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That Other Angel

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BY General Conference action, 1976 has been declared world-wide Literature Ministry Emphasis Year for the Adventist Church. This decision has been confirmed by Division, Union and Conference action as well. Some may wonder why. Others may ask what should be done to give it proper emphasis. We are interested in the practical application of this action.

Let us briefly answer the first question, why?

The literature ministry is closely related to the church's outreach with the three angels' messages. Our publishing work was established by direction of God, and under His special supervision. It was designed to accomplish a "specific purpose."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 138.

What is that specific purpose? "The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies."—*Ibid.*

No Time to Lose

The wealth of present-day truths entrusted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church must be given to the world. This must be done without delay.

In giving greater meaning to the work of the three angels in Revelation 14, John received another vision, which he describes in Rev. 18: 1: "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

The practical meaning of this vision is that "In a large degree through our pub-

lishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 140.

It is clear that publishing houses operating only as literature production centres are meaningless without a distribution programme.

"How can the great work of the third angel's message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort, by visiting the people in their homes."—"Welfare Ministry," page 97.

Should such a home-visitation plan be carried out empty-handed? This also would be very ineffective. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, page 390.

Work for the Whole Church

Many of you reading this article are engaged in some selling programme not related to the church. If you have talent in meeting people and selling them something, why not dedicate such a talent to God, and meet people with the message in print? The whole church should be engaged in the distribution, either full-time or part-time, of small literature, large books, sets of books, magazines and tracts.

In some countries of the world, as a result of government legislation, full-time professional literature ministry is not possible, but church members are often allowed to distribute literature as a general church enterprise. As a result the whole church is engaged in literature distribution.



In our country we still have the freedom of choice. Let's use this to answer the call for this hour. Time is running out. The world will not remain the same as it is today.

Literature Ministry Emphasis Year means that each one of you should be more engaged in the use of literature than ever before in order to accomplish the work of that other angel. Not only should this be so during 1976, but in each following year till the job is completed.

We are interested to learn what you are doing, what you are planning individually, answering the call of the hour. At this moment you may even hear that small voice whispering in your ear to join the ranks of the self-supporting missionary workers, the literature evangelists. Don't refuse that voice. Get down on your knees and thank God for receiving such a call and let us hear about it so that we may help you to get trained and started.

A Work of Preparation

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 139.

If you are impressed by this challenge and wish to respond positively, write to the editor of this journal, and he will forward your letter to the Division office, or write direct to the writer of this article.



The Adventist Mobile Canteen served food and provided a good display booth.
Photos: L. Gilmore.



Pastor G. A. Metcalfe (left) watches as Kass Newman of Papua New Guinea gives his testimony, while Pastor J. H. Newman waits his turn.

Festival of the Crafty Bunyip

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LATE LAST YEAR the Adventist church in Blacktown, a suburb of Sydney, received an official invitation from the local municipality and the Council of Arts to co-operate in something new to the shire. They called it the "Festival of the Crafty Bunyip," and we believe there might be many a reader who would wonder what it was all about. Here is what happened:

The big event was planned for a Sunday, with invitations to all churches, so that an ecumenical service could be held. Imagine our church leader's reaction on discovering that no other communions had replied, and our minister, Pastor G. A. Metcalfe, had the morning to himself. The open-air service was held on the specially prepared platform erected by municipal authorities, and ran for one hour. Compered by the pastor, the programme featured Conference Youth director, Pastor K. H. Mead, and missionary-appointee to Pitcairn Island, Pastor J. H. Newman. Such occasions call for good Christian music, and there could be none better to provide it than Mr. P. Boileau, Australia's champion flugelhorn player, and popular youth singers, Misses Athena and Wendy Bowcher. Then there were Mr. C. Bobongie, guitarist; Mr. R. Johnson, soloist and Mr. K. Morgan at the electronic organ, all Adventist musicians.

On the "Village Green" or council lawns there were around 100 listeners, including Civic Centre staff, all of whom seemed to enjoy the lively church service. Many favourable comments were received. Following the spiritual outreach, various singing groups and ethnic

national folk dances were performed. The many migrants to the Sydney area are able to provide something of fascinating interest which is lacking in the Australian scene because of the newness of our culture.

Supported by the Conference Emergency Canteen, the church ladies of the Community Services organization, led by Mrs. V. Dacker and strongly helped by Messrs. A. and B. Geelan, served over 500 samples of tasty vegetarian food at the kerbside display. Attractive ladies in smart uniforms caused many people to stop to find what went on. Adventists love to give away literature, so on this day Bible Correspondence cards, vegetarian recipes and invitations to a Stop Smoking Clinic were freely distributed.

The organizer of the Festival told our pastor that he was thrilled with the support given by the Adventist church. It is our belief that when Adventist members emerge from the shelter of their buildings, large or small, and mix with their communities, then they can expect to be better understood. Now is the time for all good churches to remove their restricting fences and say "HI!" to one and all. That's what Blacktown members did under Mr. R. Higgs's vigorous leadership.

"When it comes to helping people we have a tendency to be talking when we should be listening, and a tendency to be giving answers to questions nobody is asking."—Thomas K. Williams.

Are You Still Going?

ROBERT J. HASTINGS

I'VE STOPPED GOING to football games. For one thing, they're always asking for money. Why can't you get in free? Prices are already too high. Another reason, the seats are too hard, especially when you sit in one place an hour and a half. And some of the fans get on my nerves. For example, many are downright unfriendly. They get off in little cliques. Others appear hypocritical. I doubt if they really care much about the game but go just to see and be seen, especially if they have some new clothes to show off.

Another reason I stopped going is because my parents made me go to football games when I was young, whether I wanted to or not. They dragged me to so many games that I made a promise if I ever got on my own, I'd sleep in and watch TV.

Also, I can't stand some of the music the band plays during half-time. I never heard of some of the numbers. At times their music is too slow and mournful. Other times, it's too peppy and jumpy. Frankly, it makes me jittery.

And another thing. The football coach never came to see me, and even when I met him on the street, he didn't recognize me. As many times as I've gone to his games, you'd think he could stop and see me, especially when I'm laid up a day or two with a bad cold.

I also realized one day that too many games were going into overtime. This made me late for other appointments. I say if a game is to last an hour, it should last an hour, and let the people go home.

I could mention other reasons: I know the rules better than the referee. I don't want to influence my children by insisting they go with me, and I think football is irrelevant to the problems of modern men.

(P.S. Any similarities to church drop-outs, living or dead, is coincidental.)

—Adapted from "Review and Herald," August 21, 1975.

HEALTH-WISE

WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE

MEN ARE UNDENIABLY the chief victims of the epidemic of heart disease which claims almost 50,000 lives each year in Australia alone. For reasons that are not yet clear, women are largely free of the heart attacks which are occurring increasingly among men in their thirties and forties.

However, the concerned wife who watches the cholesterol in her husband's diet and urges him to stop smoking and take up jogging, should be aware that she herself is not immune.

The Department of Research and Statistics of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York has issued findings from a study of their members which should free women from any false sense of security.

One of the findings of the study was that after the age of forty-four women increase their chances of having angina or a coronary occlusion at a faster rate than do men.

The death rate following a heart attack is almost the same—37 per cent of women and 36 per cent of men die within a month of the attack. And the death rate increases with age for both sexes.

However, diabetes, high cholesterol level, and high blood pressure have a much greater effect on the chances of surviving a heart attack in women than in men. Twice as many women diabetics die following a heart attack compared with non-diabetics. Among male victims, presence of diabetes apparently makes little difference.

There is good evidence that a high cholesterol level contributes to heart attacks, but a man's chance of survival after he has had a heart attack does not seem to be effected by his cholesterol level. For women, however, the death rate is three times as high for heart attack victims whose cholesterol level is above 270.

The study revealed the same difference between the sexes in relation to high blood pressure. The percentage of women heart patients with high blood pressure, 60 per cent, was almost double that found in men.

Researchers are seeking answers to these and many other questions relating to heart disease in an almost desperate effort to reverse the mounting toll which makes heart disease the leading cause of death in the Western world.

Although many specific questions remain unanswered, enough is known to leave little doubt that the cause lies in too much rich food, too much emotional stress, and too little exercise.

These are factors everyone, both men and women, can do something about now. Waiting until all the answers are in may be too late.

HISTORIC PICTURE GALLERY



In Literature Emphasis Year what could be more appropriate for our Historic Picture Gallery than a tribute to the stalwart colporteurs of yore? Here is H. C. Barritt (now Pastor Barritt and president of the Victorian Conference) preparing to mount his 1939 mode of transport in Maryborough, Queensland.

Photo: courtesy B. Barritt.



About fifty candidates prior to a baptism held in Brisbane, Queensland, about 1929 or 1930. Pastor R. A. Anderson, the evangelist who conducted the baptism, is at the left.

Signs File.



When Pastor Sasa Rore travelled through South Australia in 1946 he stayed for a time with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomson. He is pictured here with them in the garden of their Kadina home. Mr. Thomson has since passed away.

Photo: Mrs. A. Haines.



Together with the President

THIS is not a book review. However, I desire to say a few words concerning Robert H. Pierson's volume, "WE STILL BELIEVE," which is before me at the present time. On the jacket of this book I notice these words: "Out of deep conviction that God has been leading His people down through the years and that the things we believe are, verily, the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, the author here shares with the church his own earnest desire that the faith once delivered to the saints be preserved as a living and active force in the hearts and the lives of those who expect, soon, to witness the return of Jesus to this earth.

"In a day when most of those who profess to be Christians no longer believe in the integrity of the gospel message and have adopted the world's way of life, all who choose to remain loyal to Christ need to double their spiritual guard lest inadvertently they, too, adopt worldly patterns of thought and conduct. In this book Elder Pierson invites you to unite with him and with all other committed Adventists in a new affirmation of faith and loyalty to Christ and to the things WE STILL BELIEVE. Elder Pierson has a soul-consuming desire to see Jesus return SOON. This desire is reflected in his personal relationships and in his leadership of the church. The twin keynotes of his administration are revival and reformation within the church, and an accelerated programme of evangelism by the church. It is time, he believes, for the remnant people to bring their earthly pilgrimage to a close and to enter the heavenly Canaan."

As we look between the covers of the book we find that the author writes in a forthright and direct manner, and the challenge is that we do not cast away our confidence which, as the Scripture reminds us, "hath great recompense of reward." Pastor Pierson unfolds the basic doctrinal principles upon which this church has been built and to which we must adhere if we are finally going to be the church triumphant.

The first basic must relate to the Bible, the Word of God. I like the statement from The S.D.A. Bible Commentary which has reference to Ps. 119: 89. I quote: "God's Word is settled for all time and is unchangeable. It is high above accident or chance and stands fast both in heaven and in earth. Man's teachings concerning the Word may change, but the Word stands immovable." We have not changed our position on this all-important truth. We stand four-square on the divine inspiration of God's Word as have His people down through the centuries.

Referring to Christ, Paul declares: "[He] made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." Phil. 2: 7. We believe that Christ in coming to this world, humbled Himself and clothed His divinity with humanity. As recorded by Ellen White in the "Youth's Instructor" of September 8, 1898: "He was God in human flesh." This is another great truth that we must never forget. It is central to the plan of salvation. The message of hope we present to the world must always be that which is Christ-centred.

Is there any need of a reminder that Seventh-day Adventists still believe that Saturday, the seventh day, the Sabbath of the Bible, is still God's holy day? So many around us have thrown overboard a weekly day of rest. When we remind ourselves of the Sabbath truth we are not speaking of something that is new. This truth is as old as the earth itself. It has been blessed by God, and those who are faithful and who remember the Sabbath as instructed will continue to be conscious of God's blessing.

In the book "The Great Controversy," page 489, the Lord's messenger says: "The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross." How important, therefore, that the sanctuary truth which beautifully depicts the total ministry of Christ in the two apartments of the heavenly sanctuary remain as one of the strong pillars in the doctrines of this church! Never lose sight of the fact that the work being done by Christ at the present time is of utmost importance to all of His children. In contemplating the investigative judgment now in session, may we remind ourselves of the solemn words brought to us by Paul, that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Cor. 5: 10. In contemplating this let us again thank God for His Son Jesus Christ who mediates for us in the courts above.

As we look at our name as believers we are ever reminded of the fact that we believe in the second coming of Christ. To all of His followers this is a most pleasant and comforting truth. The One who said He was going to prepare a place for us emphasizes the fact when He promises, "I will come again." John 14: 3. The message of a soon-returning Saviour builds courage and certainty. And here again let us hold fast to that which the Lord has graciously made clear to us as a people.

We need to remind ourselves again and again that Satan never gives up in his efforts to ensnare God's people, and to undermine and remove that which is so important to our eternal destiny. With Pastor Pierson we should be able to say today: "Thank God for the Bible-based, Christ-centred third angel's message (as we affectionately call it among ourselves). Cling closely to it! Never be ashamed of it! It is God's message for God's people in God's hour to prepare a people to meet God's Son! It is still God's truth and we still believe it!"

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TEMPERANCE WORKERS IN NEW ZEALAND

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THIRTEEN Seventh-day Adventist delegates attended the Eighty-ninth National Convention of the New Zealand Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held recently in Whangarei, and one of these, Mrs. F. Pearce of Oamaru, was elected National Vice-President. Mrs. M. E. Melvin of Whakatane is the "White Ribbon Digest" Business Manager, and others with National office are Mrs. M. Steele of Blenheim, Fruit Juice Promotion, Mrs. F. Pearce, Good Citizenship, Mrs. P. Groom, Auckland, Little White Ribboners, Mrs. G. Lane, Masterton, Narcotics, and Mrs. D. Jackson, Quiz on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

The National president, Mrs. C. Polglase, called for a massive education programme by the Government Health Department to teach young people how to live without alcohol.

Mrs. B. H. Togalea, a Niue Island social worker in Auckland, told delegates that alcohol was the greatest problem among Pacific Islanders living in New Zealand. She said that Pacific Islanders did not know how to drink, because alcohol was virtually new to them.

Over twenty excellent suggestions were passed on to Government, covering such problems as wine-tasting demonstrations in secondary schools, gambling, proper testing of blood-alcohol content in drinking drivers, including a test for a driver's license on blood-alcohol levels and the effect of alcohol on the driver, and the choice of undesirable films shown on TV. The editor of the "White Ribbon Digest," Mrs. H. A. F. Wood, praised the excellent Temperance stand of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the wonderful aids at their disposal, and urged delegates to seek their help in the Temperance work.

The Adventist delegates thought of the instruction given to us in the book,



Delegates to the eighty-ninth National Convention of the New Zealand W.C.T.U. Back row (left to right): Mrs. M. Broad, Rotorua; Mrs. P. Wilson, Invercargill; Mrs. A. Groom, Auckland; Mrs. F. Pearce, Oamaru; Mrs. V. Codling, Whangarei; Mrs. M. McLeod, Whangarei; Mrs. B. Powell, Whangarei; Mrs. F. Cateley, Whangarei. Front row: Mrs. M. Melvin, Whakatane; Mrs. S. Wilson, with grand-daughter Donna Wilson, Invercargill; Mrs. D. Farrar, Auckland; Mrs. M. Jackson, with daughter Joanne, Cambridge. Absent: Mrs. M. Steele, Blenheim; Mrs. L. Dew, Palmerston North, and Mrs. G. Lane, Masterton.

Photo: Stuart McCracken.

"Temperance," page 223: "We need at this time to show a decided interest in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. None who claim to have a part in the work of God, should lose interest in the grand object of this organization in temperance lines. . . .

"In some matters, the workers of the W.C.T.U. are far in advance of our leaders. The Lord has in that organization precious souls, who can be a great help to us in our efforts to advance the temperance movement. And the education our people have had in Bible truth and in a knowledge of the requirements of

the law of Jehovah, will enable our sisters to impart to these noble temperance advocates that which will be for their spiritual welfare."

If more of our church members, both men and women, were to become members of the W.C.T.U., much more temperance work could be accomplished, and we would be able to reach people that we haven't been able to reach before. The world W.C.T.U. Convention is to be held at the Sydney Town Hall from April 28, 1977. Let us join hands with these sisters to help forward the Temperance cause in Australasia.

Investment at Queenstown

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ON Sabbath, April 17, our dedicated Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. Jean Radecki, gave a great impetus to Investment projects by relating her own experience.

With nothing in the bank, her only income the pension, and with two children at school, she wondered what she could do, so took it to the Lord in

prayer. In her garden she had a wonderful tomato crop, the vines far outgrowing the ten-foot stakes, so she decided to sell the fruit for Investment. Then a miracle happened—the vines shot up so high that even twenty-foot stakes would not have held them, and soon she had \$16 in hand at wholesale prices. Next she was offered some housework, half the proceeds of which she dedicated to the Lord. Still not satisfied, she made a rag doll named Charlie and brought it to church, hoping that others might be inspired to help.

What a rebuke—that one "on fire with zeal for the Lord's work" can accomplish more than most of the congregation who are content to place a small offering in the Investment bag each week!

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11: 24, 25.

"Selfishness is the strongest and most general of human impulses, the struggle of the soul between sympathy and covetousness is an unequal contest; for while selfishness is the strongest passion, love and benevolence are too often the weakest, and as a rule the evil gains the victory. Therefore in our labours and gifts for God's cause, it is unsafe to be controlled by feelings or impulse."

—"Counsels on Stewardship," page 25.

A headmaster looks at the essentials of Christian education in the home

Their Heritage--Our Responsibility

HEDLEY J. EAGER

EVERY BOY AND GIRL deserves the heritage of a Christian home; but more than this, it is the right of every child to be given those necessities that he or she needs for growth to mature Christian manhood or womanhood.

It may be that different writers will emphasize a wide variety of needs for mental health to be met for the growing child, but perhaps it would not be too presumptuous to suggest that the awesome business of training a son or daughter is begun with far less preparation and foreknowledge than most programmes that are expected to take some sixteen to eighteen years before the end of the task is in sight.

The following features may be regarded as a summary of most of the more significant needs to be satisfied if one desires his child to grow up with a healthy mind, displaying Christian grace and dignity. Because each parent and each child is human, however, we must remember that procedures and methods will no doubt be different in every household. But this does not mean that the goal is not the same. To become like Christ is a life-goal to be cherished.

As each of the following needs are considered and endeavoured to be met, so this goal will be made easier to reach, and the character and way of life of each child will be more and more like the heavenly pattern. To lead a son or daughter to this same life-goal is really rewarding. Here are ten important features to help your child achieve what you want for him or for her:

Each child needs:

1. To receive personal interest and love.

For this there is a generous payoff:

- happy children,
- a responsive chord of love,
- a winning of confidence,
- respect for the authority of parents, teachers and church workers,
- a sense of security.

2. To learn obedience.

A child who learns to submit to the laws of family and home will learn to obey the laws of his country as well as the law of God.

3. To learn the value of prayer.

Teachers in Adventist primary and secondary schools throughout Australia and New Zealand recently rated this aspect of their programme as the most important in directing their efforts in the training of the boys and girls under their care. A child and young person who has learned the value of prayer in life is well on the way to knowing his Saviour.

4. To learn to know Christ as a personal God and Redeemer.

What is God to many children of today's society?

A recent publication described God in the eyes of children as a monster, a myth,

a teddy bear, a childhood play toy, something or someone that does not exist. The writer stated that because religion has been tried and seems of no effect in our society, we had better try something else.

Is it God at fault?

Is it His message?

Is it the method of teaching about God?

Or, does the finger point to those whose responsibility it is to teach the younger generation about Him? Surely the Adventist young person is privileged, for to support the moulding influence of the Christian home there are the God-given influences of the Adventist Church and the Adventist church school.

5. To learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and to act upon His guiding influence through the conscience.

The conscience is our moral monitor. Its training is a solemn responsibility.

6. Opportunity to develop right mental habits in character growth.

Directives:

- Teach children to expect temptations,
- Train them to meet difficulties, dangers, and to overcome them nobly,
- Teach them to practise self-control,
- Train them to avoid danger and needless temptation,
- Train them to shun evil influences and vicious society.

These result in a character strengthened

- to stand for right,
- to preserve principle,
- to uphold untainted morals,
- to make God their trust.

7. To receive understanding, reason, principle and guidance in growth towards self-control.

This need receives its most effective fulfilment where parents and adults themselves demonstrate this quality of behaviour consistently before their children. If Mum and Dad are hasty with words or actions, what chance has Johnny or Mary to learn self-control?

8. The opportunity to grow healthy physically.

No one would question this right of a child, but does every Christian parent plan these opportunities, keeping in mind Paul's statement in 1 Cor. 6:19: "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?"

Temperate habits and a balanced diet must be established in childhood and youth. Ellen White wrote in "The Youth's Instructor" of May 31, 1894, "Diligent study is not the principal cause of the breaking down of the mental

powers. The main cause is improper diet, irregular meals and lack of physical exercise. Irregular hours for eating and sleeping sap the brain forces."

9. To be taught to make a wise use of time.

"A waste of time is a waste of intellect." —"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 146.

Be careful of that TV set! It trains by captivating and manipulating children's minds. The use of the power of suggestion is a well-recognized stimulant to behaviour. Dr. Jesse Steinfeld reported in the August, 1973 "Reader's Digest" that exposure to violence among pre-school children doubled and trebled their aggressive acts of violence (kicking, choking, hitting, pushing) among their playmates, while those watching non-aggressive shows remained largely unchanged in this direction.

What absorbs the minutes and hours of our children's time? Is it constructive toward greater service for God and man, or is it destructive? Many children and even some adults are not mature enough to answer this question. Why? Because they have not learned how to meet the demands of the very next important need.

10. To learn how to make decisions wisely.

Meet the issue squarely.

Understand the intent of the problem or situation facing you.

Weigh up the benefits and the consequences. (Review similar situations, past experiences of others, and extra knowledge related to the issue at stake, thereby ensuring a sound basis for deciding.)

Make the decision.

Remember there is much wisdom in the well-known concept that it is better to make a wrong decision based on the best knowledge on hand than to make no decision at all. A wrong one may be able to be corrected, but no decision at all means no progress. The young person who has learned to make a wise decision, keeping the Christian's life-goal in perspective, is not only a blessing to himself, but an untold blessing to society.

The completion of any task worthy of effort requires both goals and guidelines. Thoughtful planning and careful assessment of progress made leads to adjustment, replanning and re-evaluation. The product—a growing child—deserves every ounce of effort possible, that the experiences you and I are responsible in planning and providing for him will lead him to reach that long-sought-for goal, and in so doing he will be able to render the kind of service to God and man that will be both rewarding and a glory to the Creator of us all.



Inside Kyogle church on opening day. From left: Pastor B. Roberts, Pastor W. J. Richards, Brother W. Fedorow (minister), Councillor A. E. G. Strong (Shire president), Pastor A. H. Tolhurst (president, North New South Wales Conference), Pastor O. Twist (secretary, North New South Wales Conference), and Brother R. B. Anderson.

Photo: courtesy Kyogle Examiner.

Catholic Convent Converted

W. V. FEDOROW

Minister, Kyogle Church, North New South Wales

AFTER TWO YEARS of week-end labour, the members of the Kyogle church were able to see their dreams fulfilled. On April 24, 1976, at 3 p.m. their new church was officially dedicated and opened by Pastor A. H. Tolhurst, president of the North New South Wales Conference, and Councillor A. E. G. Strong, president of Kyogle Shire.

Members, friends and visitors listened with interest as Pastor W. J. Richards, the first Conference worker in Kyogle, gave a history of the beginning of the work in the area, which commenced in 1929. He told of the unusual way in which the church acquired the present property, an old convent, from the Catholic Church in 1961 for £3,000. The negotiations had to be arranged through an intermediary, sold to him, and then transferred to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ecumenical movement was not in full swing at the time!

After using the old convent as a minister's residence and church for many years, the members decided that a new place of worship was needed so they planned to build a new church. With the able assistance of Pastor E. Rosen-

dahl, the members decided on the basic design of the church. Early in 1974 the work of demolishing the old meeting place began. Being only a small group, they could not afford to pay contract builders to build the church, so with the guidance of their pastor and much hard work over a period of two years, the job was completed for the surprisingly small sum of \$16,000.

An interesting feature of the church is the woodwork—the pews and wood paneling were all made by Pastor Rosendahl from one pine tree, donated by a church member.

In 1975 Pastor Rosendahl was transferred to the South Queensland Conference, leaving the writer to complete the work. This has taken a full year of Sundays and the other available spare time to finish off.

We would like to see more members in the area, as over the years our numbers have dropped to only a few dedicated families. Anyone who is thinking of moving to a country area which has access to a church primary school should write to the church pastor at 6 Bloore Street, Kyogle, New South Wales, 2474.

Dastardly Deeds Didn't Daunt District Director

MRS. JUDY ANDERSON
Missionary Wife, Fiji

THE SCENE was peaceful as the Ross Baines family relaxed after opening Sabbath worship on April 23, 1976. Present also were the Graeme Bradford family who were house-guests of the Baines's due to their homeless state, a fire having recently destroyed their home at Fulton College.

Brother Baines heard a noise outside the back door, and on closer investigation discovered a man trying to gain entrance to the guest room which housed the Bradford family and contained quite a few hundred dollars worth of newly purchased clothing and goods. Two other men, intent on no good, had climbed through the window of the infant daughter of the Baines household's bedroom, closed the door into the hall, switched on the light for added convenience, and turned everything upside down looking for loot. On being disturbed, they made a hasty exit through the window.

Now Brother Baines, feeling somewhat fed-up, as this was the fourth time his home has been burgled, decided if just one of these fellows could be caught and brought to justice, this sort of activity might be less frequent in future.

So he waited in ambush outside the house while Pastor Bradford brought up the rear. The night was dark and the Fijian skin is not noted for its quality of being easily seen in the darkness, but when the first of the intruders came racing past in his hurry to escape, I can only say that he was dealt with in a manner quite unexpected from a man of the cloth. The two following men were also surprised in like manner. During the ensuing struggle, the second two produced cane knives and came to the aid of their partner in crime.

Brother Baines held his own for a short while, but the blows to the neck, back, chest and face became too severe, and he was forced to retreat in order to avoid further injury.

A sorry sight greeted the worshippers next morning at Sabbath school. This man who "was not afraid" did not allow his discomfort to show as he taught his Sabbath school class and preached the sermon as usual, even if his speech was slightly distorted because of the swollen face and the many dressings.

How thankful we all were that heavenly agencies intervened to turn the knife blades over so that only the dull side with the small sharp hook on the end made contact!

Brother Ross Baines will have scars as evidence to prove that his term of mission service in Fiji has left its mark on him. We praise God for preserving his life, and long for the day when crime and criminals will be no more.

One of the many occasions when it would be nice if the RECORD was in colour. We could do justice to . . .

THE WITNESSING GARDENS

P. R. JACK, Communication Director, South New Zealand Conference

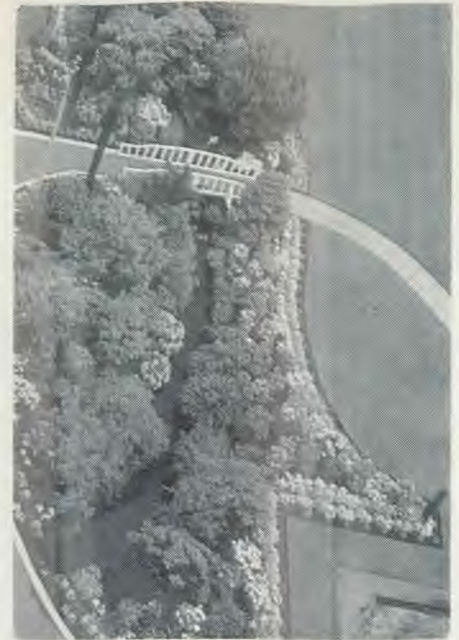
WITNESSING for Jesus Christ is the primary concern of God's people in South New Zealand. One of the major avenues of outreach is the magnificent garden display in the grounds of the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Papanui, Christchurch. This three-and-a-half-acre paradise of lush green lawns, many shrubs, colourful flowers and bubbling stream, is one of the major tourist attractions of the spectacular South Island of New Zealand. Many of the tourist organizations in Christchurch have the Sanitarium Gardens as a first stop in their itinerary. In addition to the busloads of tourists that visit the gardens are the chauffeur-driven tourist courier vehicles with their VIP passengers. The impact of this silent witness is made on the hearts of people from all over the world.

These witnessing gardens are tenderly cared for by Brother and Sister G. Livingstone. This wonderful couple practise and display their Christian experience through the medium of these gardens. Their fastidious care over the past seven years is evidenced by their results in garden competitions.

For six years running they have won every competition that could possibly be entered. During the year of the Commonwealth Games, there were four competitions, and they won them all. They were asked not to enter this year, to give someone else an opportunity to win. The dedication of the Livingstones is seen in the fact that their displays were as glorious as ever, even without the stimulus of competition.

Why Spend So Much?

The motivating philosophy in such effort and expense is soul-winning. This was the thinking of Brother M. A. Butler, who was manager of the S.H.F. Factory when the Livingstones were employed seven years ago. In his own words, "The gardens are not just here to win competitions, but to witness to the public." The present manager, Brother Sawert, has the same philosophy. In his words, "So many of the public ask, Why does a company spend so much on gardens?" The Livingstones have discovered that answering such questions can lead souls nearer to Jesus.



The world-renowned gardens of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Christchurch, that have won many prizes.

Letters are received from all over the world as tourists return home, expressing gratitude for the blessing and inspiration received from the Sanitarium gardens. A world-famous lecturer and horticulturist from South Africa penned these words, "It must be a tremendous advertisement for the Health Food Factory. I have to say again that I cannot think of any gardens that I have seen in any country in the world which are more beautiful or better maintained. I wonder if you are aware of how much pleasure you have given and will continue to give, to the hundreds and eventually thousands of others."

The Livingstones have been offered employment with high financial reward in different parts of the world, but feel it more important to care for their "witnessing gardens" here in Christchurch.

A family from Missouri, U.S.A., who are millionaire exporters, were so inspired when visiting the gardens, that they invited the Livingstones to come and be their guests for as long as they like, any time they wish. An S.H.F. employee called on this family when visiting Missouri some time after their visit to New Zealand, and was overwhelmed with hospitality, with all expenses paid and first-class accommodation for the week he was there.

Good Publicity

The gardens have been featured through the news media and in many magazines in South New Zealand. The Papanui Rotary Club honoured the Livingstones and the S.H.F. manager with a dinner and an environ-



Brother and Sister Livingstone, the witnessing gardeners, are ready for work.

mental award. The Livingstones are often called upon to judge domestic garden competitions because of their expertise.

Prejudice has been broken down through the medium of this witness. Members of the nearby Methodist church, who were rather apprehensive in their relationship to Adventists, have been so inspired by the "witnessing gardens" that eventually they invited Sister Livingstone to address their women's organization.

In addition to being guest speakers for other church groups, the Livingstones have addressed Red Cross and St. John Ambulance groups. The Women's National Political Group have also received the Livingstones with their warm message of the love of God. Through picture and lecture they tell the story of how this earth began in a garden, and how ultimately it will be restored to its original Edenic garden glory.

The environment of the garden does something in helping people to become sensitive to the presence of God. Many come to the Livingstones to talk about their problems. The burdens of family breakup and sickness are often shared with this dedicated couple. A lady tourist from America, who spent a long time walking around the gardens, finally came to Sister Livingstone and asked whether or not she was a Seventh-day Adventist. This person had slipped out of the message, but was so inspired by the silent witness of the gardens that she determined to pick up the lost threads of her faith upon returning home.

A prominent doctor and his wife befriended the Livingstones as they visited the gardens. Brother and Sister Livingstone were invited to visit the mansion and gardens of this couple.



Some decorative flowerbeds in the gardens, with the S.H.F. garage in the background.

Just a little while ago, the doctor's wife came to the Livingstones to share the sad news that her husband had passed to his rest. She found comfort from the ministry of this Adventist couple in the midst of their glorious garden.

Power of Nature

This testimony of God's love is not only a healing balm that ministers to sad hearts, but is also a romantic inspiration. On one occasion a mature couple spent the whole afternoon together in the gardens; apparently they had been keeping company for some time, and she was trying to persuade him to say Yes. He was American and she a New Zealander, and apparently the difficulty in deciding where they would finally live was hindering their romance. The power of nature was seen in the fact that she was successful! In fact she told Sister Livingstone that

she could not have brought him to a better place.

Many tourists have commented on how fitting it is to have such beautiful gardens surrounding a health food factory. They say, "health and beauty go wonderfully together." The Livingstones have found that in the midst of such a beautifully natural environment, people are ready to talk of spiritual things. Prominent businessmen ask about the doctrines of our church. People speak unreservedly about the love of God. Personal problems are openly discussed and helped. Surely through the use of this silent and yet dynamic witness, many souls are going to be won for the kingdom of heaven.

"With the kiss of the sun for pardon
And the song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth."



Brother Livingstone carefully tends the borders.

Photos: P. Jack.



Even in Christchurch the watering-can is sometimes necessary, and Sister Livingstone is on hand to help.

A Working Housewife Remembers . . .

WHEN EVERYTHING WENT WRONG

MARY STELLMAKER

IT WAS FRIDAY MORNING! Now, to all Adventist housewives, Friday is a busy day, but because I find myself in the ever-growing team of working mothers, with Friday being my only day home, it is an extra busy one for me.

My thoughts rambled as I planned my PERFECT day. I would first breeze through the washing with my lovely new automatic-push-button-for-everything machine, and then I would have fun cooking for the week-end teenage invasion that usually occurs at our house. I might even have time for a batch of bread, then . . .

It didn't happen that way!

With the "gentle wash" in the washing-machine, and the appropriate buttons having been pushed, I turned to the dishes and other chores, anticipating that soon I would be removing that first load, cleanly washed, gently spun and ready for the line. Might even get everything ironed and put away today!

Wet, Soggy Clothes

After a suitable time lapse, on returning to my laundry and lifting the lid of my gleaming work-saver, I was confronted by wet, soggy, only half-clean clothes. Now this was definitely NOT the way my washing-machine was supposed to perform! Only last Friday, as the mechanic had installed it, he had made glowing remarks about how it would behave.

So, I pushed a few more buttons, read the instruction book through and through, answered the phone half a dozen times, tried to talk patiently and politely to several callers, tested the taps, tried different cycles—but with similar results—clothes not washed properly, and always about six inches of water remaining in the machine.

Some three hours (so far nothing accomplished, not even the dishes dried, and it WAS Friday) after so blithely putting that first load in the machine, I dialled the maker's service number, and made my complaint, to be answered by a male voice telling me,

"But, Madam, your machine was installed only last Friday. It was checked then and couldn't be doing all the dreadful things you claim. You just don't understand how to work it. Madam, do you have the power turned on?" I insisted I did and pleaded for service, and THIS AFTERNOON.

"Madam, I will put you on the list. We will notify you sometime in the next three weeks, as to when your machine will be serviced."

My blood pressure was rising! I tried to explain I was home only on Fridays, but it seemed that made it harder to get an appointment.

In desperation, I asked, "What happens to my washing in the meantime?"

"Madam, do you live near a laundro-

mat?" Indeed, after paying \$400 plus for the perfect-do-everything machine, that hadn't gone one week!

Flood!

Deadlock! No use talking any longer, so I rushed back to the laundry to find my laundry floor flooded. The water was pouring out through the bottom of the machine. Now, my panic reached its zenith! You see, I am definitely NOT mechanically minded, and having once attacked my sewing-machine motor with an oil can (because it was "squeaking") and squirted oil in every available hole, with disastrous results, I immediately thought the water must be reaching my



laundry floor via the motor, which is located between the tub and the floor. Would water affect the motor in the same way as oil?

I fairly flew back to the phone and got the same obliging man and said,

"My laundry floor is flooding. What will happen now?"

"Well, Madam, I assume your laundry floor will just get wetter and wetter."

That did it! All my determination to witness for Christ in every daily contact suddenly just wasn't there, as I demanded in a voice I would rather not think was mine:

"Is there someone INTELLIGENT there I can talk to?"

"Madam, do you wish to speak to the manager?"

At last that was progress! "Yes, the manager."

"The manager is not in."

"Well, why not? You asked if I wished to speak to him."

"Madam, I will ask the manager to ring you when he returns."

"WHEN will that be?" I almost yelled, and included a lot more about buying a load of rubbish and most unsatisfactory service, but I am sure I got the message across. MY washing machine was to be fixed pronto. That day!

Then my husband came home and the sun seemed to shine again, and finally the call came from the manager—bright and cheery, polite and helpful.

"We are so sorry you are having this bother. What seems to be the trouble?" He knew, but anyway, I narrated it all again for his benefit.

"Well, now what say I have the mechanic there at 9 a.m. tomorrow?" Then it hit me! You see, that particular firm, manager, mechanic, and phone clerk all know I am a Seventh-day Adventist. What had I done? How had I witnessed? Frustrated perhaps, provoked, standing up for my rights as a consumer? No, these were only weak excuses. Where had the Christian virtues of grace and forbearance and all the rest gone?

All Arranged

My explanation sounded almost phoney, but he was understanding, and said,

"Don't worry, I have it all arranged. The mechanic will be at your home by 3 p.m. today." He had it all ARRANGED? The "tomorrow" had only been a taunt.

Right then I did what I should have done much earlier. I spent some time on my knees.

The mechanic came at 3 p.m. My washing-machine WAS fixed that day. A loose nut underneath in the mysterious "works" was the cause of all the bother. He was even nice enough to say it wouldn't happen to one in a thousand. (Now it works like a charm!)

He added, "The boss had a lot of fun leading you on, but at least when you blew your stack, you didn't swear." My ego reached rock bottom.

The washing-machine disaster was only the beginning of things that went wrong for me that Friday (it wasn't even the 13th), but the time on my knees helped me to cope with each successive problem as any person, who professes to be a follower of Christ, should.

I shall never forget that Friday and the lessons I learnt. Me, my life, a channel of communication to the outside world?

"GOD WAS CERTAINLY WITH YOU THAT DAY"

S. A. BARTLETT, Retired Minister

THESE WERE the words of the Ward Sister, after I had explained to her how I had managed to end up in St. Andrews Private Hospital, in Brisbane. Sister moved off after our conversation and I missed the opportunity to tell her that, when we are seeking to do His will and to follow Him, our heavenly Father is with us all the time. Our Father's Word tells us: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee." Isaiah 41: 10. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee." Isaiah 43: 2. "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28: 20. "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13: 5.

And now the story. Why was I in hospital? My wife and I, and family, have jointly acquired a few acres of land, out a little from the world's mad rush, in the country, where we can do some week-end farming and try to follow the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy and grow our own vegetables and fruit, and also hopefully grow some small crops for sale. We have taken the Lord into partnership and He is to have an agreed share in any profits from our project.

We had managed to get the "rights" to clean out the fowl manure from a couple of sheds to build up the soil a bit organically. To expedite the job we decided to hire a "Bob-Cat" (small front-end scoop-loader), and were all ready to go at 5.30 a.m. All went well till my turn came to operate the machine. After scooping up a load I drove down a small incline to tip it into a heap. Unfortunately, because I kept the scoop up in the air the machine tipped forward and I put my right foot forward out of the driver's compartment to steady myself from falling forward. At the same time with my other foot I inadvertently operated the pedal to lower the bucket-scoop. Then came the excruciating pain as my leg was being crushed in the hoist gear as the machine tipped back on its wheels and the scoop was being lowered to the ground. I thought the lower part of my leg would be crushed right off—but, "God was certainly with me." My son, standing alongside, had the presence of mind to put his hand around into the driver's compartment and just in time operate the foot pedal to lift the bucket-scoop, which freed my leg; then he turned off the motor.

We made a rush trip to the local doctor, who cleaned up the injury, gave an anti-tetanus injection and sent me off to the hospital and the orthopedic specialist. So here I am, thanking my heavenly Father that He was certainly with me that day. No bones were broken, just partly crushed

muscles, bone bruises and bad lacerations.

Spiritually, the time spent in hospital and recuperating at home has not been wasted. I have been able to catch up on a lot of reading and also do a lot of meditating and praying. I have thanked my heavenly Father scores of times that He was certainly with me that day. But now . . . in reflection. Is God with us only in an emergency situation like that? No, certainly not. As I should have told the Sister, He is with us all the time when we are seeking to do His will and to follow Him. Sometimes we do foolish things as I did. Who but a very foolish person would start operating a Bob-Cat machine after a few minutes' practice pushing levers and operating foot pedals? (Yes, I've learned that lesson now.)

Satan Always There

Then, of course, in any and all the experiences of life the evil one and his angels are there, waiting for an opportunity to hurt and destroy. Years ago Mrs. E. G. White wrote, "I saw that the enemy will contend either for the usefulness or the life of the godly. . . . But his power is limited."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, page 309. "It is God that shields His creatures and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer."—"The Great Controversy," page 589. "Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land."—Ibid. But God and His Son and His angels are there too . . . resisting the evil one and allowing only what our heavenly Father sees best. True . . . the ways of our God are inscrutable.

Sometimes it is a bruised, crushed, lacerated limb, but it may be the loss of a limb or even a life. However, please be assured, dear Christian friend, that the rule still holds. If we are seeking to do His will and to follow Him, He is with us all the time. The psalmist recognized this comforting truth when he wrote, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: FOR THOU ART WITH ME."

Message of Reassurance

And now one of my favourite passages from "The Ministry of Healing," pages 488, 489: "The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. . . . Nothing can touch him except by the Lord's permission. All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for our good." We can't

always understand or explain, but we can believe with Paul that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8: 28.

I am out of hospital now, typing this to share with our RECORD family. I will continue to praise God that He was certainly with me that day, and that as long as we are seeking to do His will and to follow Him, He is always with us.

Medical Ministry Camp

TERRY MAU

Medical Student, Queensland University

HISTORY WAS MADE for the Australasian Division and possibly for the world on Sabbath, May 1. Students from Sydney, Brisbane, and Avondale gathered at Eraring Campground on the shores of Lake Macquarie for the specific goal of furthering the gospel through medical ministry. Represented were twenty-three medical and paramedical students from Brisbane and Sydney, and about fifty Avondale ministerial students.

Inspiration for the week-end came from the study of Dr. Thrift's course, "The Philosophy of Adventist Medical Practice and Health Service," studied in Queensland last year and at present in most other major centres. Statements such as the following from Mrs. White, also inspired our thinking: "The medical missionary work is to be connected with the third angel's message as the hand is connected with the body; and the education of students in medical missionary lines is not complete unless they are trained to work in connection with the church and ministry."—"Counsels on Health," page 557.

The whole programme was structured to bring out the following points: 1. That medical missionary work is important. 2. There is need for unity between the two medical groups to achieve a common goal (the gospel to all the world). 3. The Adventist philosophy on health is one concerning all aspects of man's nature, and we are free to obey God in all these areas.

The programme ran from Friday evening until Sunday lunch-time, with visiting speakers such as Pastor Duffy (Avondale), Pastor Bain (Australasian Division Health director), Pastor Rosevear and Nonie Hedges (Greater Sydney), Glynn Parfitt (Queensland), and student speakers, Martin Strahan, Wendell Rosevear, Terry Mau and Steve Sleight. Dr. Geoff Catton was to have spoken, but a patient had taken first preference. These speakers covered the historical view of our health message

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This was the group that gathered on the historic occasion of the first reunion of ex-students of Longburn in 1971. Over 200 former students and faculty members were present at that time. Now, five years later, the celebration promises to be bigger and brighter than ever.

Photo: M. F. Nash.

SECOND REUNION OF LONGBURN EX-STUDENTS

M. F. NASH, President, Longburn Ex-Students' Association

IT is nearly five years since the first-ever reunion of Longburn College ex-students was held. On that auspicious occasion, some 200 and more "oldies" returned to their alma mater to relive memories and renew acquaintances. "What was your maiden name, Ron?" we heard from the registration queue. And, "You don't look a day older than you did forty years ago!" (Was someone's eyesight growing so dim that he could not see the wrinkles and the receding hair-line?)

The squeals of delight as old acquaintances were renewed, and the atmosphere of total joy pervading the campus bespoke the high regard of all for their beloved Longburn. Four principals were present: Pastor E. G. Krause, principal of the day, welcomed Pastor A. F. J. Kranz, Brother L. V. Wilkinson and Pastor C. S. Palmer. These men all took a leading part in the week-end activities.

Now it is about to happen again as a second reunion is planned for Labour

week-end, October 22-24, this year. If you came last time, we know you will be there. If you missed out, we know you won't want to miss out again. Write now for your application and information forms. Write to:

The Secretary,
Longburn Ex-Students' Association,
P.O. Box 10-018,
BALMORAL,
Auckland.
New Zealand.



Members of the congregation outside the Bishopdale Hall complex.

Photos: D. A. Robinson



Pastor Penman (left) and Pastor Jack shake hands at the door of the Bishopdale church hall at the conclusion of the inaugural church service.

Multiplying the Witness in Christchurch

P. R. JACK, Communication Director, South New Zealand Conference

THERE ARE TWO basic solutions to the problem of an overcrowded church with a steadily growing congregation. On the one hand there are those who vote for the enlargement of their present facilities, and on the other hand there are those who believe

it best to divide the congregation, erect a new church elsewhere, and thus multiply the witness.

The decision to divide and multiply was made by members of the Papanui church just five years ago, under the leadership of

Pastor G. Bradford, resulting in the establishing of the Bishopdale church. These pioneering Adventists left the cloistered comfort of an established church to worship week by week in a rented school hall. The faith of this small band of believers was large, and in answer to prayer a section of land was purchased large enough for a church complex, a minister's residence and parking facilities. An expression of the faith of this stalwart band is seen in an

offering of \$6,760 being lifted on one occasion toward the end of 1974.

Work on their church complex began in November, 1974, and after much voluntary labour, sacrifice and faith, a delightful church hall, Sabbath school rooms, Pathfinder hall and kitchen have been completed.

The joy of the 100 members was evident on March 21, 1976, as they worshipped for the first time in their new complex. It was a personal privilege for the writer to be associated with Pastor A. Penman in conducting a church service on such a day as this.

Sacrifice has been the theme of the members of this church, as shown by a further offering of \$1,900 (\$1,000 of which was given by an anonymous donor) for the purchase of a new electronic organ. On another occasion over \$1,000 was freely given towards the cost of seating. In observing

the joy and enthusiasm of the church members, it would seem that sacrificial giving is good for the people of God. The members solicit your prayers as they turn to the task of erecting the final stage of their complex, which will be a magnificent worship auditorium.

Not only are these members of Bishopdale multiplying their witness in the form of buildings, but also in the form of a very successful "Witnessing for Christ" programme. A class of twenty-five meets each week to learn how to witness effectively for Christ, and then they go forth to the front line of service to do just that.

In addition to leading out in such an effective programme, Pastor Penman is also conducting a public evangelistic campaign. The Bishopdale members are proving through a dynamic programme of evangelism, that God will bless our witness as we are willing to divide and multiply.

his case before the judge. He doesn't ask if the lawyer has been a criminal himself so that his case can be handled better. Rather, he is content to trust in the man who can plead his case effectively.

Likewise by faith I rest in the atoning work of Christ. I have confidence that through His experience and knowledge He is able to handle my case. The need to determine how much contact with sin He experienced is of no consequence.

This is how I see it. Doesn't it add up to common-sense reasoning?

A. R. Hiscox,
South Australia.

Animals and Man

Dear Editor,

It seems to me that, in view of recently made statements in two widely separated congregations, the evolutionary theory has infiltrated into the thinking of many of our constituency—the ministry not excepted.

Apparently a good job of propaganda has been done by the protagonists of eonic evolution in convincing many that man is not really so different, but merely at the pinnacle of the animal kingdom. To say that "man is an animal," or "the animal kingdom includes man" is either to betray our loyalties or to display our lack of knowledge of the Biblical record. Neither statement helps the creationist stand, but a brief look at the Scriptures indicates quite clearly that the opposite is the case. To me, the following references distinctly show that man is a separate order of being to the animal creatures.

Man was made in the image of God. (Gen. 1:26.) If we admit to man being an animal, and at the same time accept the Scriptural record of the creation of man, then logic decrees we would say (God forbid) that there is the likeness of God generally in the animals—a quite untenable position.

Animals were spoken into existence (Gen. 1:24), whereas God created Adam, our earthly father, and Eve, in an entirely different way. He formed man by His own hands (Gen. 2:7, 22), and life commenced for him by a breath from the Creator Himself, something that no other creature had received.

The Apostle Paul emphatically states that the flesh of man and of beasts is not the same (1 Cor. 25:39), and therefore the two are basically different beings.

Man was given dominion over the animal kingdom. (See Gen. 1:26, 28 and Ps. 8:6-8.) This would have been impossible if man was only a part of the animal kingdom himself.

Man was made a little lower than the angels. (Ps. 8:4, 5.) The angelic beings dwell in the presence of God (Matt. 18:10); excel in strength (Ps. 103:20); are flames of fire (Heb. 1:7); and man is stated to be made only a little lower than these beings—a state to which no animal could attain.

Salvation is only for man. (Heb. 2:9; Titus 2:11.) While there will be animals

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"I Wonder"

Dear Editor,

For several years my wife and I were missionaries in the Pacific. During these interesting times we were able to bring help as well as instruction to the many people with whom we were associated.

I recall times when I was able to treat men, women and children for some of the gruesome tropical ulcers and sores; I reflect on occasions when I administered injections and medicine to lepers; I recall preaching to surly men who had been cannibals on Malekula in the New Hebrides. These people were thankful for the help given in a practical way, as well as for the instruction and counsel given that enabled them to experience a new way of life, or that would benefit them in their search for help.

Never once did I have the sick say to me, "You cannot help me because you have not suffered with this disease." On no occasion did I have a leper direct words to me that indicated that he did not want my help because I had not been a leper; neither did I have the raw Big Nambus people of Malekula say, "Your message does not have meaning for me because you have not been a cannibal."

Rather, they knew that I was a healthy, intelligent person because I had followed laws of health and I had benefited from the knowledge and experience I had gained in helping people. They came for treatment because they knew the medicine available would, with the blessing of God, help them. They knew their lives would be benefited if they followed the advice and instruction outlined. Do we as Christians need to concern ourselves desperately with just what percentage of sinful nature our Lord had, or just how much of sin was known by Him? What I know is that He has the remedy, and that because of His foresight and knowledge He is able to "save to the uttermost."

It is accepted that a man who is a criminal asks for the lawyer most experienced in the knowledge of presenting



**LETTERS
to the EDITOR**

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Letters published may not necessarily represent the ideals or the teachings of the denomination; such are found in our editorial, devotional and news columns.

Books Needed

Dear Editor,

I am only a layman in the Neiafu church. Many times I want to share my faith to others.

This island of Vava'u needs the true gospel of Christ.

I wonder if any members of our church in Australia or New Zealand have old or new books, or magazines for me to read and share with many non-Adventist friends.

I hope you will grant my request,
M. Noukimosamay (spelling unclear)
P.O. Box 88,
Neiafu,
Vava'u,
Tonga.

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in the new earth (Isa. 11: 6-9), they will be a special creation (Rev. 21: 5). Animals are never mentioned in Scripture as being subject to temptation and can not therefore receive the rewards of those who overcome. (Revelation 2 and 3.)

And so, these and many other Biblical proofs not only differentiate between man and the animal creation, but also highlight the wonderful privilege it is to be a member of the human family—"heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Rom. 8: 17.

W. J. Ackland,
Greater Sydney.

Who Killed Christ?

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Pastor Don Lewis's Letter to the Editor published in the RECORD dated May 17, 1976, regarding the question, "Did the Jews Kill Christ?" His points are well made that not all Jews of that time were responsible for what some of their number did, and that Jesus did in fact lay down His life Himself; for He foretold that He would, and that He had the power to do so. (See John 10: 17, 18.)

However, one point seems to be overlooked, and that is that God did not die, for God is immortal. (See 1 Tim. 1: 17; 6: 16.) The second person of the Godhead became man, so that He could die, because as God He could not die. Ellen White makes it clear as follows: "Deity did not sink and die, that would have been impossible."—Letter 280, 1904.

This surely is a mystery we cannot understand, but one which we should recognize.

In closing, may I suggest a truth that Pastor Lewis also seemed to overlook, and that is that really we all were the ones who killed Jesus, because it was our sins that crushed out the life of the Son of God.

L. P. Tolhurst,
Theology Department, Avondale College.

MEDICAL MINISTRY CAMP

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and work, the present situation and the need of new unity and direction, our philosophy as Adventists to life, health and healing, practical methods of ministry, and finally what we as Adventists hold as specifically ours in relation to health.

The success of such a meeting can only be accurately measured on a long-term basis; but at a short-term level it established greater friendship and ties between ministerial and medical students. Also achieved was the setting up of a newsletter for continued communication, and positive plans for medical-health evangelism at a student level.

While there were some areas of disappointment, these can be overcome as we press ahead with God's guidance; but in general, the occasion was a success.

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Perhaps the summer months, with the use of salads and cold meat-substitutes, sparked off the interest. I do not know. But recently I have been asked by several people if I know of a non-irritating chutney or relish. I have been doing some searching and hope that this will help those who still like a tasty "something" on the side of their plates, yet do not want to scour the surface of their stomachs and intestines too harshly. If you have a surplus of lemons, by all means use lemon juice in the recipe. However, where I live, a wizened, all-but-dry one costs a fortune, and I am having to think in terms of a substitute.

Just as a refresher for those who may have forgotten which herbs and spices are high in irritative power, here is a list:

Cayenne pepper, chilli pepper, horse-radish, mustard, black or white pepper. Also strongly irritating are: cloves, ginger and paprika.

At the other end of the scale are: caraway seeds, chives, dill, fennel, marjoram, oregano, sweet basil, savoury, tumeric, sage, thyme.

For a full list, see "Three-Week Vegetarian Menu," by Hazel Hon, page 8.

TOMATO RELISH

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| 3 lb ripe, firm tomatoes | 1½ dessertspoons flour |
| 3 medium-size onions | ½ teaspoon each of sweet basil, tumeric, celery salt and savoury |
| 6 oz sultanas | 2½ cups lemon juice or 2½ cups cold water plus 3 teaspoons citric acid |
| 1 cup raw sugar | |

Peel and cut up tomatoes. Cut onion into small pieces. Place in a bowl, sprinkle with salt, cover and leave overnight. In morning drain off fluid. Keep if you like to add to sauces or gravies. Mix herbs with flour and a little lemon juice to make a paste. Put tomato and onion, sultanas and the rest of the lemon juice in a saucepan and boil for 5 minutes. Add sugar and stir till dissolved. Simmer for 35 minutes. Add flour paste and reheat. Simmer 2 minutes. Bottle and seal while hot.

TILL HE COMES

Would those who send notices of weddings and obituaries please remember that two facts must be included in every notice. These are the date and the place at which the death (or burial) or wedding took place. Without this information the notices cannot be published. Correspondents are reminded that wedding details must be limited to ninety words and obituaries to one hundred and twenty words.—Editor.

HIGGIE. Sadness came to the Higgie home when on May 19, 1976, in tragic circumstances, Nicholas (Nicky) John Higgie passed to his rest. Born December 12, 1951, Nicky was only twenty-four. Just six months ago he made his decision for Christ, and was baptized in the Wanganui church, New Zealand. The esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the large company of mourners who gathered at the Wanganui church and later at the Aramohe Cemetery. They were reminded that Nicky rests in the hands of a loving and merciful God who has promised a glorious resurrection to those who love and faithfully

serve Him. Nicky leaves to mourn their loss, his wife Adrienne, little son Joel, his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Higgie (nee Beryl Smith), his six brothers and one sister. E. S. Kingdon.

JOHNSON. When Sister Norma Johnson closed her eyes in death on Sabbath, May 15, 1976, at the Lower Hutt Hospital, an eighty-four-year-old link with early Adventist history in New Zealand was broken. Sister Johnson and her family joined the Adventist Church under the ministry of Pastor Robert Hare in Auckland at about the turn of the century. As Norma Honnor, she trained as a nurse at the Sydney Sanitarium, and assisted in the running of the Christchurch Sanitarium. Sister Johnson was a faithful member of the Wellington church for over forty years. Many friends from the church and community paid their last respects, and offered their sympathy to her husband, Brother James Johnson. The hope of the resurrection day was upheld by the writer as central to the consolation offered by Christian faith. L. V. Heise.

RAYNER. On May 25 at "God's Acre," Coorabong, New South Wales, our brother, Thomas Redvers Rayner, aged seventy-six, was committed to the keeping of One who marks the resting places of His saints. Brother and Sister Rayner accepted the third angel's message under the ministry of Pastor G. Burnside in 1936. Brother Burnside addressed mourners on that fidelity to God which was reflected in the life of him we were farewelling. The hymn, "Blessed Assurance," had been sung and recorded by sons John,

Ralph, Andrew and David a few hours earlier, and it testified to all present of the eternal victory which is ours in Christ. These young men and their faithful mother were pointed to that dawn when the family chain will be linked whole again.

Desmond Ford, George Burnside.

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FLASHPOINT

- * SOME TIME AGO, we mentioned that Miss J. Timmins was off to Atoifi Hospital as a lab technician. Well, she is going—eventually. Pastor Don Bain of the Division office, who is a minor authority on the movements of medical and paramedical personnel, tells us in an urgent signal that the good lady will not be going to Atoifi until January 1977—which will tell you that, when there is news, we have it **FIRST!**
- * Those who know Dr. Clive Pascoe will tell you that he knows a thing or two about music—like how many semi-quavers in a treble clef and difficult things like that. Well, talent will out and Dr. Pascoe's fame has spread like Marmite on a hot biscuit. He has now been invited to the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, to lecture at the Music Summer School in Cincinnati, and he is also under an eight-week contract to be the guest conductor of the Summer School Orchestra which is made up of young musicians from all states of the U.S. He and his wife Shirley leave Sydney on June 11. And Clive, tell 'em about me will you? I can beat four to the bar in three-quarter time with the best of them, never dropping a semi-breve . . . too late; he's gone!
- * Now we have, gentles, a lady with a problem and we could do no better than put it to you for a solution. If you come up with the best answer, the prize will be a sense of satisfaction well down in the secret recesses of deep inside. Well, this lady and her husband, who is not of her faith, keep a caravan park. This makes it difficult for her to keep the Sabbath as she would like. She asks me if I know anyone who is in a similar situation, i.e., who keeps a caravan park, so she could write to them to find out what they do on Sabbaths and how they keep Sabbath in a meaningful way. If she feels she has a concrete plan, she could put the facts before her husband and work out some satisfactory plan of operation. Even if you don't have a caravan park, perhaps you did once, or maybe you are an arm-chair strategist who is full of good ideas and would like to help. Write to me and I'll pass the letters on.
- * You all know what SAWS is, but for the half-dozen of you who keep forgetting, it embarrasses me to point out that it stands for Seventh-day Adventist World Service. Well, comes that earthquake in north-eastern Italy and before you can say "6.7 on the Richter scale," SAWS is on the job with \$13,000 worth of relief supplies to the victims. Because all private-aid contributions are channelled through the Italian Red Cross, SAWS' donation is being handled this way. Ferdinand Strongegger, SAWS representative in Austria, has made a personal inspection of the damage in which about 1,000 people have died. He reports that relief work is progressing satisfactorily. SAWS helped thirty-nine nations on six continents during 1975 with more than \$3 million worth of disaster and famine relief.
- * A week or so ago I mentioned that there were more distinctions and what-not than usual in the State finals of the nursing examinations for which the Sydney Adventist Hospital boys and girls sat. High Distinctions were gained by Kevin Romero, Gwenda Wilkinson and Carolyn Yettie; Distinctions came the way of Beverly Josephs, Melva Rankin, Lorelle Wills, Murray Thankham and Kathleen Hoover. Geoffrey McGrath received a credit; seventeen passes (as mentioned previously) were also obtained.
- * We don't usually do this sort of thing, and please don't think the door is opening so that all and sundry can get in, but recently I received a rather touching letter from a lady in Denmark who wants to correspond with Australian or Danish people. She describes herself as "elderly" and would like to hear from (especially) "families or ladies who live in or near Melbourne." She is an Adventist, and here is where you write: Miss Helene Olsen, DK5500 Middelfart, DANMARK. OK, so go to it and establish your Danish connection.
- * Well, it was a good camp meeting in North New South Wales at the Eraring site from May 13-22. They had a record 225 family tents and 150 caravans. On the Sabbaths there were between 3,500 and 4,000 people attending. The mission offering amounted to \$28,644, which was \$13,000 up on last year's figure. The S.S. offering for the two Sabbaths amounted to \$5,159. A full report will appear later.
- * Speaking of camp meetings, I must apologize to Tasmania. Last week we were asked why a report (with pictures) had not appeared of the Tasmanian camp. The reason is, simply, that we received no report and no pix. The bad news is that Pastor Parmenter sent in the story and pictures, but they failed to arrive at this check-in point. Sorry, kind hearts across Bass Strait; we'll try to do better next time, even though it wasn't our fault this time.
- * **CALLS AND TRANSFERS:** John Keitley of the S.H.F. retail, Melbourne, where he was accountant, has been called to be the assistant business manager at Kabiufa Adventist High School, P.N.G.
- * Last month more than 200 people from the medical world heard Pastor R. W. Taylor—OUR Temperance man at the Division—present a paper at the Australia-wide Autumn School on Alcohol and Drug Dependence at the Melbourne University. He said that a check on 163 people who completed the 5-Day Plan in Canberra a year ago showed that, of 121 who were able to be contacted by phone, eighty-four (69 per cent) were still not smoking. This is more than **DOUBLE** the long-term success rate claimed by any other stop-smoking programme.
- * Old You-Know-Who left me a curt note the other day telling me to be sure to get my copy of the "Signs of the Times" for August, because even the children's story would be in the swim when a 100 per cent, full-thirty-two pages would be on the topic of the **SABBATH**. I said I'd tell you. (But privately I had to admit it was a pretty good idea. I wonder who suggested it to him? One good give-away for your friends who ask, "But why **SATURDAY?**")
- * "Finally, brethren . . .": It's too bad to act like a fool—but it's worse when you're not acting.