

NATIVE AT PAIALA, an area first entered by Pastor Barnard last October, hearing the message in his own tongue as he plays the little plastic gramophone supplied in hundreds by International Educational Recordings.

Top Right: Layman with gramophone and picture roll as he enters a new valley in the Paiala area.

Right: The group of teachers assembled for the Bible refresher course at Laiagam. The local sub-district leader, Piari, is the tallest man in the back row, in the centre of the picture.



80 Laiagam Laymen Go Out as Evangelists

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Eighty Laiagam Laymen Go Out as Evangelists

NELSON W. PALMER
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I really must share with "Record" readers a most inspirational time I have been privileged to have up at Laiagam, still a comparatively new area twenty miles further west from Wabag. Pastor L. T. Greive, president of the Western Highlands Mission, invited me to go up from our college here at Kabiufa to run a Bible refresher course for the workers in Pastor L. H. Barnard's and Pastor H. M. Pascoe's areas in Wabag.

About twenty-five were able to come together at Laiagam, the centre chosen for the meetings, and we had a week of solid Bible study and discussion. At the conclusion of the week a test was set, and the marks given ranged from no per cent (from one who couldn't read or write but wished to attend to get all he could out of the meetings orally) up to 100 per cent gained by two of the teachers!

The group who assembled are really on fire to take the Advent Message further and further in through the mountains toward the West Irian border. In his area, Pastor Barnard has accepted the services of over eighty of the church members. These have left their homes to go out as laymen into the new areas. Many undergo extreme hardship and make tremendous sacrifices.

In the new Pogera district, which takes four days' hard walking from Laiagam over precipitous mountains and deep gorges, our workers have been so short of food that they have sent their wives back but they themselves refuse to give in. While I was there one layman and his wife, who was many months pregnant, refused to wait any longer and started off on a two-day journey over rugged mountains to enter a new valley!

One wife, while scrambling up a cliff carrying her child on her back while accompanying her husband, fell down the cliff, landing on her child. The child was seriously injured and the couple were forced to return. The child has been many months in hospital, but the parents plan to return as soon as they can.

While we were still in the midst of the refresher course at Laiagam, a layman came in and announced that he had, nearly a year before, penetrated a distant valley, and though he was illiterate, he had ten people awaiting baptism there.

One lay worker here is a woman. She is a widow but she went out, organized a village into an adherents group, ordered the men to build a church, and walked back to get hammer and nails from Pastor Barnard for this project!

At Laiagam it was a privilege to meet Piari, who is our energetic sub-district leader there. Just a few days before our arrival, a new cadet patrol officer, fresh from Australia and apparently unaware of the full Government appreciation of,

and accommodation to, our religious principles, gaoled one of our church members, a woman, for not turning up for a census line Sabbath morning.

On hearing that this woman had been ordered to work Sabbath afternoon, Piari, full of righteous indignation and jealous for the care of his flock, sought an interview with this Government officer and argued his case so convincingly and vehemently that the officer, after some confusion, eventually ordered the woman's release. Piari is a good example of the energy, enthusiasm, and conscientiousness of our New Guinea native leadership.

Also at Laiagam we were able to meet and get to know Brother and Sister George Murray. We had the privilege of having opening Sabbath worship and tea

Dial-a-Prayer in Newcastle

E. F. GIBLETT
Public Relations Secretary, North New South Wales Conference

"Record" readers will be interested in a report of Dial-a-Prayer, which commenced in Newcastle at 7 p.m. on January 31.

It was quite interesting to be connected with this service, and to wait for the deadline for the machines to be switched on. There was an instant response from the public; and for two hours, while we stayed by the machines, they were continuously working. It was estimated that during the first twenty-four hours more than 1,000 effective calls were made. Unfortunately, due to a mechanical fault, one machine had to be put out of service for some hours. In spite of this, up to midnight on February 2, 2,635 people heard the prayer.

The various news media of the area gave us good coverage. On the TV station during the time known as "Guest Spot," the evening before the service came into operation, our president, Pastor W. J. Richards, explained it during an interview with Murray Finlay. The following night during news time a film showed the exact working of the Dial-a-Prayer machines in our office. Many times the service was mentioned by the radio stations, and there have been numerous stories and pictures in the two local papers. Already we are receiving mail from this service.

Pastor Raymond Stanley, the city evangelist, is the voice on the prayer. We have two telephone lines and two machines, and they appear to be in constant use.

Film at Country Show Drew 1,000

Over the first week-end in March we had a Seventh-day Adventist booth at the Inverell Show. We gave out 1,500

with them in their home. Mr. Murray is the Government Medical Officer in that area, and one of the many faithful Adventist laymen in Government service or other forms of employment throughout the territory. Their various contributions to the cause of God in this field are invaluable.

On Sabbath, Pastor and Mrs. Barnard took my wife and me to a fairly new place at Mulitaka for a baptism of twelve, to be followed by the ordinances. After the baptism a call was made for others who wished to follow their Lord and join the baptismal class. Sixty-two responded, even though they were fully conscious of the sacrifices entailed and the standards required in fully serving the Lord.

As we look at the overall picture here, and hear reports of the amazing progress of the work of God all over the world and of what God's people are doing, the question instantly presents itself, "Is this the commencement of the latter rain?" Surely we are nearing the end, and as in other places, God is commencing to do big things here in New Guinea.

pieces of literature and received £10 in the offering box. Inverell is a thriving mid-western town in the centre of a very prosperous wheat and sheep producing area. The "Inverell Times" published this story:

"More than 1,000 show patrons went into the Seventh-day Adventist tent on the Showground to see the film 'Cry of New Guinea.' It has been described as last year's most outstanding missionary film.

"Dozens of others watched each screening at the entrance.

"It is believed to be the first time any church has had such a missionary effort at the Inverell Show.

"The film gave an insight into the work Seventh-day Adventist missionaries do in New Guinea and other mission fields. . .

"The film was screened throughout the three days of the Show. Because of the crowds at the missionary tent on Saturday the film was screened continuously until 10.30 p.m.

"The church's showground space was attractively and appropriately staged."

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Motivated by Love

H. C. BARRITT
Home Missionary Secretary, Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference

In this our second Appeal for Missions report, Victoria and Western Australia continue to make healthy progress, while South Australia and Tasmania rejoice in presenting really excellent first week reports. Our combined efforts result in a total for the union of £31,872. This represents 49 per cent of our 1962 attainment. The highlight of the Tasmanian report is that in their first week eight churches have reported out.

South New South Wales launched its campaign on March 16 and we are look-

ing forward to the receipt of their opening report.

Two incidents reported in local conference bulletins have particularly impressed me. They both remind us that God's strength is still made perfect in weakness.

The first is from Geraldton, Western Australia, where a good sister who is recovering from a speech defect, went out and returned rejoicing with £12, a truly wonderful accomplishment. The second comes from Victoria and concerns a little lass who is backward in speech. She also went out on the Appeal, courageously presenting her tin from door to door. Imagine her delight when at one home she received a £5 note as a donation! The example of these two handicapped solicitors challenges us to use our talents in God's service.

A letter received by Pastor E. H. Clark of Victoria is also most interesting, for it indicates that our Appeal magazine is capable of making a powerful impact on its readers. I quote in part:

"After reading 'Appeal for Missions,' which was left for us to read by one of your lady collectors, I feel that if Kai (the smiling leper) can afford thirty pieces of silver, so can I. I am a pensioner and have to go without a lot of things in life; but after reading 'Appeal for Missions' I feel I have a lot to be thankful for. I would like you to let me know, please, the right way to fill in my postal notes. I want to make sure you get them all right. Wishing you all success in your good work for the missions."

Three days later, thirty shillings came to hand.

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Highest Enrolment Ever at N.Z.M.C.

C. C. WARD

The large group of students and friends gathered in the social hall for the opening exercises of the New Zealand Missionary College were delighted to hear Pastor A. F. J. Kranz, the principal, announce a student enrolment of 132 for the school year 1963.

This is an increase of twenty over the previous highest enrolment, of 112 in 1957, and of thirty-six over the number in 1962. This increase is spread over both indoor (114) and outdoor (18) students. A very pleasing feature of the enrolment is the increase in the average age of the group, between seventeen and eighteen years.

The enthusiasm of the young people was evident as they sang together for the first time the words of their College Song:

"At the Home of Opportunity

We work and study, sing and pray;
Educating for Eternity,

We seek to hasten God's great day."

To gain such an education students have come from as far afield as Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, and North Queensland, while one young man is coming all the way from Kenya (East Africa). Nelson is the best represented church in New Zealand,

with ten young people at college this year.

As a result of this enrolment, dormitory rooms which last year were occupied by one or two, now accommodate three or four, while one old classroom in the dormitory block has been converted into a six-bed room.

Because the chapel no longer provides sufficient accommodation for our requirements, all Sabbath services and chapel exercises are now held in the social hall. This unfortunately limits the recreational facilities of our student body and has increased our awareness of the lack of a house of worship.

When Brother G. Bland and his family arrived on February 10, the college staff for 1963 was complete. Brother Bland came to take up the position of accountant and business teacher previously occupied by Brother R. Edwards, who accepted a call as assistant business manager at W.A.M.C. A welcome was also extended to Sister D. Liggett, as preceptress, and Sister L. Stewart, as the principal's secretary.

The training of our young people for Christian service is perhaps the greatest responsibility facing us as a people today. We take this opportunity to thank our many friends throughout the division for their prayers and continued interest in N.Z.M.C.

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Conquering for Christ in Queensland

K. S. PARMENTER, President

In spite of many changes in personnel, the Queensland Conference is pressing ahead with bigger and brighter plans for evangelism during 1963. Already, three mission campaigns have commenced.

In Brisbane, Pastor Russell Kranz packed 2,300 people into Her Majesty's Theatre in his two-session programme on Sunday, March 10. His team of enthusiastic helpers includes: Brethren David Lawson, Bernard Foster, Kevin Moore, Ron Heggie, J. D. Anderson, Arthur White, and Stan Wood, and Mrs. Weedon. Brother Kranz is a dynamic speaker who has had a lot of experience in proclaiming Christ to the multitudes. We feel encouraged with the prospects of this mission, for we have prayed that God's Spirit will empower this team to do mighty things in His name this year.

For years our work has been well developed along the Queensland coastline. This year we are pioneering into the west. Two of our young men are meeting the challenge. Brother Rex Moe is striving to establish two new church groups. The township of Dalby, sixty miles west of Toowoomba, in the heart of the Darling Downs country, was the site of an inspiring mission programme on March 3. More than two hundred people came to this opening meeting, and our evangelist reports a gratifying interest developing in this locality.

At Chinchilla, another sixty miles west of Dalby, Brother Moe has a little company of fourteen members meeting each Sabbath. Only three of this company are baptized members of the church. Their Sabbath school leader, Sister Aisbett, drives sixty miles to and from worship each week. The road is rough, and her husband does not like her making this journey; but our sister leaves their 50,000-acre property with her daughter each Sabbath morning and arrives in time to lead the Sabbath worship. God will bless this kind of faithfulness, we feel sure.

Farther north—100 miles west of Rockhampton—Brother Ross Parker is vigorously leading the newly organized church at Biloela. He is branching out into another small town, Monto, to commence soul-winning addresses at the end of March. God will honour the courage and determination of these young pioneers and give them fruit for their labours.

Even the small towns like Cooroy, about thirty miles south of Gympie, are not going unwarned by God's message for this hour. Brother Rex Edwards introduced it on Friday evening, March 8, when more than a hundred people were in attendance. Supported solidly by his folk at Gympie, the evangelist is hopeful of finding some good interests in this district.

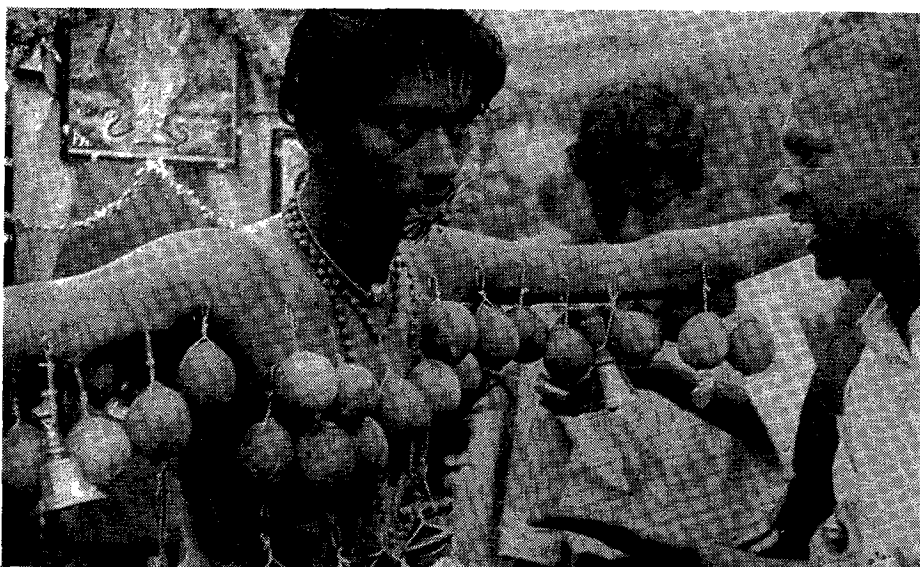
Within a few weeks another five voices will be sounding the third angel's message in this conference. The evangelists in Queensland are eager to finish God's work and go home to the gloryland, and the laymen are rising to help them.

Our largest church in Brisbane, known as the Central church, is over-crowded. The brethren are not planning to extend at present, but they have set themselves the task of building a new sanctuary in a new area, where a number of their members live. This effort is well under way and the new site at Mitchelton has already been purchased. The members of the Central congregation are planning to help establish this new church, and we feel certain that God's benediction will rest upon their efforts.

In spite of Queensland's financial reverses, Pastor H. B. Christian, our new and energetic Home Missionary leader, is inspiring our people to higher attainments in the Appeal for Missions. More than £11,000 has already been reached. We hope to go beyond the £16,000 altitude that was climbed in 1962.

We are happy to welcome two new school teachers to our staff this year. At present we are operating three schools within the conference. At Zillmere, Mr. R. Fox is the headmaster, and Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Twist are his assistants. The enrolment for 1963 is sixty-three. The Toowoomba school is under the care of Mr. A. Borlace and Miss W. Hughes, and it has an enrolment of thirty-seven. At Rockhampton, Mr. A. Rowe and Miss R. Worboys are in charge of fifty pupils. We are keen to see the educational work develop yet more strongly.

During Pastor N. C. Burns' absence overseas, Pastor G. Weslake will care for the Albion church.



A young man who is carrying many weights suspended to his arms and body by means of hooks thrust into the flesh. He is drawing a cart with ropes attached to hooks sunk into the flesh of his back. Pins are protruding from his lips and hair-line. Meantime his father is chanting encouragement for him to complete the dreadful ordeal.

I Saw the Indians Fire Walking

RAYMOND H. KENT

I have always associated strange religious customs with the Indian people, and found this was certainly the case when I began to take an interest in their worship.

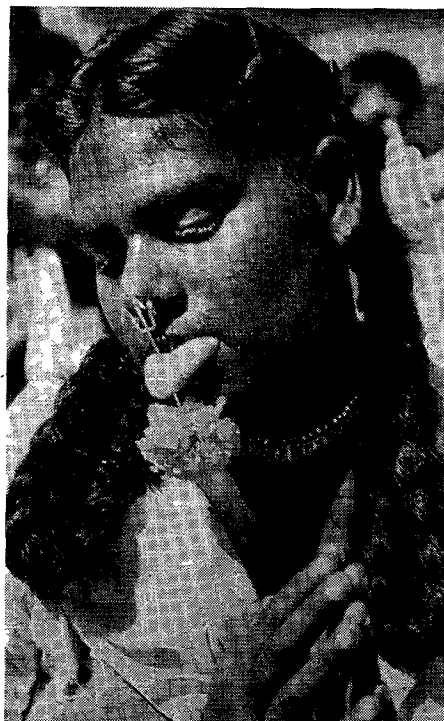
Durban has an Indian population of about 250,000. It is South Africa's main pleasure resort and enjoys a climate many cities of the world boast about. Around this pleasure ground lie thousands of acres of sugar plantations. When the sugar trade was young many Indians were brought from their homeland as coolies to work the sugar fields.

One Sunday while driving through the Indian section of the city we noticed about 10,000 of these people gathered around their temple. This was an opportunity for which we had waited. With cameras strung around our necks we made our way through the crowd to see what was going on. We questioned an Indian as to why this big crowd had assembled. He said, "Today, boss, is big fire walking day." When we reached the temple we saw a priest seated by a small fire kindled with sticks, and about forty fire walking devotees gathered around.

After this ceremony the small fire was carried in the skirt of the leading devotee and placed in the pit, which was twenty-seven feet long and fourteen feet wide. Then fifteen tons of wood was thrown into the pit over the next three or four hours, until it became an inferno. While the wood was burning down to white-hot coals, the devotees went to the nearby river, where they washed as an act of purification. It was here that a hypnotic influence seemed to take possession of everyone. With a blood-curdling scream a devotee would go into a trance. I was standing about four feet from a female devotee and saw that when she entered

the trance her tongue began automatically to protrude. Immediately her father drove a four-inch pin right through the tongue, without a drop of blood being shed. I trembled and realized that I was standing on the devil's ground.

After taking pictures at the river, I made my way back to the pit. The heat was almost unbearable. At the end of the pit was a narrow trench, which contained a mixture of water and cow's milk. Every few moments an Indian would come to the trench and pour his offering of cow's milk. Into this trench



An Indian girl in a trance, with a four-inch pin thrust through her tongue.

the devotees stepped after walking through the fire.

The noisy crowd waited impatiently until suddenly all eyes turned in the one direction. An unexpected silence came over them, but when the first fire walker appeared the crowd once again was keyed into mad frenzy.

The devotee, as if driven on, hurried to the east end of the pit, raised his hands and head in adoration to the sun, then gingerly walked the twenty-seven feet through the live coals, barefoot. After dipping his feet in the cow's milk, each walker entered the temple to have the pins withdrawn and also to come out of the hypnotic spell. I spoke to one and asked him why he did all this. He replied, "Me, boss, big sick inside. I walk through very hot fire, then the gods will cure."

I left that day with some amazing pictures, which I plan to show to my Australian audiences when I return. But I also left that place thanking God for the promise, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

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Joy Amidst Dangers in Vietnam

Sister H. A. Jones, of the Wahroonga church, kindly shares with us this letter from her son, Dr. A. Jones of the Saigon Hospital, Vietnam.

"Two of the men from our Singapore headquarters office, who recently returned from Tourane (north of South Vietnam) told us in prayer meeting how the church members up in that district stay up all night to pray when they know that their local pastor is coming to visit them next day. Tourane is almost on the border, and the district is unsafe. But the Lord has protected all His representatives here in the past, and we are sure He will continue to do so. He is certainly blessing the efforts of the various workers.

"The Dalat Mission finished with keen interest and nearly 100 in the Bible Marking Class, besides a large number of folk who are having studies in their homes. Some of the folk are well-educated Vietnamese. One man is the translator for the Security Office in —. He and his wife are in the Bible Marking Class. Through all the meetings he never missed a night, and since the mission he has several times tried to contact his mother to give her the Advent Message, but she will not see or speak to him. He no doubt will have trouble getting the Sabbath free, too. These folk do need our prayers, as they will have great trials. The Sabbath is a major problem for many here, as they just cannot get employment if they do not work six days a week. Then the army call-up is another big problem.

"Pastor Guild, the evangelist for the Far East, led this mission campaign. He says it is the best response he has had of any of his missions so far. One Protest-

ant church pastor has asked for Bible studies, and his membership of about forty is awaiting studies and baptism. The church was built and is owned by its members, and they now want to change its name to 'Seventh-day Adventist'!

"Our new mission press is now assembled and in working order. This is a long step forward, as this press will produce much more than the old one, with many fewer operators. The first job it is doing is the printing of 'Steps to Christ' in Vietnamese. The General Conference donated the money at the recent Session, as this seems to be the day of opportunity for the printed word in this country. We now have seventy full-time colporteurs compared with just over twenty in 1960.

"The young ministerial intern who was stationed south of Saigon was taken captive by the Viet Cong (Communists) a few days before Christmas, and was released again and arrived in Saigon towards the end of January, so the Lord has answered our prayers on his behalf. He left his home on Sabbath afternoon to conduct a meeting, but failed to arrive at the meeting place, as the Viet Cong captured him on the way.

"Dr. Fred Mote has been appointed to Saigon Hospital, and we will certainly be glad to welcome him. The hospital now has forty beds and twelve bassinets, and we see approximately eighty out-patients daily. Up till recently the Mission compound was really green and attractive, but during the dry season now it has

browned off quite a lot. However, with the additional shade trees we have planted, it should be quite a picturesque compound in a few years.

"We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Miss Joyce Tinworth, to head up the nursing department. Like many hospitals, we are quite understaffed, so far as nurses are concerned."

Without a Cause

John 15:25

E. E. WHITE

*They hated Him without a cause.
Christ came to earth
Of lowly birth—
He taught mankind His Father's laws.*

*He healed the sick, He raised the dead,
Compassion had
For good and bad.
How many times His heart had bled!
His life so pure conviction brought;
Beset with lies,
With treach'rous spies,
Retaliation never sought.*

*His foes were stirred by powers beneath;
His noble life
Devoid of strife,
A perfect pattern, birth till death.
Can we not love Him with a cause?
For God above
Abundant love
Has shed abroad without a pause.*

*Eternal life Christ came to bring
To dying men.
Rejoicing then,
Let all bear witness for our King!*

Four Memorable Hours

Saturday night was the highlight of the week—a meeting of praise and testimony. Pastor Minchin spoke to us as a loving father about to say farewell to his children. Formalities were cast aside, and in accordance with his desire to hear the singing from amidst the audience, he went down from the platform to sit with Sister Minchin, as the hall rang with hundreds of eager young voices singing from their hearts. Then, with the MV secretaries, Pastor Minchin sang to us, "Redeemed, How I love to Proclaim It!"

To the call for testimonies the response was immediate. Young people streamed onto the platform to tell of victories gained and promises made. For many it was their first public testimony. A young girl and her non-Adventist brother stood arm-in-arm as he gave himself to Christ. A Roman Catholic young man expressed his desire to attend our college. Perhaps the most simple and moving dedication of all, however, came from a nine-year-old boy not of our faith. He thanked God for kind Adventist friends who had brought him along, saying "I give all my love to God."

As Pastor and Mrs. Minchin said goodbye, he remarked, "If anybody had told you that you would sit in a religious meeting for four hours on Saturday night you would not have believed it." But what a memorable four hours they were!

As the love of God filled our hearts we dedicated ourselves anew to Him with the prayer that this love might spill over into the lives of others, to win them for the matchless Christ whom we serve.

Warm from Preacher's Heart

While ever there are youth within the church there will be those who will respond to sincere and devoted leadership. As God inspired His men to bring the challenge of a renewed consecration to His people down through the ages, so today He chooses His men to challenge the youth of the church.

The young people of Melbourne were awaiting such a visitation of the Holy Spirit when Pastor Minchin came into their midst. For many months a devoted group had pleaded with God for the outpouring of the Spirit through His servant. Wayward youth had been visited and prayer had been offered with and for them. No wonder that when our pastor preached the Word, warm from his own heart of love for God and youth, Melbourne's young people responded with equal warmth and dedication.

They indicated their desire to be baptized into fellowship with the church, to share with others their re-vitalized faith, to be more faithful in the exercise of prayer and study, to be used in the work of God, but most of all to be found ready when Jesus comes.

The group of youth who asked God's favours has now grown in number and they weekly come to share their spiritual experiences. They are visiting other folk and urging them to live for Christ.

Capacity Crowds at Minchin Revival

Melbourne Youth Respond

February 23 was a big day in Melbourne. The Queen arrived for a week-end visit and Pastor E. L. Minchin began his series of Parent-Youth revival meetings.

Monday, February 25, was declared a holiday in honour of the Royal visit, and this enabled many country young people to take advantage of the long week-end to stay at the Basin Youth Camp and attend the week-end meetings. Many stood for hours to see the Queen on Sunday and Monday, and then came to the meeting place to sit at the feet of the King of kings, who delights to call us His sons and daughters.

The hall was packed on the first Sabbath afternoon, with many standing around its perimeter. As Pastor Minchin spoke to us from the heart the Holy Spirit was very near. Many silent decisions were made, a foundation for greater decisions in the days to come.

Good attendances were maintained throughout the week-end, and each meeting during the week found more willing response by those who attended. The after-meetings on practical Christian liv-

ing were well attended and brought real help alike to "babes in the faith" and more mature Christians. Such subjects as "When I Find It Hard to Pray," "Friendship, Love, and Marriage," and "How to Make Surrender Real," provided a firm foundation for the climax of the final week-end meetings.

On Friday night Pastor Minchin spoke with authority on the Christian home and its importance to the church of God. A challenge to parents to renew their vows to God and to each other met with a ready response, and children stood with them to signify their willingness to make home "a little bit of heaven."

On Sabbath afternoon the speaker sounded a clarion call to Adventist youth to dedicate themselves to service in the organized work of God. As Pastor E. G. Whittaker, representing the retired ministers, stood humbly at the front of the auditorium, young men came up as a pledge that if God called they would serve Him as ministers of the gospel. Sister Alma Wiles, veteran missionary, then joined Pastor Whittaker, and many young women stood behind her to pledge service in the mission field if God indicated that this was His choice for them.

All are deeply indebted to God for sending Pastor Minchin to minister to them, and thank Him for the courage to respond to the call of His Spirit.

What a Wonderful God!

A very wonderful thing happened in our city when Pastor Minchin began his week of revival meetings.

In his inspiring way he caught up the enthusiasm of the youth, drew them along night after night, urged them to put greater faith in God and to make new decisions and rediscover their "first love" for the grand Advent Message.

Now that he is gone and we look back to that wonderful week we know that what we gained from those meetings was not just a momentary impression. The atmosphere which pervaded the meetings and the sound of his voice can still be felt and heard when we remember the things Pastor Minchin told us—little fragments which we will never forget, like—

"Beginnings are momentous." If we never take the first step in the wrong way we will never take the second.

Then our friendship and love: "Love those best who love Christ most."

He told us how to make the exhilaration of an emotional surrender last and become a practical, enduring daily experience with God.

We heard thrilling stories of our young people in other parts of the world, and about 100 youthful listeners accepted the invitation to witness for God from the public platform. Some were happy and thankful for the way Christ had changed their lives; others were deeply stirred by the new convictions that had come to them and bravely admitted failures and pledged greater faith.

It was with sadness we said good-bye to this minister who had such a profound effect on us, who brought us into such close communion with heaven that we have to say not only "What a consecrated preacher!" but also "What a wonderful God!"

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The Holy Spirit Present in Power

C. V. CHRISTIAN

Youth Secretary, Trans-Tasman Union Conference

Eight weeks of prayerful preparation came to a climax on Sabbath afternoon, March 9, when the Trocadero in Sydney was crowded to capacity with about 2,200 people who responded to a call for revival.

For three weeks prior to this opening meeting, earnest youth and older church members had been praying every hour of the day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. for the success of the campaign. We were certain that God had answered these petitions as Pastor E. L. Minchin pointed us all to the One who alone can bring rest to our restless souls. It was a grand meeting, but only an introduction to the unforgettable programmes that were to follow.

The Ashfield Town Hall, seating 700 persons, was the rendezvous for the night

meetings. Sunday night saw the hall almost filled; Monday and Tuesday every seat was taken. On Wednesday the side doors opened and extra seating was provided to accommodate the growing crowds. Thursday the hall was over-full again, but Friday posed a real problem to the ushers who were faced with the problem of seating 1,000 people. Pastor F. W. Gifford, Greater Sydney Conference youth leader, had anticipated this influx, but even so the additional seating was taxed and a number were forced to stand throughout the meeting.

More important than the numbers who attended were the decisions made nightly as Pastor Minchin urged the youth to lay their all on the altar. Scores came forward during the week and numbers of them shared their burdens with church pastors and youth leaders in special after-service counselling periods. It can truly be said that we saw the Holy Spirit at work.

The climax of the week came on the Sabbath when the Trocadero was again crowded with some 2,400 seekers after God, many of whom had not missed a meeting. Pastor Minchin laid upon us all the responsibility of the unfinished task and then made a call for young men who would dedicate their lives to the ministry. Forty-four came forward to signify their willingness to lay their youthful talent upon the altar of service.

A special invitation was extended to all to come to the Wahroonga church that night for a praise service. Would the people come out again after a long day? We need not have wondered. Over 1,000 people crowded the church as Brother Errol Wright, ably supported by Brother Vernon Wilkinson on his cornet and a choir of forty voices, led the congregation in a prelude of praise. Then there followed a never-to-be-forgotten testimony service, as young people came to the microphone and told of spiritual victories gained through the week. Many an eye was moist in the congregation which was privileged to witness this last and best meeting of the series. The feelings of those who had a part in the planning of these meetings can best be expressed in the words of the hymn:

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done . . .

Great things He that taught us . . .

And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son."

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Evaluation by a Church Pastor

E. W. HON

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE—

- ★ the same young people coming back night after night.
- ★ the increased attendance as the meetings progressed.
- ★ the earnest and attentive expression on the faces of those who listened to the timely words of instruction.
- ★ the evidence in the meetings that truly God was present through His Spirit.

IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR—

- ★ what young people not of the church had to say about the constructive help they derived from Pastor Minchin's addresses.
- ★ our own young people say, "I wish he wouldn't go away."
- ★ A young person who had wandered far away and, by chance, heard of the meeting in the Trocadero, came along and, after hearing the evangelist's appeal, said, "I want to come back and start again."

AS FOR MYSELF PERSONALLY—

- ★ I was glad I went. It brought back a high point in my own experience thirty years ago, when Pastor Minchin took a Friday night meeting at the Australasian Missionary College and helped to straighten out my thinking and set me on the road to the eternal kingdom.

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We Must Keep the Heart Fires Burning

F. W. GIFFORD

Youth Secretary, Greater Sydney Conference

Being in the conference only two weeks didn't make my task any easier; but it was a joy and a privilege to be associated with Pastor Christian and Brother K. Martin in the final stages of planning for the Minchin campaign.

The statistics of attendance given in the foregoing reports are only a slight indication of the response to the special season of heart-searching. Moist eyes and warm hearts indicated also that God was speaking to us at every meeting.

Many of our youth have made firm decisions and I believe all have felt the call to deepen the spiritual life. The challenge of the unfinished gospel commission was one which spurred every one of us to more courageous activity for our Lord and Master. And words fail me to describe the joy of the final praise and witness service in the Wahroonga church. Surely we are frequently in need of this heart-warming experience, when we can share our joys and sorrows with those who cherish the same hope and faith.

A thrilling experience for any youth leader is to see stalwart, talented young men arise in consecration, dedicating their lives to the work of the ministry. As one young man expressed himself, "God has wonderfully blessed me during this week, and I have come to know my Saviour in a way I never thought possible before. I am anxious to dedicate myself to the task of finishing the work of God on the earth."

With this new spiritual impetus in our societies here in Sydney, we are looking forward to a wonderful year of Christian fellowship, deepened spirituality in our own hearts and lives, and exciting experiences in service for our Lord and Master.

We ask the "Record" readers to join us in prayer for a continued spirit of revival and reformation among our youth, so that our gospel commission may speedily be fulfilled and we may see Jesus coming for us in the clouds of heaven.

WEDDINGS



KING-BLOMAR. In the afternoon of Sunday, March 17, 1963, in the Wahroonga church, Marjorie Blomar of Mt. Colah was united in marriage to William M. King of Asquith, N.S.W. Both young people are active members of the Waitara church, and their many friends wish them much of God's blessing as they establish their Christian home in Hornsby Heights.

E. E. White.

CHUDLEIGH-HUTCHINSON. In the afternoon of February 25, 1963, in the Murray Bridge church, S.A., Elton, a son of Brother and Sister S. W. Chudleigh of Birdwood, and Jeanette, the eldest daughter of Brother and Sister A. Hutchinson, of Murray Bridge, were united in marriage. May God's richest blessing rest upon this young couple as they build their new home together.

B. E. Bobin.

LOSCH-LAREDO. A pretty wedding was solemnized in the tastefully decorated church at Ashfield (Sydney) in the afternoon of February 14, 1963. The contracting parties were Erwin Losch, a third-generation Adventist from Germany, and Robin Laredo, eldest daughter of Brother and Sister John Laredo. More than one hundred and eighty guests assembled to wish the happy couple the blessing of Heaven, that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. May the fragrance of the Saviour's love fill this new home.

G. Burnside.

WHITTAKER-BEARPARK. Two hearts were joined in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends in the Sydenham church (Christchurch, N.Z.) on February 27, 1963. The bridegroom was Walter Charles, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Whittaker, and the bride, Jennifer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bearpark. Many representatives of the S.H.F. Company, where Jennifer and her father have been employed, were among those gathered in the Christian Youth Centre for the wedding breakfast. May Heaven's blessing be theirs as they set up their new home under the shadow of the Southern Alps at Methven.

A. G. Lindsay.



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

DEW. Our beloved Brother Gordon Morris Dew died February 26, 1963, aged fifty-seven. In 1953 he and his wife were baptized by Pastor H. Baird and connected with the Dareton church. Being a man of consecration, personality, and ability, Brother Dew ably served the church in a number of capacities. We shall always remember him as the perfect church clerk. The very large attendance at the graveside was a true indication of the love and esteem in which he was held. To his devoted wife and family, Don and Annette, we express sincere condolence, and also share the promises of glad reunion when Jesus comes.

C. F. Hollingsworth.

PARKER. Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Parker, eighty-two, was laid to rest in the Inverell cemetery (N.S.W.) after falling asleep in Jesus on February 18, 1963. Thus was severed another link with the early history of the church in this district, for she had been a charter member of the local congregation. During the twelve months Sister Parker spent in hospital she was never known to complain and was a shining example of faith and courage. She is mourned by her children, Mrs. Olive Brice, Mrs. Violet Stace, Mrs. Pretoria Stace, and other close relatives. We pray that these sorrowing ones may look unto Jesus as the source of comfort, and rest in the sure resurrection hope.

M. M. Kennaway.

THOMAS. Another link with our pioneer days was broken when Minnie Maud Thomas of Epping, N.S.W., passed suddenly away on March 20, 1963, at the age of seventy-eight years. A tent mission in Lithgow in 1905, conducted by Pastors J. L. McElhany and J. Pallant, resulted in Sister Thomas, along with others of the family, accepting present truth. She was a member of the Lithgow, Pymble (now defunct), and North Sydney churches, during a period of fifty years serving in several capacities. Five surviving children, together with other relatives and church members are left sorrowing by the loss of a devoted and dedicated mother and fellow believer. At the Northern Suburbs crematorium our late sister was committed into God's hands "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

H. G. Bryant.

CAMBIE. We were all made very sad at the sudden passing of Arthur Edward Cambie on January 31, 1963, a member of the Royal Oak church, Auckland, N.Z., for many years. Our brother was seventy-six years of age. He remembered the early days of Adventism in the Dominion and for some of those years he managed the Health Food shop and cafe in Queen Street, Auckland. Following the funeral service, attended by a number of relatives, church members, and friends, our brother was interred at the Mangere lawn cemetery. Our hearts go out in sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Cambie, to the daughter Mrs. Sell and the two sons. We look forward to the day when at the coming of the Lord this family will be once again united, knowing He will not disappoint those who trust in Him.

F. L. Stokes.

WERE. On March 4, 1963, after a protracted illness, Ida May, dearly beloved wife of Brother Walter Were, passed peacefully to rest, leaving a very devoted husband and eight children to mourn their loss. Like Abraham, Brother and Sister Were commanded their household after them. Perhaps our greatest tribute is that for many years this family has stood as a fine interpretation of Seventh-day Adventism. With the children all married and gone, Brother and Sister Were continued with patriarchal grace and bearing, their united walk toward a westering sun. But now the memories of more than fifty-one years together will be a treasure hidden in the heart of the one who is left. Our sincere sympathy flows out to Brother Were and the members of the family: Eric, Cyril, Ronald, Laurence, Wildred, Bertram, Shirley (Mrs. John Smith of Perth), and Stanley. How comforting to know we shall meet again when Jesus comes! Pastor J. H. Wade assisted at the funeral service.

W. T. Hooper.

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The Annual Meeting and Biennial Conference Session of the North Queensland Conference will convene at the camp-ground, Townsville, from Thursday, May 2 to Sabbath, May 11, 1963. At this session full reports from all departments will be presented. All are cordially invited to attend.

E. LANGSFORD,

Secretary-treasurer.

SPONSOR REQUESTED. Pastor R. M. Kranz is glad to support Brother and Sister R. Bardell of London in their desire for a sponsorship that will enable them to migrate to Melbourne. They are naturalized Britishers in their late thirties. Brother Bardell has a good position as a ledger-clerk-cashier and his wife is a filing clerk. He is the church missionary secretary at the New Gallery in London, and Pastor Kranz recommends them as a fine, dependable couple. If you can help them, please write to them direct at 35 Dunlace Road, London, E.5, England.

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BREVITIES

Missionary service at Homu, in the Mt. Michael district of the New Guinea Highlands has been offered to Brother Victor Irvine, a Sydney Sanitarium graduate of 1960. Sister Irvine (formerly Miss Beverly Green) was a school teacher near Fulton Missionary College, Fiji, several years ago.

While distributing radio logs in Sydney, Sister E. Wells met a lady who was afterwards helped by the Welfare Society. Then our sister took this lady to Pastor W. J. Hawken's mission, where a hunger for the Word of God was created. This lady had neighbours who were actively promulgating non-Biblical doctrines and she became involved in these. However, she accepted an invitation to Sister Wells' home and heard her hostess read from the "Record" Pastor Bruce Price's article on "How to Win Jehovah's Witnesses." She continued to attend the mission and regular studies are now being received by this lady and her daughter.

We draw the attention of our people to the fact that the off-shoot printing and mimeograph press is just as active as ever. A good deal of literature from this source clutters up our letter boxes from time to time. In addition there are those who have a burden to personally present to our people publications the contents of which do not have denominational approval. We counsel all to beware of material emanating from all unauthorized sources. On the other hand we are pleased to announce the denomination's missionary book for 1963. It is Raymond Cottrell's "Beyond Tomorrow." The publishing house evaluation of this timely book can be found on this page.

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During the Queen's visit to Canberra, the "Sydney Morning Herald" printed a message from the Federal Capital that in the parade on March 12 "not one of the cadets fainted—a rare achievement for a formal parade in summer weather." The reason given for this was that—

"The cadets had been given special instructions on how to avoid fainting, and for two days had been on a special diet, avoiding alcohol, tea, and coffee, and excessive meat and other protein-rich food. The cadets were told to wiggle their toes and move their kneecaps during long periods of standing to attention and to concentrate their gaze at an 'interesting point,' in the distance."

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"Do not worry. By looking at appearances, and complaining when difficulty and pressure come, you reveal a sickly, enfeebled faith. By your words and your works show that your faith is invincible. The Lord is rich in resources. He owns the world. Look to Him who has light, and power, and efficiency. He will bless every one who is seeking to communicate light and love."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 212.