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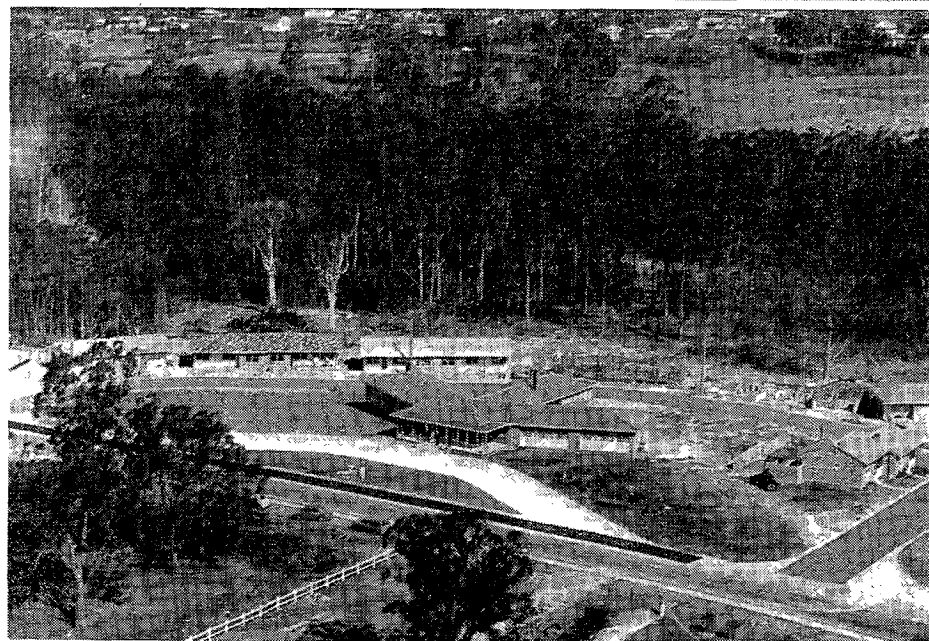
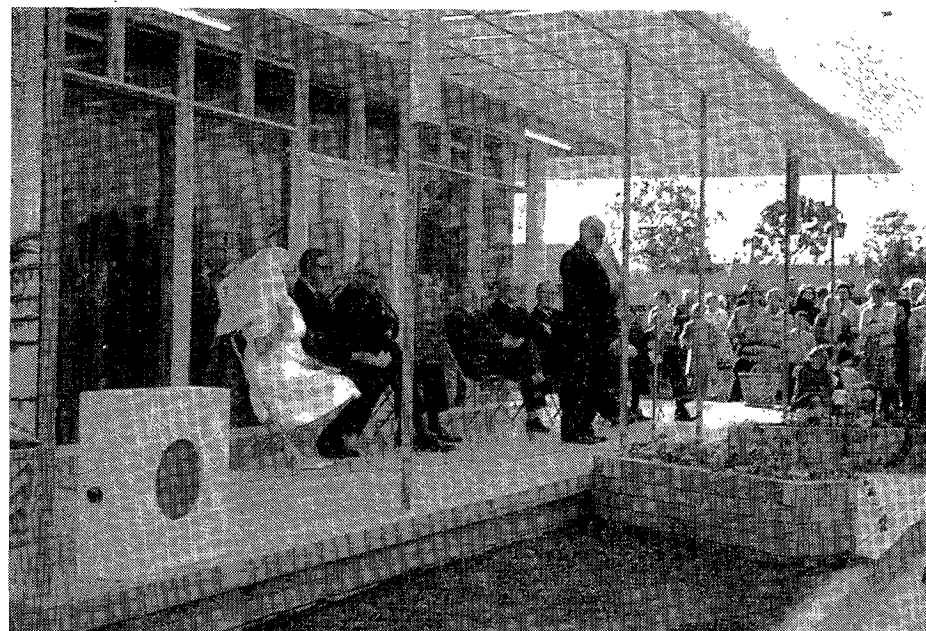
Secretary-treasurer, North New South
Wales Conference

THE Charles Harrison Home, Central Road, Cooranbong, was officially opened at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, August 16.

Standing among the Kressville home units almost opposite the Avondale church, it is most conveniently situated.

Included in the official party were these distinguished guests: Pastor L. C. Naden, division president; Pastor R. R. Frame, division secretary; Mr. Roger Dean, M.P. for Robertson; The Honourable Ray S. Maher, Member of the State Legislative Assembly; Councillor T. R. Pendlebury, president of the Lake Macquarie Shire Council. Also gathered in front of the home were a large number of members and friends.

Extending a welcome to all assembled, Pastor W. J. Richards, president of the local conference, stated that over the years the members had contributed wholeheartedly to the project. He expressed thanks to the building committee comprised of these esteemed brethren: the late Pastor T. W. Hammond (the secretary, of whom special mention was made), W. R. Wilson, S. G. Grubb, and A. J. Shipton. Thanks were extended to Brother E. G. Menzies, the builder, and to Brother G. D. Richardson, supervisor, whose services were given on a voluntary basis.



UPPER: The opening ceremonies conducted from the spacious front entrance of the Charles Harrison Home. **LOWER:** The Charles Harrison Home in its setting of bushlands and lawn opposite the Avondale church.

In his address, Mr. Dean expressed the opinion that it was very appropriate that the home should be named in honour of Dr. C. W. Harrison, a physician and surgeon who had given such meritorious service to the Adventist organization while he was in this country. So far as he was aware, Mr. Dean said this home was the only one of its kind between Cooranbong and the outskirts of Sydney. It had a number of unusual features, in which he, as chairman of the Commonwealth Works Committee, was very interested. In officially opening the home, the speaker prayed that all who entered its doors would find comfort, peace, and contentment.

The Honourable Ray S. Maher supported the previous speaker's remarks. He believed our governments had not done nearly enough for the elderly members of our communities, the pioneers of the nation. The least we can do for them is to provide amenities that will bring them comfort. Mr. Maher wished us God's blessing in the project undertaken.

On behalf of the Shire of Lake Macquarie, Councillor Pendlebury congratulated the Adventist Church on the provision made for our senior citizens and prayed that they would benefit physically, mentally, and in spirit.

Following Pastor Naden's address, Pastor Frame offered prayer, and Mr. Menzies handed the official key to Mr. Dean, who opened the door of the home. Then came a moving and exciting moment, when Pastor Richards presented the first patient, Miss Eva Edwards, to Mrs. A. Bendeich, the matron, for admission. Miss Edwards served the cause of God for many years in both the mission and home fields. A few days later she celebrated her eightieth birthday, and said that such a comfortable home was a delightful present.

The function concluded with an inspection of the home by the official party and others present.

This building is the first stage of the home, which will eventually provide nursing care for between fifty and sixty patients. In the present two wings there is accommodation for sixteen, while the administrative block includes quarters for the matron and nurses, the kitchen, dining and day rooms.

Of brick veneer construction, tile roof, with vinyl tiles on the floor and amtico tiles on the walls, the home has ample window space admitting a maximum of sunshine. The ceiling is sound-proof and heat-resisting, and the veranda is roofed with green corrugated alsynite. A special system has been installed which provides hot water and automatic heating; also, a public address and panic system, with a relay connected to the church. This enables the patients to hear the Sabbath services conducted there.

We believe we have a very attractive unit at Cooranbong which now fills a long-felt need. Those who have served God with all their hearts through the years are due the comfort this home provides.

We solicit your prayers that God will bless Mrs. Bendeich and her staff as they give sympathetic care and understanding to the patients.

Extracts from President's Address

This is a very happy day for the Adventist community here at Cooranbong, particularly for our senior citizens now resident at Kressville. I congratulate the North New South Wales Conference for initiating and backing this project which, with generous government aid, has provided so adequately for the housing and medical requirements of the occupants.

In the erection of this hospital we are observing the commandment which enjoins us to "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." How comforting it must be to these fathers and mothers in the church of God to know they have not been forgotten by their spiritual sons and daughters, and that such provision has been made for their declining years.

In 1899 the Avondale Health Retreat was established right here as a result of Mrs. E. G. White's counsel. At the opening she gave a stirring address. By 1901 Drs. D. H. and Loretta Kress were installed as resident medical officers in the Retreat. It is after them, of course, that this little village has been named Kressville.

Until the establishment of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital the Retreat was the only medical unit we had in this country. Later, the sanitarium, with its nurses' training school in Sydney, became the centre of our health programme in Australasia; and because of modern means of transport available, it was to



Pray Don't Find Fault

*Pray don't find fault with the man who
limps
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears
Or struggled beneath his load.*

*There may be tacks in the shoes that hurt,
Though hidden away from view;
Or the burdens he bears, placed on your
back
Might cause you to stagger, too.*

*Don't sneer at the man who's down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.*

*You may be strong, but still the blows
That were his if dealt to you
In the self-same way at the self-same time,
Might cause you to stagger, too.*

*Don't be too harsh with the man who sins,
Or pelt him with words or stones
Unless you are sure, yes, doubly sure,
That you have no sins of your own.*

*For you know, perhaps, if the tempter's
voice,
Should whisper as soft to you
As it did to him when he went astray,
'Twould cause you to falter, too.*

—Adlai Albert Esteb.

this institution rather than the one at Avondale our people looked for medical care.

It was to the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital and Training School for Nurses that there came in the year 1926 a young American doctor by the name of Charles Harrison. Prior to his coming to Australia he spent some years in Britain obtaining his L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., and F.R.C.S. degrees. This godly physician and surgeon skilfully served the Lord in the Australasian Division for twenty-nine years.

During this period he endeared himself to patients and staff alike, and how fitting it is that we should return to Avondale and today name this hospital after him—The Charles Harrison Home. I am glad he is still alive and that he will know from this action that the Australians still love him and will appreciate through all time what he did for the Australasian field through his medical ministry.

Looking to the future, we hope before long that this hospital will be registered as a Geriatric Hospital and that nurses from the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital will gain experience in this type of nursing right here in this place, as part of their regular training. We pray that God will greatly bless all who come to this place for medical care in the years that lie ahead.

And now just a little message to those who will be blessed by the amenities here at Kressville. In Zechariah 14:7 we read, "At evening time it shall be light." This is the promise to the Christian. So many of our fellow men reach old age in darkness and despair. To those of us who love the Lord, "Old age is a blessed time. It gives us leisure to put off our earthly garments one by one and dress ourselves for heaven. 'Blessed are they that are homesick, for they shall get home.'"

Kressville, with all of its amenities, including this hospital, is a lovely light around which many may gather and rest in the days to come. For those now resident here we see a fulfilment of that assurance of the twenty-third psalm: "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

The greatest enemies you face at your time of life are old age, feebleness, and ill-health without shelter or sustenance. In the present of these enemies what a table the Lord has spread for you! Comfortable homes in which to live, with no fear of eviction; Social Security pensions and medical schemes, both government and denominational, provide you with security and relieve you of much anxiety at a time when God and His church believe you should be free of such worries.

May His lovely presence be with you as you continue at this table and in this pleasant place that He has provided until that day dawns when He will wait upon us at a better table in the Kingdom to come.

The Desert Camp-meeting



H. J. WINDEYER
Secretary, West Australian Conference

Some ten years ago, the Seventh-day Adventist Church commenced work for the coloured people in Western Australia. These beginnings sprang from contacts made by the Voice of Prophecy Mobile Unit operating in the northern areas under Pastor A. D. Vaughan.

From that time the work has gradually grown. A mission station incorporating a school and boarding accommodation for children was first established at Karalundi. Then followed another station at Wiluna some 150 miles to the east, to care for the elderly natives and younger children, along with a school. Later, a centre was made at Mullewa to cater for natives who have had more contact with towns and civilization. This is operated as an evangelistic programme giving spiritual as well as welfare service.

At the Karalundi camp-meeting held August 27-30, it was interesting to note the development over the ten-year period. Large numbers now attend the gathering, including the sixty-eight children from Karalundi, the thirty-two from Wiluna school, a group from Mullewa, who give strength to the programme, and a fourth company from the surrounding district who are employed on sheep and cattle stations. These visitors occupy tents pitched in orderly fashion around the large marquee.

On the opening day it is interesting to see these native brethren coming in from the various districts and making their tents comfortable, just as we do on such occasions. One difference, however, is that outside each tent blazes a large campfire which serves a dual purpose of cooking the food and generating warmth for the occupants of the tent.

It is a very colourful sight as evening falls—the starry heavens undimmed by the smog and smoke of the city, and below the twinkling fires on the camp-ground.

This year we were favoured with a representative each from the Australasian Division and the Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference, namely, Pastor R. R. Frame and Pastor J. B. Keith. Delegates were also present from the local conference.

For the Sabbath school some 230 were in attendance. This included some twenty extra people who came across from Wiluna for the sacred hours, while the audience during the week consisted of some 200 native people.

It was very encouraging to note the spiritual response of those in attendance. In some instances this gathering is the only opportunity some have of hearing the gospel story, and the brethren hoped and prayed that the words spoken and the sermons preached would sink deep into the hearts of the listeners.

At the Sabbath morning service, conducted by Pastor Keith, thirty of the brethren surrendered their hearts to the

Lord, indicating their desire to prepare for entrance into church fellowship.

In the afternoon, seventeen candidates received the rite admitting them to the household of God. This was the largest baptism held at the mission, making a total of more than fifty for the period during which we have been operating.

Improvement and Extension at Wiluna

One of the problems at Wiluna has been the lack of space in the dormitories. The young children were sleeping two to a bed until recently we were able to secure a number of chrome double-decker beds. These look very neat and orderly and more adequately accommodate the children. The beds both here and at Wiluna look bright and attractive with the patchwork quilts made and sent up by the Dorcas and Welfare Societies of the West Australian Conference. However, the beds were still very close together and an additional dormitory was obviously necessary.

Materials costing £3,500 were purchased with the hope that this building could be erected by voluntary labour, thus avoiding the high cost of paid labour which these days just about equals the cost of materials. A call was made to our brethren in the local conference, and a very willing response received from a number of them. Two weeks was spent at Wiluna erecting the dormitory and the European married couple's quarters during the second term school holidays. The team consisted of eighteen men, and three ladies who cooked for them. They worked untiringly from dawn till dark with a very willing spirit.

We solicit your prayers that the Word of God shall continue to be both quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword in transforming the lives of these coloured people, so that many will find their way into the kingdom of God.



Sunshine Hour Continues for Months

GLENN PARMENTER

"Sunshine Hour—oh, its jolly fine;
It's for children under ninety-nine.
All are welcome, seats are given free;
Oh, the Sunshine Hour is the place for me."

It was a glorious Sabbath afternoon just four months ago, when 140 children united their voices in our theme song. A thrilling occasion it proved to be for all those who had spend many hours in planning and preparation.

The Lower Hutt (N.Z.) Sabbath school decided to conduct a branch Sabbath school in Wainui-o-Mata, a town with a population of ten or eleven thousand. We decided to call the programme the Sunshine Hour.

We had many difficulties, but God ironed them all out for us. Now we look forward to every week-end when we can meet with the children and take an active part in the Lord's service.

Our average attendance is around eighty. Thus far we have had 200 non-Adventist children come along. We feel it is now time to meet the parents, so on September 12 we have planned a sacred concert to which we will invite them, in an effort to show what we are doing for the children, and to introduce them to Seventh-day Adventists.

We highly recommend this ministry as most pleasing and soul-satisfying. We trust you will pray for us as we continue our programme for the youth and parents of Wainui-o-Mata.



Listeners Write to the V.O.P.

"Dear Pastor,

"I would like to mention God's blessings to my sister and me through tithe-paying. A few years ago I gave up work to look after her, as she was ill with Parkinson's disease. As time went on, finance was getting very low. My sister was in receipt of £3 5s. a week and I received £1 per week. That was all that was coming into the home. We both paid our tithe, and not once was our cupboard short of supplies. Someone would arrive just at the right time and replenish them. I have told many folk about it. I always thank God with all my heart, knowing that if we are faithful He will supply all our needs."

"Dear Friend,

"May I express in this letter the comfort these studies have brought me, and also the change they have made in my thoughts on life.

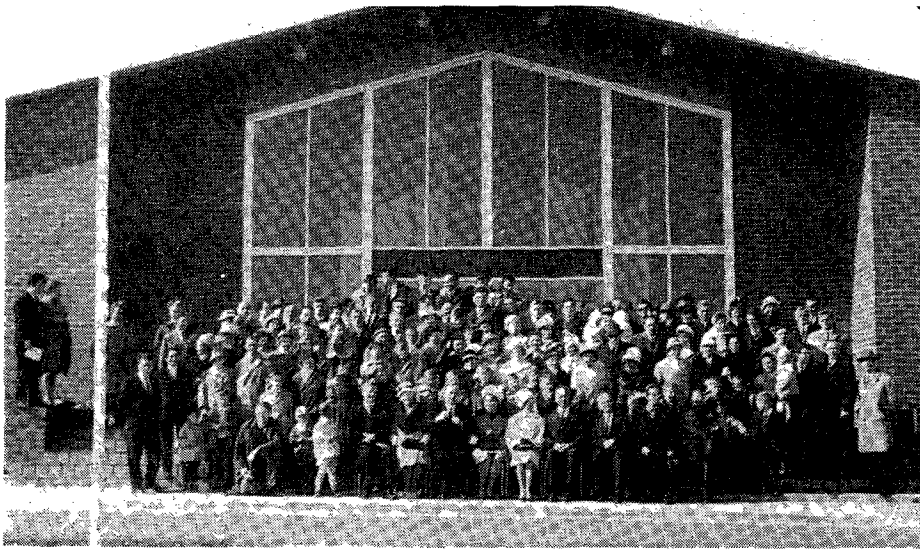
"Having lost my husband some short time ago, I also lost interest in life and in God, who, I felt, had treated me badly in taking my husband. A member of your faith whom I had come to know very well visited me regularly and could see what was happening to me. She suggested I take this Bible course as she felt sure it would help me. I can assure you I was not interested, but to please my friend, who had been so kind to me, I decided to do the course. Words cannot now express how thankful I am that I made that decision.

"I had strayed away from God, and your Bible course brought me back to Him. I was lonely, but as I read my Bible daily [Morning Watch] I realize I am not alone. I have been given strength and courage to start a new life.

"I thank you for the interest you have taken in me, and trust God's blessing will help you in the excellent work you are doing."

"Dear Friends,

"Now that I have finished my Faith for Today course I would like to thank you for making it available. Studying with you has meant a great deal to me. You have helped me to a clearer under-



The congregation of the new Polish church, organized on August 8, at their place of meeting, the new Clayton Hall.

standing of many things which puzzled me and brought many new things to my awareness. I can now get a clear picture of what the Bible and Jesus teach with everything fitting in clearly and no contradictions.

"This better understanding has of course given me a deeper faith, and I also feel a real need to share that faith with others. I will sincerely recommend the lessons to others whenever possible, and also personally try to bring others to realize the promise of Jesus' soon return, by urging them to study their own Bibles."

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Polish Church Organized in Melbourne

R. W. RICHARDSON
Secretary-treasurer, Victorian Conference

On August 8, 1964, the Polish-speaking believers in Melbourne were organized into a church with a charter membership of seventy-six, and the new Clayton Hall was chosen as their temporary place of worship. This beautiful building was tastefully decorated for the occasion of the birth of Victoria's forty-ninth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor J. Skrzypaszek, who once carried heavy conference responsibility in Poland, is the minister for the Clayton church, and Pastor Siemienowicz, a retired minister from the same country, was elected leading elder.

In preaching the first sermon in this church, Pastor L. S. Rose, the conference president, directed the attention of the members to the prayer of Christ for unity, that we may all be one.

Our Polish congregation believe they are fulfilling Bible prophecy in sharing their faith with the thousands of other migrants in Victoria. Their membership is growing rapidly, and it is expected that within a few months it will reach 150.

These folk have asked me to express their sincere thanks to the Springvale church for the sympathetic love, understanding, and care shown them as they

came from overseas and were without a church of their own. As they now have a distinct place in the sisterhood of churches in this conference, they are determined to strive earnestly for a church building, a base from which they can unitedly let their light shine forth to the glory of God.

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A Library Book Corrects Misunderstanding

(Copy of a letter written to Brother O. H. Twist, secretary of the Queensland Conference, by PASTOR R. TINDALL, Director of the Kainantu Mission, New Guinea.)

The story I am about to relate is a good example of casting bread upon the waters, the caster on this occasion being a good teen-ager at the Brisbane University. I am therefore writing to you, knowing you will pass this experience on to the Adventist group at the university, as I am not acquainted with the president or secretary.

Where we are stationed here at Kainantu, we are only about seven miles from the headquarters of a linguistic group who have some 200 Europeans working around the base. On the whole, these people are a very pleasant company of Christians whose aim is to give to the older natives the Scriptures in their own tongue. They are a well-organized, well-equipped establishment with their own two Cessna planes, saw-mill, printing press, stores, school, etc., and made up of various Protestant denominations who rather surrender their personal beliefs so they can work with the united purpose of giving the Scriptures to the New Guinea people. There are even pastors and ministers who have some warped ideas on our teachings.

In some definite areas I have felt on more than one occasion that the climate was considerably cooler, and had wondered why. It all came to the surface lately when Robyn came home from school and said that an American of this

group was wanting to borrow my book "Questions on Doctrine." "He was such a nice man, Daddy," was Robyn's reply to a few questions as to who he was.

I thought the matter important enough for me to go personally and meet the "nice man," taking the book with me. He certainly was a "nice man," and one of the fairest to whom I have had the privilege of talking for a long time. He told me his story briefly.

Before coming out from the United States he was informed among other things that he would be stationed close to the Seventh-day Adventist Mission, so he thought he had better find out more about them. While in Brisbane doing a refresher course on linguistics he looked around the library for something on Adventists and found the book "Questions on Doctrine." On studying this he found, as he told me, "that you folk are basically Christians, in spite of what my wife tried to tell me to the contrary."

This gentleman was pleased with what he discovered, but had not long been in New Guinea when he heard some strange reports about us—that we do not believe in the Trinity, that our views on the atonement are not orthodox, that we are saved by the law and not by the atoning blood of Christ, etc.

He said it was then his turn to put the ledger straight on the basis of what he read in the Brisbane University. However, he was a little hazy on certain points still; hence the request to borrow my book which, by the way, has been circulating around the station from home to home ever since.

This "nice man" has done such a lot over the last few weeks to bring the truth about Adventists to his friends. One Sunday when he occupied the pulpit for divine service his subject was "Are Seventh-day Adventists Christians?" his facts being taken from my book.

I was over at their base only yesterday and found a warmer atmosphere. I have shown my appreciation to this American gentleman who has done far more than I could have done to correct certain attitudes and remove prejudice.

I stand amazed and awed at the methods God uses to replace misunderstanding with truth; and to think it really started because of the work of our young people in Brisbane. I am sure they will be as thrilled as I have been over the whole affair. This experience will be an incentive to our church members to continue placing our books in libraries and other places where people may seek information.

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Five Enter into the Rest from Sin

K. D. L. BROOK

August 15 was a high day for the Gisborne church, New Zealand, for on that date, five precious souls followed their Lord in baptism. Great victories were gained by the candidates. Each had some problem to solve, and in the strength of the Lord victory was theirs.

Sister Stewart from Tologa Bay, some thirty miles distant, was re-baptized. Her name was passed on to me to visit. She was living in isolation from others of like faith, and what a surprise it was to me when she spoke of her two cousins George and Eric Nelson, who had been in Western Australia, and with whom I had been associated at the college over there.

Then there was the lass who, like Nicodemus, came by night requesting the ordinance of cleansing from sin. A sister who had been studying the Scriptures is now a member of the household of God, along with her husband. Great rejoicing was experienced by a brother who had gladly made his decision to surrender all, and gained a great victory.

So we rejoice as souls are added to the church, and pray that those in this latest group will continue to follow Jesus to the end.

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God Answers Prayer

LEONARD C. LEE
Pastor, Babylon, New York Church

One of my favourite texts in all the Bible is the prayer of Jabez. The first chapters of the Book of 1 Chronicles are one long recital of names and genealogies. Most names are passed by with no comment. They were born and lived and died, and the divine record seems to find nothing in their years worthy of a few sentences on the sacred pages. Then suddenly we come to the name of Jabez. The Holy Spirit that moved the prophets of old had something to say about his life.

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Thine hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." 1 Chron. 4: 10.

At first glance this sounds like a selfish prayer, and we wonder why God took the trouble to have it recorded. But when you study it you find that all Jabez asked for is what God wants all of us to have. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread, for forgiveness, and to be kept from evil. That was what Jabez was praying for. He asked for what God wanted him to have, and he got it. He prayed in the promises of God, and was rewarded.

Our heavenly Father is interested in the common daily life of every man. So often we think He is concerned only with our conduct at week-ends or on Sabbath or at prayer meeting. We cannot live our lives in an ocean of self-centredness and think that heaven sees us only when we come up like whales once a week to catch a breath of spiritual air. It can be man's wonderful experience to dwell in the sunlight of God's love all the time.

The Old Testament abounds in references to the good life that God wants for His people. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and

to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6: 8.

The first psalm gives us a picture of the righteous like trees planted by the river growing luxuriously. Whatever they do will prosper. But the ungodly are like chaff blown away by the wind.

Many years ago I read a few lines that have meant so much to me. I do not know who wrote them, but they fittingly illustrate the thought.

"The Master's footprints in our daily ways:
No knotted scourge, no sacrificial knife:
But the calm beauty of an ordered life:
A life that stands, as all true lives have stood,
Firm-rooted in the faith that God is good."

We cannot all be martyrs or go as missionaries to the ends of the earth, or

preach to millions on radio or television. We may not even be leaders in the local congregation. But we can have the "calm beauty of an ordered life." We can pray with Jabez, "Keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!"

It is not wrong to pray for peace of heart, prosperity, and happiness, when we are unselfish and praying in the will of God. God has always blessed His people with these things when they were doing right. Israel was an object lesson to the nations of health and prosperity when she was faithful in serving God. So should His people be in every age. It is selfishness that brings a curse, selfishness with our time, talents, and means.

I have never ceased to be thankful that the prayer of Jabez was recorded for our learning.—"Gleaner."

Perfection in Christ

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VARNER J. JOHNS

The Book of Acts is a record of the marvellous ministry of the Holy Spirit working through Spirit-filled men in the preaching of the gospel of salvation. Under the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the "early rain" the gospel was carried to the then-known world and was "preached to every creature which is under heaven." "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," said the Apostle Peter; "and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." Acts 2: 16, 17.

From that day to this the presence of the Holy Spirit has continued in the church. In the last days there will be a special bestowal of spiritual grace similar to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The work of God in the world is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its beginning. The earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The added power of the "latter rain" prepares the church for the coming of the Lord. Once again the gospel will be "preached to every creature which is under heaven."

How will the work of God be finished in the world? As the heralds of the cross go from city to city, and from land to land, preparing the way for the second advent of Christ, and as they continue to let their light shine, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, they receive more and more of the Spirit's power.

Some fail to realize that this is what was spoken by the prophets. They are waiting for a time of spiritual refreshing, neglecting present duties and privileges. All about them the showers may be falling in Pentecostal power, and they themselves be waiting, idly waiting, for some special season of refreshing. We must not forget these words from "The Acts of the Apostles," page 55:

"Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul-winning, they are yielding themselves daily to God, that He may make them vessels meet for His use."

The cleansing of the soul temple, the preparation of heart and life, the power for witnessing, is a daily work of grace, with the assurance that "morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its reviving, sanctifying power."—Id., page 56.

There are many erroneous ideas being disseminated about the perfecting of the people of God for their task of evangelizing the world and their preparation to stand in the presence of a holy God. Some people are teaching that it is possible and necessary for those who carry the gospel to the world in these last days to reach a degree of perfection higher than was possible in any previous time.

This spiritual perfection is supposedly possible for them and not for those who lived during the ages of the past, because they are privileged to enter through the open door into the Holy of Holies. The ministry in the "court" of the sanctuary is likened to "justification," in the holy place to "sanctification," and in the Most Holy Place to "perfection." Those who live in the last days supposedly reach entire spiritual perfection on this earth in their mortal state.

This is dispensationalism in its most insidious form. Carried to its logical conclusion it would mean that those who

lived before the ascension of Christ could be justified but not sanctified; those who lived during the ministry of Christ in the holy place could be justified and sanctified, but not perfected; and that only those who live during the ministry of our Lord in the Most Holy Place can reach perfection. This is dividing, but not "rightly dividing" the Word of God.

Under the new covenant the law of God is written in the mind, upon the heart. This is the covenant of grace, the everlasting covenant, the only covenant by which men can be saved. As a result of a new life from above, a new birth, and a day-by-day walk with God, men are "sanctified" and "perfected" (Heb. 10: 10, 14). Because Christ is the mediator of this new covenant (Heb. 8: 6), and the "surety" of this "better testament" through this "new and living way," "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7: 22, 25.) There is power in an all-powerful gospel to save men from their sins. Salvation to the uttermost is a present work of grace—present for all men regardless of the time period in which they live—and this salvation includes perfection.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory: . . . that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Col. 1: 27, 28.

"That ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Col. 4: 12.

He "gave gifts unto men. . . . For the perfecting of the saints: . . . till we all come . . . unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4: 8-13.

"That the man of God may be perfect." 2 Tim. 3: 17.

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1: 4.

"After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect." 1 Peter 5: 10.

"This also we wish, even your perfection." 2 Cor. 13: 9.

Perfection is possible through Christ, who is the "Lord our righteousness." Our title to heaven is in Him. Every step of the way, every moment of the day, as we journey through life, we may be as perfect in our sphere as our heavenly Father is perfect in His sphere. As we grow in grace, the divine image is restored and perfected in us. But there is never, never, a time when we do not feel our unworthiness and our complete dependence upon the One who is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

"The just shall live by faith," and this means that the life we live must be lived from faith to faith in the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. From the many illuminating comments of the Spirit of Prophecy on the subject of perfection note the following:

"None need fail of attaining, in his sphere, to perfection of Christian character. . . . In His humanity, perfected by a life of constant resistance of evil, the Saviour showed that through co-operation with Divinity, human beings may in this life attain to perfection of character.

This is God's assurance to us that we, too, may obtain complete victory."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 531.

"Precious assurance! Glorious is the hope before the believer as he advances by faith toward the heights of Christian perfection!"—Id., page 533.

"As the Son of man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to be perfect in their life. . . . His character is to be ours."—"The Desire of Ages," page 311.

"The Father beholds not your faulty character, but He sees you as clothed in My perfection. . . . And everyone who confesses Me by sharing My sacrifice for the lost shall be confessed as a sharer in the glory and joy of the redeemed."—Id., page 357.

"At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement. Sanctification is the "work of a lifetime."—"Christ's Object Lessons," page 65.

"He has the power to change their raiment. He removes the filthy garments, He places upon the repenting, believing ones His own robe of righteousness, and writes pardon against their names on the records of heaven."—Id., pages 169, 170.

"We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin."—Id., page 330.

"Moral and spiritual perfection, through the grace and power of Christ, is promised to all."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 478.

"What Christ was in His perfect humanity, we must be; for we must form characters for eternity."—"Testimonies to Ministers," page 173.

The subject of the sanctuary has for us many wondrous truths. But we must avoid parallels without proof and conclusions unwarranted by Scripture. The gospel that brought salvation to "righteous" Abel, and to Enoch who had the "testimony that he pleased God" is the gospel and the only gospel that is for us the power of God unto salvation.

For 2,500 years before the days of Moses and Aaron there was no visible tabernacle, no yearly Day of Atonement, yet the patriarchs in their sacrificial offerings and their walk with God found the righteousness which is by faith in the Lamb of God. Since the time of the sacrifice of the Son of God on Calvary's cross there are no daily and yearly offerings, but only the "one sacrifice . . . for ever" and the "new and living way" through which we have "boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus."

There is no newer or more life-giving way than through Him who is and ever has been "the way, the truth, and the life." Perfection for us is obtained and attained in the same way that brought translation to Enoch and Elijah, and resurrection to Moses and the "multitude" who were raised at the time of Christ's resurrection and taken with Him at the time of His triumphant entry into the glory land. On Christ, the solid Rock, we stand; all other ground is sinking sand.—"Review and Herald."

Forging Another Prophetic Link

RAYMOND F. COTTRELL
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Three years ago, Pope John XXIII drew up plans for the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity and commissioned Cardinal Bea to translate the blue-print into reality. The cardinal's noteworthy success in building a bridge of communication and understanding between the Catholic Church and non-Roman Christendom is well known.

Machinery for building a similar bridge between the Vatican and the non-Christian world is now being assembled, with Cardinal Marella, a sixty-nine-year-old Italian prelate fifteen years younger than Cardinal Bea, in charge of operations. Recently Pope Paul VI announced the creation of a Vatican Secretariat for non-Christians, a complimentary move that seems destined to produce results of more than ordinary interest to students of Bible prophecy.

The new secretariat will explore areas of co-operation with Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and other religions of the world. The unannounced aim of both secretariats, we suppose, is to break down barriers between the various religions and to unite the world in obedience to, or at least co-operation with, Rome. Apparently the Vatican intends to enter into dialogue with non-Christians as well as Christians.

John, in vision, foresaw a time when all the world would "wonder" after the Roman power, and when the religions of the world would lend their coercive influence to a programme directed by Rome. He relates seeing three "unclean spirits" emerge from the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet—from the non-Christian religions of earth, from the Roman power itself, and from the non-Catholic religions of Christendom, respectively—with the concerted purpose of persuading the political powers of earth to unite with Rome in solving all international problems on the basis of the Roman formula of a universal church guiding the political powers of earth into a new Pax Romana.

The ecumenical bridges being built at the behest of the present pope and his far-sighted predecessor give promise of paving the way for the fulfilment of this prophecy. Only a few years ago it was somewhat difficult to visualize how co-operation among the Catholic, Protestant, and non-Christian faiths could ever be achieved. But the current generally favourable reaction to overtures from the Vatican on the part of religious and political leaders alike suggests that a basis for the understanding and concerted action envisioned by John the revelator may be closer than we think. We will watch developments in the religious arena with increasing interest.—"Review and Herald."

Wedding Bells



LEAYR-MINNS. It is a pleasure to announce that on August 29, 1964, at the beautifully decorated Maitland church, N.S.W., Darrel Leayr and Coral Minns joined their lives together in the holy estate of matrimony. Both were recently baptized. The bride was employed for several years by the S.H.F. Company in Cooranbong. A large number of relatives and friends wish this well-loved young couple God's richest blessing as together they establish a home in which the angels delight to dwell. **B. H. McMahon.**

MALT-SMITH. At 11 o'clock on a glorious spring morning, September 13, 1964, relatives and many friends attended the Aspley church, Brisbane, where Orme Charles Malt and Sandra Lillian Smith were united in holy wedlock. These young people are members of the Sandgate church, and we are confident that as they set up another Christian home their united lives will be a blessing to the church and the community. **G. Weslake.**

THOMAS-CURRIE. On July 28, 1964, the Palmerston North church, New Zealand, was beautifully decorated for the exchange of wedding vows between Allan Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Thomas of Palmerston North, and Colleen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Currie of Hamilton. As this new couple take residence in Christchurch, where Allan is an S.H.F. traveller, we wish them much of the Lord's blessing. **David Currie.**



UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

"We would yield with gladness
Our treasures to Him to keep."

HESELTINE. Mrs. Mary Heseltine passed away in her sleep on August 20, 1964, at sixty-one years of age. Although not a baptized member, she was faithfully walking in the light of God's Word and attending church regularly. On the eve of her sudden death, our sister listened responsively to the hymn "Beyond the Sunset." Now this good Christian rests in the Busselton cemetery, W.A., awaiting the call of the Life-giver. We trust that the relatives and friends will find comfort in the hope which was hers when "beyond the sunset" on that blissful morning, Jesus will call His sleeping saints to life again. **Lewis T. Barker.**

REPS. A long life of fidelity to God in very tragic circumstances came to a close on August 21, 1964, when Sister Avina Reps, a Latvian by birth, passed to her rest in Dunedin, New Zealand. Her husband was ruthlessly shot before her eyes, and she and her daughter (Mrs. Lily Latisheva of Dunedin) were for many years refugees in different parts of Europe. Sister Reps had the sweetest Christian disposition, but during her latter years she was haunted by memories of the past. For over sixty years she was steadfast in the faith once delivered to the saints, and we confidently believe that when she awakes she will be caught up in the arms of Jesus, safe for evermore. **L. A. J. Webster.**

JOHNSON. Brother Herbert James Johnson of Campsie, Sydney, was eighty-two years of age when he died on August 30, 1964. A non-smoking, teetotal Christian since boyhood, he accepted present truth through Pastor W. H. Pascoe after the first world war and Pastor W. Morris, who baptized him. He was faithful in attendance at Sabbath services and was a familiar figure on the campground, as he worked in association with the catering staff for many years. With his widow and five daughters we shall miss him, but not in the sorrow of those who have no hope. As we laid our brother to rest in the family plot at Woronora it was a joy to extend to the family, as they said good-bye, the assurance, "Thy loved one shall rise again." **W. D. Lauder.**

BARBER. Mrs. Ivy E. Barber, our dear sister in the faith, passed quietly to rest at the Sydney Sanitarium on August 22, 1964. Sister Barber and her husband, who predeceased her in 1935, accepted the message in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1914. Later, for some fifteen years, Brother and Sister Barber acted as caretakers of the then Union Conference office and the old mission cottage. Sister Barber will always be remembered for her kindness and gracious life as well as her devoted courage and unflinching faith. Messages of sympathy and hope were brought to the surviving relatives and friends by Pastor Reg Adair and the writer at services in the Wahroonga church, and at the Northern Suburbs Cemetery. Of this child of God it may well be said, "The righteous is taken away from the evil to come." **C. S. Palmer.**

LITSTER. On August 12, 1964, at Nunawading, Victoria, Miss Florence Myrtle Litster was suddenly called to lay down the burdens of this life. Nurtured by a godly mother (one of the first-generation Adventist believers in Victoria), Miss Litster early gave her heart to Jesus and her energies to His service. For a period of twenty years and more she worked at the Windsor Depot and the old Melbourne Cafe, giving efficient and loyal service. Her unselfish life proved a blessing to many and will not only be remembered by the recipients but also written down by the unerring angel in the records above. Truly, our sister rests from her labours and her works do follow her. Our sympathies go out to her sister Frances (Mrs. Barnes), her brothers Charles and William, her nephews and nieces and their families. We laid her to rest beside her saintly mother and her brother John in the Kew cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver. **H. S. Streeter.**

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PEOPLE and EVENTS

- ✱ To fill the vacancy at Esda Sales and Service, Sydney, caused by the transfer of the accountant, Brother R. E. Smith, to the division office, Brother Graham Shields of the division treasury department has been transferred to Esda, and his position at Wahroonga will be taken by Brother L. Wilson of the Avondale College office.
- ✱ Pastor and Mrs. F. G. Clifford sent Kodachrome slides to Pastor L. C. Naden showing their new home in South Africa, which they have called "Wahroonga" in memory of their happy days here. Pastor Clifford was desperately ill recently, and it was feared he would not recover. However, he is now much improved, and it is our heartfelt prayer that Pastor Clifford's strength will gradually return to normal.
- ✱ A church member reports from Mount Hagen, New Guinea: "Our membership is quite active here, with branch Sabbath schools, literature campaigns, 'Signs' racks round town, and Dorcas service. Just two days ago we found an old leper man who had been discharged from Togoba. He was living in dirt and poverty. Pastor Paul went to visit this man and the next morning he came here. We gave him a 'two-sew-up-im' (a double lap lap, or two strong loin cloths sewn together for durability and warmth), a pullover and a cake of soap. His face beamed. I must keep in touch with him occasionally to see he is all right. Sometimes the old people are neglected, and that is the time when we must show our love by helping them."
- ✱ While in the northern part of New South Wales lately, your associate editor called on Pastor and Mrs. E. C. Rosendahl at Armidale. On the eastern outskirts of this university city, we found them living in a caravan on a section of land which they are transforming into a centre for local aborigines. A large old building was bought and transported quite a distance to this site, and now provides a large room for a meeting place and accommodation for some parishioners. Part of the timber was used to build a workshop, and Brother Rosendahl was engaged in the installation of a septic system. He hopes also to be able to purchase an adjoining block of land for the eventual erection of a church. Brother and Sister Rosendahl are making genuine sacrifices in that their teenage son Clifford lives elsewhere so they can live on the site and give their full time to the work. Building from "scratch," their capital mostly in physical strength, these worthy folk deserve our prayers and sympathetic support.
- ✱ When she graduated from the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital in 1963, Miss Margaret Hargreaves gained seventh place in the state examinations. She has now passed her internal examinations in obstetrics at the Crown Street Women's Hospital in Sydney and been awarded two of the five prizes presented by the hospital. One of these was the Thomas Dixon Hughes Memorial Prize for highest total marks, and the other was the Charles Ley Memorial Prize for the best Doctor's Paper and Oral. We congratulate Margaret on the success that has followed diligent application to her studies.
- ✱ Those who listen to the news from Vietnam on the radio or read it in the newspapers, will be interested in this note published by Brother Le Cong Giao, manager of our Vietnam Signs Press: "Last April 17, our Vietnam mission delegation had an audience with the Prime Minister, General Nguyen Khanh. At that time we presented to him a number of our latest books, which he graciously received."

S.H.F. Company Appointments and Transfers

Following retirements within the Company recently announced, these further changes have been made in staff:

H. E. Eiszlele, manager of Hobart Factory and Wholesale Branch, to a comparable position in Adelaide. F. Pinfold, manager Wellington Retail, N.Z., to succeed Brother Eiszlele in Hobart. L. Rogers, accountant N.Z. District Office, manager Carmel Factory, W.A. A. G. H. White, sales staff, N.Z. Wholesale Branch, manager Wellington Retail. N. Sawert, accountant Auckland Factory, accountant N.Z. District Office. G. Mitchell, accountant Head Office, Wahroonga, accountant Auckland Factory. R. E. Smith, accountant Esda, to accountant at Head Office.

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On the Move in the Central Pacific

In a letter to Pastor A. G. Stewart, Pastor R. A. Millsom outlines his programme for the next few months, as leader of several departments in the Central Pacific Union Mission. He says:

"We are enjoying our work out here and find the folk really lovely, willing to learn and interested in all that is done on their behalf.

"Last week-end I held a Sabbath School Rally at Suvavou (Fiji) and the response was really gratifying. Many of the folk there are now planning to organize branch Sabbath schools, and we believe there will be a revival of spiritual life in this section. Next week-end I will hold a similar rally at Naqia. The local folk are very keen, and I am sure that with a little direction and assistance they will do a great work in their valley.

"Brother Josateki knows how to help the young people, and when Pastor R. A. Vince was here he had an investiture of thirty-four Master Guides. Some of these had been working on their requirements for from ten to fifteen years, and it was a real victory for them to be awarded their badges and scarves.

"On September 5 I go to Tonga and will be there for about three weeks. After only two weeks at home, I will be outward bound for the New Hebrides to spend six weeks there. That will take me right through to the annual meetings, and so this year is almost gone."

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The Church the Light of the World

"Christ has made provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, page 191.