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## "Lord, Open Our Eyes!"

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OUR LORD'S COMING IS NEAR. Do we realize it? Or has Satan numbed our senses and blinded our eyes, so that we are unable to feel and see the physical and spiritual needs everywhere around us. God, open our eyes and help us to see and understand!

Human vice and wickedness are becoming bolder. Murder and theft are multiplying at giant pace. Disasters in the sea, on the land, and in the air happen one after the other, as foretold. How often storms, fire, and earthquake cause great suffering and loss. Do these things concern God's children? They should. As we see such tragedies intensifying all around us, men and women should be aroused to sense their condition and need before it is too late. One day soon God will wipe wickedness from the earth. Yet these present troublous conditions still seem to be for man's quick awakening to duty and responsibility. God would yet give man his final opportunity. But one day not too far hence man's day of grace will be over.

Are we, the children of God, responding to the opportunities and needs which these conditions indicate? The love which God placed in the heart of man has nigh been extinguished. The church must rekindle this love and co-operate with God in vanquishing lust, greed, and selfishness from the human heart. It must do all it can to relieve suffering and want. It must lift the struggling and the fallen. It must nourish hope and stimulate faith. It must turn men's eyes to heaven, from whence the Saviour of mankind will come.



A Biafran child, victim of a war he cannot understand, quietly awaits the inevitable death which has already set its seal upon him.

## Disaster and Famine Relief Offering

**GIVE  
GENEROUSLY  
October 11**



# "Know-How Schools" in Bougainville

MAX SIMI, District Director, Bougainville

DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS behind Kieta, on Bougainville, there are a thousand people spending three hundred million dollars in their quest to dig up 120,000 tons of copper. Surrounded by the rugged terrain, the continuous wet, and the flabbergasted natives, men are putting their know-how to the test.

Not far from this mining site, tucked away in a pocket of a mountain and hidden by clouds from the face of the sun regularly after 10.30 a.m., a comparative handful of our church members assembled together at our newly established area school at Nulendi to put their "know-how" to the test.

The occasion was a school of lay evangelism, conducted by Pastor Louis Solomon, assistant Lay Activities secretary of the Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission. This school was an adapted version of Pastor Schoen's—adapted for the needs of the indigenous people. Also assisting Pastor Louis with some of the subjects, was Pastor Nathan Rore, assistant president of Bougainville, and Brother Donaldson, our acting president.

The twenty-five selected laymen with representatives from all our villages of the Kieta district were keen to learn, especially when they knew they would receive a certificate if they passed a short exam at the end of the course.

## 300 to Two

The work is not easy on this island, which has 300 European Roman Catholic workers to our two families. However, our laymen went away from these meetings enthused to press forward regardless. At the close of the meetings, it was most interesting and inspiring to hear their discussions on plans they already had in

mind to help carry forward this unfinished task.

Already fifteen new converts have been added to the church this year, with many more in baptismal classes throughout the island, and these, we trust, will be ready for World Baptism Day on September 27. Most of these new converts were first contacted and visited by our laymen.

## Another School

Another successful school of Lay Evangelism was conducted in the Inus District immediately after the one mentioned above. This was attended by about thirty church members.

During the meetings, we were all impressed with this statement from the pen of inspiration: "God demands that every soul who knows the truth shall seek to win others to the love of the truth. If we are not willing to make special sacrifices in order to save souls that are ready to perish, how can we be counted worthy to enter into the city of God?"

These two programmes which have just been completed here, were the first schools of Lay Evangelism conducted in Bougainville Mission. Please remember these lay members of Bougainville in your prayers, that the Lord will strengthen their hands as they engage in this soul-saving work which they were all inspired and enthused and entrusted to do.

# Avondale Lecturer for America

S. PRESNALL



BARTON RIPPON

A LECTURER at Avondale College, Cooranbong, Brother W. B. Rippon, has accepted the position of a research scientist at Case Western Reserve University, Ohio, U.S.A.

Brother Rippon has served on the faculty of Avondale College for four years as a lecturer to B.Sc. (London) students in physiology, biochemistry, and mathematics.

In this new position he will be doing some lecturing, but his main task is to do research work.

The field in which Brother Rippon will be doing his research is in the chemistry of haemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying protein in red blood cells. It is in this field that he is reading for his doctorate at the University of Newcastle. He obtained his B.Sc. (Hons.) degree from the University of Sydney.

Brother Rippon intends to remain in the U.S.A. for two years, after which time he will return to Australia and offer his services to denominational work.

Now twenty-seven years of age and married with a young family, Brother Rippon has lived in the Cooranbong district all his life.

His father, Brother W. P. Rippon, is also presently serving on the faculty of Avondale College in the Science Department. Previously, he was associated with the Australasian Food Research Laboratory of the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Cooranbong.

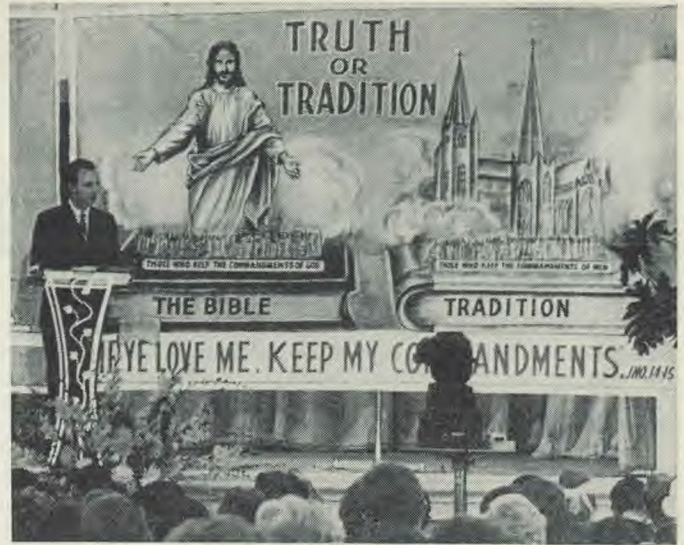


Most of the members who attended the school of lay evangelism near Kieta on Bougainville.  
(Photo: R. Donaldson.)



# "OPERATION ASHFIELD"

G. SHIELDS



Pastor Stanley presenting the Sabbath truth to his Ashfield audience.  
(Photo: Russell Gibbs.)

FOLLOWING WEEKS of classroom planning and negotiations with the local churches in the Ashfield (Greater Sydney) area and surrounding districts, thirty-two final-year ministerial students, along with Pastor Stanley, set out by cars and train for Sydney. Their purpose was to launch a soul-winning campaign with Evangelist Stanley in the town hall of Ashfield.

It was to be a campaign that was to last two and a half weeks with a meeting each night and two on Sundays, each meeting packed with Bible truth and geared to win souls.

After we arrived in Sydney, it was not long before we were in action; cars, handbills, window posters, invitation cards, and maps all seemed to appear from nowhere, and for many, a sudden, but short-lived, feeling of apprehension gripped the soul. Yes, the campaign was actually under way with much house-to-house and shop-to-shop visitation to be done.

With the distribution of approximately 50,000 handbills and invitations, along with some 100 shop posters completed, the opening night drew near and with a sense of anticipation thirty-two foot-weary Christian soldiers waited to witness the fruits of their labours.

Sunday afternoon came, with last minute preparations being made within the hall. Everything was soon ready—charts, sound system, music, seating, all in order. By 3 p.m. the hall was filled comfortably, a fact which brought much joy and satisfaction to the team.

## Christ-Centred Preaching

Presenting with clarity, simplicity, and conviction, "Is There an After-Life," Pastor Stanley captivated the hearts of the people, and was able, with the definite movings of the Spirit, to hold his audience from the start to finish. Perhaps the most notable features of the meetings were their simplicity and Christ-centred preaching, these aspects being appreciated by all.

When the first two meetings concluded, much had been learned by the students as they mingled with the people and chatted about the message, gaining their confidence and encouraging them to come again to the meetings following. Each morning at 9.30 a.m., the team would meet in the Ashfield church for a season of prayer followed by an intimate discussion of the previous night's events, and ways and means, if need be, of improving presentation and response.

Following this in the daily programme there was a further period for personal distribution of handbills and invitations for the following nights; this gave the students ample opportunity for meeting the people, and of talking and praying with them in their homes.

On Sabbaths some members of the team were able to preach the divine services in the local churches, giving each a foretaste of his future work.

Much helpful information was gained from Pastor Stanley as the students observed in every way possible his methods both on and off the platform. Every one of us has benefited greatly from this practical experience, and we all look forward to putting into practice what we have learned during this mission.



Two of Pastor Stanley's assistants wait beside the poster at the entrance of the Ashfield town hall to usher the people into the auditorium.





## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION PRESIDENT

# Figures that Inspire

THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO we had the privilege of starting something new in the Australasian Division, a Bible correspondence school. There are a few people around who still possess and treasure copies of those first humble duplicated lessons that we circulated in 1937. I remember only too well the thrill that we received when we noted how these lessons could bring a person to a full knowledge and acceptance of the truth. Little did we realize, away back there, the great soul-winning potential that our Bible correspondence school and radio ministry were ultimately to prove.

It was not too long before other denominations began to see the possibility of this type of witness and they began following suit. They began to offer similar courses through the press and radio, and it is quite a common sight these days to see some of the big churches offering free Bible courses to the public that they might study their particular doctrines.

We were intrigued to discover in those early days one instance where some lessons on the inspiration of the Bible from our course were copied word for word. We pioneered this work, and we rejoice over its success.

During recent years our Bible correspondence schools have grown from one in Sydney to thirteen throughout the division. Most of these are situated within our mission fields in the South Pacific. Where a school is associated with a radio programme, a tremendous interest is engendered and maintained. An illustration of this is the Fiji Bible Correspondence School with Pastor Aisaki Kabu as the speaker on a local Voice of Prophecy programme. Some 13,437 active students are enrolled in the Fiji Bible Correspondence School!

We were encouraged to notice recently from our division Radio-TV report that we now have 18,000 active students in our Bible correspondence schools throughout the mission field of the South Pacific. This could not have happened a few years ago, because a very large percentage of the people in the union missions of the Coral Sea and the Bismarck-Solomons particularly, were illiterate. Today in all of these areas people are clamouring for an education and many are enrolling in our free Bible correspondence school to this end with very gratifying results to themselves and to us. If we were to gather those 18,000 students into one school, that would make a fair size university campus, would it not? But that which interests me is the wonderful potential we have here for future baptisms.

We are sure that you will be interested to look at the mission Bible correspondence schools, and so we list them for your inspection. These figures are as at June 30, 1969.

	Active Students	Baptisms for 12 months to June 30, 1969
Fiji	13,437	71
Samoa	337	15
Tahiti	327	66
New Hebrides	312	26
Cook Islands	26	5
Tonga	27	16
Noumea	4	15
Rabaul	631	90
Kukudu, Western Solomons	73	14
Honiara, Eastern Solomons	546	53
Lae, New Guinea	2,283	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,003</b>	<b>501</b>

Do you know how many years it took to register a membership of 500 souls in our mission field? I have just looked up the old records and I note that it took twenty-five years of hard work in the mission field before we were able to register a membership of 500, and here through this one avenue alone of radio and Bible correspondence work we see over 500 precious souls accepting the truth in one year.

As our radio work with its associated Bible correspondence schools in the mission fields grows in strength, we praise God for its helpful witness in this, time's last hour.

*L.B. Naden.*

## Investment Surprise

W. R. FERGUSON

Manus—Newok Sabbath school, August 9, 1969. The seventh Sabbath of last quarter had shown what a little Sabbath school can do when it gets the Investment idea going. Almost forty dollars had been put in the glass jar in a matter of minutes. Now it was Investment Sabbath again. However, to fit in with someone, the Investment Sabbath had been brought forward one Sabbath.

After the Sabbath school lesson study we reassembled in the church. Mrs. Jill Hiscox was invited up to the front to start the Investment ball rolling. She requested we sing Hymn 479 while the folk with Investment offerings came out. Brother Ken Hiscox was called out to count the money as it came in. We were told that something would happen when each five dollars was reached. The blackboard was prepared with these words: "Investment Third Quarter."

The singing started. Australia, one of the deacons, had not been able to come so he had sent his Investment in, in a little red purse. Jill emptied its contents into the jar. Then, one after another the folk came out. Behind each offering was a story of interest. But it is not my purpose today to tell a story.

It seemed quite a long time before the first \$5 was written on the blackboard and the gong at the back of the church sounded. But as the folk went out, so the gong sounded more frequently. Eight times the gong sounded. Then Jill wrote on the blackboard the last amount—\$2.16. She then added the total. The full amount handed in: \$42.16.

As I thought about the Investment offering I remembered that the Sabbath school secretary that very morning had read out: "Sabbath school members—47." I would like to commend the Investment idea to all Sabbath schools. If all were to try it out I am sure they would be thrilled. Well done, Newok Sabbath school! Keep up the good work. Your enthusiasm may be contagious.

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## TO THE FRONT LINE

The following left the home shores for the mission fields during the month of August. The asterisk (\*) indicates those returning after furlough.

Brother and Sister Allan Davis and their two children on August 11 to Lae, New Guinea.

Miss L. McClintock on August 26 to Madang.\*

Brother and Sister B. I. Peach on August 24 to Suva, Fiji.





# News From All Over

Compiled by Orel Hosken

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CAMP

Florida, U.S.A.: Seventy senior citizens recently had the joy of attending a quiet retreat near to nature and to God. In the programme there was time for recreational periods for swimming, canoeing, and walking among the huge cypress trees. Apart from worships, discussion times were held several times daily when special study was made of the Spirit of Prophecy. So popular was this venture that the conference leaders are planning another for October.

## BLACK TEACHER HONoured BY WHITE PUPILS

New York, U.S.A.: "To the Greatest Teacher in the World" read the inscription on the plaque given Henry Brooks by the thirty-three eleven- and twelve-year-old children in his class.

Mr. Brooks is black. The children in his class in Richmond Hill's Chester Park School, a public school, are white. According to the principal, Mr. Brooks is the first black teacher the school has ever had.

Because the children had not spoken of his colour but simply that they liked him, many of the parents were surprised when they met him. When he arrived at the school four years ago to find that he was the only black in a white school he summed up his feelings with: "I don't think in terms of black and white; people are people, and I love all children." And the children say: "He's so understanding. . . . He teaches so well. . . . He works and is interested in every one of us." "He doesn't even go to lunch, but helps us with our orchestra during his lunch hour."

Brother Brooks is the organist at the Seventh-day Adventist Jamaica church in Queens, New York.



Brother Henry Brooks, a favourite teacher, seated at the Jamaica church organ.



An Emergency Services Mobile Unit, stocked with blankets, clothing and emergency equipment.

## RELIEF FOLLOWING HURRICANE CAMILLE

Louisiana; Alabama; Mississippi, U.S.A.: Hurricane Camille, which swept over the Gulf Coast of the United States on August 17 and 18, was the most violent hurricane ever to strike the United States mainland. During this disaster one Seventh-day Adventist church was seriously damaged and another had part of the roof blown away. Among Adventist members one woman is unaccounted for; undoubtedly many lost their property.

Relief activity by SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) was begun at once. A medical vehicle and a step-in van were immediately despatched to the mid-coastal area. In one day the crew of the forty-foot van served emergency meals to 4,000 persons.

The Texas Conference plane was used in an aerial survey to ascertain what further help Adventists could provide. Food, water and bedding were in greatest demand. These supplies were aided through roadblocks by the magnetic relief signs attached to car doors.

On Wednesday night, August 20, a call was made for all available vehicles, resulting in a total of thirteen SAWS vans and vehicles being brought to the area. Not only church members but business men and community leaders donated much of the supplies distributed by our relief organization during the days of the disaster.

## "TOP" SABBATH SCHOOL

Alaska: A "top of the world" Sabbath school is being held by Brother and Sister David Bakeman, the only Adventists living in Barrow, Alaska, a village of about 2,000 people at the northernmost tip of the continent of America. About a year ago, Brother Bakeman, employed by the United States Weather Bureau, was transferred to Barrow. After several weeks some children accepted the invitation to attend Sabbath school at the Bakeman home, and during the school year, ten to eighteen attended each Sabbath.



# BACK IN NEW GUINEA AGAIN

KASS PATY

MY VISIT TO AUSTRALIA now seems like a dream. It was on December 25, 1968, that Pastor Newman and I boarded the Fokker Friendship at Lae and flew across New Guinea to Port Moresby at 300 miles an hour. I thought that was fast travelling. Previously I had taken a short ride in a D.C.3 at 160 miles an hour, and another in the mission Cessna at 120 miles an hour; but when I boarded the Fan Jet Boeing 727 in Port Moresby and flew at 600 miles an hour to Sydney, that was terrific!

The sprawling city of Sydney was more than I ever imagined. The largest town I had been in was like the outer parts of a new suburb of Sydney. It was great to land at Kingsford Smith Airport and find myself among friends so far from home.

As we drove towards Wahroonga and crossed the Harbour Bridge, my eyes were opened wide. So many lanes of traffic running the same way as we travelled, and so many in the opposite direction fascinated me. In New Guinea the bridges, as a rule, only have a single lane of traffic and you have to wait your turn to cross and they are just like the foot-path bridges in Australia.

As I travelled along Fox Valley Road, the pictures I had seen of the division office, the church, and Sydney Sanitarium, became real to me.

It was lovely to have the comfort of the mission flats while in Sydney. We spent many busy days in Sydney and at Avondale seeing the sights and meeting

many Christian friends, but we had to move on as it was planned for me to go to Western Australia.

We travelled by car, calling at Goulburn, where I saw the campground ready for the camp meeting. I had never seen such a set-up of tents before. I enjoyed the visit to Canberra. We hear a lot about Canberra, when in New Guinea, as the Minister for Territories speaks from this city.

Our stay in Warburton was brief, but I was happy to visit the Signs Publishing Company and see the presses which print so many of the books and periodicals which I see and read. It was a pleasure to meet the editor of the "Signs," Pastor Parr.

## On to South Australia

Passing through Melbourne we travelled on to Millicent in South Australia. Here we spent several days and made many new friends at the Mount Gambier and Millicent churches. More friends were

When he came on furlough earlier this year, Pastor J. H. Newman brought with him a New Guinean, Kass Paty. This young man made many friends in Australia, and through our pages wishes to say "Thank You."

made as we spent a week-end in Adelaide with the Ted Newmans. Here we visited the Trinity Gardens and Modbury churches.

Then we headed for the West. Traveling across this wide expanse of country really gave me an idea of the bigness of Australia. Our stay at Coolgardie was very interesting. Recently my school studies had brought me into contact with this place through the history book. Now I could understand it better. As I saw the old relics, in my mind I lived back in the gold rush days.

The next day our long and tiring journey ended in Perth. The Lord blessed us with good travelling; not once were we delayed through car troubles.

A few days after arriving in Perth I was proud to wear the uniform of the Victoria Park Central School. (I still wear the uniform, but not very often the pullover.) Ten happy weeks I spent at this school, daily travelling to and from Bickley in the school bus. The students and teachers were so kind to me and this I very much appreciated.

## In Western Australia

My attendance at the West Australian camp meeting, where I was baptized, brought me great blessing. I shall never forget the happy days of camp and the many friends I met there.

The time soon came for us to say "Farewell" and move on to Karalundi and Wiluna. Here I was happy to associate with the Australian Aboriginal boys and girls, and the old folk, too. They treated me very kindly and made my stay really interesting. They took me hunting kangaroos and emus and this I appreciated very much. I was sorry to say, "Good-bye" to my "wan toks" (one talks)\* of the north-west. I hope that one day I will be able to return and work with them. They need our help.

The journey back to Sydney was very interesting. The country which was so brown and dry in the summer was now a carpet of green. We visited Kalgoorlie, Whyalla, Ballarat, Bendigo, Parkes (where the radio telescope and those talking chairs fascinated me), Bathurst, Lithgow and the Blue Mountain towns, all familiar through the history books, and on to Sydney.

All too soon it was time to board the 727 and return to Lae and the school room. I wish to thank you all for your wonderful kindness to me all the way from the east to the west. May God bless you all.

\* Wan tok (or "one talk") is a relative (who speaks the same language).



Kass Paty (left) shows his friend, Peter Posana from Manus Island, some of the presents given him at Wiluna Mission, Western Australia.



# Avondale Choir Tour '69

D. RODGERS

THE AVONDALE COLLEGE campus seemed unusually quiet and deserted as our large modern touring coach departed on the early afternoon of Wednesday, August 13. It was the end of a college term but the commencement of the 1969 northern tour of the Avondale Symphonic Choir.

The destination of the first day was Wingham, a small township 140 miles north of the college, where the choir, slightly nervous, gave their first concert. A recital at Coff's Harbour followed on Thursday night. In the heart of the banana country, choir members did not lack for fruit.

Friday morning just north of Coff's Harbour, a strange sight could be witnessed as the Symphonic Choir gave a miniature open-air recital in a strawberry patch. This impromptu concert was given in appreciation for the just-consumed strawberries and cream which had been supplied to the travelling singers by the kind owner of the strawberry farm.

Brisbane was the next port of call. Owing to the fact that the South Queensland camp was in progress, the choir stayed at the campground. Apart from singing in the Sabbath divine service and giving a recital to campers on the Saturday night, the day was quite relaxing for the choir.

Sunday's time was used sight-seeing around Brisbane and the famed Gold Coast. With the warmer Queensland temperatures, some singers ventured into the blue sea of Surfers' Paradise. After a visit to the performing whale and dolphins at Marineland, we made our way back to an Adventist friend's home in the city of Brisbane for a wonderful evening around a barbecue fire. Once more in the open air we rendered a miniature recital in appreciation for a splendid evening.

## Southward Bound

When Monday arrived, it was time to make for the open road again, which ran south into the New England area of northern New South Wales. Recitals at Glen Innes, Armidale, Tamworth and Musswellbrook were soon a memory. However, a visit through the university at Armidale and a TV appearance at Tamworth added to our happy recollections of picturesque New England.

The second Friday night of tour found the large touring coach entering the metropolis of Sydney. Here the 1969 tour was to culminate. The Avondale Symphonic Choir would sing for college, church and God.

Sabbath morning's activity consisted of participation in the divine service at Wahroonga church; a recital at the State Conservatorium of Music was given on the Saturday night; and two solid hours of Sunday afternoon were used at the recording studio of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Then, on Sunday night in the Wesley College chapel of the Sydney University,

the choir gave its last tour performance. Assisted by a group of strings, a harpsicord and a magnificent pipe organ, the choir sang the Vivaldi "Gloria." Following this, the Handel chorus, "Zadok the Priest," accompanied by the pipe organ, was presented along with a number of the choir's a cappella works.

## And Farewell

For each student, the tour consisted of many things—pre-recital excitement; endless rehearsals; changing in too-small dressing rooms ("Hey, you've got my shirt

on!"); converting the coach driver into a page-turner-of-music at recitals; enjoying wonderfully prepared church teas; sleeping in caravans and double beds; and the expectant curiosity of meeting nightly hosts and discovering new friends who were as hospitable as only Adventist folk can be.

However, for each singer, this tour had a sad note about it. For it meant the temporary retirement of conductor Alan Thrift. So many have found him genial, jovial, affable and amiable. Many more complimentary adjectives could be used to describe this energetic and devoted musician. Hundreds of members of the Avondale Symphonic Choir over the past thirteen years have grown to love this dynamic man, a man whose very heart and soul is music. Hundreds of congregations and audiences have thrilled at choirs under this man's leadership.

As you go to Andrew's University in U.S.A. for further study, Brother Thrift, we all wish you Godspeed and success.

# More than Breakfast Biscuits

L. H. ENGELBRECHT, Manager, Perth Retail, S.H.F.

THE WINNING OF SOULS to the cause of truth has ever been one of the objects of the Sanitarium Health Food Company.

This has been and is being accomplished in many different ways, perhaps the best known being that of the funds earned by the company and used to promote the work of the church in this division. The messenger of the Lord called the Health Food work "God's gift to His people." And so it has proved to be, especially in this division. How we should value it, how we should cherish it, how we should all do our utmost to promote it!

Some of the contributions of the company are given little consideration, although nonetheless valuable, such as the nurturing of our young people in their formative years, as well as assistance given in their college and related education.

Over the years we have come across more direct instances of the fruit gleaned, such as a family being won to the truth through the excellent way in which Weet-Bix were packed, and again through listening to the hymns being sung by a retail group in worship.

In the past few months the staff of the Murray Street, Perth, Sanitarium Shop have enrolled over twenty Gift Bible Plan students. I am sure you can appreciate their delight and joy when they learned that one of those had been baptized and was attending church regularly.

Another of our workers gave a smile to one of our cafe patrons. He seemed anxious to talk, and among other things said he liked coming into our dining-room and that he appreciated the atmosphere pervading the place. A conversation followed in which he expressed a wish to

learn more of the meaning of world conditions. Our worker invited him to attend our little church near his home. She also wrote to one of the ministers asking him to call on this gentleman and endeavour to give him the answers to his questions, and to interest him in present truth. Our minister went, studied with him, and now this patron is rejoicing in the blessed hope of the third angel's message.

More recently the Medical Department of the West Australian Conference had featured what is known as the 5-Day Plan to help folk overcome their addiction to "Lady Nicotine." Imagine the joy of one of our workers when he learned that an influential business man whom he had contacted on the Ingathering, and since invited to attend the course, had broken the habit. This man has since become a grand influence in encouraging his friends to do likewise.

A newspaper commentator wrote up this story in the "Daily News." And what is more, he, himself, has taken the pipe out of his own mouth.

So the good work goes on, sowing, sowing, leaving the results to the Lord of the harvest.

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"There are men who never gave a discourse in their lives who ought to be labouring to save souls. Neither great talents nor high position is required. But there is urgent need of men and women who are acquainted with Jesus, and familiar with the story of His life and death."



# In Memory of JOHN EDWIN FULTON

A. G. STEWART (himself a pioneer missionary to Fiji)

AFTER SOME SEVEN YEARS of successful pioneering work in Fiji, Pastor J. E. Fulton transferred his little family to Avondale, Cooranbong, New South Wales, where he could personally supervise the printing of some books in the Fijian language, assisted by two Fijian students.

For the first two school terms in 1903 he taught the Bible Doctrines class, of which the writer was a fortunate member.

After receiving my diploma in 1906, and Pastor Fulton now being president of the Australasian Union Conference, we again met and, while enjoying a walk together, I felt his large hand rest on my shoulder, and in his paternal manner he said, "Andrew, my boy, how would you like to go to my old field of labour as a missionary?" The reader can anticipate my response, "Oh, yes, Brother Fulton, I would esteem it a great honour to follow in your worthy footsteps." Thus commenced a period of many years of happy service in dear old Fiji, culminating in a recent response to be guest of honour at the twenty-first anniversary celebrations of the Fulton Missionary College.

## Answering the Call

Born in Nova Scotia of Scottish parents, John E. Fulton was educated in California to where his parents moved



Pastor J. E. Fulton made several return visits to Fiji. He is shown here with two of his Fijian friends.

when he was six years of age. He entered Healdsburg College at the age of seventeen. He stood six feet four inches in height. Here he met Miss Susie Newlon, whom he later married, and in 1894 they answered a call to work in New Zealand, but after a year they were asked to labour in Fiji, where Pastor Fulton was appointed superintendent of the mission.

By this time they had two little girls. They also took with them a young woman, Miss Edith Guilliard, as a companion and helper in the mission work. Like Pastor Fulton, Edith soon acquired the Fijian language and was a valuable help in the little printing press that they soon set up. Miss Eva Edwards, who subsequently gave many years of faithful service in our educational work in Fiji, was also for a time a member of that happy missionary family.

Edith, after a few terms at Avondale, returned to Fiji and was later married to S. W. Carr, a graduate from Avondale, who was later appointed first principal of our first training school in Fiji, situated on the island of Ovalau in Central Fiji. This continued as the senior school in Fiji until the year 1940 when it was removed to a site on Viti Levu, some thirty-one miles from Suva, and was known as the Fulton Training School.

When its standard of teaching was advanced some years later under the principalship of Pastor A. P. Dyason, it was renamed the Fulton Missionary College. This was in 1948, or just twenty-one years ago. And while for several years there has been a day set apart annually for a "Back to Fulton" celebration, when hundreds of ex-students, their families and friends journey by bus-loads to the college for a happy reunion and general festivities, August 4, 1969, was a special "Coming of Age" occasion. It is estimated that there were about 1,200 in attendance.

## High Day

The programme provided for special items by the college band, the choir, and other vocalists, interspersed by some eight brief addresses given by the visitors and faculty members. The writer was invited to speak on the early mission work of Pastor J. E. Fulton in Fiji. It was interesting to recall that nearly sixty-two years ago, Mrs. Jean Stewart and I arrived in Fiji, at the port of Levuka, on Ovalau, some twelve miles from Bur-



"Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time."



Pastor Simoni Bera, assistant president of the Fiji Mission and editor of the local press, and his wife, Rusila, pose with the author.

esala, to succeed Brother and Sister S. W. Carr at the training school. They, taking a trained native worker with them, left Fiji to open up the work in Papua. Nearly half of the students, who at that time numbered twenty, were married men. At the time of writing none of these twenty survive.

We were at the school for three years. During that time we introduced the co-educational system, and erected a dormitory for young women. Of the students who were in attendance during that three-year period, some seven of them with their families were later called to overseas mission service either in Papua, New Guinea, or New Hebrides. This missionary programme still continues.

It was in the latter part of the last century, and in the early years of his work, that Pastor Fulton acquired some nine acres of land at Suva Vou, some three miles from Suva, as a site for the headquarters of the Fiji Mission, and built a neat wooden church. This building, though having been battered several times by hurricanes and gales, is still standing and is used regularly as a house of worship.

## New Office Building

Speaking of the headquarters of the mission, I was pleased to notice that a beautiful and serviceable office building has recently been erected on the mission compound. It is very well staffed with a head for each department, with their assistants—all of these being nationals excepting the president and the secretary-treasurer. Pastor Barry Crabtree is to be highly commended for the very well organized field he now turns over to his successor, Pastor Rex Cobbin, and his fine staff of field workers strategically placed around the field, with some good feeder schools well manned to help maintain the attendance at the Fulton College.

Among these schools is Navesau, thirty miles beyond Fulton, with Brother and Sister Fred Cracknell in charge, assisted by some good national helpers, with an enrolment of nearly 300 pupils ranging in age from 6-17 years. There is also the Vatuvonu Central School in East Fiji.





The Fiji Mission office and staff at Suva Vou, three miles from Suva.



Two new dormitories, and the dining-room-cum-chapel (foreground, to be replaced by cement brick buildings) at Navesau Central School.

with an enrolment of 200 pupils at present under a national headmaster and staff, from which a number of students are drawn to Fulton.

There are now 4,000 baptized members in this group, and 4,406 Sabbath school members in seventy-one Sabbath schools. An up-to-date printing press turns out a neat bi-monthly sixteen-page paper in the vernacular for missionary work by the church members, as well as some up-to-date tracts. The current Sabbath School Quarterly is well translated and freely used. The language used at Fulton College is English because of the number of different islands represented.

#### The Last Sermon

On Sabbath, August 2, I was invited to preach at the 11 o'clock divine service at the college to its congregation of 350. Because of its multi-lingual congregation I preached in English what I stated was my last sermon to the college church. About ninety per cent of my congregation at this co-educational institution was made up of young men and women between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five years. They are brought very close together in their daily class work, in the dining-room, in the dormitories, and also in their social life. They are a lovely, cheerful group, the pick of the Pacific Island people with all their graceful charm. However, they are human and therefore subject to the temptations that beset all young people.

After earnest prayer I was impressed to preach on one of the late Robert Hare's favourite verses of admonition to young people, including workers. It is found in Eccl. 9:8: "Let thy garments be always white: and let thy head lack no ointment." To this I added the words of the Master, which read: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," closing with the words of Revelation 3:14, speaking of the overcomer, "These are they [who] . . . have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

I then made a brief appeal to the student body to keep their spiritual garments always white by the grace of God, and to signify their response by rising to their feet. The response was immediate. I did not need to make a second appeal.

Pastor Cernik was standing beside me and he said, "I cannot see one remaining in his seat." And so ended my last sermon to the Fulton Missionary College, dedicated to the memory of one of God's most loved and respected pioneer missionaries, John Edwin Fulton.

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"Not for any worldly advantage would he [Elisha] forgo the opportunity of becoming God's messenger. . . . Without hesitation he left a home where he was beloved, to attend the prophet in his un-

certain life. . . . Elisha accepted the call to service, casting no backward glance at the pleasures and comforts he was leaving.

"The young ruler, when he heard the Saviour's words, 'went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.' He was not willing to make the sacrifice. His love for his possessions was greater than his love for God. . . .

"God asks us to give His service first place in our lives, to allow no day to pass without doing something to advance His work in the earth."—"Prophets and Kings," page 221.

## Samoan Evangelism in the U.S.A.

ERNEST H. J. STEED, Secretary, Temperance Department, General Conference



PASTOR TINI INU, noted Samoan evangelist, during June and July spearheaded evangelism in California for fellow Samoans.

It was my privilege with my family to visit with Pastor Tini and his family and to speak at the Samoan church in Los Angeles in mid-June.

Pastor Tini was merely visiting members of his family now studying at our colleges, but being a man with the true spirit of evangelism and seeing the large number of Samoans living in the U.S.A., he was soon engaged in a strong programme for their conversion and understanding of present truth.

We had a most enjoyable Sabbath together simply feasting on real Samoan friendship. Samoa has a deep interest to our family, because of my grandfather's pioneering efforts there, and later because of my visits to Samoa during Public Relations and Temperance leadership in the Australasian Division.

Pictured is Pastor Tini Inu with his family in Los Angeles at the Samoan church meeting.



## If I Had Only One More Sermon to Preach—No. 15

AS MANY AS  
RECEIVED HIM

DAVID CURRIE

SOME years ago in Tasmania, a friend and I drove for several hours from Launceston to the Cradle Mountain National Park Reserve some 100 miles away. We had planned a day's photographic trip, yet it appeared that our journey might be in vain, for the miles we covered were enshrouded in heavy autumn fog. At times we could hardly see the road. Several times came the temptation to turn back and abandon the trip, but the favourable weather report encouraged us to press on.

We eventually climbed higher and higher on the rugged road that led to the National Park, and suddenly we reached an altitude that took us above the fog level. It was a most exhilarating experience to look back over many miles of fog-covered land and then to turn and view the beautiful park with its sparkling reflecting pools, sweet bush aroma and high peaks made so much more beautiful by the unexpected golden rays of the early morning sun. We knew that morning the real joy of being in the sunlight after several hours of heavy fog and darkness.

Yet, our experience was so different from that of some of the East African tribes who curse the sun's rising because of the afflictions of heat, scorched, parched earth and drought that it brings. It is the same sun but it evokes totally different reactions as to its purpose and benefits. It was like this when the Sun of Righteousness came into this world.

John 1:11-13: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Jesus, the Saviour of the world, the Sun of Righteousness, the Balm of Gilead, the Way, the Truth and the Life, was rejected by most while only a handful, in comparison, received the peace and joy of knowing Him whom to know is life eternal.

He came unto His own. Israel was God's elect nation, His children, His church, for the purpose of revealing His love to the rest of the world and also for lifting up the ideals of God. The very name Israel implied that this people had entered into a special covenant with their God. They were beneficiaries of special promises that revealed their chosen position. All they needed was continual communion and fellowship with their Maker,

That the Redeemer of the world would come through this people was the greatest of promises. The concept of the coming Messiah was inborn in them. Special revelations concerning His coming had been given them, even to the very time that He would come. Their sacrifice and ceremonies which were their daily experience, service and worship ever pointed to the cross when the Messiah would vicariously die for them and the people of all ages.

Among them the Saviour was born. Among them He grew and lived and ministered, but—

**His own received Him not.** The people of His own home-town, Nazareth, thrust Him out when He preached the Scriptures unto them. (Luke 4:29.)

The Gergesenes beseeched Him to depart from their coast after He had healed two of their saddest cases. (Matt. 8:34.)

The towns of Chorazin and Bethsaida were upbraided because of their faithlessness and rejection of His loving ministry, yet they of all people had the greatest opportunities of accepting Him as Saviour, having so often witnessed His mighty works of healing and other miracles, and having heard His profound sermons. Jerusalem, the city of Zion, was mute to His pleading and entreaties to return to true worship.

**Why Not Accepted?**

The question is asked on a thousand lips, "Why was He turned aside and rejected like this?" Let us notice a few points in answer.

His holy character was a rebuke to their sins. Never had any man revealed

such beauty of character and holiness of life. The contrast was too great for them to enjoy fellowship with Him.

His humility contrasted to their worldliness and pride. They were silently rebuked every time they met Him. His benevolent life was a rebuke to their selfishness and haughtiness. He lived to serve the world, and in so doing manifested the most gracious of attitudes, but the force of His spiritual teaching was a continual rebuke to their sinfulness and formality. So "He was despised and rejected of men." How conclusively this statement of Isaiah was fulfilled when "His own received Him not."

The Africans who curse the sun are a direct contrast to those who appreciate it. Those who rejected the Son of God are contrasted in John with those who received Him, loved Him, communed with Him and finally waited expectantly for His glorious return. Notice, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God made the difference. Doubts, selfishness and pride disappeared as the heart responded in gratitude. Hearts were yielded in full surrender—nothing was held back. This experience was enjoyed by the Ethiopian eunuch when he said to Philip, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." This was the experience of John the Baptist when He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Andrew saw Him and said to Simon, "We have found the Messiah . . . the Christ." Nathanael knew Him. He said to Jesus, "Thou art the Son of God, the King of Israel."

These men received Jesus and believed on His name. His name was a composite of all that He was. He was the "Anointed One"—Jesus. He was "God with us"—Immanuel. He was "Shiloh"—the peace-giver. Robert Clarke uses some of His character titles in this way.

"Wonderful Counsellor"—He was the Saviour of a bewildered mind.

"Mighty God"—He was the Saviour of an impotent will.



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"Everlasting Father"—He was the Saviour of a sorrowful heart.

"Prince of Peace"—He was the Saviour of a stormed-tossed life.

He is the true Light (John 1:9), the true Bread (John 6:32), the true Vine (John 15:1), the true Witness (Revelation 3:14).

#### Privilege of Sonship

Wonder of wonders, when they received Him, He passed on the privilege of sonship. With this privilege (power) their preaching and teaching could do nothing else but uplift Him. Notice one or two occasions. "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42. "And some of them . . . spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus." Acts 11:20. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. The uplifting of the name of Jesus was so powerful that it brought salvation to thousands and gave incentive and zeal for the early Christian church that they might be like Him who brought this new experience full of joy and hope. In contrast came a command from the priests and rulers that they "should not teach in this name." Acts 5:28.

As men and women believed in Jesus, the new birth took place. They were born of God. Their lives were of God and in God. They were not now controlled by the will of the flesh to do that which pleased the flesh. They were not now under the influence of ungodly men to be controlled by their will. The difference came when they were born of God. They lived in Him and for Him. They communed with Him and He with them. His character and His love were more perfectly revealed in men who were sons of God and honoured this privilege. Theirs was a blessed experience in Him, that did not die with trial and persecution, but flourished and matured so that they "obtained a good report through faith."

**God's measure for man is unchanged.** Nearly twenty centuries later He desires you and me to believe His Son and to be born of Him. Nothing short of full surrender is acceptable to God. This is man's passport to the glory land and eternal life. "He that hath the Son hath life; and He that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12. Then notice the following: "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in Himself." Oh, that today we might believe in the Son of God! Our witness is not what it might be. How few testify that they are having a living experience in Him!

#### Do We Know Him?

How much like the people of our Lord's day are people today! We look back astounded that the world rejected the Messiah, their Saviour. But so many of us are guilty of falling into the same pit. We reject Him as we continue to go about our everyday tasks and duties

without abiding in Him. The life that we might have in the Son of God is being supplanted by the feeble experience of our own manufacture. We may know about the Son, but do we know Him?

We often sing the hymn:

"When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey."

The fourth verse continues,  
"But we never can prove  
The delights of His love,  
Until all on the altar we lay."

Here is the answer to our problems. Only as we surrender all to Him—our cherished desires, our greatest ambitions, or even our smallest treasures—are we laying all on the altar. Surrender to Him and you have the Son, and He that hath the Son hath life. "As we come to distrust our own power, let us trust the power of our Redeemer, and we shall praise Him who is the health of our countenance."—"Steps to Christ," page 69.

#### No Argument

Just yesterday I visited a home where the man of the house had listed many arguments against the Scriptures. To him there were so many big questions to answer that he had become bogged down in philosophy instead of achieving an experience in the Lord. As I pointed this man to Jesus, the arguments disappeared. As he prayed with me that he might have the privilege of sonship, his joy was complete. There is no argument against a personal experience with God. "The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful and obedient."—Id., page 130.

At first, people may not understand all of the important and relevant truths that we as a people believe. But primarily they must see that we are born of God and that we have life in the Son of God, that we have received Him. This will then attract others to receive Him and walk with Him. The joy of the new birth and the expectancy of life everlasting will then not be separated from our experience. These are not nice things that Christianity teaches, but are what Christianity is all about.

Dear reader, the privilege of sonship is yours today as you receive Jesus Christ. Do not neglect nor delay, for it is the Lord that gives repentance to His people.

Just as we experienced the joy of being in the sunlight above the fog level, so a Christian knows the joy of receiving Christ and living in Him and fellowshiping with Him and has no desire to exchange this for a lesser experience.

Have you this experience in Him? Are you living above the cruel darkness of this world? If not, then please do not delay. Lift up your heart in prayer right now to Him and surrender your all to Him, and He will bless you with the joy of His peace.

## Accessions in Greater Sydney

ORMOND K. ANDERSON  
Public Relations Secretary

Pastor Vere Wood-Stotesbury returned to Greater Sydney Conference after spending eighteen years in the dominion of New Zealand. Pastor Stotesbury, with his co-workers, Brethren Brian Smith and Harold Waldrup, took charge of our Liverpool, Cabramatta and Fairfield churches. Early in April they began public meetings in Liverpool and Cabramatta. Pastor Stotesbury's infectious enthusiasm gripped the hearts of his evangelistic staff and we are thrilled to see good fruitage from their concerted labours.

The first baptism was held in May and another in June. These baptisms were conducted in the new church at Cabramatta. Four hundred people attended the baptism on June 7 when twenty-two converts followed that sacred rite. On July 26, twenty-one were accepted into church fellowship through the avenue of baptism. Others were also received on profession of faith. By the end of July, forty-six accessions were made through the efforts of Pastor Stotesbury and fellow workers. We are looking forward to another wonderful day on September 27, division Baptismal Day, when others will follow their Lord through the waters of baptism. We can truly rejoice with those who rejoice. One hundred and twenty-three baptisms were recorded to the end of July in the Greater Sydney Conference.

Brother Barry Peach, former Book and Bible House manager of the Greater Sydney Conference, contributed to the success of the baptism dates in providing a display of our denominational literature in the library apartment of the Cabramatta church. Two hundred people on June 7 stayed for closing of Sabbath and a fellowship tea and social. Thus the new converts were warmly received by those who had shared their faith. It is also pleasing to note that God is calling people of all nations. In the Cabramatta church membership there are representatives of five nationalities who regularly worship and receive God's blessing.

Surely it behoves us all to pray that God will pour out His Spirit in mighty measure that those who have heard the call of His love may make a ready response and that a Pentecostal ingathering of souls will build the membership of the remnant church on September 27, 1969.

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"Life, if properly viewed in any aspect, is great; but it is mainly great when viewed in its relation to the world to come."—Albert Barnes.



## Vacation Health Programme

# WARBURTON SANITARIUM'S NEW IDEA

A. G. GILBERT, Manager

SOMETHING NEW is always intriguing. Something new in the medical world is always worth investigating. And something new in our own medical institutions must surely catch the imagination of many of our people.

The Warburton Sanitarium management has considered for some time how it could institute a programme which would have the triple attractions of benefit to our own people, training for our own people and a low cost to those participating. The management envisaged some functional, practical programme which would enable those who participated to derive a benefit from the activities while they were being trained in the best techniques of the "right arm."

Having planned and discussed this for a long time, we came up with this new venture which we are calling the Vacation Health Programme. We believe that it will prove a singular attraction to our people. We plan the Vacation Health Programme in three separate (but inter-related) sections. Here is how it works:

1. **Physical Fitness Programme.** This will include toning-up exercises, walking (and Warburton offers some beautiful walks) and recreation (including tennis, table tennis, carpet bowls, group activities and rest periods).
2. **Group Study and Discussions.** These sessions will include talks on the relationship of mind and body, relation of the spiritual to the physical, better health through better eating, and other health talks of general interest, artificial flower making, and flower arranging. Another feature will be Pastor J. B. Keith's popular Bible study groups.

### 3. Demonstrations: Cooking demonstrations and simple home treatments.

Now to fit all this into one action-packed week will make for a tight schedule, and there will be absolutely no time for boredom or lassitude. But we believe that the programme will have wonderful therapeutic value as well as instructional value. (It goes without saying that you would stay in the comfort of the Sanitarium and that you would enjoy its wonderful catering service.)

Of course, the question uppermost in your mind will be, How much? And some will even be thinking that merely staying in the Sanitarium would be costly enough without all these extras. This is where we are able to surprise you. We are trying to offer this to our people at bedrock cost so that all who would like to participate may do so at less cost than they would expect to pay for a week's holiday. For \$45 a person per week, we can operate this programme, and we offer it to our people in order to bring them the physical and mental benefits that such a course affords.

Naturally, we cannot hope to answer all your questions in the short space of a single article, so we invite you to write to us and seek further information. Those interested may write to: **The Manager, Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital, Warburton, Victoria, 3799, Australia.**

Each course will last one week; the first one is expected to begin shortly. Perhaps you would like to be a pioneer and catch the first one; then write today.



## LETTERS to the EDITOR

### One Answer

Brother,

In answer to Sister Harrington's query on burying our dead on Sabbath I can say this:

One reason for burials on Sabbath is that in North Queensland people must be buried the day after they die. Because of the climate, a body cannot be kept any longer, so that if someone dies on Friday, they must be buried on Sabbath.

With regard to the southern states I cannot answer as I have never lived there.

(Mrs.) J. M. Gracie.

### Alas, for Christine

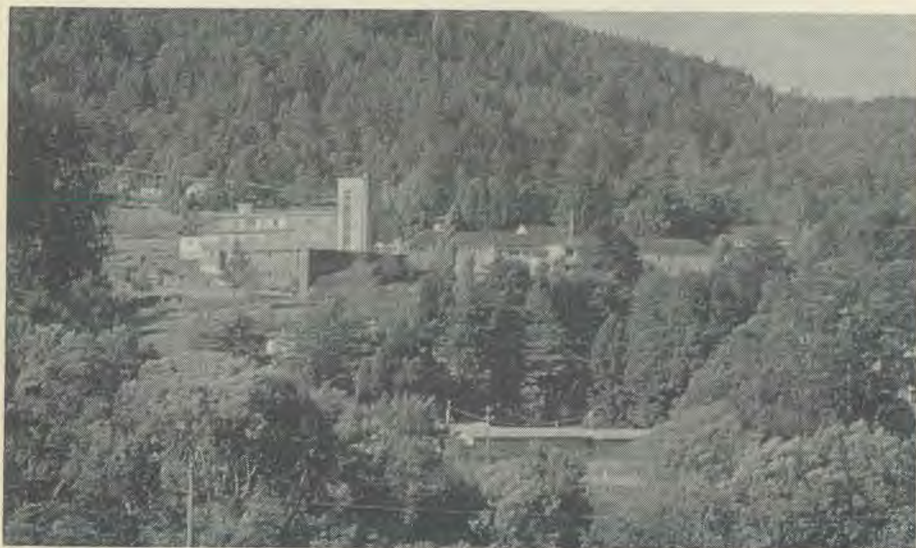
Brother,

Only last week, I heard that Christine (that is not her correct name) had not been to church for a number of weeks. She has not been physically ill. She has been a Seventh-day Adventist for a good many years, held minor offices at various times. For Christine not to be at church would be like going to Sabbath school and church and finding the pews were not there. The worrying thing is, she told my informant that she did not feel bad about it because, in her own words, she "got nothing out of going to church."

In the August issue of the "Sabbath School Worker," Pastor H. F. Rampton, Sabbath School and Lay Activities secretary of the Australasian Division, told us that in the year 1967, 43,292 persons were lost to the church. This, he went on to say, equalled 432 churches with a membership of 100; this is appalling. Realizing that there could be a number of contributory causes—i.e., indifference, discouragement, needing persecution—could there possibly be a fourth reason, in that Christine and the 43,292 souls have listened to fifty-two sermons a year, year after year, but have not been instructed and organized into service bands to put something into the church and to do something for the thousands of souls outside the church.

The question was asked about four years ago at a well attended meeting of church officers and others in Brisbane. "When was the last Training Light Bearers class conducted in your church,

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The Warburton Sanitarium is situated in one of nature's most delightful settings.



# South Queensland 1969 Camp Meeting

C. J. POWELL, Secretary-Treasurer, South Queensland Conference

"All tents will be erected by lunch-time!" This was the confident prediction of those who had helped to prepare the campground at Kallangur, Queensland, on previous occasions. Two hundred and eighty-three family dwelling tents, one small pavilion, and one large four pole pavilion? There were those of us who doubted.

Sunday, August 3, was typical of Brisbane's winters, and in delightful sunshine the work commenced. Sure enough, when the lunch bell rang the conference workers were able to rejoice over the fact that all tents were, in fact, erected. Supermen, you say? No, not really, for a small army of laymen had come to assist the conference employees, and, in just four and a half hours of enjoyable fellowship, the work was completed. The army then reported to the camp kitchen, where our cheerful camp cook, Sister Cullen, and her worthy assistants, had prepared a hearty meal for all.

The opening meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, August 14, and our president, Pastor R. A. Vince, extended a welcome to the campers and delegates. The keynote of his welcoming address was "Awake! Watch! Be Ready!" and this theme set the tone for the entire encampment.

This was not a session camp, so the whole camp period was given over to spiritual meetings, and what a feast of spiritual food was provided by our delegates, who included: Pastors C. V. Christian, W. E. Rudge, M. G. Townsend, and Doctor E. E. White from the Australasian Division; Pastors W. J. Richards, E. F. Giblett, D. B. Hills, E. Hon, and Brother S. H. Shell from the Trans-Tasman Union Conference; Doctor D. Ford of Avondale College; Doctor W. G. Johnson of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital; Brother A. Maberly from the Signs Publishing Company; and a number of missionaries on furlough, among whom were Pastor L. H. Barnard and Brethren A. Smith, R. Richter, L. Larwood and E. Strahan.

## Avondale Choir Present

Camp coincided with the northern tour of the Avondale Symphonic Choir, and the first Sabbath service was enriched by the singing of this group, and then, on the Saturday night, the campers, and many visitors for the occasion, enjoyed a concert by the choir.

Sabbath school offerings for the two Sabbaths totalled \$1,346, and on the first Sabbath afternoon God's people gave or pledged \$5,586 for missions. This was a little less than last year's mission offering, but, when the widespread and long-term drought in South Queensland is remembered, it was a wonderful response from this group who truly love their Lord, and who long to see the work completed.

All too soon the last meeting of camp was over, and the occupants of those 283 family tents, forty huts, and some eighty caravans, returned to their normal walks of life.

God was good in providing the kind of weather which Brisbanians are inclined to boast of to their less fortunate southern neighbours, and more than once the comment was overheard, "This has been the best camp yet."

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## A TWOFOLD CURSE

"Evil-speaking is a twofold curse, falling more heavily upon the speaker than upon the hearer. He who scatters the seeds of dissension and strife, reaps in his own soul the deadly fruits. . . . Grace and peace rest upon those who refuse to join in the strife of tongues. When vendors of scandal are passing from family to family, those who fear God will be chaste keepers at home. . . . The sin of evil-speaking begins with the cherishing of evil thoughts. Guile includes impurity in all its forms."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. V, pages 176, 177.

# THE WRITER'S CRAFT—No. 3

## "WHAT WILL I WRITE ABOUT?"—Part 1

When you set yourself to write an article—and I am thinking in terms of the "Signs of the Times" or "Good Health"—this is the question that first pops into your mind. At least, that is usually the way. The exception, of course, is when you have some soul-burden that just will not be denied. Then you can rest neither day nor night until it is on paper.

Let us suppose you are a beginner; you have suddenly found yourself subject to that itch to write that only the scratching of a pen will cure. You are burning inside to write but you are like the man in the Bible who ran to tell his king the message; when the chips were down, he had no message to give. So you sit at your typewriter and consider its keys with an earnest concentration. "What on earth will I write about?" you ask yourself. Then, like as not, you will tell yourself that this is silly; if you were meant to write, you would have something to say. But hold!

Do not imagine that, because you are not absolutely burning inside about a specific topic, you are not in the writer's category. Far from it. Actually, you have just discovered the first rule of writing: Preparation. It is not enough to sit down at your typewriter and expect it to roll out of you, your thoughts chasing your fingers in happy profusion, in the way that you imagine the "real writer" (whatever that is) does it. You have to do your homework. "Research" is probably a more professional word.

Now what to write about? This is up to you, of course; pick something you know something about. (PLEASE, pick something you know something about; so many don't.) And if you don't know much about it, then find out about it. Let me illustrate.

Once, in a Sabbath school lesson, the Pharisees were mentioned a couple of times; I became interested in these people. What did they believe? How important were they in Jewry? What happened to them? So I went to the public library and read up on them. I borrowed books and took them home and made notes. For a while I became a minor authority on the Pharisees; I felt that I knew so much about them that I could write an article on them. So I simplified my findings and selected my title: "A Plain Man's Guide to the Pharisees." It turned out that I had enough for two articles, so I wrote it in two parts. I sold it to an American magazine for \$70. But before I started to do my homework I hardly knew anything about these people. See what I mean?

But to the beginner, this is not always the best for starters. Begin simply. I would say that the straightforward biographical-type article is the easiest. Pick some character in history, someone you know, someone famous (or infamous) and go to work on him. BUT (and it is an important "but") it is not sufficient for you merely to give a run-down on your hero's life. There must be a punch-line. You must come to the end and with a neat little conclusion (possibly one which has not been apparent to the reader up to that point but which he will readily see when it is pointed out to him) you slam home your "moral" (horrible word) and tie off the loose ends. Simply and quickly.

Just get yourself organized with all your facts, then figure how you will present your story; this is the important thing. You have to think of some way to present this story that will make the editor WANT to read your submission TO THE VERY END.

Yours for intriguing titles and fascinating articles,

ROBERT H. PARR.



## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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followed with the formation of service bands, other than at the time of the Appeal for Missions?" Not a hand went up.

At the foot of the quarterly missionary report which is sent into the conference offices each quarter, we have a list of a number of training classes, among them, Training Light Bearers. A city evangelist told me that these were a guide and were not obligatory. Dear Brother, what say your readers? Could it be that the aforementioned thousands of people, and Christine, have dropped, and are dropping away from the church because they have not been instructed and organized for service?

Before your readers answer my question, may I beg that they first read "Ministry of Healing," page 140, "Testimonies," Vol. 9, pages 116-118, and also procure from their own particular conference office, to read and digest, the

General Conference Home Missionary leaflets, "Organizing the Church for Missionary Work" (No. 2), and "Visitation" (No. 26).

Someone has said, "The continuance of evil depends on good people saying and doing nothing."

There must be a lot of good people among your "10,000 theologians," by the fact that they subscribe to the "Record" for the wealth of spiritual food, pithy editorials, and other church news. What say, and do, your readers?

"Don Quixote" McLain, Queensland.

## "Please Be Tolerant"

Brother,

This is my reply to Sister W. Peck's article in the "Record" dated 11/8/69, on "Please be tolerant about dress in this day and age."

A few years ago I heard a service preached in one of our country churches on dress, and our minister gave us an

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**JENSEN-VINCENT.** On Sunday, August 24, 1969, a glorious spring day, Thomas Arthur Jensen and Sheryl Margaret Vincent met in the Dargaville church, North New Zealand, to join hearts and hands, and to pledge life-long fidelity in holy wedlock. The church, beautifully decorated for the occasion, overflowed with relatives, friends and well-wishers. Tom, recently baptized into the Adventist family, is a son of Mr. M. Jensen of Whangarei, and Sheryl is the younger daughter of Brother and Sister Noel Vincent of Mount Wesley, Dargaville. Our prayers and good wishes go with this couple as they set up another Christian home in Dargaville. M. F. Nash.

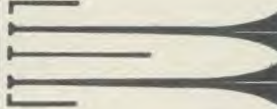
**KERBY-REYNOLDS.** On August 21, 1969, at 4 p.m., Lindsay Paul Kerby and Anne Margaret Reynolds met in the Dundas church, New South Wales, to exchange marriage vows. Lindsay is the son of Brother and Sister L. Kerby of Wairoa, while Anne is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Reynolds of Beecroft. The church was crowded with friends and well-wishers of this dedicated young couple. A special feature was a guard of honour composed of Anne's pupils from the Strathfield S.D.A. high school. Because Anne and Lindsay have decided to make Christ the head of their home, they are assured of His guidance and blessing. L. C. Naden.

**SONG-BRINKWORTH.** The tastefully decorated Sandgate church, Queensland, was the place for yet another pretty wedding, when, on Sunday afternoon, August 17, 1969, Raphael Christopher Song and Audrey Pauline Brinkworth joined hands in holy matrimony. Raphael, who came from Sarawak in Malaysia, is a student at Avondale College studying Quality Control for Sanitarium Health Food work. Audrey, daughter of Sister Brinkworth of the Sandgate church, is a nursing sister. Well-wishers joined the newly-weds at a delightfully prepared wedding breakfast at the home of Brother and Sister A. J. Harold of Redcliffe. Mrs. Harold is the sister of the bride. May God richly bless this young couple who plan to enter the Lord's work. A. J. Bath.

**SPERRING-PORTWAY.** The bride's birth-day, Wednesday, August 6, 1969, was the date of a lovely wedding in the Sandgate church, Queensland. Brother Alfred John Sperring, who has been a Seventh-day Adventist for sixty-five years, married Mrs. Lydia Florence Portway,

who was baptized only the Sabbath before the wedding. The happy couple had met during the evangelistic crusade in Sandgate Town Hall, and now that Sister Portway has accepted a new way of life in Christ, she has found a new life partner. Many friends and relatives witnessed the joyful occasion, and afterwards, where the church ladies had prepared the fellowship meal, well-wishers showered the newlyweds with their blessings. Theirs will be truly a happy home where Christ reigns supreme. A. J. Bath.

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**BRUMBY.** Sister Marriion Eva Brumby peacefully passed to her rest at her home on August 20, 1969, at the age of eight-eight years. Sister Brumby joined the Adventist family almost seven years ago under the ministry of Pastor R. C. H. Smith. During the twilight years of her life she became well-known and respected among the Seventh-day Adventist believers at Ulverstone, Tasmania. Following the funeral service in the Ulverstone church, the cortege proceeded to the place of interment at the Penguin cemetery. P. A. Miller.

**COLMER.** Mary Pearl Colmer of Asquith, New South Wales, came to the close of her earthly pilgrimage when she passed away at St. James Hospital, Hornsby, on August 18, 1969, at the age of seventy-nine years. After a temporary lapse of faith, our late sister entered into a close personal relation with the Saviour and died rejoicing in the blessed hope. Left to mourn are her five sons: Lionel, Henry, Ronald, Keith and Jim. Following a service at the Long Jetty church, she was laid to rest in the picturesque lakeside cemetery at Wamberal to await the call of the Life-giver. H. G. Bryant.

**COPLEY.** On August 29, 1969, Maud Janette Copley died in Perth after a long illness, patiently borne. With her husband she accepted the message in England under the ministry of Pastor Frank Stokes, the former president of the North New Zealand Conference, and had been in Australia since 1966. Her husband and two married sons, Peter and Brian, survive. N. E. Bolst.

**CROFT.** At his home in Tenterfield, New South Wales, in the early hours of Wednesday, August 13, 1969, Brother William Croft closed his eyes in death. His passing came as a dreadful shock, not only to the members of his family, but to the Tenterfield Adventist church where he had been a faithful member for thirty-three years. Born in Tenterfield seventy-one

years ago, where he lived till the time of his death, our brother was dearly loved by the Advent family, and most highly respected by all who knew him. Our late Brother Croft rejoiced to know his whole family—an affectionate and loyal wife, three sons, and a daughter—were with him looking for and rejoicing in the blessed hope. One of the three sons, Pastor Darrell Croft, is associated with the South New South Wales Conference as its Missionary Volunteer leader. To a very large gathering of relatives and friends, both in the church and by the graveside, words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer assisted by the local minister, Brother Glyn Parfitt. We weep not as do others, but extend our sincere sympathy to our dear Sister Croft and her family, praying that we with them may be kept faithful until we meet again when Jesus comes to call His sleeping saints to life eternal. T. R. Kent.

**DOBBS.** Samuel Dobbs of Ngaruawahia, a faithful member of the Hamilton, New Zealand, church, in his ninetieth year fell quietly to rest on August 9, 1969. For the last two years, with other aged patients, he lived in a ward of the Waikato hospital. We laid him to rest in the Hamilton East cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. To his daughter, Sister Bray of Hamilton, and his son, Brother Dobbs of Lower Hutt, and other relatives and friends we express our sympathy and commend the hope of our late brother. A. Jacobson.

**EAGER.** Frank John Eager died suddenly on the morning of August 19, 1969, aged sixty-six years. Frank and his wife conducted a rest home for the aged at Eraring, New South Wales, and a gloom settled over the institution when the death occurred. Brother Eager frequently conducted the worship periods and led out in the singing of the songs of Zion that brought hope and courage to the aged patients. His wife, Jean, has lost a devoted husband, and the four children, John, Jill, Janice and Joy, are left to mourn a loving father. Pastor G. Branstetter and the writer were associated in the service. H. J. Halliday.

**HANSEN.** Hilda Elizabeth Hansen, aged seventy-two, beloved sister-in-law of Brother Allister McDonald, passed quietly to rest in Wanganui, New Zealand, on August 15, 1969. Since her baptism in 1934 Sister Hansen's consistent Christian life, filled with deeds of love and kindness, has endeared her to all. After a service in the Wanganui church, Sister Hansen was laid to rest in the lawn cemetery at Aramoho, awaiting the fulfilment of the blessed hope, which burned so brightly in her heart. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." F. M. Slade.

**HIRST.** Mrs. Gwendoline Pearl Hirst (formerly Grace), of Croydon, New South Wales, passed quietly to her rest on August 19, 1969, aged seventy-five years. Pastor E. R. Whitehead baptized our late sister over forty years ago, and many were blessed by her bright and dedicated fellowship in several of our churches in the Greater Sydney Conference and in North New South Wales. The ministry of God's great promises brought comfort and hope to her children, Geoffrey, Neville, and Dorothy (Mrs. Ballingall) and their families; and the warmth and support of many friends is an added blessing. We laid this trusting child to rest in the Northern Suburbs General Lawn Cemetery until the first resurrection and the eternal reunion. R. Tudor.

**KING.** Sister Mary King passed quietly to her rest after a long period of illness. For thirty-five years she had consistently borne witness to the power of the indwelling Christ to sustain a sweet Christian disposition. Many hearts, both inside and outside of the church of God, grew sad to hear that our sister had passed away in the Cook Hospital, Gisborne, New Zealand, on August 13, 1969. We laid her to rest in the Taruheru cemetery in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. Aged seventy-six years, Sister King had lived a full life and will long be remembered as one whose life was dedicated to the service of her God, and to the good of the community. Our sister will rise again at the last day. F. Benham.

**KURESA.** Sister Marie Kuresa passed away on August 18, 1969, in the Apia hospital, full of years and honour at the age of seventy-eight. She was baptized by Pastor Raimund Reye in 1935 and became a charter member of the Apia church. Her faithfulness to the three angels' messages has continued ever since. She leaves a dear husband, Sauni Kuresa, who faithfully ministered to her needs over the years, two sons, six daughters, a number of grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn her passing. Some of them came all the way from New Zealand and Australia to be with their



mother during the last days of her life. Services at the Apia church and the graveside were conducted by Pastors Hay, Neru and the writer. A number of floral tributes gave evidence of the esteem in which our sister was held in the Apia community. Eight Master Guides in full uniform paid love's last tribute to the beloved wife of the former youth leader of the Samoan Mission by bearing the coffin into the church and to the grave. As we tenderly laid her to rest, we also caught a vision of the glorious morning when "the dead in Christ shall rise" to newness of life. We offer our deepest sympathy to the bereaved widower, and to all the members of the family, trusting that the Lord will be their comforter as they look forward to the glad reunion day when our beloved Saviour, Jesus Christ, will come in the clouds of heaven.

S. Afa'ese.

**ROBERTSON.** Sister Ann Harriet Robertson, aged seventy-five, passed to her rest suddenly on August 20, 1969. Though afflicted with a long illness, our late sister was devoted to her Lord and to her family. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and two sons, Colin and Allen, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken to her loved ones in the presence of a large gathering of friends at the Cornelian Bay crematorium, Hobart, Tasmania, on August 21, 1969. At rest until the morning.

J. C. Dever.

**SONTER.** Doris Ruth Sonter, beloved wife of Adin Sonter of Woy Woy, New South Wales, was called to her rest on August 8, 1969, aged sixty-four. For two years Doris Sonter bore her illness as a patient, courageous sufferer; she longed for rest, and God in His mercy and wisdom allowed her life to cease. Our loving sympathy is extended to the sorrowing husband, so recently grieved by the loss of his only son, Russell. Relatives and friends joined the bereaved at the Northern Suburbs crematorium where the ministry of our Saviour's great promises brought hope and comfort to these sorrowing hearts.

H. Baird.

**SPITTAL.** Sister A. Spittal passed to her final rest on August 23, 1969, at the Waikato hospital, Hamilton, New Zealand, aged ninety-six years. Our late sister accepted the message at Blenheim, South New Zealand, in 1912, fifty-seven years ago, and has been a faithful believer since then. She spent many years in Wellington but for some time now has been with her daughter, Mrs. D. Carran of Cambridge. Sister Spittal was known as a kind and cheerful saint, and was loved by all who knew her. God's angels have marked her resting place.

M. L. Woods.

**TELFER.** Theodore Mark Telfer, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Telfer of Awakino, at the tender age of three weeks passed away on August 13, 1969, and we laid him to rest in the Te Kuiti, New Zealand, cemetery after a service in our Te Kuiti church. To Sister Telfer, her husband and other sorrowing relatives we would commend the promise of God to the mothers of Bethlehem that "there is hope in thine end that thy children . . . shall come again from the land of the enemy."

A. Jacobson.

**WILSON.** Wendy Alice Wilson (nee Ward) was the victim of a tragic car accident on August 10, 1969, at National Park, Sydney. Wendy was born on December 2, 1943, and in 1957 was baptized at the Wahroonga church, later joining the Woollahra church on her marriage to Robert Wilson. Of a loving and gentle nature she will be sadly missed. We commit to the compassion of a merciful Saviour the bereaved husband, her mother, sister (Yvonne Bleach), and brothers Max and Robert with their families. Brian Craig was associated with the writer in messages of comfort and courage brought to the grief-stricken loved ones and a large gathering of sympathizing friends. "In everlasting consolation and good hope."

C. S. Palmer.

**WRIGHT.** Edward George Wright passed away suddenly at Maitland, New South Wales, on August 21, 1969, at the age of seventy-nine years. Ted and his wife Maude (nee Hector) were baptized by Pastor R. A. R. Thrift in 1953. Ted was a loved and respected member of our Maitland church. Left to mourn are his wife, three sons and his daughter (Sister Nancy Hicks). We lovingly laid him to rest in the Adventist section of the Maitland cemetery to await the voice of his Master.

#### RETURN THANKS

Mrs. J. Gill and family of Cooranbong wish to thank relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in the sad loss of their dear husband and father.

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We cordially welcome all members to come and enjoy all that the camp affords spiritually and socially.

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# FLASH POINT . . .

- ★ Word has just filtered through that when Pastor Fagal arrives here in December, his wife, who appears with him on the television programme, will accompany him.
- ★ How many different magazines do you think that the Seventh-day Adventist Church produces? Fifty? One hundred? No, you're a long way out. There are 292 separate titles, and in 1968 there was a total distribution of fifty-four MILLION! And which publishing house led all the rest? The Signs Publishing Company, Victoria? No, but thank you for thinking so. Actually it was the Pacific Press with a total of 17.2 million, then the Review and Herald Publishing Association which sent out 16.5 million copies. First among the non-American publishing houses was Brazil Publishing House with 3.3 million magazines, then the Hamburg Publishing House in Germany with two million.
- ★ Calling all you composer-lyric-writers. The Queensland Minister for Labour and Tourism, the Hon. John Herbert, M.L.A., has announced a hymn competition to be conducted by the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Committee. Entry forms are obtainable free from the office of the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Committee, Department of Labour and Tourism, Third Floor, Treasury Building, Queen Street, Brisbane. Words and music must be suitable for a devotional service, and must not have been performed, published or broadcast previously. Closing date is Friday, November 28, 1969. That means you'll have to hurry.
- ★ For the past ten weeks Pastor Cecil Ogg of Bathurst, New South Wales, has been conducting a short radio programme on 2BS Bathurst three days a week. This programme he entitles "It Is an Amazing Fact," and he always commences his programme with the words "It is an amazing fact . . ." and then deals with such subjects as the advancement of knowledge, the prophecies of Tyre, and the Hittites, etc. This programme was designed to condition the people of Bathurst for Pastor Ogg's forthcoming mission in that city and he planned to cease his broadcast about the time of the commencement of his mission, but the management of the radio station are so impressed with Brother Ogg's programme that they have asked him to carry it on indefinitely on a free basis, and so Pastor Ogg has agreed to do this.
- ★ Dr. Don Wilson (he's the son of Brother and Sister W. R. Wilson of Cooranbong) rang his mother recently to say "Happy Birthday, Mum" and mentioned while he was about it that he had just passed the California State Medical Board Exam. That means he is now an American M.D. in addition to his British and Australian degrees.
- ★ A successful evangelistic effort is being conducted in the Adventist Youth Centre at Hohola, Port Moresby. Brother W. I. Liversidge is in charge of the programme, but three young ministerial workers are caring for the preaching each week.
- ★ A brand new MV Share-Your-Faith project, entitled "One to One Evangelism," was launched recently at the Youth Congress at Zurich in Switzerland. It will be introduced to Australasian youth in 1970, using the book "Real Happiness Is" as a basis. This book is "Steps to Christ" adapted for teenagers, and has had an enthusiastic reception among the younger set.
- ★ "Finally, brethren . . ."  
I dreamed death came the other night and heaven's gates swung wide;  
With kindly grace an angel came and ushered me inside.  
And there to my astonishment stood folks I'd known on earth;  
Some I'd judged and labelled as "unfit" and "little worth."  
Indignant words rose to my lips but never were set free,  
For every face showed stunned surprise—no one expected ME!

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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example. He was going to meet a lady at the station and she was a Seventh-day Adventist, one whom he did not know. How would he pick her out of a crowd of people? Well, if she was dressed according to our high standards, which change not, or should change not, he would have no difficulty.

In my article I was referring to Adventists and not friends of Adventists.

What is the Bible standard on dress? "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel." 1 Tim. 2:9. Our dress is to be unobtrusive. Better to be out of step with the world than to be out of step with Jesus.

Where do shorts and slacks originate from? What plain distinction between the dress of men and women is to be maintained? Read Deut. 22:5. "There is an increasing tendency . . . to fashion their dress very much like that of men, but God pronounces it an abomination." ("Testimonies," Vol. 1, page 457.) Our dress should rightly represent Jesus Christ, whose representatives we are.

"Fashion is a mistress that rules with an iron hand." ("Education," page 246.) "A person's character is judged by his style of dress." ("Education," page 248.) "Self-denial in dress is a part of our Christian duty. To dress plainly, and abstain from display of jewellery and ornaments of every kind is in keeping with our faith." ("Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 366.) See also "Testimonies," Vol. 4, page 643. "In no better way can you let your light shine to others than in your simplicity of dress and deportment."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 376.

The Saviour calls upon you to deny self and take up the cross, then nothing will prevent the development of the whole being.

"Love of dress and pleasure is wrecking the happiness of thousands. And some of those who profess to love and keep the commandments of God ape this class as near as they possibly can and retain the Christian name." ("Testimony Treasures," Vol. 1, page 350.) "Self, and only self, is the object of adoration, and one such professed Christian will lead many away from God. There is a terrible sin upon us as a people, that we have permitted our church members to dress in a manner inconsistent with their faith. We must arise at once and close the door against the allurements of fashion. Unless we do this, our churches will become demoralized."—"Testimony Treasures," Vol. 1, page 600.

God is particular. You mentioned Rome wasn't won in a day. Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation. Do not put off until tomorrow what we can do today, for tomorrow may be too late. We must forsake all and humbly pray for guidance as we study the Holy Bible and Spirit of Prophecy that God will come into our lives, and we will accept Him as our personal Saviour.

L. Standish, S.A.