



## Adventist Church Officially Recognized in Jordan

PRESIDENT WILCOX THANKS KING HUSSEIN IN SPECIAL AUDIENCE

ON Monday, January 30, Pastor H. A. Wilcox, president of the Middle East Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was received in audience by His Majesty King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan. The purpose of the audience was to thank the king for his graciousness in granting his royal assent to the recommendation of the Ministerial Council that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jordan be officially recognized as a religious organization.

The Adventist Church in the Jordan has long been recognized as a mission organization, but this is the first time it has been accepted as a national body under Jordanian leadership.

Accompanying Pastor Wilcox in the audience were: Pastor V. A. Fenn, division treasurer; Pastor Anees Haddad, secretary of the International Temperance Association in this territory; and two officers of the church in Jordan; Naim Mashni, president, and Salim Hasbani, secretary-treasurer.

In speaking to the king, Pastor Wilcox said the Adventist Church in Jordan operated schools, conducted a welfare society, and promoted a strong temper-



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ance programme. He then presented the king with a silver tray inscribed: "A gift of gratitude to His Majesty King Hussein the Great from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jordan. Long live the King! January 30, 1961."

The king on his part received the delegation with great kindness and grace and indicated his desire to be of help at any time he was needed.

In true Arab style, Pastor Naim Mashni recited an Arabic poem composed by one of our members, Ibrahim

Sweidan, in which was expressed the loyalty and devotion of all the Adventist members who are subjects of the king. Pastor Mashni added that the Bible enjoined a duty and obligation to honour the king, but that in the case of the Jordanian members they found their duty a delight because they are serving a king who has granted religious freedom and who is always working for the welfare of his subjects.

In view of the fact that South Jordan is suffering from a severe drought and many tribes are experiencing great hardships, the secretary-treasurer, Salim Hasbani, presented a cheque to the king to help in the campaign of alleviating distress as much as possible. This cheque represented the desire of all Adventist members to help their fellow beings when in distress.

The granting of official recognition to the Adventist Church in Jordan means that ministers can pursue their work without let or hindrance. Marriages in our churches are also legal. Matters of personal status can be decided within the church instead of being taken to outside courts. Everyone rejoices in this new status of the church.

## The Impossible Takes a Little Longer!

Weary and worn church school board members, take courage! It can be done.

In governmental opinion the Adventist schools in Samoa have taken a very risky step. They started Home and School Associations, in line with our denominational policies. In particular I'd like to mention the one we have at the Adventist central school here in Lalovaea.

The accompanying photograph shows our Brother Sauni Kuresa, who was duly elected by the usual processes, as our president. Next, on the left is Evile, our non-Adventist parent who is the vice-president. At the front right is our teaching brother, Ieti Fuatai, who holds the Association purse. In the back row we see our Mission president, Pastor D. I. Jenkins, and between him and Brother D. E. Hay, our headmaster, we have three non-Adventist members of the Association, representing the different districts from which our pupils are mostly drawn.

The idea is very new and the concepts that we are trying to develop have by no means fully matured as yet; but most definite progress has been made.

At our first big meeting Brother Sauni had the MV Band in attendance to provide some music, and just as the meeting commenced he sprang the surprise of the evening—a theme song for our Association especially composed for the occasion. With a little practice our meeting mastered the words and tune with enthusiasm. The rafters literally rang with "Puna O Mea Lelei"—"The Source of Good Things." Quite an apt theme for any Home and School Association, don't you think?

I think you'll enjoy the thought content, even if it no longer sounds like a song after translation—

Parents and school arise,  
Let us train leaders for Samoa;  
Do not be discouraged nor apathetic,  
Let us train leaders for Samoa.

The source of good things,  
The source of good things,  
May thy sacrifice be accepted.  
Parents, arise and lift up your school  
For the sake of your children.

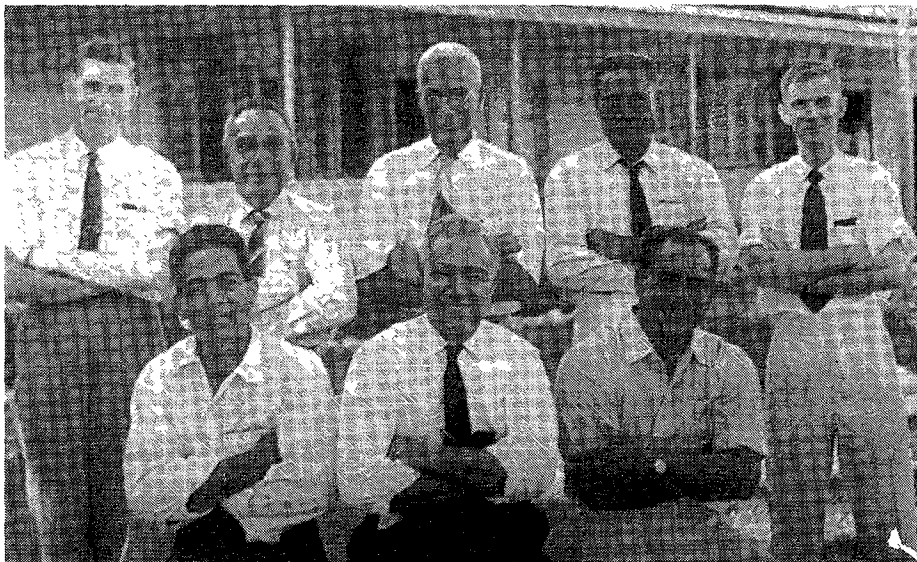
May your son be wise,  
May your daughter be honourable—  
May your children be spotless.

What school board won't heartily endorse the lines,

Parents, arise and lift up your school  
For the sake of your children.

True, much of the way is often difficult, but I'm convinced if we follow the counsel given, the Lord adds His blessing, and it CAN be done.

From nothing, in the few months we've been operating, we have raised approximately £16 by freewill donations from the parents towards some climbing bars for the school playground. In other and more important directions we have made good progress. Each month there has been a meeting held and the school staff



Home and School Association board, Samoa.

and the parents now understand each other very much better than before.

Each meeting we have tried to give at least one demonstration lesson so the parents can see a little of what school is like and how we go about doing what we claim to be able to do in our school.

(These lessons have been particularly valuable. Remember, many of the parents have never been to school themselves. Others who have had some schooling went to school in the days of "singing and slates"—in other words, those days even before "readin, 'n ritin 'n rithmetic.") It's hard for some parents to grasp the idea that school is vastly different now from what it was then. The lessons, especially when their own children are performing, are really enjoyed, and we have found they intelligently support us now in any request for books, school supplies, etc.

Our Samoan people are very intelligent; and though the process of showing "why" we do a thing is often slow, it brings rewards when once they understand. For example, we had some real queries as to why "all the fuss about school uniforms." It was easy to show them that if their child was to be fitted up properly for a responsible position in any firm then he would need to develop the HABIT of tidiness. A habit, we pointed out is formed

only by much practice. Uniform was one of our ways of teaching the child neatness and personal tidiness. It was at once clear, and we've had practically no questions on it since; but some rather excellent co-operation.

Then, too, we've made it a practice to include at least one talk per meeting on the real aims of our education, stressing the close relation of academics to character, and showing the futility of head knowledge without a heart training. Fortunately for our illustration purposes, but unfortunately for Samoa, we have some examples of young Samoans educated to a high standard overseas, but who have returned to their homes only to bring shame to themselves and their families and their villages, by getting into serious troubles morally, and some into gaol for dishonesty. Examples like that hit home if properly handled, and we did our best to make them hit home with the Lord's help.

The character aspect has been reinforced, we feel, by another effort of ours. Each night we have endeavoured to get some prominent public citizen to come along and address the parents. People such as the Prime Minister's wife, and the Minister for Justice have come and helped us. Almost without exception they laid stress on the importance of following Biblical principle in education and the co-operation of home and school. It's surely good ammunition to have in one's bag, the words of one of the respected and prominent citizens. Credit for this part of the programme must surely go to Brother Sauni Kuresa, whose personal approach as president has gained the co-operation of these leading people.

And so we hope, dear brethren and supporters in the homeland, that you'll take courage from our little experience here in Samoa. Learn to sing with our Samoan brethren, for the Home and School Association surely is

"The source of good things—  
Puna o mea lelei!"

"The book of nature is a great lesson-book, which in connection with the Scriptures we are to use in teaching others of His character, and guiding lost sheep back to the fold of God. As the works of God are studied, the Holy Spirit flashes conviction into the mind. It is not the conviction that logical reasoning produces; but unless the mind has become too dark to know God, the eye too dim to see Him, the ear too dull to hear His voice, a deeper meaning is grasped, and the sublime, spiritual truths of the written Word are impressed on the heart."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 24.

## South Australian Camp and Session

C. DAVID MORGAN

Secretary, South Australian Conference

Immediately following the close of our Union Conference Youth Congress in Adelaide, the South Australian 1961 camp session convened from January 5-14. At the same time our Union Conference Educational Department held its convention. Two hundred tents and about twenty-five caravans taxed to the uttermost our ground space and equipment.

The timely and stirring messages presented by our visiting General Conference brethren, Pastors R. S. Watts and A. C. Fearing, together with the excellent help provided by our division and union delegates, in the persons of Pastors F. G. Clifford, H. White, G. Burnside, P. A. Donaldson, L. C. Coombe, and R. N. Price was greatly appreciated. An exceptionally happy and excellent spirit prevailed, and all were conscious of the presence of the Lord at our meetings.

The reports which were brought to the delegates showed progress in all departments, and it was particularly gratifying to learn that the membership has now grown to 2,121, while the tithe increased by £11,000 over last year, to the record figure of £67,877. The Sabbath school offering totalled £410, and the Missions Appeal brought in more than £1,200.

The new brick Book and Bible House room and administrative offices were very much appreciated by both our staff and members. This building provided much-needed protection for our valuable books against weather conditions of dust and rain.

On the first Sabbath afternoon of the convocation Brother W. I. Marr was ordained in the gospel ministry.

These new officers and leaders for the ensuing two years were appointed: President, C. D. Judd; secretary-treasurer, C.

D. Morgan. Departmental secretaries: Home Missionary and Sabbath School, I. W. White; Public Relations, O. K. Anderson; MV and Temperance, K. H. Mead; V.O.P., J. H. Wade; Educational and Religious Liberty, C. D. Judd; Publishing, A. J. Bath; Book and Bible House manager, D. J. Silver.

Executive Committee: C. D. Judd, C. D. Morgan, I. W. White, J. H. Wade, B. E. Bobin, C. Robson, A. G. Nelson, K. Wagner, H. Howie.

### Distribution of Field Staff

Metropolitan area: O. K. Anderson, J. H. Wade, R. Bullas, S. H. Wood, F. M. Slade, C. A. Townend.

Country districts: D. Lamb, Berri; A. Peterson, York Peninsula; H. Roberts, Eyre Peninsula; H. W. Gunter, South-East, G. B. Helsby, Murray Bridge.

Pastor C. H. Rieckmann will continue caring for our New Australian believers while Pastor S. C. Butler will engage in pastoral ministry in the city.

With renewed courage and confidence in the Lord's leading we look forward to another year of service in soul-winning, for which bold plans have been prepared.

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## Reading Room for Primary Pupils

NOEL H. J. SMITH

Dotted in strategic locations around the continent of Australia are forty-two church schools where almost two thousand boys and girls are being educated for eternity.

Zillmere, an outer suburb of Brisbane, is the site of one such school, in a delightful setting of trees with ample playground space. The school is out of the busy traffic lanes of the city.

The headmaster, Brother R. Fox, has established himself firmly and has a well

disciplined school with very commendable academic results.

There is room for expansion and it is hoped that many more of our people will, as they give consideration to their children's education for 1961, send their precious heritage to their own church school, where they may be educated for eternity as well as for this life.

Mrs. Twist has built into the primary grades a special reading room. This unique feature has quickly developed the children's desire for reading.

The intermediate grades teacher is Mrs. M. Clarke, and her room is a capacity house. An unselfish spirit was revealed by her children when for Christmas each child brought a gift for some unfortunate child in the city.

The scholarship examination was undertaken by five girls, four of whom were baptized at the year end, and thus the church school assisted in the Jubilee Year harvest of souls.

## Soul-winner of the Sidewalks

MIKE A. JONES

From such heights as the top of the Empire State Building to such depths as a submarine, Pauline Goddard, literature-evangelist, wins souls to the Lord in many cities of the United States selling "Listen" temperance magazine and other literature on the sidewalks of our nation.

Standing atop the Empire State Building a short time ago, Pauline presented her magazines to a potential customer. The man shook his head. He spoke only Spanish. So Pauline presented her canvass in Spanish, and the man made a purchase. In Washington, D.C., she recently went aboard a docked submarine and sold her magazines to several of the underseas personnel.

My initial interview with Pauline was in Miami, Pauline telling about her work, then darting off to present her magazines to a passer-by. Watching her, I noted that whether or not she sold, she always managed to leave an invitation for the prospect to enrol in a Bible correspondence course.

A little hazel-eyed brunette of thirty-one who looks twenty-one, Pauline works afternoons and evenings, selling her magazines into the lonely hours of the night and sometimes early morning "to reap souls," she says. "Also I can contact many people on the streets who might not be reached in any other way," she explains.

Pauline's success is reflected not only in her annual average of at least \$6,000 in sales, but also in the many persons she has won to the church.

Recently while selling in Florida she met a serviceman who had a drinking problem. The young man's wife had divorced him because of this. After talking with him, Pauline left a copy of "Listen." The next time she saw him was on a bus she was taking to the Youth Congress in Atlantic City. The serviceman



Special reading room for Grade One pupils, Zillmere Adventist school.

told her that "Listen" helped him to stop drinking.

I asked Pauline whether or not she gets lonely working on the streets late at night. (Her husband is away much of the time travelling by ship for an oil firm.) "I have no time to get lonely," she said, "I'm so busy working, writing up my experiences, and travelling that at night when I get home I'm so tired I just fall into bed."

On a recent trip Pauline unsuccessfully presented her magazines to a young Navy serviceman. The young man told her he drank because he was lonely. Later when she was ready to go home he came back to tell her he was going to stop drinking. She had prayer with him on the street, and he thanked her for it. Pauline left him temperance literature and "Steps to Christ," and enrolled him in a Bible correspondence course.

She tells of a reformed alcoholic who had recently purchased a copy of "Listen." He asked, "Why isn't this wonderful journal circulated more?" He enrolled in a Bible correspondence course and donated an organ to one of our churches.

Pauline's work takes her to the "stars," for she has given literature to many celebrities. On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., she presented temperance literature to President Eisenhower on his birthday. "I wished him a happy birthday. Then we shook hands, and he thanked me for the literature," she says.

So Pauline Goddard, petite soul-winner of the sidewalks, travels from city to city selling literature, giving invitations to free Bible correspondence courses, and telling those she meets of the faith she knows so well.—"Pacific Union Recorder."

the depression days of 1928 it was entirely possible that I would lose my job, but ever since I have been able to keep my promise, and the Lord has given me prosperity.

During the following week scores of ministers, friends, and acquaintances came to our house to argue with me concerning these "new teachings," as they called the original doctrines of Jesus and His disciples. Priests and ministers of different churches, who all differed with one another in beliefs, united to condemn me, trying to convince me that the "new" doctrines were from the devil and that I should have nothing to do with them.

"I acknowledge," I said, "that from a human standpoint many of your arguments are true. As you say, we may fall into poverty; I may lose my position and influence; my children may have to stop their education. But I would rather meet all these conditions than face what I believe would be the displeasure of God. I do not know what will happen to us, but I would rather lose everything I possess in the world than to lose the favour of Heaven. And one thing is certain—God will not forsake me. My children may lose the privilege of receiving an education, but I would rather they lose that than lose heaven and eternal life."

Friends and relatives came to sympathize with the family, convinced that this action of their supporter would be worse than his death.

It was a time of real trial and temptation. I spent much time in prayer that the will of God might be done. My wife was often crying. When a prominent minister refused a cup of coffee at her hand, because he did not wish to drink in a home so soon to be ruined, she burst into tears.

For her encouragement I spoke up. "This may be a false prophecy; my home will be built up, not ruined."

The three succeeding months of trial were a time of great blessing, for they brought to me the richest and most wonderful experiences I had ever had. It seemed that by day and night I was in close connection with heaven.

At the railway office I wrote out a request to have Sabbaths free, and at the same time tendered my resignation if the request should not be granted. This I presented in person to the superintendent. After reading the request, he spoke to me kindly, but said he thought something had gone wrong with my mind. He read the paper carefully once more, then tore it up and threw it into the wastepaper basket. He was the son of a Protestant minister, and he asked me to bring to him the pastor who had convinced me that I ought to keep the seventh day, that they might discuss the question together.

I brought Pastor Essery, who entered into discussion with him. I withdrew and left them alone while I went on with my work in the office. Later in the day the superintendent said to me, "No wonder you were convinced! That preacher nearly persuaded me. I was afraid even I would be led astray by him."

When the next Thursday came I asked again to have the Sabbath free. For one

## The Harvest of Decision

By FARAG ASSAD, as told to ELLA M.

ROBINSON

(Continued)

The next Sabbath was by chance a public holiday. When it arrived, very early in the morning I said to my wife, "I intend to meet with the company in the apartment again today."

"We will go with you," she said, "we must not let those crazy people snatch you away from us."

She dressed the children in their best, and we all started for the place of meeting. As we walked the distance to the meeting place I felt weak. But my heart was glad, for I hoped that some words they would hear might take root in their hearts. My wife, our seven children, and I made up more than half the congregation that morning.

Pastor Nils Zerne, the mission president from Jerusalem, had come to visit, and he gave a very earnest talk, the subject of which was, "How God Restores His Image in Fallen Man." That sermon lived in my heart and is alive with me to this day.

He said that if man is able to take filthy rags and turn them into clean, smooth, white paper to be used in writing, how much more can God take lost man and restore him to righteousness. The rags are put into one boiler after another until they are cleansed of all filth. Then they are laid out on a flat surface and pressed with a hot iron. So God puts us through one process of purifying after another to cleanse us from sin and make us into new creatures in His likeness and with holy thoughts and desires.

Then he spoke of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, which was to be observed that day, explaining how we could partake of the very life of God through the impartation of the Holy Spirit. He invited all those who desired to do so to take part in the service. I was thankful that my wife and children could hear that sermon; I prayed that God's Spirit would win them.

Pastor Zerne passed the cup and plate himself. As he drew near me with the tray in his hand, he whispered in my ear, inviting me to join with the others. I answered that I could not do so because I was not keeping the Sabbath.

"This is the time to begin," he said. "Take part now and make a covenant with God, and He will help you to keep it." Partaking of this symbol of the body and blood of Christ was a most solemn occasion to me. I promised to walk with God in obedience no matter what should happen to me, and I resolved definitely to keep the Sabbath. The peace of God filled my heart, yet I trembled, too.

That day, knowing that my future was at stake, I made another covenant with God. Like Jacob of old, I lifted my heart in prayer, saying, "Lord, if Thou wilt give me and my family bread to eat and clothing to wear, I will return to Thee a tenth of all that Thou wilt give me." During



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time only it was granted. Never again, although I presented the same request every Thursday for a number of weeks, did I have permission for my absence on the Sabbath.

Returning to work on Sunday morning, I would be asked, "Why did you absent yourself on Saturday without permission?"

My answer was always the same: "To worship God."

Then I would be given a warning of severe punishment if such absence were repeated. I was requested to note that the warning bore an authoritative signature. But in spite of this I continued to absent myself from work every Sabbath, leaving the consequences with God. Thirteen times my request was refused.

Once I was called to interview the secretary-general. He repeated the question, "Why did you absent yourself on Saturday?" I answered, "You know the reason. It was to worship God according to His commandment." "You are here in government employ," he said, "and your rest day is Friday. You have to obey the rules. If you do not wish to do so you will have to quit."

I was troubled to know how to answer him. After a silent prayer for wisdom, I replied, "Your Excellency, I am employed in a railway administration that runs its trains every day of the week. There must be some offices that open every day. Can't I work in the traffic or goods department that operates every day of the week?"

He hesitated. Then after a moment, which I spent in silent prayer, he said to me, "Go search for a substitute who will exchange offices with you."

I went around to all the offices, trying to find someone who could transfer with me, but found none. Many replied that they did not understand my work, that it was too difficult for them. They did not have an education in English, which was needed to do acceptable correspondence and typing in that language.

I had to return and inform my superior that no one could be found to take my place. I pleaded with him to give the dismissal order himself, since his position of authority would enable him to settle the whole thing quickly. This he was not willing to do. He simply passed along to the general manager a committee report recommending my dismissal. After carefully examining my case, however, and finding that I was not a troublemaker and that the real reason offered for my dismissal was my unwillingness, for conscientious reasons, to work on a certain day of the week, the general manager decided that I be transferred to the traffic department, in which I could have Sabbaths free.

My colleagues, who had expected me to be dismissed, and from whom I had endured much sarcasm and ridicule, exclaimed, "This is but the finger of God."

During the next twenty years, while I was employed as deputy traffic manager of the Egyptian State Railways, many enticements to better-paying positions were offered to me if I would give up Sabbath-keeping. And there were frequent threats



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of dismissal if I refused. But in my heart there was perfect rest and happiness, for I had put my future in God's hands.

My wife and children accompanied me every week to the Adventist meetings, and often on Sunday nights. The pastor also visited us each week, and studied the Bible with us. The family no longer regarded him as Satan, but as an angel of the Lord. A year after my conversion my wife and eldest son were baptized, and one by one the other children followed as they reached the proper age. During the first six years after my conversion two more children, a girl and a boy, were born to us.

We established family worship and studied our Sabbath school lessons every morning. At the evening worship hour we read chapters of the Bible. Every Friday afternoon, half an hour before sunset, we gathered on the house-top to welcome the Sabbath with singing. As twilight deepened and darkness came on, we repeated scripture and talked of the wonderful works of God and of our own Christian experiences.

On Sabbath afternoons we often went to a public garden not far from our home with an Adventist couple who were at the time operating treatment rooms in the heart of Cairo, and sometimes we went to the homes of other members. We would sing to the accompaniment of the mandolin, read and pray, and tell of the progress of the church and of the wonderful providences of God in caring for and delivering His people in times of need.

If relatives or neighbours came to visit us in our home on Sabbath and began to talk of business affairs or other things of a secular nature, we would tell them, "It is not lawful to speak of such things during the sacred hours of the Sabbath. It is our custom to read the Bible and talk of God. Let us put off this conversation until tomorrow."

They would ask, "Why are you so particular?"

Then I would open the Bible and read to them the reasons for keeping the Sabbath. My sister, her daughter and the grandchildren accepted the Sabbath.

(To be concluded)

## An Apple a Day

T. C.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away!" Does it? Well, not quite, but that particular fruit and its counterpart might help in lowering the cholesterol level of your blood. So said a prominent physiologist attending the American Heart Association meeting recently.

Now this is something to think about. Especially when so many people are afflicted with some form of artery disease, and many of them learn of their trouble the hard way—a stroke or heart seizure.

While medical science associates other factors—hypertension, inactivity, heredity, and obesity—with the problem, it generally concedes that a high quantity of fatty material in the blood is one of the major factors in producing a heart-artery disease. No one, the authorities contend, can say that a low level of cholesterol in the blood alone will prevent a heart attack, but an individual runs less risk if his blood pressure is lower.

Evidence was presented at the meeting that Italians experience a far lower rate of coronary trouble than Americans. The reason suggested was the Italian diet. Italians eat far more leafy vegetables and fruit than do Americans. Naturally, the physiologist reasoned that some ingredient in these foods restricted the level of cholesterol and fatty materials in Italian blood. What could it be?

The physiologist's research came up with an ingredient called pectin, a carbohydrate housewives use to make jelly jell. Further experiments revealed that fifteen grams of pectin daily for a three-week period lowered blood cholesterol by ten milligrams. The prescribed pectin corresponds roughly to the amount found in two apples.

Now please, after reading this, do not dismiss your doctor and start eating apples by the bushel. By all means, if you are afflicted with heart trouble, pay attention to your doctor.

The purpose of this article is to help Adventists sense that science is confirming something that God has already revealed to His people. Long ago, the year 1905 to be exact, Mrs. E. G. White wrote:

"Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables constitute the diet chosen for us by our Creator. These foods prepared in as simple and natural a manner as possible, are the most healthful and nourishing. They impart a strength, a power of endurance, and a vigour of intellect, that are not afforded by a more complex and stimulating diet."—"Counsels on Diet and Foods," page 310.

With science steadily confirming our health principles, Adventists would do well to heed the same counsel in the volume, "Counsels on Diet and Foods," by Ellen G. White. Read the book in its entirety. Avoid making a fetish of isolated passages that suit your fancy.

In addition, the women of our churches should be past masters in preparing nourishing meals for their families. There is much religion in a tasty and balanced meal.—"Central Union Reaper."

## Weddings

**IRELAND-BUTTERWORTH.** December 23, 1960, was the day chosen by Brother F. Ireland and Sister E. Butterworth to take the vows of holy matrimony at the altar of the Gisborne (North New Zealand) church. May God bless their united lives and service for Him. J. B. Trim.

**CLARKE-JAHNKE.** On December 29, 1960, in the Glenhutti church, Victoria, Kenneth Clarke and Jessamine Jahnke were united in holy wedlock. These young people were baptized in 1959, and spent 1960 as students of the Australasian Missionary College. They plan to make their home at Cooranbong, where they will continue their preparation for a place of service in the cause of the Master whom they love sincerely. May God bless them with an increasing joy. H. S. Streeter.

**BELLETTE-REYNOLDS.** The wedding of Dorothy Jean Reynolds and Max Bellette in the prettily decorated Gympie church, Queensland, on January 9, 1961, was indeed a happy occasion. Jean's people are old residents of the Gympie district, and many relatives and friends attended the cheery wedding breakfast. Max's parents are isolated members of the Tasmanian Conference, living at Port Arthur. The bridal couple have returned to Glenorchy, Tasmania, to set up their home, which we know will be greatly blessed of God. G. H. Engelbrecht.

**LOOKER-SPIVEY.** John Looker and Pearl Spivey joined hands in holy matrimony at Geelong, February 6, 1961. John joined the church a number of years ago and during several of these years has had the care of the church finances. Pearl has grown up in our midst, being the daughter of Brother and Sister L. Spivey. As they establish their Christian home in Geelong we pray that God's blessing will ever be with them and yet another home will be an influence in the finishing of God's work on the earth. A. F. Parker.

**SCHULZ-McNICOL.** The Tenterfield church, North New South Wales, was the scene of a very happy gathering on January 31, 1961, when a large company of relatives and friends met to witness the marriage of Kevin John Schultz to Auriel Fay McNicol. We believe that the establishing of this new home in Tenterfield will bring strength to the church, and from it will flow rich tides of comfort and blessing to others who are in need, and our prayer is that Kevin and Fay will receive much of the blessings of heaven, and an abundance of happiness as they march hand in hand towards the eternal kingdom. T. R. Kent.



**ADDIS.** Ethel Elizabeth Angel Kiefer Addis passed suddenly but quietly to her rest on January 9, 1961. We laid her in the family plot at Rookwood, in the calm assurance that God, who stands behind the shadows, knoweth best. To her relatives and loves ones we extend our deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Reuben E. Hare.

**SMITH.** Sister Marion Olive Smith, late of Bruthen, Victoria, but latterly of Breamlea, died at Geelong, January 23, 1961. She leaves to mourn her husband and two daughters, Sisters Duke and Wright, both of Geelong church. Words of comfort and admonition were given to the loved ones and friends. Her last resting place is the Western cemetery, Geelong. A. F. Parker.

**ROSE.** On December 26, 1960, at his residence, Avalon Beach, N.S.W., Walter Sampson Rose passed quietly away in his eighty-seventh year. Accepting the message of the third angel many years ago in South Australia, he held his faith steadfast unto the end. Left to mourn are his wife and two brothers, one of whom, Lou, was employed in the press at Warburton until his retirement. Our brother was laid to rest after a service at the Northern Suburbs crematorium, Sydney. H. G. Bryant.

**WELLS.** Daniel Eli Wells suddenly passed to his rest on January 7, 1961, at the good age of seventy-six years. He accepted the Advent Message some fourteen years ago; but was an isolated member living in the Nelson district (New Zealand) attending church when he was able. In the presence of many relatives and friends he was laid to rest awaiting the day of the resurrection. To Sister Wells, daughter, Mrs. Andrews, son, Cyril Wells, and other close relatives we extend our sincere sympathy. R. W. Howes.

**WARREN.** On January 5, 1961, little Cheryl Warren of Pitcairn Island aged one year and five months lost her life when she fell into a concrete tank and was drowned. All effort to restore life was of no avail, and it was with saddened hearts the little one was committed to the heavenly Father's care. We sympathize with her sorrowing parents, Colin and Lorraine, who are comforted in the promise of the resurrection morn when little children sleeping in Jesus will be restored to their mother's arms. Brother Bert Christian as church elder performed the services at the church and graveside. R. E. Cobbin.

**VEITCH.** On December 9, 1960, Christina Munro Veitch passed quietly to her rest in Christchurch, N.Z., at the age of seventy-seven years. Our late sister was a consistent member of the Sydenham church in this city for over thirty years. She leaves to mourn their loss two sons, William who is on the staff of the Hawthorn central school, Melbourne, and Ian of Timaru, also two daughters, Mary who nursed her mother over the years of her last lingering illness, and Jean (Mrs. N. McLoughlan) of Christchurch. Now she rests in Jesus until He calls her on the resurrection morn. To the many relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy. L. A. J. Webster.

**BEEBY.** Sister Clara Beeby of Bondi, Sydney, was called to rest January 30, 1961, in her ninety-first year. For many years she was a member of our Stanmore church and later transferred to the Woolahra congregation. In later years frailty and failing sight denied our late sister the privilege of Sabbath worship at the house of God, but the "blessed hope" shone ever brighter, and this dear one spoke of it to all who visited her. To her sons, Otto and George, and their families, other relatives and friends, consolation and hope were found in the rich promises of God as we lovingly and confidently left this tired pilgrim to rest in God's care. Ralph Tudor.

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# SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON HELP

HARRY W. LOWE

General Conference Field Secretary

For Sabbath, April 1, 1961

(Please preserve for reference.)



## GOD'S WARNINGS IN THE PAST

There are two cogent reasons why God repeatedly warns His creatures of impending judgments. He is a God of love who cannot leave mankind to perish without warning. He also knows the future, and is therefore aware of the fearful judgments to fall upon unrepented evil. If God has many times warned of judgments to come upon men during human history, how much more should He apprise mankind of the final judgment and eradication of wickedness?

### 1. Divine Foreknowledge

Isa. 45:21. "Who hath declared this from ancient times? . . . Have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside Me." This is part of a passage (verses 19-22) that contrasts heathen idols "that cannot save" with Jehovah who (1) speaks righteousness, (2) declares things that are right, (3) foretells future events, (4) saves those who turn to Him. Chapters 41-45 of Isaiah are mentioned in "Testimonies to Ministers," page 480. "[In them] God very fully reveals His purpose for His people, and these chapters should be prayerfully studied."

Dan. 2:22, 28. "He revealeth the deep and secret things." "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets." "The king was convinced of the truth of the interpretation [Daniel had given to the king's dream], and in humility and awe he 'fell upon his face, and worshipped,' saying, 'Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.'"—"Prophets and Kings," page 499.

### 2. Divine Control

Isa. 40:15-17. "All nations before Him are as nothing." The insignificance of all the nations in comparison with the omnipotence of God is clearly stated in these verses, but the comparison must not be made to teach God's disregard for men. Weak though they are, God controls their destiny in love and mercy. "The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge."—"Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," page 121.

Dan. 4:17, R.S.V. "The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, . . . that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men." At times God sets over the nations "the lowliest of men," and if contemporary understanding of such things is hidden from men, there nevertheless is an underlying divine purpose in human history. Even the most calamitous events serve God's purpose, as well as the more propitious happenings

with their obvious meaning. For further reading: "Prophets and Kings," pages 254, 255.

### 3. Divine Intervention

Gen. 6:5-7. "The Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." Only the Creator could utterly destroy by a catastrophic flood. The element of mercy spared Noah and his family, as it will spare the redeemed in the final judgment.

Gen. 19:24, 25. "The Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, . . . and He overthrew those cities." The names of these cities have become synonymous with a specific and degrading sin, though all forms of evil flourished in them. "The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day, who were swept away by the Flood, and as the

## The Gospel Ship

RUTH L. WALWORTH

*The good old gospel ship has sailed  
O'er many a stormy sea;  
The cargo that she carries still  
Is bread of life to me.*

*I've seen her battling adverse winds  
When waves seemed mountain high,  
When stars and moon in night's dark pall  
Seemed banished from the sky.*

*Though gales would tear and shriek and wail  
With all of demons' force,  
A steady hand was on the wheel—  
She never changed her course.*

*However rough, the good old ship  
Was never known to drift,  
Nor all the buffeting she got  
Could make her cargo shift.*

*When lightning darted o'er the sky  
And waves looked cold and green,  
The Skipper's face was lighted up,  
So sanguine and serene.*

*And fear that strikes the human heart  
Was never known to Him,  
His well-loved form was on the bridge  
When lights were low and dim.*

*Expectancy and buoyant hopes  
For all on board are fraught;  
The good old ship has weathered through  
And is coming into port!*

inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day—these things occupy the minds of men and women. Amusements and unprofitable reading spoil the judgment. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin there walks a long procession."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 43.

### 4. Divine Forewarnings in the Past

Gen. 6:3, 13, 14; 7:1-4. "God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; . . . I will destroy them with the earth." This decision was preceded by various warnings of judgment if wickedness persisted. "Amid the prevailing corruption, Methuselah, Noah, and many others, laboured to keep alive the knowledge of the true God, and to stay the tide of moral evil. . . . While building the ark he [Noah] was to preach that God would bring a flood of water upon the earth to destroy the wicked."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 92.

Gen. 19:1, 12-17, R.S.V. "We [the two angels] are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." The personal testimony of the patriarch Abraham is a revered consideration to us, but these Sodomites had made it "a matter of ridicule," and whatever respect they may have had for his skill and valour in defence of right, and for his widely known magnanimity, was all lost upon the people of these two wicked cities.

Jonah 3:1-4. "And Jonah . . . cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." This prophecy of destruction was conditional. "God accepted the humiliation of the Ninevites and extended their period of probation. Yet the message that Jonah brought was sent of God, and Nineveh was tested according to His will."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, pages 56, 57.

Dan. 2:39. "After thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." Nebuchadnezzar had ideas of permanence for his great kingdom, and God was showing him the transitory nature of all men and of all kingdoms. "After thee" must have jolted this proud potentate. It is good for us all to remember that these words apply to every human being.

Eze. 26:1-5. "I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee. . . . And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus. . . . It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea." Alexander the Great conquered and destroyed the formerly powerful Tyre, or Tyrus, an ancient fortified Phoenician city, mentioned in 2 Sam. 5:11, etc. It was denounced in Isaiah 23; Jer. 25:22; 47:4, and other places. It is today a miserable little village, divested of former glory and importance.—"Review and Herald."

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### BREVITIES

R. E. Pengilly, treasurer of the South New South Wales Conference, reports that "Financially the past year was a successful one, for the tithe income reached an all-time high at £48,692. It was faith in the final results that prompted us to call an additional minister to the conference."

On the same plane with Dr. and Mrs. Yeatts on February 9 was Miss Rose Ryan of Samoa, who has come here to attend A.M.C. Rose has been secretary for Pastor D. I. Jenkins, president of the Samoan Mission, and she is also a grand-daughter of Papalii Ula, M.L.A., a high chief of Samoa.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy O. Yeatts came winging back from America on February 9, looking fresh and invigorated by their furlough. They had left Seattle, Washington, at six o'clock the previous evening and arrived here at 9.10 in the morning, having picked up only six hours on the way! Apart from sermons preached, the doctor showed his pictures 119 times and he and his wife travelled 42,000 miles. They were happy to continue their journey to New Guinea on February 16, and were looking forward to commencing service in the new Wabag hospital.

A new recruit for the Hansende Colony at Mt. Hagen, New Guinea, is Miss Ruth Colwill of South New Zealand, a graduate of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital.

The New Zealand Missionary College has a new preceptress, in the person of Miss Alison Murray, a 1959 graduate of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. She is a sister to Brother R. S. Murray, who is engaged in building the hospital at Wabag, New Guinea.

"We leave South New Zealand after ten happy and fruitful years, for evangelism in Auckland," writes Pastor V. W. Stotesbury. "It has been encouraging to see the good results here at Dunedin. We leave an excellent interest behind and the satisfaction of seeing a second church organized here at long last."

Brother L. S. Stennett, a well-known lay missionary in the South New South Wales Conference, who has specialized in the distribution of literature, writes that he is now teaching shorthand and typing at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences in Harris Street, Ultimo, Sydney. In this position he has opportunity to give copies of "Our Little Friend" to the school children right opposite, and they call for the papers. He will be glad to receive further supplies from our readers at his new address. Brother Stennett is hoping soon to hold an evening Bible class.

Pastor R. H. Abbott states that he and his team are making plans for a vigorous evangelistic effort in the city of Lismore, North N.S.W., adding, "I wonder if some of our 'Record' readers have friends or relatives in this district to whom they would like us to send a special invitation to the meetings. This is a wonderful district, and we are praying that God will greatly bless the enthusiastic and consecrated witness of His people at this time. Pastor Arthur Duffy is with me again as song leader and prospects look particularly bright for a very good mission choir. We have recently acquired a Hammond organ and believe this will do much to give atmosphere to our meetings."

### First 1961 Appeal Report Comes from North New Zealand

£8,898 for the first week-end is reported by Pastor E. F. Giblett, Home Missionary secretary for North New Zealand.

Huntly church achieved its aim in seven days. In one afternoon and evening the Ponsonby members gathered £220. A group of Avondale ladies brought in £71 10s. for a day's soliciting, and the North Shore church £85 for one Sunday. Brentwood's first report was £672, Papakura's £600, and Otahuhu's £418.

"Surprises never end," wrote Pastor P. G. Glocker to the local conference office. "At least this was my experience when I saw my name coupled with Pastor T. J. Howes to assist in collecting £1,605 for the Ponsonby church. Last year I felt it was my last effort on the 'Appeal,' as I

hobbled around with Pastor C. F. Hollingsworth, introducing him to the business men in the district who had donated in previous years. But we have a very courageous man at the office who never believes in anyone 'retiring' on the 'Appeal,' so in spite of old age (over eighty) and aching legs and feet, I am harnessed for the campaign. He believes God will support me and so do I, and I am joining again this year to do my bit. In spite of aching joints and tired feelings we are all much better off than many others who have crippled bodies or other ailments, right in our midst and especially those for whom we are collecting overseas."

Pastor E. J. Brownie called on a widow who had recently saved £20 for new clothes, but repaired her old ones and gave the £20 to charity. When she saw our magazine she said she should have given us the £20 as ours was the most needy cause she had ever seen. This lady has dedicated all threepences to charity and they will all be for our next Appeal.

After four years' "Appeal" visitation the Avondale church found a home open for Bible studies. Young people visited a retired school teacher during the week. Next Sabbath she enjoyed worshipping with them. Sister Richardson, whom God has especially blessed on "Appeal," has been doing it for twenty-five years. She always commences praying for the campaign at Christmas.

Submitting this report, Pastor Giblett observes: "God's church knows that this is earth's harvest time. The members are looking to Jesus for His help and eagerly wanting Him to come quickly."

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### Church Deadwood

Go over any church membership list, and you find a lot of dead timber—members who joined the church and then settled down to do nothing, feeling that church membership is a passport to heaven.

They remind us of an incident told by a world traveller who was preparing to take a photograph of some Turkish warships anchored in the waters near Alexandria, Egypt. The captain, noticing the young man, explained that these warships were not really dangerous—were not really warships. "They look formidable enough," the officer continued, "but they are perfectly harmless. They were anchored there eight years ago and have not turned a wheel since."

How many times have we carried the battle into the enemy's territory since we enlisted in the Lord's army? Just why did we join the church? Have we made any sacrifices? Have we sought to help others into church fellowship? Or did we sail into the protected church harbour and anchor there some eight, ten, or twenty years ago, and perhaps "have not turned a wheel since"?

Such church members do not worry the devil at all. He knows they are "perfectly harmless." He also knows that church membership will not save a lazy Christian.—Selected.