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Can YOU Say

THE LORD'S PRAYER?

- I cannot say "OUR"
if I live in a watertight spiritual compartment.
- I cannot say "FATHER"
if I do not demonstrate the relationship in daily life.
- I cannot say "WHICH ART IN HEAVEN"
if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.
- I cannot say "HALLOWED BE THY NAME"
if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.
- I cannot say "THY KINGDOM COME"
if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.
- I cannot say "THY WILL BE DONE"
if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to His will for me.
- I cannot say "IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"
if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.
- I cannot say "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"
if I live on past experience or am an under-the-counter shopper.
- I cannot say "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES
as we forgive those who trespass against us" if I harbour a grudge.
- I cannot say "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION"
if I deliberately place myself in a position to be tempted.
- I cannot say "DELIVER US FROM EVIL"
if I am not prepared to fight evil with the weapon of prayer.
- I cannot say "THINE IS THE KINGDOM"
if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.
- I cannot say "THINE IS THE POWER"
if I fear what men may do or what my neighbour may think.
- I cannot say "THINE IS THE GLORY"
if I am seeking glory for myself.
- I cannot say "FOR EVER AND EVER"
if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

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S.H.F. SALES CONVENTION

J. D. RATTRAY

WITH SNOW, ICE, FROST, and bracing winds one could easily wish the month of June away, but just the opposite is the case with the wholesale sales team of the Sanitarium Health Food Company in New Zealand.



The personnel at the New Zealand S.H.F. convention held on Pakatoa Island in the gulf east of Auckland.

For many this convention time is their only contact with other members of the sales staff. This annual review of the year's results and planning for the year ahead is looked forward to with no little anticipation. While these workshops and lectures furnish valuable help and instruction, there can be no doubt that the fellowship so whole-heartedly enjoyed by all, inspires and encourages fresh and earnest effort.

Prior to our departure for Pakatoa Island, worship was held at our Auckland factory, after which the manager, Brother C. F. Thrift, conducted all on a tour of the plant. Modest pride is not lacking among those who know the high standards of our factory hygiene and the painstaking effort that goes into each stage of production.

Pakatoa Island Resort

From Auckland, the thirty-one men sped their way some thirty miles out into the Hauraki Gulf by hydrofoil to Pakatoa Island. The off season gave us almost exclusive possession of this beautiful island hideaway. Brother Worboys opened proceedings with a welcome to our head office visitors, Brother W. L. Kilroy and Brother R. W. Groom, and to all sales staff, and in particular to those who have joined our group recently: Brethren D. Hughes from Melbourne, W. Kent, D. Carleton, L. Pitt. Also in attendance for the first time was Brother R. B. Jackson, the New Zealand District Office accountant. Brother K. H. Adair read a letter from Brother J. Carballal, assistant manager of Granix, Buenos Aires. Granix, as we are, is working to support God's work materially. Brother Carballal spent a short time with us a year ago and was keen to include us in his prayers and good wishes.

The expectations of all were soon realized by an inspiring address by Brother W. L. Kilroy, as tonnage figures from his

files were reviewed. The report of thousands of tons of health foods produced in Australia and New Zealand last year encouraged all present to know that God is still blessing in a wonderful way His work and His workers. A call to a renewed devotion was spontaneously answered by each man.

Brother Groom presented six facets of our convention theme, "Motivation." We enjoyed yet again the knowledge passed to us from his vast book of experience. Guest speaker Reg M. Barker, M.B.E., J.P., Hon. F.G.I. (London), for thirty-four years national secretary of the New Zealand Master Grocers' Federation, spoke also on our theme subject and presented some cardinal aspects that were enjoyed. A tribute he gave to the company was a challenge to all present. He said that in his long years of executive work with the grocery trade, he had never heard one serious complaint against a health food salesman. Our prayer is that it will always be thus.

The Sabbath Services

Because of our geographical isolation, the convention conducted its own Sabbath services for the first time in seventeen years. Brother L. Burton pointed out that it was the first time a Sabbath school had been conducted on Pakatoa Island, and the members came from fourteen churches throughout Australia and New Zealand. Furthermore, all the teachers and all the members were visitors. Brother C. F. Thrift preached a message of personal commitment in building for eternity.

Leaving much of interest unmentioned, I would like to include a report of the three-hour recess on Sunday afternoon when all enjoyed the sports amenities provided on the island. Four teams com-

peted in light-hearted fashion, and although no great triumphs resulted, it would not be fair not to admit the complete mastery by the managers' tug-of-war team over all-comers. The weight of experience, no doubt!

To pick the presentation that commanded the most interest would not only be beyond me, but could lead to a lengthy review of such speakers as Brethren W. L. Kilroy, R. W. Groom, K. H. Adair, H. Worboys, W. J. Fowler and Reg M. Barker, M.B.E. However, I have no fear of argument when I report the keen interest of all in Brother Kilroy's round up of the current stringent quality control programme now well advanced in our food factories. Each man felt this to be the essence of the company's future. Also, the paper on "Using Colour to Sell," by Brother K. H. Adair, took many into new spheres of thought.

Monday was toned down, as always is the day of departure. At lunch time the conference room seemed to have lost somewhat of its enthusiasm. Good-byes have never been a highlight, but the good wishes and cheery hand-shakes left an unquenchable flame burning that will extend by personal effort every ounce of energy and know-how into yet another year of service for our Lord and Master.

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ATOIFI

A Pearl with a Price

C. NEWMAN

Electrical Technician, Atoifi

Looking over peaceful Uru Harbour from the mission hospital, it is difficult to imagine the bloody scenes that have preceded the successful establishment of Christianity in this area. On the shores of nearby Sinerango Harbour, a government patrol officer and thirteen native police constables were brutally murdered by the rebellious Koio tribesmen, and even since this incident, thirty-two other natives have been murdered. Three missionaries have laid down their lives in the service of the Lord in the hospital area, the latest being Brian Dunn, a sanitarium nurse, who was speared to death whilst treating a patient at night.

The Atoifi hospital is still classed as the darkest mission outpost in the Bismarck Solomons Union Mission, yet, under the direction of Dr. Lyn McMahan and his able assistants, Lens and Betty Larwood, a new light is shining through this darkness. Each day brings forth its rewards, as patients who have received tender loving medical care declare that they wish to become—"a Jesus boy."

Our chapel in the hospital is at present being extended to accommodate more patients who are responding to the call of the gospel message. Mission patrols deep into the surrounding mountains have taken medical care to many heathen villages, schools have been established, and the Dorcas Society has clothed many a naked body.



Winging its way inland, the mission aircraft meets the challenge of the misty mountains of New Guinea. (Photos: L. H. Barnard.)

Five Years of Aviation Ministry

L. H. BARNARD

IT WAS ON A COLD but fine morning just five years ago on June 29 that the first mission aircraft, the "Andrew Stewart," pointed its red nose northward to pioneer mission aviation in the South Pacific. It is a thrilling chronicle of accomplishments to review what has transpired since then.

Up to the present, the "Andrew Stewart" has relentlessly challenged the often forbidding skyways of Papua-New Guinea accumulating 2,500 hours of flying time. When multiplied by 140 knots, this adds up to the astronomical total of 350,000 miles, which is equal to the distance to the moon and half way back again.

Think, if you can, of the literal years of walking it has saved—of the many hundreds who have been wafted over the mountains to herald the glorious gospel to the waiting multitudes in the hidden valleys. Think of the hundreds of sick and dying patients who have been sped to hospital to regain hope and health again.

In one recent week it was my joy to take three critically ill patients to hospital in the "Andrew Stewart" for urgent surgery. Before sunrise one morning the local doctor requested a dawn take-off for a European woman desperately needing surgery. Three days later a native was speared through the lung, liver and stomach and was bleeding profusely. We rushed him off to hospital lying on the special aircraft stretcher while receiving continuous blood transfusions in the plane. Then a request from the Department of Civil Aviation—all in the same week—to uplift a patient from a remote valley resulted in her life and that of her infant being saved by emergency surgery. Thus the "Andrew Stewart" is demonstrating that it has wings of mercy.

But the greatest joy is to fly in formation with the angels carrying the three

angels' messages "to the very ends of the earth." We have now carried the gospel to the West Irian border at Kiunga, and to the last stronghold of cannibalism, the dreaded Biamie tribe at Nomad River. The Spirit of God is working mightily with us to change cannibals to Christians.

As we fly the treacherous skyways of this mighty island, we are continually aware of the everlasting arms that constantly bear us up and place us safely back

on mother earth. In the whole five years of operations, the "Andrew Stewart" has not been grounded one day for need of other than routine maintenance, in spite of the rough airstrips our work requires us to fly into. For this we thank the Lord.

So continue to send your prayers heavenward for the planes and pilots in mission service—we need them—and thousands of extra souls will be in the kingdom because of the mission aviation programme.

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Tauranga Does It Again

H. G. EWART

ON MAY 19, the Tauranga Vacation Bible School commenced in the church hall. It was the third, and the biggest and best yet. Everything was ready and organized in preparation for 250 children. There were lesson books, hobbies, and the staff all ready with song books and crayons.

At 9 a.m. the boys and girls began to come. Some came in cars, some in buses, some walked, some rode push-bikes, and at 10 a.m. they were still being registered—225 of them.

The first day the programme was: singing, stories, "The Wonderful World" time, lesson time, play time, and hobby time. Then back to the hall for singing; and did those children sing those songs! Their theme song was:

"Tauranga Bible school,
Oh, it's jolly fine,
It's for children under ninety-nine.
All are welcome, seats are given free,
Tauranga Bible school is the place for me."

On the Tuesday the inevitable happened. About 300 girls and boys came,

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Since the mission has been working for his tribe, this Biamie cannibal wonders where his next meal is coming from.

Editorial

NO ANSWER FOR THE DEAN?

Speaking at the Auckland University graduation ceremony in May (as reported in the New Zealand "Herald") the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, the Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan, had some pertinent comments on racism and its problems—not excluding those which existed, he said, within himself.

"I have yet to read a reasoned, scholarly, intellectual approach to this subject which satisfies me," he said, "and I am aware that such a work must say some harsh things to white and coloured alike."

A reader pays us the compliment of sending us this newspaper report and saying that she believes we are the ones to supply the dean's lack. To this gracious act we murmur sincere platitudes of thanks, and make some comment we shall, but we make no claim that such comment will be "reasoned, scholarly or intellectual."

First, let us remark that no Australian ought to have the effrontery to pontificate upon racial problems while there is such a festering sore as the Aboriginal question upon his own body politic. Of all people, we are the ones who should be silent when racial problems are discussed. Our ancestors—and only a few generations back—solved the black versus white problem with the gun; they simply shot to kill anything that was black and that moved. This, they assumed in their civilized sophistication, was the most effective answer to the problem of survival, and was the best insurance policy against mass slaughter by their naked enemies.

Since then, thank God, some light has filtered into the convolutions of this terrible thing we call the human brain, and such overt mass-murder is no longer countenanced. We have a much more twentieth-century approach now. The gun is out; the poisoned water hole where the Aboriginal thirst had been quenched since the dream time is out; the blackbirding and the virtual slavery are out, too. We now use the velvet glove where once we used the iron fist. But the "velvet glove" is just another name for neglect and nonchalance. As long as the Aboriginal keeps to himself and lives on his reservation or in his miserable humpy on the fringe of a town and drinks himself into oblivion, we are content to leave him to his own devices.

His reservations—so-called—are usually the least attractive areas of land that are quite useless to the white man. So we donate these tracts of territory to the Aboriginal and expect him to be all choked up with gratitude. Until someone finds some valuable mineral just beneath the surface; then the poor black man is bundled off somewhere else, and the white man drags in his great machines that scar the countryside and spoil the terrain and mutilate the prospect. No one cares much if the Aboriginal's tribal grounds, sacred for centuries, are desecrated—just as long as the precious metal is mined and the dividends are declared.

Of course, university students are ready to demonstrate at such flagrant injustice, but who are they? Radicals who are against everything; let them get back to their books. A few letters appear in the public press, but they achieve as much as the altruistic students—nothing. A minister of the crown makes a speech and gilds the situation with his golden oratory. But the Aboriginal is still the forgotten man—until he, himself, makes a fuss. Then he is a nuisance, a misfit, a pariah, a trouble-maker, and a thousand-and-one things that are uncomplimentary and obscene.

So, we say, it ill befits anyone of our race and nationality to stand up and pronounce on racism. What other nations are achieving by violence, we are achieving by neglect; where they use the knife and the gun, we are using the smarmy speech and the political manoeuvre; where they have the monster of segregation, we have the subtler form of the same device: "Keep

'em in the bush where they belong and forget 'em." (Though no one would ever utter such profanity aloud; no one would be guilty of such partisan tactics so bluntly and so obviously.)

And so, having said that—and let no one think that it does not hurt to have to admit it—let us make a comment or two on the dean's remarks.

That racism exists goes without saying; that it exists in these fair lands of Australia and New Zealand (though less, we have observed, in the latter) is all too true. And why?

We do not wish it to be thought that we have the answer to this problem; it is complex and humanly unsolvable. But we can plainly see what is the basis of it. It all goes back to the very heart of man when sin caused him to adopt the philosophy of "Look After Number One." Increasingly is the "I'm all right, Jack" attitude abroad today. If you are born into a society which is both affluent and white, what care you for others? And that, tacitly, is the way the world looks at it. And the theologians who are loudly proclaiming the death of God may not realize it, but they are thus propagating the very selfishness that they should be seeking to uproot and destroy, for this is the basis of racism.

Race hatred is, in its lowest terms, a by-product of sin. The Bible states as clearly as it proclaims any truth: "And [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Acts 17:26. It was Luke's way of intimating that all humanity is one, that when God made man, He made human beings and not whites and coloureds. And certainly not first-class citizens and second-class citizens. These are arbitrary barriers made by the mind of selfish man, and somehow this philosophy has seeped into the thinking of so many of the favoured races.

Do you know that some churches will not work for the black people of New Guinea and Africa because they are black, and are therefore outside the pale of God's salvation? Do you know that there are some churches, even in these enlightened days, which teach that no human of black pigmentation will enter the kingdom of God, notwithstanding that great, all-embracing invitation, "Whosoever will may come"?

We cannot find such teaching in the Word of God; we can only suspect that this is but another outcropping of that innate selfishness and smug self-satisfaction that flourishes in the minds of some—even in the very best of people. (Even the dean, with sublime honesty, said that he had to admit to some racial prejudice existing within himself, and wanted to know why it was there! Most of us either don't admit it or don't care that we have it if we do admit it. Some are even proud that they are racially prejudiced, though we could never work out how it was that they chose to be born white—or any other colour.)

We must point out that the philosophy of racial prejudice is absolutely unchristian. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28.

And did He not say, as His last injunction, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them." Matthew 28:19. And surely He knew that some would be black, some yellow, some brown, some red, and some mixtures of some or all of these. He knew that some would be white.

"By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples," said Jesus, "if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. And in so saying He included mankind everywhere, regardless of race or colour.

Robert H. Parr



News From All Over

Compiled by OREL HOSKEN

TAMIL NADU, India. Brother Daniel Basu from the Nilgiris reports that he and a layman have prepared twenty souls for baptism. One of them is a Pentecostal pastor with eleven years' service. He is a theologian with a very good knowledge of Greek. He has made known his decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Brother Basu has been invited to preach in the Baptist church and the C. I. G. Mission and several Pentecostal churches.

MINNESOTA, U.S.A. From a Minnesota pastor, Pastor V. W. Emmerson, comes a story of how to win souls with "Signs of the Times." While travelling he met some folk, and in the course of conversation began answering questions on religion. When he returned home, he decided to send these people the "Signs of the Times." About a year later he visited them in their home and took them to the Seventh-day Adventist church on Sabbath. However, only seven people were present that morning. The pastor of this church later visited them and arranged for Bible studies.

Recently Pastor Emmerson visited these folk again. "You know," they said, "we think we brought new life to the Seventh-day Adventist church here, for now there are twenty-seven people attending church." On many beliefs the minister has found that they hardly need more instruction. They have been reading the "Signs of the Times" for more than a year now and are familiar with nearly all the doctrines of the church.

LUXEMBOURG. The first Adventist television broadcast in Europe has been launched in Luxembourg. The programmes, which are in French, cover Luxembourg and parts of Belgium and France. Twelve fifteen-minute programmes have been prepared by the Southern European Division, and they are televised once a week, immediately after the last news broadcast. Monte Carlo has offered to use the programmes as well.

SOUTH DAKOTA, U.S.A. Pastor W. R. L. Scragg, associate secretary of the Radio-TV Department of the General Conference, and Milton Erhart, district pastor, are conducting Voice of Prophecy evangelistic meetings in the city of Madison. Pastor Scragg, who is a native of New Zealand, is being well received by service clubs and is on the radio each day. An excellent programme is being presented, and a good number of friends from the community are attending.



Pastor W. R. L. Scragg holding the box for Pastor M. Erhart to take out a name for the presentation of a free Voice of Prophecy record.

WEST NIGERIA. The Adventist College of West Nigeria saw the blessing of God in their soul-winning activities in 1968. During last year 141 people were baptized.

The director of evangelism, Pastor Herman Bauman, reports that public evangelistic efforts by staff and students, evangelistic extension schools, Weeks of Prayer, branch Sabbath schools, Bible studies, and regularly conducted baptismal classes were all instrumental in bringing such a large group of people into the church.

NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.:

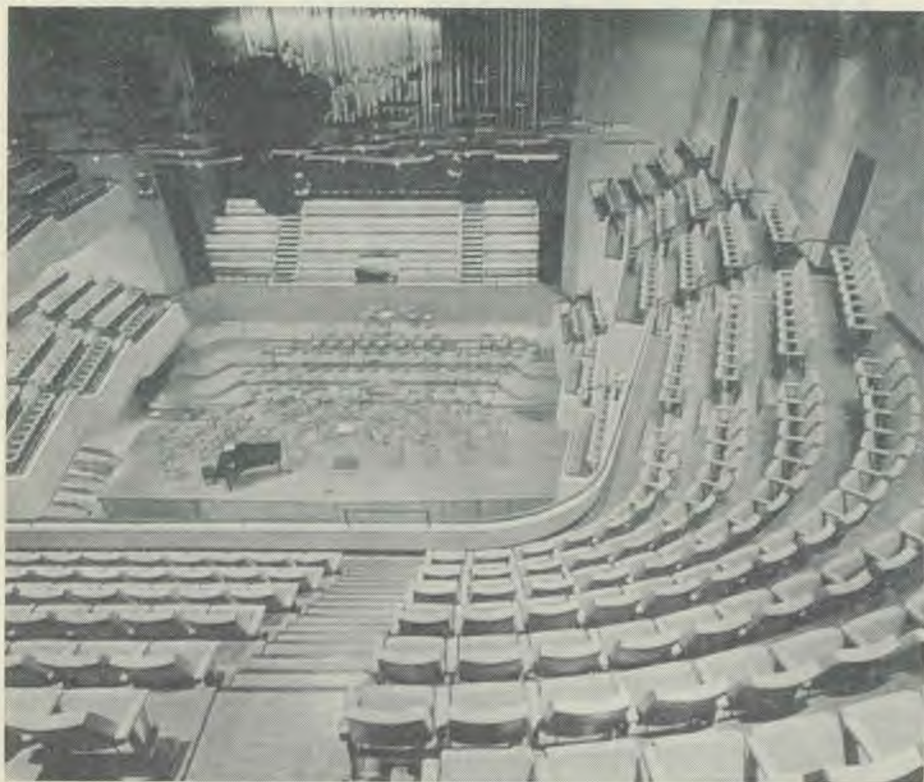
Pamela Koverick is a young lady only seven years old, but she takes her work for the Lord quite seriously. During the Mount Holley Appeal for Missions campaign, Pamela's mother told her it was most important that everyone receive the Appeal literature. While working in an apartment complex one evening, a man answered the doorbell and gave an offering but refused the literature. After the door was closed Pamela remembered her mother's counsel. The literature was pushed under the door only to be returned by the man. Pamela shoved it right back, and this time it stayed on the right side of the door. Do you suppose there might be a lesson in this experience for those who are a little timid in doing the Lord's work, or for those who give up too easily?



Pamela, the persistent.

SOUTH ENGLAND: "But we DO see God's miracles today!" a new Adventist lady said to a group who were wondering why God did not work miracles in these times. Her father, Mr. Egbert Rose, confined to bed seriously ill for many months, was eventually taken into hospital and found to be suffering apparently from a terminal kidney disease. His daughter, becoming concerned for his spiritual well-being, wrote to the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, with which she had been in contact, requesting that a local minister from the school should visit her father. The request was urgently passed to the minister of Lewisham church, Pastor P. H. Stearman, who made several visits to Mr. Rose in hospital, visits which continued after the patient was returned home by ambulance, the hospital having pronounced his condition as beyond human aid. A service of anointing was asked for and conducted in the home. There then followed a remarkable return to health, the symptoms of disease having completely disappeared. Mr. Rose's doctor was unable to account for the change, conceding it to be a miracle. Encouraged by this signal blessing of God, Brother Rose, his wife, and daughter joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Aitken Visits Australia



The Masonic Hall in Melbourne at which the combined meeting was held.

The Aitkens See Most of Our Division

M. G. TOWNEND, Radio-TV Secretary, Australasian Division

ONE OF THE MOST colourful personalities to visit Australasia in recent years was Pastor James J. Aitken, Radio-TV secretary of the General Conference.

Pastor Aitken was in Australasia from April 14 to June 23 of this year, and very quickly endeared himself to both laity and ministry alike. For part of the itinerary, Pastor Aitken was accompanied by his wife, Dorothy Aitken, well-known and popular Adventist authoress. Mrs. Aitken, we discovered, can tell a story just as dramatically as she can write.

The Aitkens visited almost all areas of the Central Pacific Union Mission and had a good sampling of New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. In the home field, Pastor Aitken was able to speak at church rallies and workers' councils in every conference. His preaching was stimulating and inspiring, and his counsel to ministers, practical and effective.

Pastor Aitken was for many years MV secretary of the Southern European Division, served for six years as president of the Swiss Union Conference, and was for eight years the president of the South American Division. During the period of his South American leadership, he pioneered the Adventist aviation ministry, established a network of 500 weekly Adven-

tist broadcasts, and saw more than 100,000 baptized and join the church.

As he left Australia Pastor Aitken wrote: "Both Mrs. Aitken and I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful reception and kind hospitality we have found everywhere in the 2½ months we have been itinerating in the South Pacific islands and the mainland of Australia. I believe that the programme that has been projected for greater evangelistic endeavour in a more extensive radio and television coverage everywhere will, with God's help, surely bear increased fruit in more souls for the kingdom of heaven."

Our good wishes go with the Aitkens as they now itinerate in the Far East and Southern Europe.

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MELBOURNE HEARS PR. AITKEN

W. A. STEWART

Radio-TV Secretary, Victorian Conference

ON SABBATH AFTERNOON, June 14, we were thrilled to hear news of success and progress in proclaiming our message from Pastor J. J. Aitken as he addressed a combined meeting in Melbourne. By colour film the pastor shared with us the phenomenal growth in the vast and needy South American Division, and the great personal joy that came to him and his wife as they watched the church going forth conquering and to conquer.

J. J. Aitken, visiting General Conference Radio-TV secretary, was the first Adventist speaker to be privileged to speak in the new ultra-modern Masonic Centre in Melbourne. This building was recently completed at a cost of approximately four



Pastor Aitken (left) tapes an interview with Pastor Timothy (right) from the Solomon Islands, one of our regular radio broadcasters, while Pastor H. Dickens (centre) looks on.

million dollars, and has been praised for its outstanding architectural beauty. It was a privilege to have such excellent accommodation as we listened to the inspiring report of the amazing progress of the Advent Message in many lands, and the outstanding contribution of radio and television to this achievement.

After the meeting and while many of the 2,300 people present lingered in the luxury lounges surrounding the auditorium, Pastor Aitken met with an enthusiastic group of Radio-TV secretaries and Lay Activities leaders for half an hour.

This had not been the first meeting on that memorable Sabbath. We had met with our very devoted Yugo-Slav brethren, as Pastor Aitken brought back many memories of God's remarkable leading and keeping power in the countries of Europe from which they had come.

Youth attending a youth Bible camp had come in for the afternoon to catch the inspiration that such a colourful overseas visitor can bring. That evening Pastor Aitken met with the youth at their week-end camp and personally chatted with the many youth who came to him to seek counsel or have their books autographed. Previously Pastor Aitken was a division MV secretary in Southern Europe.

Further inspiration came to our Victorian Conference workers on the Sunday morning as they met in council together. Pastor Aitken's theme "From Communication to Communion" was ably unfolded, and the working force challenged to be labourers together with God for the speedy finishing of God's work in the earth.

Tremendous interest was shown by the workers as Pastor M. G. Townend, Australasian Division Radio-TV secretary, introduced for the first time in Australia the dramatic new series of very colourful information brochures entitled "Practical Solutions to the Problems of Today." This new ten-brochure personal delivery Bible course has been designed to help meet the many perplexing problems of today. Our workers are convinced that these ultra-modern brochures will make a very powerful appeal to the public as they are introduced throughout the field.

We thank God for the inspiration that our very versatile leader, Pastor Aitken, brought to our Radio-TV ministry in Victoria. For whilst he spoke some five languages, he also spoke that language of love and fellowship that warmed the hearts of all who heard him.

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Tauranga Does It Again

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and we had to tell them, "No more!" as we were full up. But still they came. Wednesday some more, Thursday some more, and Friday still others were trying to get in.

It brought the children a real thrill when the fire engine came, and then the life-savers, together with the films, which were very popular. One day one of the shops sent two cases of apples, and everyone had an apple! What a time we had on Wednesday afternoon! We hired one

HISTORIC PICTURE GALLERY



THE WARBURTON CRICKET CLUB IN 1912-13. From left to right (front row): Ray Romero, Jack Tate; (second row) Cecil Natrass, Ern Woolrich, Mr. Meritt, Les Romero, Charlie Jensen; (back row) Roy Scott(?), Bert Anderson, Roy Lane, Cyril Scott, Bert White(?), Fred Gall.



LORD HOWE MEMORY. This picture, taken forty-eight years ago, shows the late (Pastor) Norman Ferris on the sledge with Miss Ruby Chatman (who later became Mrs. Ferris). (Pastor) Walter Ferris is on the veranda with his boy friend. Photo taken outside the home of Brother and Sister A. H. Ferris on Lord Howe. (Photo: Mrs. H. A. Ferris.)

of the biggest halls in the town, which allowed the children to play games.

Then came Sabbath "Story Hour," and over 130 girls and boys on Sabbath morning from 9.15 a.m. to 10.40 a.m. enjoyed the singing and stories. On Saturday night we had children's items, singing, a film, prize books given out, and the hall was packed with children and mothers and fathers. Three times we had to say, "Would you mind moving up, please," to make room for the people to sit down.

Then the mothers and fathers went to see the hobby display, and told us it was

wonderful. When we asked if we could send around the hat they were even more enthusiastic and gave over \$40.

So the week finished, and, do you know, more than half of the children were back from last year, and all the children want one next year, and so do the mothers and fathers.

We should just add a word of appreciation for one person. The V.B.S. could not have been a success without Uncle Harry (Stokes) from Auckland. The children just love him and he loves them, too.

INVESTMENT: God Gives the Increase

Charlestown, N.S.W.

A 1,300 PER CENT DIVIDEND

S. A. BARTLETT, Church Pastor

SOME OF THE MEMBERS were very keen, some were a little conservative in their thinking, a very few were quite uninterested. The overall picture, however, was one of responsive enthusiasm as Brother John Cox, Charlestown's Sabbath school superintendent, announced plans for the second quarter's Sabbath school investment. Yes, he had consulted with his Sabbath school council and they had voted their approval. Now to enthuse the Sabbath school members.

Talents in the form of dollar bills would be handed out to all who would accept one or more to invest in some way for the Master and His mission programme. The Sabbath school was assured, before being asked to participate in the plan, that their Sabbath school officers would present quite a list of ways and means to invest and multiply talent money. The Sabbath school agreed to adopt the plan, and so the next Sabbath \$43 in talent money was accepted by various members. Because of the fact that some of the projects would take several months to come to fruition, the plan was initiated in the first quarter to culminate at the end of the second quarter. For some particular long-range projects the time would be extended even another quarter, so the slogan—"Six dollars in six months, or nine in the rest of 1969"—was adopted by the Sabbath school for the project.

Well, we had our talent money, and the question now was—What will we do with it? How will we invest it? Will we play the share market with our dollar? What about buying some seeds and selling the vegetables or flowers? How about some material for dress-making? Make some things to sell on a stall? Why not buy some timber (precious little at the price these days) and make some trays, breadboards, etc? What about some baby sitting? (A bit difficult to invest a dollar in that, though.) What interesting and humorous stories could be told! What discussion (unheated) and playful bantering between husbands and wives and others as to the best way to invest.

might be interested. The trouble was the pies became so popular we almost got into the pie business! All the customers wanted to have a "pie day" every day instead of once a week. An interesting sidelight to the pie story was that two neighbours who were studying the message and are very interested in our health principles, surreptitiously tried the pies on their husbands, who both maintained that they were the best "meat" pies they had ever tasted.

Well, stories could be multiplied, but please wait—there are two other features yet. One: a street stall. This would provide opportunity for some who had not been able to sell their products otherwise, to dispose of them. This was quite successful. In a very short time, the homemade cakes and goodies were whisked away in exchange for cash, and the supply was totally inadequate.

Two: a get-together church tea and evening was arranged when all talent money would be returned with increase,

The Gluten Pie Parade

The pastor's wife would not buy her husband's vegetables out of the garden (she felt he should grow and supply those on a non-profit basis for the family larder). However, being more than ordinarily gifted with the culinary art, she would make gluten pies and sell them to neighbours, church members and others who

ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

The Miracle Tomato Plant

HARRY McINTYRE

In the spring of 1967 Mrs. Alta May Marsh, the junior division leader of the Aledo, Illinois, church, gave to each member of the division a red cherry tomato plant as an investment project. Laddie McIntyre received his plant, but it was rather wilted and not very promising. Because of hindering circumstances the plant did not get placed in the ground until a week later. In about two days there was not anything left except a dried-up plant lying in the ground.

Laddie felt a little discouraged, but he had faith to believe that God would not overlook his investment project. The plant had been dedicated to the Lord's work, and Laddie was certain in his heart that God would bless it.

A day or two later Laddie went into the yard, and there stood a beautiful, healthy, green tomato plant. In a few weeks the plant measured between six and eight feet across.

Because the plant had had such a late start, and eager that her son have some money for investment, Laddie's mother promised that she would give a cent for each tomato on the plant. When the tomatoes began to grow, Laddie had a surprise. Instead of red cherry tomatoes, his plant produced beautiful yellow pear tomatoes. And Laddie continued to be surprised day after day as the tomatoes began to appear. It seemed there was no end to the tomatoes! When the final tomato was picked, and the number of tomatoes totalled, the figure amounted to 1,550 from that one wilted, unpromising plant—a total of \$15.50 for investment.



and opportunity would be given for Sabbath school members to share their Investment stories. This is now in the past. Let us tell you briefly some of the stories.

God Brought Success

One sister said her hens laid so well she was able to supply her own family and a neighbour. All went to Investment. One junior grew tomatoes and sold them to Mum. Several juniors sold "Health" magazines, and many dollars came in as a result. One young man who had a part-time job prayed that he might get a rise which he would give to Investment. He got it next day, so the Investment project benefited by \$15. One sister told of a choko vine that did not bear any chokos. She and her husband felt that if they dedicated the fruit for Investment, the vine might bear. The result—830 chokos, all sold.

One brother who drove a taxi on Saturday nights and Sundays told how he and his wife wondered how they might do something. He had little time for gardening and could not think of some

investment. The taxi stand was not paying too well and the owner was thinking of taking it off on week-ends. This brother and his wife decided that they would give all above a reasonable wage that he could earn on the week-end to Investment. They prayed much about it. Business improved. However, on one occasion in the early hours of the morning things had not been so good and he decided to go home, regretting that there was nothing for Investment that night. Then he was hailed.

"How much to go to Sydney?" he was asked. After quick reckoning he replied, "Eighty-three dollars."

"When can I go?"

"Right now," he replied. So this brother and his wife were overjoyed to hand \$55 over for the project. Well, I am sure you cannot wait to get to the end of this story to hear the climax. The result: \$561.42 from \$43, and more to come in yet as some projects have not yet matured.

It surely does pay to think big thoughts and make big plans and extend our faith for Sabbath school Investment.

when she saw the hens. It was well past moulting time, but the hens had scarcely a feather among them. They were too busy laying eggs for Investment to grow new feathers, and even now about a year later feathers are still very scarce, but eggs are not!

"From the sale of eggs we average \$22 a quarter for Investment, and for the past five years we have been able to give approximately \$572 to the Investment Fund. I might add that twice this year I have threatened to sell off the old hens and buy young ones, but it only spurs them on to lay more eggs! So they are still going strong."

More recently some Adventist builders were employed to build a new farm home for the Majors. They wanted to take home some good fresh farm eggs and ordered several dozen—Investment eggs. Sister Major was a little concerned, for she was just getting sufficient eggs to cope with the local demands. However, the hens must have been informed about the increased demand, and by the end of the week there was an ample supply to care for the special order plus the local demand!

Naremben, Western Australia

INVESTMENT HENS REFUSE TO RETIRE

H. W. GUNTER

BROTHER AND SISTER MAJOR and family live at Naremben, a wheat-growing district of Western Australia. They are active members of the Naremben Sabbath school. They run a very successful farm, and, of course, a farm would not be complete without some hens. Sabbath school members are usually Investment-minded, so with the combination of the two we have this interesting Investment story. We will let Sister Major tell it in her own words:

"About five years ago our family decided to have an Investment project, and the only thing we could think of was the sale of eggs. But our thirty-six hens were laying only enough eggs for our own use. We prayed about it and told the Lord we would like to sell all extra eggs for Investment. The children prayed morning and night in their own way, asking Jesus to please help the chickens to lay more eggs. And sure enough, we began to collect more and more eggs every day,

and more and more people wanted to buy eggs. After a time the children forgot to pray about it and the supply dwindled. As soon as they began to pray again, the very next day there would be plenty of eggs for our orders. This happened two or three times, so I am sure it was not, as some people would say, coincidence. I am sure the Lord hears the prayers of little children.

"One day one of our church members visited us, and she just stood and laughed

INVESTMENT IDEAS

- Perhaps in your church or your home you have devised some unique and successful idea for Investment. Perhaps you have come across a simple and yet very profitable method of money raising. Why not write in and tell us of your ideas and thus share them with other "Record" readers who might readily adopt them for their own church Investment programme.
- Send your idea to the "Record," Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria, 3799, including your name and church.

Progress and Problems in the Central Pacific

GORDON A. LEE, President, Central Pacific Union Mission

I HAVE RECENTLY completed a most interesting visit around the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Mission. It was the first opportunity I have had to spend time with them since taking over the leadership of this union.

We have much better communications in this field now than we have ever had before. There is a weekly plane service and, commencing at the end of this month, there is to be an internal airline which will fly to many of the islands within this group. Then, too, the re-organization of the shipping facilities has greatly assisted with the communications with each island. No longer are the Gilbert and Ellice Islands the isolated group that they were a few years back, and it is good news to us.

Pastor Peter Colquhoun and his wife, Carelle, are busily engaged this year in establishing the headquarters on the island of Tarawa. We have for many years planned this move and it was hoped that last year we could have made a start. Unfortunately, this was not possible, but Pastor Colquhoun is determined that this year will not go by before real steps will be made. They came up and were living in very temporary quarters until the heavy rains came and made living conditions so uncomfortable that they retired to the hotel.

It was in this state that I found them when I arrived there just over a month ago, and we worked together in completing the shed that they are to live in temporarily while their house is being built. I must say I greatly admire the willingness of this couple to pioneer under such trying conditions on this island. I greatly enjoyed the physical labour I had for a week or so as we cut trees, dug wells, and proceeded with the general building programme.

Better still was the fellowship we had together and with the believers each Sabbath day. There were upwards of sixty whom we contacted and drew together for the study of the Word. I believe that we will draw into the fold again many who have backslidden on this island, where up until now we have had no organized work.

Interesting Journey

I had a most interesting visit down through the central Gilberts to Miana, Koorea and Abemama. I met with the new couple at Abemama, Brother and Sister Clover, and enjoyed their fellowship. We had a meeting together in the "meneaba" and I inspected the school, and spoke with the students. The school has the largest enrolment that we have ever had, and the programme is moving along very smoothly and the prospects look good.

I was deeply impressed with the work I saw on Miana and Koorea, where two

semi-trained teachers are carrying on the responsibility of leadership on these islands. It was on these two islands that a large number of the baptisms of last year were conducted. As you will recall, it was the highest number of baptisms we have

ever experienced in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Mission.

Unfortunately, I was not able to visit the northern group because of time and a lack of suitable shipping. However, I did call in at Funafuti and met with our two young girls who are leading out in our school there. These are very brave young girls and I admire the courage with which they are giving leadership to the flock. Both of them are just new out of Fulton College, and they are bravely carrying on a good work, a big work, under most trying conditions.

I received a letter from Pastor Lemke and he outlined the evangelistic endeavours for this year in the Cook Islands.

Youth Camp in Westland National Park

GLENNIS M. WADE

Tired city feet relaxing in hot thermal pools ten feet from raging glacial rivers of 33 degrees F.; camera shutters clicking candidly at rugged mountains, their peaks shrouded in shawls of shimmering snow, still rosy-tinted from sunrise; the ferns and trees dripping with diamond-like drops of morning dew; spiritual food delivered by the youth leader in Edenic surroundings; and physical food prepared by his wife—this is just a tiny peek into the marvellous fun of the sun- and rain-filled Easter camp at Franz Joseph for seventy young people in South New Zealand.

Where else but South New Zealand's West Coast could all this be possible? Where else would these young people run off the excess energy they should not have had after a twenty-mile hike which seemed like fifty, when all they should have wanted to do was fall into their sleeping bags? Where else would prayers for the rain to stop be answered almost instantaneously by the sun bursting forth in golden glory? And what a glorious sight it was to stand on the blue-grey glacier and look down the valley, the sun's rays dancing merrily on the ice giving the appearance of thousands of diamonds being taunted by huge lights! How close everyone of us felt to the great God of heaven as we breathtakingly marvelled at His handiwork!

Who else but Pastor Ferris would rise at 4 p.m. and take a carload of boys to Lake Matheson and wait for the sun to rise and get some "different photos"? How the boys treasure that prayertime together with one of God's men and also drinking in the glory of the early morning mystery emerging before them!

What made this camp so different? The combination of spiritual leadership, non-stop physical activity, a setting so close to God that you could feel His presence in the very air you breathed, and delicious wholesome food, together with young folk out to have a wonderful relaxing time where all powers, physical, spiritual, mental and social could be developed.



South New Zealand youth inspecting a crevasse on the Franz Joseph glacier. (Photo: A. Bell.)

I was very pleased to note that he, as president of the Cook Islands, is going to stand on the public platform in the village of Arorangi this year and run a campaign. I am glad, too, to see the programme which is involving most of the workers in public evangelism. It is good to know also that the lay people are taking an active part.

In New Caledonia

Coming right across to the west now, let us drop in on Brother Hermans in New Caledonia. As you know, Brother Hermans is moving out for his furlough this year, but he has put the works in progress for a strong Lay Activities programme during 1969. Writing to me he gives this experience, and I am quoting from his letter:

"The Lord is at work with us and this is our main weapon. One lady will be baptized on Sabbath, March 29. She is a very good person and has come to the church every Sabbath for some months now. She was contacted first by our literature evangelist. She had a very hard childhood in an orphanage and Catholic institutions. Now she is married to a college professor in Noumea. For her, ear-rings were the sign of her liberty and peace. This was really psychological. I was without any argument. But she loves the truth. So I had to tell her, 'I cannot baptize you with your ear-rings. You will have to wait. But I know you love the Lord, so pray and ask Him to tell you what you must do.'

"This was on a Thursday afternoon. She told me the next week what happened. She said to her husband, 'I'm really sorry because I want to be baptized, but I will not take my ear-rings off.' Wednesday before sleeping she prayed to the Lord to help her.

"That same night,' she told me, 'I saw a Being, shining with glory, and with a book in His hands. I believe this was the book of life. He said to me: 'If you overcome you will sit with Me on My throne.' On Thursday morning I was convinced that I should take off my ear-rings. I have done it and now I feel really happy, and I am ready for baptism.'"

At the last annual meetings we spent much time in discussing the development of the Deuba Agricultural School. We are working on this at the present time. Brother Mittleider is away in the United States making the final arrangements for the publication of his book for the agricultural studies. He is due back here in two or three weeks' time. It is our plan to commence the training programme for this year in July. At the present time we are in the process of building another small house into which Ray Eaton will go for the time being, and also the dormitory to accommodate the students that come in for the commencement in July.

Exciting Developments

There have been new and exciting developments down at Deuba. A group from Canada are planning to put in an extensive holiday and retirement resort in the

Deuba area. Their plans are to spend upwards of twelve million dollars in developing the area, putting in retirement homes, a hotel with golf course, tennis courts, marinas, pony trails through the mountains, etc. It is going to be quite an undertaking. Of course, this means that the value of the land is skyrocketing. They are happy for us to be on our section there, although the development is to come right up to our very boundaries. It does, however, mean that we have an outlet for the crops we grow right there at Deuba. The prospects are quite encouraging.

I received a letter from Pastor David Hay, and he tells of a problem that is facing them in Western Samoa. The school at Satala in Pago Pago, of course, is in very poor condition, and it has been the desire of the Samoa Mission to rebuild there for quite some time. The site is not a very good one for a large school, and so they have sought out land elsewhere and have been successful at getting land at Iliili. At the last annual meetings we passed plans for the overall development of the school at Iliili. However, funds are not yet available to raise up this school, and in the meantime our little school at Satala is becoming more decrepit every day.

Just recently a six-man evaluation team from the Education Department, headed by two assistant directors of education, came to inspect the school and its physi-

cal plant. The report that they brought forward is not an encouraging one and it appears that unless we are able to do something in the immediate future, then they will find it necessary to close our school as they have done certain other private schools in American Samoa. This will be a great blow to our work in American Samoa and it would be most difficult to reopen our education work there should this happen.

Pastor Hay and Brother Litster were there on the occasion of the visit to our school by these government authorities, and they talked at length with them of what the plans for development are. Because there were no immediate funds, they could not give any definite date as to when all would be put in order. It is estimated that \$17,000 will be required to establish the school at Satala in certain order with two classrooms and then to transfer the balance of the school to the Iliili area where four classrooms and two workers' homes are to be built.

Recent Developments

A more recent letter from Pastor Hay tells the following story:

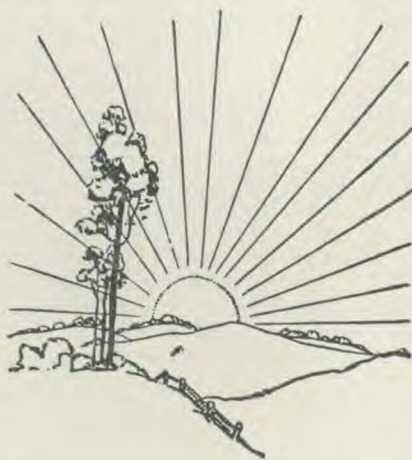
"Twelve souls have been baptized this year on Upolu with one church having reached its full aim—100 per cent. Four other churches have upped their percentages. Later I will send you a table of progress for Samoa. Another baptism is planned soon. Mrs. Toflau will be going forward at this time and you can be assured we rejoice over her decision.

"Pastor Neru has a baptismal class of ten at Luatuanu, Pastor Tini is resting a little and will start shortly in another section of Fagaloa Bay. Brother Aileone is holding studies in Tealefaga and plans a baptism soon. Brother Papafo and Enesi are conducting a series in Fagalii and already have graduated onto a branch Sabbath school. Pastor Afa'ese is doing well with a series inland from Apia.

"What of the laymen? Brother Ryan has a baptismal class of ten in Afega and will run an evangelistic service in June inland from Leauvaa. Brother Kuresa has chiefs attending church from the village of Faleula. He and Pastor Afa'ese visit the area every Thursday without fail. Other laymen are out using the special cards given to them during congress time and later in follow-up meetings with Tini, Tavita and Enesi. Brethren Tini, Tavita and Enesi (Upolu) have met with all the churches in the mission in follow-up work for Lay Activities. They now plan to visit certain churches and actually go visiting with the brethren and sisters.

"The youth hall keeps me very busy indeed. I work with the teams which come in to make panels. We are now to commence the lower wall on the east side. Master Guides are assisting local churches with class work. Students are happy at Valloa. Already Pastor Fereti is conducting a series of services in the village of Lufulufi with students assisting."

Brethren, I solicit your prayers for the work in this vast and scattered island area.



My Prayer

Jesus in the early morning

While the birds are praising Thee,
Come, and make my heart Thy temple,
Come, O Lord, and dwell with me.

Bless me, please, and walk beside me
In my work and play today,
And from sin preserve and keep me
Lest my feet should from Thee stray.

Purify the words I utter,
Let them true and kindly be,
Rule my ev'ry thought and action,
Ever make me more like Thee.

—R. R. D. Marks.

"If I Had Only One More Sermon to Preach"—No. 6 in a series.

CHRIST FOR THE CRISIS

CLAUDE D. JUDD

"MANKIND STANDS AT A CROSSROAD IN HISTORY." These dramatic words are not the catch-cry of an emotional evangelist. They are taken from the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" and they have become the text of politicians, statesmen, militarists, philosophers and scientists. The article continues, "In one direction lie the all-consuming flames of thermonuclear warfare; in the other the full and peaceful utilization of science for the benefit of all the peoples of the world."

These are the alternatives according to nuclear scientists, but they have ignored the real crisis of our day, the deeper problem of sin and death. The threat of thermonuclear warfare, the fear of atheistic Communism, the Egyptian-Israel crisis, the Berlin, Vietnam, Cuban, or Korean crises are all only sub-crises. They are part of the "perilous times" spoken of by the Apostle Paul, who identified the "last days."

Such times are produced by evil men who commit and tolerate crime, violence and lawlessness on an unprecedented scale. The condition of our old world today is aptly described in the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. "There is coming rapidly and surely an almost universal guilt upon the inhabitants of the cities, because of the steady increase of determined wickedness."—"Prophets and Kings," page 275.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 11.

Our Only Hope Is in Christ

Modern man, mired in spiritual unbelief and moral rebellion, fails to recognize that the ultimate crisis of the human race is inseparably connected with man's relationship to Jesus Christ, the world's only Redeemer. "Neither is there salvation in any other." Acts 4:12. "Now is the judgment [crisis] of this world: now shall

the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." John 12:31, 32.

The end of evil and the dethronement of Satan depend upon the exaltation and acceptance of the crucified Redeemer. The God of heaven foresaw the crisis of the last days and caused John the revelator to record a prophecy to meet the challenge of our day. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6. God will not allow this world to be destroyed until the gospel (the good news of salvation) is heralded to all mankind. He has commissioned heavenly watchers to hold back the winds of strife until the work of the gospel is complete. (Revelation 7:1-3.)

It is Satan's studied effort to neutralize the convicting power of the gospel, and this he does in many and varied ways. Modernism rejects the very fundamentals of Christianity—the authenticity of the Scriptures, the incarnation of Christ, the virgin birth, Christ's atoning blood, His literal resurrection, ascension and promised second advent. Christ has been dethroned as Creator and Redeemer, and all that is left in the Christian world, generally, is a social gospel. But without the authority of the Scriptures, without a thus saith the Lord, moral standards are

collapsing and the world waits for the everlasting gospel to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. The very heart of the gospel is contained in the writings of Isaiah, the gospel prophet. "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. In Christ we find the solution to all our problems.

The crisis message of Revelation 14 continues in verse 7, saying, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Here is a clarion call to a generation that has turned its back on God. This is a final appeal to an unbelieving generation to love, serve and obey the Creator God of the Genesis record, because the day of final reckoning is near.

Repentance and Revival

The Spirit of God impressed Peter on the Day of Pentecost to remind all men that unconfessed sin would be an insurmountable problem in the judgment. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you." Acts 3:19, 20.

As the word of God was preached under the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, thousands were converted, they repented of their sins and were baptized. Mrs. E. G. White was shown that the remnant church of the twentieth century had the same desperate need. "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs." ("Selected Messages," Vol. 1, page 121.) "If we, as individuals or as a church, are going to survive the crisis, we will certainly need this revival experience.

A revival is the renewal of spiritual life. It is the result of the Holy Spirit's working. It restores in man the very image of God, and it causes the love of Christ to shine through the life. But the tragedy of it is this—that those who need it the most, sense the need least.



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There is only one separating barrier that stands between the professed Christian and this refreshing experience, and it can be summed up in one word—SIN. But a loving Saviour made provision for victory over sin. First in His own victorious life and then through the promised power of the Holy Spirit. "And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8. When the Holy Spirit touches a life He convicts, reproveth, or convicts of sin. The converting, wooing power of the Holy Spirit produces repentance. The sinner cannot produce repentance at will for it is a gift of God, not a state of mind. "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31.

If I had only one more sermon to preach I would define the present crisis—I would uplift Jesus Christ as the world's only Redeemer, re-emphasize present truth, and call for individual revival and reformation.

Repentance is as verily a gift as is forgiveness, and both gifts come from a loving Saviour. But gifts can only be received on the terms of the giver. And no man can say: "I will repent tomorrow, next Sabbath, or at the camp meeting." The conviction may come while listening to a sermon, or reading a book, or travelling in a bus or lying on a bed of sickness. But when it comes, it comes as a gift from God, offering you a new beginning in Christ. Beware of rejecting that call. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30.

I have seen men, women and children under the power of the Holy Spirit repent of all kinds of sins, large and small. From stealing a fountain pen to stealing a motor-car; from lying and covetousness to adultery and murder. But I wonder how many professing Christians are held back in their religious life by holding on to cherished sins, large and small.

Revival came to the disciples and the early church when "they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. All sin had been confessed and repented of, all pride and variance had been overcome, their hearts beat in unity with Christ, and their united witness through the Holy Spirit's power caused thousands to be converted in a day.

When the Spirit of God spoke through Paul to Felix, probably for the last time, he replied: "When I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." Acts 24:25. The convenient season never came because he rejected the gift of repentance when conviction came. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." When the Spirit of God is rebuffed it can lead to the unpardonable sin. To reject the voice of God can mean eternal loss, and we cannot over-emphasize the danger of delay in acceptance and repentance. "Again, He

limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 4:7. Now is the only time of which we can be certain.

"The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

"Now is the only time you own.
Live, love, toil with a will;
Place not faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may then be still."

If God's Spirit is speaking to your heart today, yield to Him, confess your sins, "repent, . . . and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise,

as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.

It is the love of God that delays the return of Jesus and the end of the world. True repentance manifests itself in a genuine sorrow for sin, a turning away from it. We begin to see ourselves as we really are, like the publican who prayed: "God be merciful to me a sinner." Conviction struck him, he sensed his unworthiness, he craved the Saviour's mercy. He cried for help and God heard and answered his prayer with peace and forgiveness. Jesus said, "This man went down to his house justified."

"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:11. We are now living in the great day of atonement when our sins, by confession and repentance, are going beforehand to the judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing before God in review since the judgment hour began, and next come the cases of the living. How precious and important are these solemn moments!

Christ in the sanctuary above is ministering on behalf of His people, and soon the work of judgment will be complete and the final and irrevocable decision will be pronounced, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12.

"Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently

studying the Word of God, and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. . . . God calls for a revival and a reformation."—"Prophets and Kings," page 626.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."—"Review and Herald," March 22, 1887.

Revival Accompanied by Reformation

"God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children.

"A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a re-organization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend."—"Selected Messages," Vol. 1, page 128.

Every spiritual revival ordained of God has been accompanied by reformation. The Pentecostal blessings fell upon the apostolic church when sins were confessed and hearts and attitudes were changed. The message of Hosea 10:12 is a timely message today. "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

The crisis hour demands that we seek the Lord who alone can save. Won't you join me in personal revival and reformation and make way for the latter rain experience that will finish the work and usher in the return of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

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Quicker, but Less Comfortable

W. R. FERGUSON

It was my privilege to name a new canoe. After I had offered a short talk and prayer, the M.V. "Koronna" sped out to sea on its maiden voyage. It was thirty-three feet long, and a forty horse power Evinrude motor moved it along at about fourteen knots.

It was built simply as a Solomon dug-out, but the finish of the canoe did not quite equal the Solomon type. Also, the timber used did not have the water-resistant ability of the Solomon timber. Nevertheless, the M.V. "Koronna" was a very sea-worthy craft. Naturally there were lots of prophecies of its unseaworthiness. Some said it would turn over because it had no outrigger. Others said it would ship a sea and sink down, but the Mus-

sau boys, makers and owners, closed their ears to all troublesome prophecies. The M.V. "Koronna" was something "true."

After an hour, on my first trip, we were forced to turn back. Later, however, we decided to visit another area of big Manus, but one protected from the new season's trade winds. It was wonderful to feel speed on the sea. About one and a half hours on the sea, following the coast, and then two and half hours up a shallow river, soon showed me the value of a canoe. A canoe can go up a river better than a boat.

My next trip was across a twenty mile stretch of sea between Manus and Lou Island. The trip was quick and very smooth. This was followed by a trip across from Lou to Pam and Baluan. With Kombil as my guide, I trekked inland to visit the proposed site of a new aerodrome. The canoe came round the island and picked me up at Baon. From there I did

the canoe trip to Pam. This was only about a thirty-minute ride. After a happy Sabbath with the Adventists in a new village on the island of Pam I travelled across to Baluan. Here I did much church work. I then went around to Pumbanin, a relatively new Adventist village. Then on Monday morning I returned to Pisk, performed a marriage, held an hour long council with all the cocoa growers on Lou, and sped back to Lorengau.

Certainly the canoe is not as comfortable as the twenty-eight-foot "Daystar" (now under repairs at Rugen Harbour), but it is faster and wetter. The spray of the sea, driven by the wind, really stings the face. Still, a canoe is not so bad as many may think. I would sooner be in a God-protected canoe than the grandest, strongest, safest liner on earth. You see, the three Hebrew boys found it safer in the fire with Christ than the soldiers found it outside the fire without Christ.

sage was unfolded with pictorial evidences. For instance, I was able to show that the original Scottish church was a Sabbath-keeping church, by showing the work of Patrick of Ireland and Colomba of Iona, and tracing the work of their followers such as Colomanus into France and Italy. I screened my pictures of these centres where Colomanus carried on his work and showed the place where his remains are kept in the crypt of a Roman Catholic church at Bobbio, Italy. (The Roman Catholic Church evidently forgets he was a Sabbath keeper.) No, it was not hard to prove the Sabbath truth to the Scots.

The hardest thing to the Scots is to break away from their traditional church—the church of their fathers, of John Knox whom they adore, and of their friends.

Despite the odds, on Sabbath, June 14, 1969, I had the pleasure of baptizing another six faithful souls who have taken a strong stand for the truth. All believe that the Lord was preparing them to receive the message when it came. Some had been reading books on archaeology, while others had been going from church to church looking for truth. It was wonderful to hear them say, "We have found the truth." Altogether nine people have been baptized this year in Perth, and twelve folk in this area, as the picture indicates. Although the results here are not as great as is expected in Australia for the same effort, the brethren and sisters here are pleased to see even one baptism in this land of tradition, where actually membership has been decreasing.

Another baptism is being planned when we hope others will go forward, and still others, we hope, will go forward next year when a follow-up team will come in to continue the work.

We also praise the Lord that we have been able to purchase a church building from the Knox Free Church for our new members to use for worship, and where last Sabbath this new group worshipped for the first time.

I could tell you much more about the work here in Scotland, but perhaps I should leave it here and ask you in Australia to remember the work here in your prayers, that the work may soon be finished and Jesus come.



Recently baptized members in the Dundee (Scotland) area, excluding, of course, the young boy on his mother's knee. (Photo: L. T. Barker.)

A letter from Scotland tells how

PERTH HEARS AFTER FORTY YEARS' SILENCE

L. T. BARKER

WE ARE ENJOYING OUR WORK here in Scotland, and especially now that the six months of winter are passed. We found things here somewhat different from Australia; we noticed particularly the severe long winter, together with the long nights at that time of the year. Now we are enjoying the long days of summer with the darkness coming in at around 10.30 p.m. and daylight breaking at around 4.00 a.m. We have long days for those who like to work hard.

The long winter has actually gone quite fast for us who have been so busy in evangelistic work. This year we have had the privilege of working in a new area where our work was not established. It is forty years since our church worked in Perth, Scotland. We commenced our programme with the noted "Dead Men Do

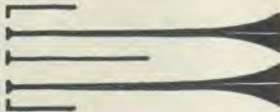
Tell Tales," and, of course, they had not heard of this title. Soon the crowds which are usually attracted to this series began to hear about the truths we so much love. My trip through the Bible lands on our way over, and our 6,000-mile tour last holidays down through France, Italy, Austria, etc., greatly helped as the mes-



ROWLANDS—JOHNSON. On the evening of June 9, 1969, Ronald Rowlands and Karen Johnson met by appointment at the Wesley Methodist church, Broken Hill, New South Wales, to exchange the sacred vows that bound them together as husband and wife. After witnessing the ceremony many relatives and friends of the bridal couple gathered around bountifully

laden tables to enjoy the happy occasion of their nuptial meal. As Ronald and Karen establish their home in their home city of Broken Hill, may God's richest blessings rest upon another Christian home. A. J. Gilbertt.

TILL HE COMES



KING. Raymond Albert King, beloved husband of Sister Agnes King of Wallsend church, New South Wales, passed suddenly to his rest on May 31, 1969. Having been discharged from hospital only a few days before his death, the late Mr. King went for a short walk along the street from his home, but was struck down by a fatal heart attack. At the Wallsend church and at the Sandgate cemetery the writer turned the thoughts of a large number of relatives and friends to the blessed hope of the resurrection at Christ's coming. To his sorrowing widow and three daughters, Delma (Mrs. Ray Boehm), Robyn (Mrs. Lyn Clark) and Denise, we extend our deepest sympathy. R. L. Hodgkinson.

LISTER. John Edward Lister, aged sixty-one years, beloved husband of Dorothea Lister, unexpectedly passed to his rest on June 7, 1969, after undergoing major surgery. Jock, as he was affectionately known, was baptized in 1956 and has been a very active and enthusiastic member of the Bundaberg church, Queensland. We laid our dear brother to rest with the assurance that soon the Life-giver will return to gather His own. What a glad reunion that will be. May God sustain his dear wife and loved ones till that glorious day. L. S. Uttley.

MOONEY. Cecily Rebecca Mooney, a mother indeed in Israel, passed to her well-earned rest at Mackay, Queensland, on March 22, 1969, and was buried in the Mackay cemetery. This dear soul was well known over long years for her kindly ministry to all with whom she came in contact. Her affection and services were especially bestowed on her husband and family of twelve children. Eleven of them survive to this day and greatly miss her. To them we extend our deepest sympathy. The weather was boisterous as we laid her to rest, but we know it will be all peace for her on the resurrection morn. L. A. J. Webster.

SONTER. Russell Sonter seemed too young at forty-two to die, but on July 7, 1969, God did allow his life to cease. He was the only son of Brother and Sister Adin Sonter of Woy Woy, New South Wales. Only our Maker knows how much he suffered during the last year while he was incapacitated by heart infection. Russell still had a deep love for the message he learned in childhood. We built the burial service around the texts he had marked in his own Bible—and these same promises are also the greatest comfort to his wife and daughter, Lynn-Joy, whose first ambition is to so live that they will embrace each other again in the presence of our Lord Jesus. W. F. Taylor.

TASS. Ned Tass, in his eighty-fourth year, died quietly at his home near Sarina, Queensland, and was buried in the Mackay cemetery on July 1, 1969. Brother Tass was a charter member of the Farleigh church and has remained a loyal member over the years. He enjoyed wonderful health both of body and spirit till the day of his death. To the three sons and one daughter, we express our deepest sympathy and point them to the resurrection morning. L. A. J. Webster.

VEREY. Mrs. Mary Eileen Verey of Thornleigh, New South Wales, was called to rest on June 27, 1969, aged seventy years. Left to mourn are her son Joseph (and his wife Joy), and her daughter Molly (and her husband Ian). It was the writer's privilege to baptize our late Sister Verey at Rockhampton, Queensland, in 1946, and later to minister to her again at our Thornleigh church. The friends there will greatly miss the fellowship of this devoted and active member. Many gathered at the farewell services at the church and at the northern suburbs lawn cemetery where we laid this dear mother to rest until our Lord awakens her to the wonders of the eternal home. Pastors E. W. Hon and C. T. Potter were associated with the writer in the funeral services. Ralph Tudor.

WIGGLESWORTH. On June 4, 1969, Harry Wigglesworth passed away quietly at his home in Williamstown, Victoria, aged seventy-two years. His passing is mourned by his wife and son, Cliff. Brother Wigglesworth was a member of the Spotswood Seventh-day Adventist church for many years. He was a loved and esteemed elder who carried this office with devotion to his Master. His life was a blessing to the church, and he will be sadly missed. The writer was assisted at the chapel service and later at the crematorium by Pastor H. S. Streeter. To those who mourn we extend the comfort and hope of the glad resurrection morning when partings will be no more. T. R. Potts.

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FLASH POINT . . .

- ✦ Mrs. D. Van Gundy Jones arrived in Sydney from America on July 9 for a visit of approximately ten days in the Sydney and Melbourne areas. She is a nutritionist for Loma Linda Food Company, and for many years has been a Board Promoter—she gets out new recipes and promotes their products. Mrs. Van Gundy Jones is an associate editor of "Today's Food," a small journal produced by Loma Linda Foods Company, and many of our "Record" readers will be familiar with this paper. She has lectured in many countries, including Europe and Japan, and plans to visit Bangkok before returning to the States.
- ✦ Miss Lorraine Morton of Victoria returned to New Guinea on June 13 for a further term of service, this time at the Togoba Hansenide Colony. Previously Miss Morton has served at our Sopas Hospital in Wabag.
- ✦ Dr. Bernard Brandstater, presently chairman of his department at the A.U.H. School of Medicine in Beirut, Lebanon, has been appointed to be professor and co-chairman of the Department of Anæsthesiology at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, U.S.A. The Brandstater's leave Beirut shortly with mixed emotions as they have been there for the past twelve years. He spent a lot of time designing the surgical and anæsthesiology facilities for the new American University Hospital. A favourite speaker in church services and other programmes, Dr. Brandstater also contributed to the musical life of the Adventist community. Dr. Brandstater is the eldest son of Pastor and Mrs. Roy Brandstater, formerly of Melbourne, and his wife, Nerida, is a daughter of Mrs. D. Bagnall of Sydney. They have four children, Suzanne, Kerry, Nigel and Elizabeth.
- ✦ From the "Newsletter," put out by Pastor M. G. Townend's department, we learn that things are bustling in Launceston. They are running a kind of pilot programme down there, it seems, and, in connection with the daily broadcast, they have just finished a survey. The project has paid off handsomely with a total enrolment of 480 (and Launceston, if the Launcestonians will forgive us for saying so, is not the biggest town in the division). In the neighbouring town of Deloraine, which is quite a smallish place, seventy enrolments have resulted. Very satisfactory.
- ✦ Pastor Townend reports that broadcasting began in this area in February and will run for a twelvemonth. In spite of an enthusiastic church membership calling house to house, it took six weeks to complete the survey, but the results are beginning to show up; more names have come in by post with direct requests for lessons than has been the case in any previous daily broadcast programme. All results are not yet to hand; they will be thrilling when they are.
- ✦ Up in Outer North Queensland—which is what you might call Mount Isa—Brother Olsen, the resident minister, has not been idly mining for silver-lead. No, his ore is of a different type and is found in the souls of men and women. He reports that the reaping programme for the daily broadcast programme there, conducted by Pastor Ross Parker, has resulted in twenty families being deeply interested in the truth, and an additional number of single men showing a real interest.
- ✦ Sabbath school, which has a soft spot in the hearts of us all, is compiling its statistics again. And very interesting it is, too, to notice that whereas in the first quarter of old 1968 there were 1,526 Sabbath schools around the division, this year there are 1,630. And the membership, in that time, has jumped nearly 6,000, and the offerings by almost \$3,000. Offerings, by the way, are tabulated under the headings of weekly, birthday, Investment, Thirteenth Sabbath and total. In all departments the 1969 figure is up. Which is as nice a way to spell PROGRESS as we can think of.
- ✦ "Finally, brethren . . ." (from "Today's Food"): The worst tragedy to befall a man is to have ulcers and still not be a success.

The KELLYS Ride Again!

Let the flags stand at half-mast! Let the drums be muffled! Out with the black arm-bands, everybody! We have just heard that two people who have endeared themselves to us over the past decade or so are pulling up their stakes and leaving us for their home country. Brother and Sister Charles L. Kelly (he is the doyen of the literature evangelist corps and his lady is equally well known as an invoker of the muse) are returning to England! And just when we thought that we had them well adjusted to our colonial way of life, too. What a pity!

On August 3, as the "Himalaya" pulls away from the docks at Sydney, the Kellys will be waving at their friends on the wharf. In England, awaiting them, will be two married sons and two married daughters, who, between them, have increased the abundance of the senior Kellys by fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. It has been a long, long time since Brother and Sister Kelly have clapped eyes on their family, and so we grudgingly but with understanding permit them to return to England and home.

As a legacy-cum-final tribute, Mrs. Kelly has called upon the poetic gift that is always at her beck, and pens the following lines which she appropriately titles:

FAREWELL

Australia—a golden land—
Golden sun and golden sand,
Sky and sea and mountain blue,
Regretfully, we're leaving you.

Refreshing in your beauty rare,
Dispelling stress and lifting care,
With friends so welcoming and kind,
Australian warmth, we surely find
Will go with us—
Tho' skies are grey,
When we get to England,
There to stay.

We thank you all with grateful heart
And assure you it is hard to part
Until that day when we shall meet
Around the blessed Saviour's feet.

Thank you, Australia,
You'll always be
A lovely, treasured memory.

—Mrs. C. L. Kelly.

"And so [as the late Mr. Spike Jones used to say] as the sun pulls slowly from the shore and the boat sinks slowly in the west, we say farewell" to Brother and Sister Charles L. Kelly. And if you remember us, we, in our turn, will remember you—with affection.