward to the time when the hospital will be completed and fully staffed, and able to care for all cases, some of whom we have now to send eight miles to the Government hospital.

We thank you all for your wonderful and most generous offerings and also for the many prayers that ascend for the missionaries' success and welfare. God bless you all.

Among Our Northern Neighbours

Reports taken from the "Far Eastern Division Outlook," December, 1960)

Evangelism in Kuala Lumpur E. C. SAW

Secretary MV and Public Relations Departments, Malaya Mission

Kuala Lumpur with a population of more than 316,000 is the capital of Malaya. While it is a city of many races and religions, it is predominantly Moslem, for Islam is the state religion. In the city and its outskirts are many mosques, and prayers can be heard repeatedly over loud speakers every day. There are just as many Buddhist temples and Hindu shrines.

For centuries the people in this area have worshipped many gods. Many have no conception of a personal God. Steeped in superstition for hundreds of years, they are bound by many prejudices, customs, and traditions that have caused them to turn their backs on Christ.

The families are closely knit together, and for a member of the family to accept the gospel means that he is a traitor to his home. Seldom does anyone dare to go against his parents' wishes by departing from his ancestors' religion.

But God still works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to them that believe.

Recently a series of evangelistic meetings was concluded in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Kuala Lumpur. The series ran for nine weeks, five nights a week. The young people of the church helped to distribute handbills, provide for the special music, and also served as ushers.

At the close of the meetings a baptismal class was organized. Thus far eleven people have been baptized. Others are still receiving Bible studies. Just lately a new Voice of Prophecy course with personal instruction was introduced. Forty graduated from the course, and some of these have started to attend the church services.

Those who have been baptized have gone through trying experiences. One young man, the only son in the family, came from a home that had for many generations worshipped idols. When he told his mother he was going to be a Seventh-day Adventist she cried and pleaded with him not to disgrace the family name. In spite of bitter opposition he was baptized. Today he is not only rejoicing in the message but is witnessing for his Master in his own home.

A young Indian man whose parents are Hindus was threatened with disinheritance if he continued to attend the meetings. Needless to say, he had to face many trials and overcome many obstacles before he was finally baptized. A young man was an active leader in a Protestant church. When he decided to keep the Sabbath, relatives and friends did their best to put obstacles in his way. Ever since his baptism he has been holding firm to his new-found faith. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

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Open Door of Friendship MRS. C. C. LLAGUNO

While assisting in the Ingathering work at Cagayan de Ora City (Philippines) it was my happy privilege to meet Rachel Guerrero and her husband. They are new converts to Bible truth. Mrs. Guerrero has a Master's degree and she is a consultant and teacher in the Misamis Oriental High School. Striving to be a true witness for Christ, she has never hidden her true identity as a faithful disciple of Jesus. Although working in a government institution, she has not tainted or bartered her Sabbath for the glitter of gold. She sees to it that the Sabbath is kept according to the commandment.

Eager to share her faith among her unbelieving fellow teachers and to raise high the banner of Prince Emmanuel, she endeavours to develop friendly relations between our people and the people of the world. To do this she arranges speaking engagements by requesting our mission and union leaders to speak to the faculty and students in that school.

It was my privilege not only to be invited to speak to the faculty and students but also to conduct a cooking demonstration on a vegetarian diet right in the home economics building. Most of the lady teachers present are wives of prominent government officials in the city. Through these contacts better relations have been created and a better understanding of what Seventh-day Adventism means has been gained.

Inspired by the lectures given and impressed by the demonstration, the members of the faculty made plans to visit Mountain View College for a twofold purpose: (a) to see and observe how our school is run, and (b) to sample and to gain more knowledge about our vegetarian diets and the food served by our culinary department. Mrs. Melandez, the lady principal, may send her son to study there. May these contacts make impressions that will lead these people to Jesus.

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Adventists Defined as "Links" J. O. BAUTISTA

The occasion was a Dorcas rally at the Sampaloc Seventh-day Adventist church in Quezon City (Philippines) in which I was invited to take part. The city mayor was to be the guest speaker that afternoon, but because he could not be present he sent his secretary to represent him at the gathering.

Our part on the programme was to give the opening remarks. We reminded the audience that the nations involved in



Interior of new auditorium, Seoul, Korea.

World War II were divided into what was called the "haves" and "have-nots." We proceeded to make the observation that the people in this world can be similarly classified up to the close of time in the light of the Saviour's statement, "For the poor always ye have with you." John 12:8.

When the mayor's representative stood up to speak he alluded to our remarks in his opening statement. He continued then by saying, "I would like to add another class to the two that were mentioned to us earlier in this programme."

What could it be we wondered! "The third class I would call the 'links'—those who serve to connect the 'haves' with the 'have-nots.'" He then added the complimentary remark, "It is to this class, I believe, that the Seventh-day Adventists belong."

What a very fitting way of depicting the significant role we play as a people, we thought. Don't we do just that in the Ingathering work? We approach those who are rich in this world's goods for donations, and then pass this money into the hands of those who are less fortunate.

But it is not in the sense of bringing relief to the underprivileged alone that



Mrs. Rachel Guerrero, a new convert, who shares her faith with her fellow teachers.

we are to serve as links. The same it true in all our missionary endeavours. The Spirit of prophecy points out that fact in these words: "He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost."—"Ministry of Healing," page 105.

The main objective in the Ingathering campaign, as in any other phase of our work, is that of saving souls. As we endeavour to appeal to the generosity of the donors to give of their means, let us not forget to look for an opening to their hearts and try to lead them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Fellow church members, are you numbered among the "links"?

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One Thousand Wait

C. H. DAVIS President, Korean Mission

A few months ago Pastor Oh Yung Sup received an invitation to hold meetings at a village called Ko Buk. The letter said that a thousand people were waiting for him to come. Pastor Oh could hardly believe that report so he told me that when he had opportunity he would go there to investigate. Recently he went there to hold meetings. He found the report to be true, and now we have a Sabbath school with over 1,200 members in that village. Even in Korea that is a fabulous report.

On a trip to Ahn Myon Do with Pastor A. E. Gibb, we were stopped by some young people who had been helping Pastor Oh with his meetings at Ko Buk. Two young women who joined us in our truck had such hoarse voices that I inquired of them what they had been doing. They told us that during the day they had conducted a Vacation Bible school and at night they had helped Pastor Oh with his meetings. I asked how many had attended the VBS and they said 570 had



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The young women stayed with us for two days on the trip to Ahn Myon and Won San Island, and then they returned to Seoul with us. Even after arriving in Seoul their voices were still hoarse but they were happy. This little story illustrates how some of our youth in Korea are helping to advance the work of God in this land.

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The Island of Bali Stirred P. SITUMPUL

Ministerial Secretary, Indonesia Union Mission

The Island of Bali is known to the Indonesians and especially to the Balinese people as the "Island of the Gods." There is so much to be seen in Bali. Its innumerable and highly decorated temples dot the villages, towns, hills, and mountains, the countryside, and the beaches. Its scenic beauty of terraced rice fields, volcanic mountains and lakes is unique. Its famous dances, its delicate wood and stone carvings, and its varied and delighted the world. A love for art, music, and dances is an embodiment of the nature of its hospitable people.

The Island of Bali is the chief centre of modified Hindu religion in Indonesia. In Bali the Hindu-Buddhist religion was moulded and adjusted to the island's social elements and its original culture and gradually it became what it is today —a unique Bali-Hindu religion. The people devote much of their time to a continual series of colourful religious observances, offerings, purification rites, temple festivals, processions, dances, cremations, and many other religious ceremonies. All of these are usually performed in temple courtyards, on a village square, or even by the wayside.

Bali-Hinduism is basically a polytheistic religion with Shim, Brahma, and Vishnu as the most important gods. Besides these there are many other gods and goddesses to protect them from the evil spirits which they believe surround them in all that they do.

Bali is one of the six large islands in the Nusa Tenggara Mission. In addition to these six, Nusa Tenggara has more than seventeen other smaller islands which have scarcely been entered with the Advent Message as yet. For several years our mission headquarters was located in Kupang, the capital of the Island of Timor. It was situated there because Timor was the only island where there was a considerable number of Adventists. At the time of the last biennial session of the Indonesia Union Mission it was voted to move the mission headquarters to Denpasar, the capital of Bali. One of the main reasons for this transfer was the problem of communication. It was very difficult to reach Kupang by air or by ship. Denpasar is different. It can easily be reached by air, by ship, or by train or bus. At that session it was also



Two young women who helped with the meetings at Ko Buk in the evenings, and during the day ran a Vacation Bible School, attended by over five hundred children.

voted that an evangelistic effort should be launched on the Island of Bali.

The local mission was able to buy an old Roman Catholic building which is now the headquarters for our mission. This building which is also our place of worship, is located in an alley behind the market. It cannot be seen from the main road. We can rightly say it is not satistorily situated. But we are happy that we have been able to set foot on this heathen island.

On Sunday evening, July 3, 1960, the first evangelistic campaign in this virgin field was begun. We rented a hall for six weeks which could accommodate about 200 people. Meetings were conducted four nights each week. On the opening night three government representatives gave welcome speeches. From the start we tried to be very careful not to arouse prejudice toward our campaign. We know that the Government is very suspicious toward any new teaching that would influence and change the customs of the people. They are really proud of the religion of their people. Do not tourists come from all parts of the world to visit Bali because of these religious practices? Is it not a large source of income for the Government?

Before we began our meetings we knew our work would be difficult, for the power of darkness has a stronghold on that island. Every evening several detectives were sent by the police bureau to listen to our speeches. On the second evening as we were about to begin the meeting, the police chief, who had become alarmed because of the title of that night's lecture. "The Next World Empire," came and immediately demanded the projector operator to submit to him the slides for the evening study. I suggested that some other slides be brought to him and he permit us to show the slides for that evening's lecture. He consented, but from that time on every slide which we planned to show had to go to the police bureau for censoring. Even the taking of an offering had to be approved by the governor, and every cent received had to be reported.

There were other obstacles that we had to face in launching our campaign. At the beginning of our campaign many of the Christians and the native people attended our meetings. As the days went by we discovered that it was too hard for the Balinese to follow our message. First, their religion is so confused, and for them to jump from a polytheistic to a monotheistic religion seemed to be too difficult. Secondly, there are no Bibles available. Some of the courageous Balinese approached us for a copy of the Holy Scriptures. They were eager to buy or to borrow, but we were unable to supply them. Quite a number of the natives began to realize that what we preached from the Bible was the truth. They were really surprised that a small book like the Bible could tell the history and progress of the world till the end of time. The Hindu religion in Bali does not possess a holy book such as the Bible for Christians or the Koran for the Moslems. They have some small booklets written by the priests, but each writer presents his own ideas.

(To be concluded)

A Balinese young man in native costume standing near Hindu Bali gods. He has been baptized, and is attending our seminary in Bandung.



Weddings AV

WARD-HILL. The Nunawading church, Melbourne, was a scene of beauty for the wedding of Martin John, son of Brother and Sister C. Ward of Nambucca Heads, N.S.W., and Olga, daughter of Brother and Sister W. G. Hill of Prospect, South Australia. Both are well known in educational work in this state. They are under appointment to the Karalundi Mission, West Australia. We pray that God will richly bless them. W. J. Cole.

CORNELL-KNIGHT. Two well-known Adventist families were happy as they witnessed the wedding of their young people, Brian John, son of Brother and Sister Morris J. Cornell of Toowoomba, and Rowena Joy, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Oliver Knight of Maitland, N.S.W., whose lives were joined together in the Central Brisbane church on December 20, 1960. We are sure that their new home will be a constant blessing to their church and their community. Ken R. Low.

HARKER-ABBOTT. Glenda, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Abbott, and Harold, son of Brother and Sister Stan Harker, were united in wedlock in the Hamilton (North NS.W.) church on December 28, 1960. Both bride and groom are graduate teachers of Avondale, and will be teaching in the church school in Mackay, North Queensland. The occasion was made one of gladness by a marked consciousness of God's presence; by beautiful church decorations, and by the presence of many kind friends. We wish Harold and Glenda the richness of Heaven's blessing as they walk life's way together. R. H. Abbott.

BROWN-ATKINS. At the Stanmore church, Sydney, in the evening of December 22, 1960, the wedding of two wellknown and highly respected workers was celebrated. The contracting parties were Brother Reg K. Brown, H. M. and S. S. secretary for the Greater Sydney Conference, and Miss Mavis M. Atkins, for many years an office secretary in the S.H.F. factory at Lewisham, Sydney. The bridegroom has ministered in several conferences, while the bride has been an enthusiastic church worker. Consequently a very large number of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony. We wish them God's rich blessings as they are used by Him in the finishing of His work. Pastor E. Hon was associated with the writer in the service. A. W. Knight.

ATTWOOD-BEAUMONT. The Bowral (N.S.W.) church witnessed a very pretty wedding on December 18, 1960, when Barrie Carlyon Attwood was united in holy wedlock with Meiba Helene Beaumont. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Attwood of Warburton, Victoria, whilst the bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beaumont of Mittagong, N.S.W. A large gathering of relatives and friends assembled at the church and the reception to wish this happy young couple the very best in life. Barrie has been employed by the Signs Publishing Company, and the bride, until her marriage, was on the office staff of the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital. They will make their home in Glen Huntly, Victoria. We believe they will be an inspiration to all who associate with them. M. Grolimund. SUTTON-CAMPBELL. There was not enough room in the Red Hill church to hold all those who came along on December 12, 1960, to witness the wedding of John Vincent, son of Brother and Sister Vincent Sutton of Mitchelton, Brisbane, to Daphne Eleanor, daughter of Brother and Sister Alexander Campbell of Taringa, Brisbane. May all the blessings that Heaven can bestow rest upon their united lives, was our prayer. Ken. R. Low.



PASCOE. John Pascoe, affectionately known as "Brother John," was called to rest on December 16, 1960, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a brother of the late Pastors Will and James Pascoe and a deeply spiritual man. Until recently, when failing health made retirement necessary, he served the Wanganui church (N.Z.) most faithfully. Our brother served the church in a number of capacities, and during the twenty-nine years that he lived in the district he had the honour of being elected elder fifteen times in succession. After a short service in the church where he had served and worshipped, we laid him to rest in the Aramoho cemetery, where he now awaits the call of the Life-giver.

C. F. Hollingsworth.

WILKINSON. Elizabeth Anne Wilkinson, a loved and faithful member of the Drummoyne church, Sydney, fell asleep December 9, 1960, in her ninety-first year. Her life had been one of consistent witness for her Lord, given with a cheery smile and an indomitable faith, though she knew much of trouble. During an Appeal campaign she was introduced to the Advent Message by Sister Murray of the Drummoyne church, and after her baptism she never wavered in her loyalty. She is survived by five sons. Pastor W. Morris assisted in the funeral services. We gladly urged all present to prepare to meet our sister again when the Lord she loved so well calls her from the grave. May that day come quickly.

A. L. Hefren.

BURNSIDE. Two lovely lives went out into silence to await the coming of the immortal jubilee when John Jarvie and Helene C. Burnside bade farewell to this life on December 22 and 29, 1960. Only a week separated their passing. A devout couple, the beloved parents of the family so well known to us, they journeyed together down the way of life for upwards of fifty years. More than thirty years ago, during our city mission in Christchurch, N.Z., they stepped into the light of the Advent Message. They have left us a legacy in a consecrated family of Adventists. George, so widely known as an evangelist, Mary (Mrs. James) for many years matron of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Tom, elder of the Nelson Church, N.Z., Helene, wife of Brother Ivan Whittaker, who is employed by the S.H.F. Company in Auckland, and Peg, who until her marriage with Brother Robbins of Brisbane was a Bible instructor. These children all arise and call them blessed. In the lawn section of the Northern Suburbs cemetery, Sydney, Pastor D. Sibley and I, assisted by Pastors G. Rollo and W. E. Battye, bade Brother and Sister Burnside a reverent goodnight until "the breaking of the day."

J. W. Kent.

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LUCAS. On December 28, 1960, Sister Adelheid Magdalene Lucas fell asleep in Christ, and thus another link with the early days of the Adventist Church was severed. The latter years of her life of ninety-one years, were clouded by the infirmities of age, but those who knew her best remember her as a devout and diligent student of God's Word and one who loved the message of truth for these last days. Her last resting place is in the beautiful Centennial Park cemetery, Adelaide. Her loved ones look forward to a joyful reunion when Jesus comes. S. C. Butler.

SIPPIE. A well-known and respected member of the Innisfail (Nth. Qld.) church, Sister Ada Sippie, passed away on December 17, 1960, and was tenderly laid to rest in the Bulimba cemetery in Brisbane. Everybody who knew her loved her. Nurses and doctors at the Brisbane. Hospital were touched by her simple faith in God. She accepted the Advent Message about forty years ago and was a loyal member till her death at the age of seventy-three years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her dear husband and daughter, and other relatives who mourn their loss, but who look forward to the certain hope of the resurrection when Jesus appears to give life to those who sleep in Him. W. A. Baines.

THANKS

I wish to thank our many Adventist friends who offered earnest prayer on behalf of my late husband, Pastor A. G. Judge, and who have since his death expressed to me in so many ways their loving sympathy. All this has meant much to me in this hour of sorrow. Gwen M. Judge.

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CORRECTION

In a recent issue of the "Record" the age of Mrs. Edna M. Hartley of Christchurch, N.Z., was given in the obituary notice as sixty-six instead of fify-six. We apologize for this error.

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THE MILLENNIUM

The idea that the millennial reign of the saints with Christ would be on earth and that it would be a period of peace and prosperity came from a misunderstanding of certain Old Testament prophecies that suggest such a golden age. The school of prophetic interpretation known as "chiliasm," and the period known as a "chiliad," derive from the Greek word for "thousand."

It was once a popular idea, even among religionists, to believe that the world was getting progressively better, and that it would eventually reach a golden age of peace and tranquillity. With variations, this idea also included a Messianic reign. More recently, however, progressive betterment has receded under the shock of possible sudden annihilation.

1. The World Before the Millennium

Matt. 24: 37-39. "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Men will continue their usual pursuits right up to the very end of time. "The same sins exist in our day which brought the wrath of God upon the world in the days of Noah. Men and women now carry their eating and drinking to gluttony and drunkenness. This prevailing sin, the indulgence of perverted appetite, inflamed the passions of men in the days of Noah and led to general corruption, until their violence and crimes reached to heaven, and God washed the earth of its moral pollution by a flood." ("Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 163.) See Gen. 6:5, 6 on God's attitude to antediluvian wickedness and compare 2 Tim. 3:1-5 on Paul's delineation of last-day wickedness

2. Initial Events of the Millennium

John 14:1-3. "I will come again." This is Christ's own promise, and is the central truth in the study of eschatology, or of the last events in world history. His coming is the crisis of divine intervention. It begins with the first resurrection: "The dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thess. 4: 16. The resurrected and the living saints shall reign "with Christ a thousand years." (Rev. 20:4.) This is a period during which "judgment was given unto them." Doubtless this period is occupied in receiving enlightenment on God's purposes, judgments, future plans. It ends with the second resurrection, that of the wicked. (Rev. 20:5.)

2 Thess. 2:7-10, R.S.V. "The mystery of lawlessness is already at work... And the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and destroy him by



His appearing and His coming." The "fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries" (Heb. 10:27) is the "sudden destruction" that destroys the wicked living at Christ's coming. (1 Thess. 5:3.) "In the mad strife of their own fierce passions, and by the awful outpouring of God's unmingled wrath, fall the wicked inhabitants of the earth—priests, rulers, and people, rich and poor, high and low." — "The Great Controversy." page 657.

John 14:1-3. "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." The Second Advent has a twofold purpose: (1) To judge the wicked, and (2) to deliver the church.

3. Events of the Millennial Reign

Rev. 20: 1, 2. "He laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years." The angel had "the key of the abyss," an idiomatic expression such as when we say "the key of the situation." The earth is devoid of beings for Satan to deceive and he is confined to contemplation of his dastardly work. "His sufferings are intense," and he must "look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future, when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done."—"Great Controversy," page 660; see context. 1 Cor. 6: 1, 2. "Do ye not know that the

1 Cor. 6: 1, 2. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?" To initiate litigation before heathen judges was, to

The King of Glory

When royal colours deck the sky-Red, gold and purple flame on high-Awed heart and voice in rapture sigh, "The King of Glory passeth by."

When thunder clouds rough chariots form, When mountain peaks are lightning torn,

On wings of wind the cry is borne, "The King of Glory rides the storm."

When night skies gleam from south and north,

And ordered starry hosts rejoice, O'er leagues of space there falls a

voice—

"The King of Glory calls thee forth."

When from the ocean's dashing tide The sun to rule the day doth rise. "Oh, Sun of Righteousness" earth cries,

"Ride forth, thou King of Glory, ride."

- Pale, sun and star; pass, clouds of sin, Set everlasting gates ajar! With willing captings from afar
- With willing captives from afar, "The King of Glory enters in!"

-Muriel Ferris.

Paul, inconsistent in God's saints who shall judge the world. Daniel had foretold that "judgment was given to the saints of the most high" as well as "the kingdom and dominion" itself. (Dan. 7: 22, 27.) This judgment of the wicked takes place during the thousand years.

4. Events at the End of the Millennium

Rev. 20:5. "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." The raising of the wicked hosts restores life and activity on earth, provides Satan's last malignant effort to deceive, and sets the stage for the final execution of judgment on sin and sinners.

Rev. 20:3. "After that [end of the thousand years] he must be loosed a little season." Christ has now come the third time with the redeemed and angel hosts in terrible majesty, and the New Jerusalem "in its dazzling splendour, comes down out of heaven... Now Satan prepares for a last mighty struggle for the supremacy... As the wicked dead are raised, and he sees the vast multitudes upon his side, his hopes revive, and he determines not to yield the great controversy,"—"The Great Controversy," page 663.

Rev. 20: 7-9. "And they [Satan and his hosts] . . . compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city." This is the final abortive attempt to overthrow Christ, the saints, and righteousness. Its awful nature we cannot conceive, for naked fiendishness and every cruelty and deception are practised, even to claiming that Satan has raised the hordes who now follow him. See "The Great Controversy," page 663.

Malachi 4:1. "Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

"Now Christ again appears to the view of His enemies. Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son. The brightness of His presence fills the city of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance."—Id., page 665.

Rev. 21:1. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth." This sentence summarizes the highest hopes of all the ages. "The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away" and the only remaining reminder of the old things are the Redeemer's "marks of His crucifixion." Here there is no regret, pain, tears, night, death. Immortal minds will explore the secrets of the universe that now baffle mankind. "From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love."-Id., page 678.—"Review and Herald."

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BREVITIES

Winner of an Australian Government bursary, Miss Bettina Chitty of New Caledonia, has come to Avondale to study and hopes later to train as a nurse. Miss Chitty is a member of a well-known Adventist family on her home island.

Pastor R. S. Watts, a field secretary for the General Conference, left Sydney on February 2, intending to visit the Coral Sea Union Mission on his way to the Far Eastern Division. During his three months of roving through Australasia, attending camp-meetings and other gatherings, he made many friends and seemed like one of us. His ministry was much appreciated.

The Australasian Missionary College has the largest number of entrance applications in history and a record enrolment is expected. The new administration and classroom block will be ready for occupation within a few weeks of the college opening on February 14. It has also come to our ears that several weeks ago Pastor R. Reye, principal of W.A.M.C., had received his 107th application, and that the few rooms on the third floor of the old boys' dormitory were being renovated and painted to accommodate some of the extra students expected.

Pastor Karl Brook, who has been engaged in literature-evangelism in Sydney for some years, has been appointed to Dargaville, North New Zealand, where he will care for the church. Pastor and Mrs. Brook previously spent an extended period in mission service in Fiji, and we know they will be a blessing to the Dargaville members

On six months' leave from the Youngberg Hospital in Singapore, after almost five years of service, Miss Marjorie Greive landed in Sydney on February 1. She was accompanied by Miss Irene Howe. a teacher in the Hawthorn central school, Melbourne, who spent the Christmas vacation on a flying visit to the East as far as Hong Kong.

"I would like to say how much we appreciate the 'Record,'" writes Sister Fay A. Askin from Rarotonga, Cook Islands. "One is apt to feel rather isolated here, where mails are a trifle irregular, and it gives us a real lift when a batch of 'Records' arrive and we can catch up on all the news. Many thanks for making it such an interesting paper."

Of Sister J. Stobart, whose lamented death occurred recently, Pastor C. S. Palmer says: "For the past twelve years our late sister and her husband cared for the Manly Flats, where their warm friendliness made a home for a constant stream of passing missionaries, home field staff, and church members from far and near. As a member of the Manly church, Sister Stobart's smile made every visitor feel at home, while her busy needle plied day and night for the needy about her and the more necessitous across the sea."

Pastor R E Hare continues to gather honours for his service in the Venerable Order of St. John. Among the promotions published by this organization in the 'Sydney Morning Herald" on February 2 was Pastor Hare's elevation to grade of Knight of Grace (K.St.J.). This is the highest position to which a layman may attain in the St. John Association. Pastor Hare is still an instructor at the Australian School of Pacific Administration. We are very proud of his long period of service given in the cause of humanity.

Among the large number of pressmen and cameramen at the International Motor Race and connected events in Sydney on January 30, was Pastor E. H. J. Steed, who was busy interviewing Australian and other world-famous car drivers and taking photos. Among those with whom he talked were Jack Brabham (Australia), Stirling Moss (England), and Dan, Gurney (U.S.A.). Brother Steed was well satisfied with the statements and other material he obtained for "Alert" and plans to prepare a special number for June featuring the attitude of these leading car-racing men toward liquor and tobacco. This should be an outstanding issue, and readers who wish to order extra copies for liberal distribution should send their requests to their local conference secretary not later than mid-April.

More and more our island members are filling positions of responsibility within the organization, which fact brings us all keen satisfaction. Word has come that Assistant Medical Officer Joeli of Fiji, who has been in government service, left Suva on January 20, bound for the New Hebrides. He will be the medical officer in charge of the Aore mission hospital which is due to open very soon.

The financial report which has just been prepared for eleven months of 1960 (up to the end of November) indicates that every union in the home and island field of the Australasian Division made a gain in its operating. This is most encouraging, and reflects on the faithfulness of the membership in tithes and offerings. It also shows care and economy in operating by those in charge of the conferences and the institutions.

Two recent retirements from the Health Food Company's service are Brother Glen Radley who has given forty years at the Cooranbong factory, and Brother Ian J. I. Wright who for forty-one years has been a familiar figure in the Melbourne Wholesale and Retail Branches. Brother and Sister Wright are expecting to move their home to Sydney. We wish these brethren and their wives God's blessing in a more restful period of their lives.

During the first few days of February reinforcements, in the vigour of youth, left Sydney for various parts of New Guinea. Brother and Sister Milton McFarlane will have charge of the Boliu school on Mussau. Brother and Sister R. Dixon, both teachers, will be attached to the Jones Missionary College. Miss Billie McCallum of Melbourne, has joined the staff of the Hatzfeld Hansenide Colony near Madang. And Brother Lionel Smith is the first Australian to enter Dutch New Guinea. He will be stationed in Hollandia, not far over the border of the Australian territory of New Guinea. Sister Smith and the children will follow later.

Recording the death of Brother J. J. Burnside, which appears in this issue, Pastor J. W. Kent recalls his conversion: "Father Burnside heard one sermon-it was on the testing truth-and one Bible study. Then he turned to me and declared, 'That's enough for me. The Lord savs. "At what instant I speak, let him repent." I do that and accept what He has for us.' That was characteristic of the man he was-honest, forthright and true. In his earlier manhood, Father Burnside was engaged in the Christchurch tramways, where hundreds of men were employed. During some trouble that arose in the works, the manager said to him: 'I regard you as the most honest man in these works.' A tribute truly deserved. Sister Burnside was ever among the loveliest of characters," Pastor Kent continues. "'I cannot think of anyone who was more faithful and sincere than Father and Mother.' This is the family's tribute to their memory. It would grace any tombstone."