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Life Sketch of Pastor Graham Miller

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GRAHAM ROY MILLER was born in Melbourne, Victoria, on December 22, 1926, and passed to his rest at Manjimup, Western Australia, on July 8, 1976. Graham was born into a godly home, and the truths of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were brought to him at his mother's knee. Little did Mr. and Mrs. Miller realize when an infant son came into their home nearly fifty years ago, that he would live to bring so much by way of blessing and inspiration to his fellow men.

A product of the Seventh-day Adventist school system, Graham always had an inborn desire to be a minister of the gospel. In 1944, at the age of seventeen years, he attended Avondale College. Graham's theological studies at Avondale were interrupted by the two years he spent in the R.A.A.F. engaging in malarial control. He attained the rank of Warrant Officer. He was demobilized in 1946, and in 1947 graduated from his chosen course. In 1948 Brother Miller entered the work of evangelism in the South New South Wales Conference, and thus his hopes began to be realized.

On August 8, 1949, Graham Miller and Zita Murch were united in marriage. Zita's many gifts brought much to Graham's ministry, and together they demonstrated God's love to all with whom they associated. Sister Miller has stated that their marriage, which covered twenty-eight wonderful years, brought her loving companionship and spiritual enrichment.

Wider Service

January 1, 1951, was a high day in the experience of the Millers, for on that date Graham was ordained to the gospel ministry, and Pastor Miller moved into a wider sphere of service. The ordination took place in Suva, Fiji. Records reveal that Pastor Miller served as an evangelist in the South New South Wales, Greater Sydney, Victorian and North New Zealand Conferences for a period of eight years. For four years Brother and Sister Miller were missionaries in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, where Graham for a time gave leadership to that field. Then followed seventeen years of service devoted to the youth of the church. During this time Pastor Miller was dean of men at Longburn College, Youth director in North New Zealand, South Queensland, and the Trans-Tasman Union Conferences. Graham was dean of students at Avondale College from 1972-1975, and in June last

year was called to be Youth director for the Australasian Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thus twenty-nine years of Pastor Miller's life were given in outstanding service for God and for humanity.

Who can measure the life of a godly man? As a lad Graham was taught by his father that if a thing was worth doing, it was worth doing well. This principle remained with him, and was very apparent in all of his undertakings for God. Another characteristic that he inherited from his father was that of great integrity, and this important attribute was always evident in his life. As we reflect today, we recognize that the work of God was Pastor Miller's whole life. His wife recently said: "He was always concerned for the spiritual safety of the young people of the church. He had the ability to communicate with them and to draw them to Christ. This was a great gift."

Young People Won to Christ

We are confident that the youth from around the Australasian Division rise up and call Brother Miller's name blessed, for during the seventeen years he gave to them, large numbers of young people found their Lord and Master. Graham Miller loved young people, and his last act was in preparation to talk to the youth of Western Australia.

While visiting Western Australia in recent days, Pastor Miller was associated with Pastor Darryl Croft, the Conference Youth director, who has written as follows: "It was my privilege to fellowship with Pastor Graham Miller for the last six days of his life in this old world, and what a fellowship it was! I will long treasure the memory of those precious days as we worked together, travelled together, worshipped together and prayed together. His contribution in our churches across here was greatly appreciated. As he visited in both country and city



The late Pastor Graham Miller. He was a delegate to the Division Session at Marysville, Victoria, in 1975, when this photo was taken.

Photo: R. H. Parr.

churches our people responded very warmly to his ministry.

"It was our special privilege to have Pastor Miller spend a few days in our home, and what a blessing that was! His gracious manner and kindly ways won the hearts of our children and brought great encouragement and uplift to my wife and to me.

"Pastor Miller was a man of God. I have never seen the qualities of graciousness and strength better manifested in any person. We mourn the loss of our brother and friend, Pastor Miller, and look forward to meeting him again on the blessed resurrection morning."

God's Will

Graham Miller fell suddenly and swiftly. Like a great tree in the forest, he fell. He was unbowed by time and in the strength of his manhood, yet inexplicably he rests and we accept God's will. There is a rift in the sky above, and below, other trees stand shaken now that he has gone.

A man of God, a strong counsellor, a man of vision, a lover of life, and a friend of all, now he is gone, but surely his works do follow him. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

WITH FULL HONOURS

ROBERT H. PARR

I WAS PRESENT at the funeral of Pastor Graham Miller. I knew him. I first remember seeing him in his Air-force uniform in the mid-forties. He was young, handsome, tall and svelte. The kind of man you would turn your head to look at. He had that indefinable "something" that made you know that he was marked for leadership.



Flanked by Division officers and a guard of honour of Pathfinders, the conference Youth directors bear their beloved leader to the waiting hearse at Glenhuntly church.

Photo: R. H. H. Thomas.

He developed over the years, and I saw that too. Sometimes I would catch a glimpse of him for a short while as our paths crossed; sometimes I would hear from friends. You heard it drift into the conversation so often: this was one of nature's gentlemen, a man to respect, a leader-in-the-making—and God knows we have all too few of these, especially leaders young people will follow.

Now I have seen his casket, flower-decked, standing before the rostrum of the Glenhuntly church in Victoria. When I entered the otherwise empty church, his nephew was playing a Bach prelude on the organ, playing with such quiet solemnity as the occasion demanded.

Most of us who packed the church for that final service were numb with disbelief. "Not Graham!" That was all we could think, but the presence of that casket challenged our disbelief. We had to believe that even God's choicest men fall in the strength of their manhood.

I shall always remember that funeral. I shall remember it for the fact that it lacked the misery that most funerals naturally acquire. Rather, this funeral was one of triumph—a triumph of the

cross, a triumph of hope, a triumph of faith.

Joy in Spite of Sorrow

Each of the men who occupied the rostrum and who in turn spoke, either in the church or at the graveside, did so with a dignity befitting the occasion, yet they could not prevent a note of joy from creeping into their voices. "He is but sleeping." "Soon, he shall rise again." "... the first resurrection." It was a powerful undertone of throbbing confidence in a God who does all things according to His omniscience.

At one o'clock on a chilly Melbourne winter's day, his family took their seats. Graham's wife Zita helped her aged father-in-law into the pew. Lending him her strength, infusing him with some of her great faith and trust, she kept close to this fine old gentleman, bowed with the sorrow of losing his only son. Beside them sat Graham's sister, Jean (Mrs. Frank Youlden), and members of the Youlden family.

Pastor H. C. Barritt announced the hymn and we sang that wonderful old psalm which has those immortal sentiments,

"Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,

Yet will I fear none ill;

For Thou art with me ..."

We sang with a mixture of strength and weakness, joy and sadness, hope and despair, as humans do who cannot fully comprehend the reason for bereavement.

Pastor B. L. Crabtree led us in prayer, and Pastor Bob Possingham, Zita and Graham's close friend who would not let distance separate him from them in this terrible crucible of suffering, and who had flown from Townsville, read his friend's Life Sketch. It was read in a strong, clear voice, but with that feeling that bespoke the closeness of their affection and the depth of their friendship.

Confidence in Promises

The address by Pastor R. R. Frame was freighted with hope and confidence. Of this man, Graham Miller, snatched from among us by Death's frigid hand, the president said, no man could speak ill. But those who knew him and loved him, his colleagues in the Division office, his family and his close associates, they unashamedly loved this man who brought to his task, whatever it was, a dedication and a dignity that few men can find. The message was alive with the promises of God. I cannot say what the words did to his family, but my heart was strangely stirred as I heard those eternal promises come ringing through the church. "The Lord Himself shall descend ... then we which are alive and remain ... and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I have attended many funerals, yet those words moved my heart with their reality as never before. Christ is alive; therefore he too shall live!

Then Pastor Frame closed with the words of the poem, "We Know Not Why":

"In manhood's strength he laid the burden down,

While vigour keen, the gift of life has flown!

We know not why, but while we sigh,

We say with yielding heart, 'Thy will be done.'

"At manhood's best, life's column incomplete,

Before the harvest felt the sickle's feat!

We trust Thy love, and look above,

Assured we'll meet again on heaven's street."

The benediction was pronounced by Pastor L. L. Butler. Then Graham Miller's colleagues, Youth directors from near and far, dressed in the uniforms of Pathfinder directors, carried their leader from the church. Almost incongruously a sharp command rent the heavy atmosphere. Fifty pairs of heels clicked to attention. Then reverently they carried the Chief Pathfinder of the Australasian Division through a guard-of-honour of Pathfinders and tenderly placed him among the flowers of tribute that would accompany him to his last resting-place.

Mile-long Procession

The cortege moved off with police holding the traffic on crossroads near the church. More than a mile of cars made an impressive procession to the Cheltenham Lawn Cemetery.

As we gathered around that open grave, the finality of death etched itself upon our souls. The rain misted over us so lightly that umbrellas were not necessary. The wind bit deeply into our faces and stung the eyes to tears.

Pastor C. D. Judd invoked the presence of God's Spirit, and Pastor K. S. Parmenter spoke the words of committal. The casket slowly found the floor of the tomb, two sheafs of flowers, his loved ones' tributes, descending with it. Again words of hope. Again the triumph of Christ's resurrection was the motif of the message. Again our hearts warmed within us. The angels have surely marked this good man's resting-place.

Finally, Pastor Uttley offered the benedictory prayer. We left the one we loved and mourned, in the warm bosom of the earth, there to lie in silent readiness for the Last Trump.

Most Eloquent Sermon

Sadly we turned from the open tomb and moved to offer a word of comfort to

those whose loss was more personal than our own. But we found them with the Everlasting Arms about them and the sense of the nearness of the presence of the One who once lost His only Son. "I do not question God's wisdom," Graham's wife said. It was the most eloquent sermon of all.

So we left him there, soldier, leader, missionary, administrator, preacher, pastor, evangelist, counsellor, husband, brother, colleague, and friend. He had the marks of nobility upon him. He had the charisma of a leader about him. And he had the compassion of humanity within him. We mourn you, Graham Miller. Death becomes an even greater enemy for snatching you from us. But thanks be to God that He has promised us a glad reunion. And with that buoyant hope we left Graham Miller in the care of the Almighty.

[Because many of Pastor Miller's former colleagues who would have liked to be present have requested some account of the funeral, we have departed from custom and have given this detailed account. Ed.]

A LOOK AT FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

A ROVING REPORTER

"THEREFORE they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

Very little from far North Queensland appears in the columns of the RECORD, so a roving reporter would like to tell you on their behalf, some impressions gained on a recent visit there.

When I left some twelve years ago, there were three churches in the area—Cairns, Kuranda and Malanda. Now, however, there is a very delightful church at Mareeba, a company at Mossman and another at Ravenshoe. And the reason? Because "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

We all know that many Adventists are now moving out of the cities and are settling in smaller places, in conformity with the admonitions of the Spirit of Prophecy. Our people in Cairns are no exception to this.

Round about the time of my departure from Cairns, a branch Sabbath school was commenced in Mossman, resulting eventually in a very fine company.

Then the people of Kuranda began to move to Mareeba and some of the Cairns folk also moved that way—to Tolga and other surrounding places. Result? An established church in Mareeba.

Work of Retired Couple

Malanda church faithfully carried the torch at their end of the Atherton Tableland, and then came a retired couple, dear Brother and Sister Backhouse, to settle in Atherton. Their one desire is to gather souls into the kingdom, and with this end in view, were especially concerned about a lovely Aboriginal family in Ravenshoe, Brother and Sister Woodley and their children. This family were all later baptized, and they dearly

love the Lord. But help for Brother and Sister Backhouse was on the way. Some of our people from Cairns are moving out of the city to Herberton and Innot Hot Springs, and as they move out, they are taking the Word with them. They are very actively engaged on the Lord's business, visiting this one, studying with that one, giving literature to another.

This wonderful message is spreading on the Tableland, because of the faithfulness of our people. But what is happening in Cairns? Well, here is just one small sample.

Breadmaking

Cairns is growing very rapidly—45,000 last count—and with its growth, there has sprung up a number of really attractive shopping centres. Our Welfare ladies have been invited to give breadmaking demonstrations at one centre, "Rain-trees," which is ideal as it has a raised platform at one end so that all can see. Sister Kum Yuen, with her very small band of dedicated ladies, leads out while her "students" faithfully follow every step. I am not sure if they bring their ingredients or buy them there, but they take the finished product home to cook. One excited man—yes, men join in, too—rang Sister Kum Yuen. What was he to do? His bread tin was too small, so he would have to buy another. But what was he to do in the meantime? "Punch it down again," was her advice. Some two hours later, a highly delighted man rang her again to tell her of his very successful results.

Many "students" have asked about our faith, as the result of these demonstrations. Worth-while? What would you say?

Yes, far North Queensland is very definitely on the move. "To God be the glory."

HE CAME TO FULTON

LYN RINGROSE, Fulton College, Fiji

YES, HE CAME and left us with hope in our hearts of a soon-coming spiritual feast. This feast is to be the South Pacific Youth Congress in December. Students became excited and started to make plans to be there. But now, sadness and disappointment fill their hearts as they know that their beloved Pastor Graham Miller will not be with them because of his recent sudden death.

"I remember him," says one. "He was that tall man with the red hair, who left us with a vision of the better life soon to come. Remember the stories he told in the MV meeting? We came away from that meeting realizing more than ever how fortunate we are to live in a country where we may worship in freedom and tell others of the love of God without fear of persecution."

Yes, we will always remember Pastor Miller, the man in MV uniform, the man interested so much in youth.

My mind goes back over the years to Longburn days when he was preceptor and teacher. How kind and considerate to the youth he was! Never in a hurry when someone had problems, and always willing to listen and then help in whatever way he could.

Then my mind goes to another special time—our wedding day when we stood before him to be joined together as one. What precious memories they all are!

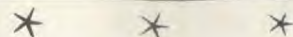
Besides his love for young people, he is also remembered as speaking tenderly and lovingly of his own life partner—Zita. To Mrs. Miller we all send our deepest sympathy from Fulton College in Fiji, and together we pray that Jesus shall soon come.

We pause once again to salute Pastor Miller for his dedication to our youth.

WORDS FROM THE LORD'S MESSENGER ON HER HUSBAND'S DEATH

"We have only a little while to wage the warfare; then Christ will come, and this scene of conflict will close. Then our last efforts will have been made to work with Christ, and advance His kingdom. Some who have stood in the forefront of the battle, zealously resisting incoming evil, fall at the post of duty; the living gaze sorrowfully at the fallen heroes, but there is no time to cease work. They must close up the ranks, seize the banner from the hand palsied by death, and with renewed energy vindicate the truth and the honour of Christ."—E. G. White, "Life Sketches," page 254.

EDITORIAL



THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

SOMETIMES A LETTER arrives which is intended for publication on our "Letters to the Editor" page, but which, because of its more urgent message or universal appeal, never appears on that page; it appears here. After all, what is the use of being the editor if you can't have first pick at the letters that come in?

Some little time ago (in the issue of July 26) there appeared a letter signed by "Nurse X" telling of the struggles of the little group of believers in Tottenham in the central west of N.S.W. Most folk merely read the letter with interest and some appreciation for the efforts the small company of Adventists is making in that relatively small town. Most, but not all. One reader decided to do something about it, and this week there came to the editorial desk the following letter:

Dear Pastor Parr,

I am writing this letter because, while reading the RECORD dated 26/7/76, a strange sequence of events occurred. I'd like to share with others how God convicted me of a selfish heart.

For some weeks past I have been contemplating buying a radio and cassette player for my car. This seemed a reasonable desire, but I kept thinking, did I really need them both? I wondered how often I could use them to the glory of God. Then I read the article by Pastor Gordon Lee, "The Fellowship of Stewardship." I sat still and thought hard and deep, then I prayed.

My offerings had not increased with inflation. My prayers for a revival of primitive godliness in our church could not be answered while I failed to fulfil God's conditions.

Pastor Lee went on to say, "Maybe it will take a lot of faith on your part to launch into this apparent deep."

Well, right then I decided to accept the challenge. I worked out my new offerings for each division of the church.

I went on reading the RECORD until I came to the "Letters to the Editor" page. "The Call of the West" caught my eye. I remembered how I had applied to join the A.I.M. (Australian Inland Mission) before I became a Seventh-day Adventist. I read how the Presbyterian Church shares its church with our Sabbath keepers. My heart was warmed. And then I read, "Hopefully we plan one day to build our own church."

I am enclosing \$100 to be sent to the Tottenham Seventh-day Adventist Church Building Fund for a cause where I know God can truly be glorified.

The joy this decision has given me is sweeter than any music could give.

Yours sincerely,
Nurse Y.

So many things come to mind when you read a letter like that, and when it is your privilege to pass on that bank cheque to a struggling company. What joy will be multiplied over such a gift as that! But notice, it is not only the receivers who will jump for joy. The donor's last paragraph indicates that God has given her a special measure of happiness too, since she made her unselfish decision. Well, that's the way of it; when God says that it is more blessed to give than to receive, He isn't merely uttering a neat little epigram. He is stating a deep theological truth. The trouble with so many of us is that we just haven't the courage to take Him at His word and experience it for ourselves.

However, good and all as the joy which comes to this good nursing sister might be, the letter carries a much more cogent message than that. You will observe that she had plans for a cassette/radio in her car. Now, frankly, this could bring great blessing too. Good music as you move about is preferable to the jargon-that-masquerades-as-music at any time. Sermons on tape and even the Bible itself on tape can be listened to with profit and appreciation. Would not such a

small luxury be easily rationalized? Surely. You don't have to look further than the bottom of this page to find the name of one person who has this luxury in his car, and a blessing it has been, you may be assured. But here is someone who sees it differently, and this spirit must be more and more in evidence "as we see the day approaching."

Says Ellen White, writing to an earlier generation: "I saw that the church has nearly lost the spirit of self-denial and sacrifice; they make self and self-interest first, and then they do for the cause what they think they can as well as not. Such a sacrifice, I saw, is lame, and not accepted of God. All should be interested to do their utmost to advance the cause."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, page 115.

How applicable those words are today! How many of us are quite divorced from the principle of sacrifice! How many of us are inured to the sufferings of others, to the needs of others, to the urgency of the hour, that all these things slide over our heads! We pay lip service to their plight and feel sorry for them, but we seldom make a covenant with God by sacrifice.

Our homes, our cars, our gadgets, our luxuries all bespeak a selfishness that is paramount in our thinking. "How can I make ME more comfortable, more secure, more satisfied?" are the questions that come up for instant answering; "sacrifice" is an unfortunate intrusion into the continuous process of somnolent existence.

Let us look at yet one more passage from the Lord's messenger: "There are even more urgent necessities upon the Israel of God in these last days than were upon ancient Israel. There is a great and important work to be accomplished in a very short time. God never designed that the law of the tithing system should be of no account among His people; but, instead of this, He designed that the spirit of sacrifice should widen and deepen for the closing work."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 396.

Notice that last sentence, will you? Consider it, and then consider how many of God's people do not return a tithe of their increase to Him, rationalizing their robbery of God with specious arguments. Then consider the even greater number who are putting minute amounts into offerings as if inflation had never occurred and as though they stood to lose by giving to God. Then consider that vast company who will have nothing to do with the Stewardship Plan, and who take everything that their church has to offer in fellowship, worship, the physical attributes of the sanctuary in which they worship, the warmth in winter, the cooling in summer, the repairs and maintenance which can be colossal, and contribute nothing but a few spare cents in an offering. They would never run their own finances like that—or do they? To give to God only what spare coins happen to be in purse or pocket is hardly showing a spirit of sacrifice.

This letter quoted above tells of a lady's sacrifice for some project which is not personally dear to her heart; it tells of an outreach of compassion for the needs of some group, the members of which are quite unknown to her. It might be an interesting exercise for us all to ask ourselves, "What have I gone without in the past twelve months in order to give something to God?" You may be sure that, before the last horrendous events of this earth are enacted, giving will have to be on a grander, more faithful scale than it is now. Unless there is a spirit of urgency caught by the church, unless there is an individual spirit of sacrifice, unless there is a faithfulness in giving to God what is His, our proclamation of His coming will have a hollow ring.

Robert H. Parr

One man's idea of a HOLIDAY

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FOR ALL OF US, holidays mean getting away from it all, to do as little as possible, in some secluded nook. Dr. Wayne Martin has a different concept of holidays.

Early in June, Dr. Martin left his flourishing dental practice and embarked on a holiday. His first stop was Atoifi to catch up on dental repair work there and pick up the mobile dental equipment.

From Atoifi he flew by Air Pacific to Vatuvonu School on Buca Bay in Vanua Levu, Fiji. Here he was joined by his father, who served as dental nurse for the remainder of the trip. After a few busy days he moved on to Navesau School, Fulton College and Suvavou Adventist School.

At each stop a hectic round of inspection, extraction, drilling, and filling was engaged in. In between patients, time was given to practical health talks on dental hygiene, and devotional meetings.

Dental care in the islands is usually only extraction, so this voluntary service providing inspection, repair and care was much needed and greatly appreciated.

Now about your idea of a holiday . . . what did you say you were planning??



Dr. Martin relaxing at Navesau.

Photo: D. J. Faull.

A Crossword for young Bible readers . . .

THE MAN WHO DID NOT FEAR A HOST

The King of Syria was at war with the King of Israel, and Elisha, the prophet who had succeeded Elijah, was chief adviser to Israel. The Syrian king grew so angry at having all his plans foiled that he sent an army to capture Elisha, who was in the town of Dothan. The army, during the night, surrounded the place.

In the morning Elisha's servant saw this great host of men, horses, chariots, and ran, frightened, to his master. But Elisha was not afraid, and prayed that the servant's eyes should be opened—and then he was able to see horses and chariots of fire filling the mountain round about Elisha.

Elisha went out boldly to the enemy. They did not know him, and he said that he would lead them. So he took them away right into the city of Samaria. When the king of Israel saw them he wanted to slay them all, but Elisha ordered him to feed them well, and let them depart. The Syrians were so overcome by the way they had been trapped and yet spared that they ceased their war against Israel.

A text to learn: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Zech. 4:6.

To help you solve the Crossword read 2 Kings 6:8-23. Adapted from PILGRIM CROSSWORD PUZZLE BOOKS, published by National Sunday School Union, 4 Blackfriars Lane, London, E.C.4. Used by permission.



Clues Across

1. Large animal.
2. Syrian king wanted to . . . Elisha.
3. Sabbath school (initials).
4. Biblical word for troubles. Job 20:26.
5. Son of David. 2 Sam. 5:14.
6. Country mentioned in the first verse of Esther.
7. Boy's name.
8. Deep opening between rocks.
9. Poem set to music.
10. Elisha saw . . . of fire.
11. . . . as crystal. Rev. 21:11.
12. Made of oak.
13. Jezebel was this to Ahab.
14. "Walking, and . . ." Acts 3:8.
15. Told, ordered. Acts 18:21.
16. Evening meal.
17. Made dear.
18. Elisha's servant saw many.
19. "God so . . . the world."
20. Affectionate name for bear.
21. "Ruler . . . many things."
22. On each . . . were palm. Eze. 40:16.
23. God's host filled the . . .
24. To be full to overflowing.
25. Take the "vail" of a word in Esther 7:4.

Clues Down

1. Friend of Israel's king.
2. What the man between the idolater and the drunkard does. 1 Cor. 5:11.
3. "Who is able to stand before . . .?"
4. "In the . . . of the prophet Iddo." 2 Chron. 13:22.
5. Country of Elisha's enemies.
6. Breathe in.
7. City where Elisha trapped army.
8. Only seen in winter in very cold climates.
9. A fish. (Clue: Take the last word in Gen. 14:17 and change the third letter).
10. Signaller's term for A.
11. Boy's name (shortened).
12. Evening meal.
13. Pitcher; jug.
14. "He is of . . ." John 9:12.
15. Elisha ordered Israelites to . . . enemies.
16. "For My yoke is . . ."
17. Advertisement (short).
18. Stare; look closely.
19. Where Elisha lived.
20. Mrs. White warned against the . . .
21. Some churches have one.
22. Made; finished.
23. " . . . we would see Jesus." John 12:21.

Solution on page 14.

BLESS AND BE BLESSED

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OCTOBER 16, 1976 will be a special day of blessing to God's people throughout the world. Round about A.D. 30 Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So often we pass over this simple but beautiful statement without fully understanding the import of its message. It clearly states that a person is better off giving than being on the receiving end.

This is certainly a revolutionary thought. The worldly system works on the exact opposite principle. But Jesus, who does not mince words, nor allow idle chatter to fall from His lips, clearly and plainly states: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The same philosophy is contained in Prov. 11:24, 25, reading from the Living Bible: "It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself."

Akin to this is the statement from Paul recorded in 2 Cor. 9:6, again from the Living Bible: "But remember this—if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much."

Noble Ends

Ellen G. White indicated God's plan for His people when she wrote: "The desire to accumulate wealth is an original affection of our nature, implanted there by our heavenly Father for noble ends."—"Counsels on Stewardship," page 148.

The last three words of this statement—"for noble ends"—are the key to God's plans. Expanding on this thought the servant of the Lord wrote: "When Christians are controlled by the principles of heaven, they will dispense with one hand, while the other gains. This is the only rational and healthy position a Christian can occupy while having and still making money."—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 240.

God desires that we should prosper and be in good health (see 3 John 2), and as we unite ourselves with Him and His cause in the earth He will place in our hands increasing wealth that we may be a blessing to others.

That is why October 16, 1976, is to be a day of blessing to the membership of the remnant church. The annual Week of Sacrifice Offering is to be a time when all can give liberally, sacrificially, willingly, that the world evangelistic outreach may be expressly strengthened.

We asked Pastor R. H. Pierson, president of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to bring a message to the membership in the Australasian Division. He writes of sacrifice and devotion to God.



Pastor G. A. Lee.

Kenneth H. Emmerson, the World treasurer of the remnant church, responded to our invitation with a sober assessment of the challenge facing Adventist missionary endeavour.

In the past it has been suggested that at this special time of presenting our gift to the Lord, we offer a sacrifice offering equal to a week's wages. As the final events of earth's history close in about us, there may be fewer opportunities in the future to place our all on the altar of sacrifice.

Prayerfully, let "every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:7, 8.

Sacrifice and Devotion to God

SACRIFICE is a way of life for the born-again Christian, because sacrifice is the very essence of Christianity. Jesus sacrificed His life, the Father sacrificed His Son, and Heaven sacrificed its Prince, to redeem the inhabitants of a world that had chosen a course of rebellion.

The accumulation of material possessions tends to blur our perception of spiritual values; thus, we are offered the opportunity of sharing in the blessings of sacrifice.

Many Seventh-day Adventists in lands around the world are entering into this experience of sacrifice by contributing a week's income to the World Missions Advance. I invite our Adventist family in the Australasian Division to join with them in this special experience of sacrifice and devotion to God.

Robert H. Pierson,
President, General Conference
of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Pastor R. H. Pierson.

THE CLARION CALL

KENNETH H. EMMERSON
Treasurer, General Conference

ONE WOULD HARDLY feel that the needs of God's remnant church could be compared with those of the early days. However, the words of Pastor (James) White in 1853 are certainly appropriate in the 1970s. In the "Review and Herald" of December 27, 1853, page 197, we find these words: "This is a time that calls for the united effort of all. The way is fast opening for the present truth to be extensively proclaimed. Men are giving themselves wholly to the work of preaching the world-despised, yet crowning truths of the gospel; and they must be sustained. The gospel requires it of the church. And all will share the blessing in acting their part in this work, as the Lord has prospered them."

We recognize the enormity of the task when we realize that 1975 saw 400,000,000 more people in the world than in 1970. Our own increase in church membership was 500,000 during those same years. True, the rate of growth of world population was only about two per cent whereas the rate of growth of church membership was about five per cent per year. What a tremendous task faces us! We realize how the magnitude of that task grows from year to year!

In the Australasian Division (as a whole) there are only 595 Seventh-day Adventists for each 100,000 of the general population. If all the people within the Division were to march past in single file, the first 167 would be non-Adventists and the 168th would be a member of our church.

"Double-digit" Inflation

Our task of preaching the gospel to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people" becomes even more awesome when we contemplate the "double-digit" inflation which adversely influences the effectiveness of our giving for World Evangelism and Mission Outreach.

We are passing through very dangerous times. Events are moving fast. The signs of the Lord's soon coming are crystal clear. Is this not the time to re-examine what God expects of us, His servants, as to our material support of "the gospel of Christ . . . the power of God unto salvation to every one . . .?"

The clarion call today is found in the words of the servant of the Lord: "If every church member were imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened; and we should be invited to enter. . . . If ever there was a time when sacrifices should be made, it is now."—"Counsels on Stewardship," page 37.



Pastor K. H. Emmerson.

MY GREATEST

- My greatest loss—to lose my soul.
- My greatest gain—Christ my Saviour.
- My greatest object—to glorify God.
- My greatest prize—a crown of glory.
- My greatest work—to win souls for Christ.
- My greatest joy—the joy of God's salvation.
- My greatest inheritance—heaven and its glories.
- My greatest victory—over sin and death through Christ.
- My greatest neglect—to neglect so great salvation.
- My greatest crime—to reject Christ, the only Saviour.
- My greatest privilege—power to become a child of God.
- My greatest bargain—the loss of all things to win Christ.
- My greatest profit—godliness in this life and that to come.
- My greatest peace—that peace that passeth understanding.
- My greatest knowledge—to know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.

"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12: 48. We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do. The Lord measures with exactness every possibility for service. The unused capabilities are as much brought into account as are those that are improved. For all that we might become through the right use of our talents God holds us responsible. We shall be judged according to what we ought to have done, but did not accomplish because we did not use our powers to glorify God. Even if we do not lose our souls, we shall realize in eternity the result of our unused talents. For all the knowledge and ability that we might have gained and did not, there will be an eternal loss."—"Christ's Object Lessons," pages 362, 363.

HEALTH-WISE

PIONEER WISDOM—2

PREVENTIVE or predictive medicine, recognized of late as a medical specialty of increasing importance in the control of the degenerative diseases which today are the leading cause of death, confirms the effectiveness of a prescription given seventy years ago.

In her book "Ministry of Healing," Ellen G. White, pioneer health educator, wrote: "Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power—these are the true remedies."

Today's back-to-nature movement was anticipated in Mrs. White's counsel that "every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them. It is essential both to understand the principles involved in the treatment of the sick and to have a practical training that will enable one rightly to use this knowledge."

"The use of natural remedies requires an amount of care and effort that many are not willing to give. Nature's process of healing and upbuilding is gradual, and to the impatient it seems slow. The surrender of hurtful indulgences requires sacrifice. But in the end it will be found that nature, untrammelled, does her work wisely and well. Those who persevere in obedience to her laws will reap the reward in health of body and health of mind."

And, she might have added, in enormous savings of the sky-rocketing costs of health care.

One of her most urgent warnings was against the "free use of poisonous drugs." "When attacked by disease," she said, "many will not take the trouble to search out the cause of their illness. Their chief anxiety is to rid themselves of pain and inconvenience. So they resort to patent nostrums, of whose real properties they know little, or they apply to a physician for some remedy to counteract the result of their misdoing, but with no thought of making a change in their unhealthful habits. . . ."

"People need to be taught that drugs do not cure disease. It is true that they sometimes afford present relief, and the patient appears to recover as the result of their use; this is because nature has sufficient vital force to expel the poison and to correct the conditions that caused the disease. Health is recovered in spite of the drug. But in most cases the drug only changes the form and location of the disease. . . ."

"By the use of poisonous drugs, many bring upon themselves lifelong illness, and many lives are lost that might be saved by the use of natural methods of healing."

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST DURING LITERATURE EMPHASIS YEAR

G. W. RAPPELL, Associate Publishing Director, Victorian Conference

"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. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them. . . ."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 390.

**John Urquhart writes from
Tasmania:**

"SAVED BY GRACE"

While working in Hobart I met a lady who was very interested in "The Bible Story" and "My Bible Friends." She was a Roman Catholic, and had spent twenty-eight years in a convent. Her life was one of fear—fear because of her beliefs, and fear of her husband who is an alcoholic, and who was beating her and threatening her each night he came home drunk. Her son, also a heavy drinker, on numerous occasions held a knife at her throat. After threatening her he would rip the knife into a chair.



John Urquhart.

The lady was not allowed any money, and had to produce receipts for food, including bread, milk, etc. She told me she had to visit the hospital for an operation. She was terrified of this and had asked the priest to call and give his blessing. However, she was told that her attendance at church was not good; she had not been living a good life, and the priest would not call. My wife and I called on her at the hospital the day she was admitted and we returned a few hours prior to the operation. I asked her if she would like us to have prayer. Right in the ward at her bedside we prayed with her. When I finished, her face lit up and with tears streaming down her cheeks she said that she was no longer afraid. She then turned to the name



From left: A. R. Jones, associate Publishing director, Victorian Conference, Roy Butcher, literature evangelist, and G. W. Rappell, associate Publishing director, Victorian Conference.

card on her bedhead and said, "I will get them to change that indicating "Religion: Catholic"—I'll tell them that I'm a Seventh-day Adventist now."

I attended her home and had studies with her. Although her home life is still not good, she decided to be baptized and is now a member of our church. Her life is still one of trial, as she is spat upon and still struck by her son and husband. Our prayers are greatly needed.

**Roy Butcher writes from
Melbourne:**

"THE UNITED EFFORT"

I called at a frock shop in the Melbourne suburb of Kensington in reply to a "Bible Story" Reply Card, and during my canvass a lady customer came into the shop. On admiring the books she asked me the price, which I whispered into her ear. She replied that she was a pensioner and couldn't afford the set, but could I get her a Bible?

The folk in the business purchased "The Bible Story" and "Your Bible and You," and later I called on Mrs. Jeffs and she was happy with her Bible. Although never a member herself, she had

attended Jehovah's Witness meetings for thirty years with her late husband. (He was one.) I gave her "The Great Controversy" and "Steps to Christ," and had prayer with her. I then invited her to the nearby Moonee Ponds church and sent her name in to our president, Pastor Barritt, for a worker to visit.

I was thrilled to know that she was soon studying the message with Brother A. Jones, and attending church. She is full of joy and praises for God and His wonderful providence in leading her to His last warning message. She was baptized at the Mont Albert church on Sabbath, May 29, this year.

**Sheree Uttley writes from
Hawthorn High School:**

"FINDING A SOUL IN NEED"

"Wait! Wait!" The sounds of a heavy accent mingled with distress and remorse flooded my ears. Mrs. Oros came running down the street. I halted. "What could she want?" I wondered. Why, it was only a few minutes ago that I had spoken with her in her home.

Mrs. Oros, a Hungarian lady, had run after me down the street to thank me. You see, just a few minutes before, I had knocked on the door of this lady's home when a distressed and troubled Mrs. Oros answered the door. Then it started.



Sheree Uttley.

Mrs. Oros was heavily laden with the problems of her youngest son and his girl-friend. She had searched the Bible looking up promises and finding texts to comfort her. Mrs. Oros believed in God, but, "Where was He when I needed Him?" was her continuous cry. Mrs. Oros was a lot happier and very thankful when I left after I told her to have faith in God, for He said that, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Thus I continued on with my work of colporteur.

Then Mrs. Oros came running down the street. She thanked me profusely and

wished to buy a five-pack set of Bedtime Stories. This, she said, was to remind her of me. Mrs. Oros asked me to sign the front of the books so she would remember me when I called to see her again.

This incident is just one of the many that I have experienced during the May holidays, and I have enjoyed immensely the work of colporteur. I love to go out and meet people. I think it is a great experience to do this work, and I will never regret taking the opportunity of being involved in literature-evangelist work.

**David Price writes from
Hawthorn High School:**

LITERATURE EVANGELISM

I am presently completing my final year as a student of our Hawthorn Seventh-day Adventist High School, in Melbourne. During the past twelve months I have been engaged in part-time canvassing in the school holidays, which proved to be quite an experience.

I recall briefly calling once at a home just before Christmas of last year. I was kindly invited in by the lady of the house and introduced to the grandma and two children. I discovered that they were good Christian folk of the Baptist faith. They mentioned how hard it was to find books suitable for the two young girls, so I told them of my work and recommended to them Uncle Arthur's "Bedtime Stories." They were favourably impressed with the set, as they contain good, character-building stories.

The grandma told me that it was exactly what they had been looking for. The family purchased the set and thanked me for coming, and also asked me to go back and call on them again.

It is a privilege to find people like this who could be brought to the Lord. Please pray for the literature evangelists who are taking the message to the homes every day, as they need your support in furthering God's work.

**Robert Ramsey writes
from Camperdown, Victoria:**

"WAITING FOR YOU TO CALL"

One morning I was canvassing Terang, a country town on the Princes Highway between Geelong and Warrnambool, Victoria, when I approached a house which I recognized as one I had collected at previously while on the "Appeal for Missions" campaign. A question at that moment came into my mind: "Would it be worth-while approaching the occupant, as the previous reception was not



The Robert Ramsey family.
Photos. courtesy G. Rappell.

encouraging?" But still I felt impressed to go, and offered up a prayer as I approached the front door.

The lady opened the door, and after I introduced myself and my work, she invited me in and ushered me to the lounge chair. I had done only a short part of my canvass when she stopped me and asked if I was a Seventh-day Adventist. When I informed her that I was, she put out her hand and said, "Put it there. For four years, since moving here from Melbourne, I have wanted to get into contact with you people."

She had not realized that the magazine she received on the "Appeal for Missions" was ours, and soon the family in this home was able to start Bible studies with Brother Maurie Peterson, pastor of Camperdown and Colac churches. To date, the Frazer family has completed three studies and is attending church regularly. Mrs. Frazer had first come into contact with Adventists at the Springvale church, where she attended for some time in the past.

These men and women serve the Lord in front-line service in the work of literature evangelism. The message must go forth, then Jesus will come.

"He [Jesus] calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for everyone to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labour in wisdom and grace and the love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, doing house-to-house labour?"—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 332.

THE COALS ARE GLOWING

C. CRAWFORD
Principal, Aore Adventist High School

SECOND TERM has begun at Aore Adventist High School, and any time now we expect our share of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow to arrive. Do you remember giving at Christmas last year to three places—Kauma, Koumac and Aore? Perhaps you remember the stories of the hospital with a pathetic pathology department that is propped up in antiquity? The stories told of staff housing problems? Soon your offerings will be at their destinations and paying for materials and projects, encouraging workers and reminding church folk that they are not forgotten by fellow believers.

Let me assure you that your efforts have not been in vain. At Aore Adventist High School, 130 young people are very thankful, and their actions are showing it. At the end of first term, we saw many young people take a stand, or a renewal, for Christ. "Ah," say the wise, but before they go on, let me assure you that the coals are glowing, and the changes in the lives of many are staying on. Let me tell you of Mick (not really his name).

Mick as a teenager has had lots of experience that single men are not expected to have. This has been a great weakness, and with it, certain perversions of other young men. God has wrought a miracle for this young man who now keeps to himself.

Then there is "John," who has spent more years of high school out of school than in. He has had so many "hang ups" that one wonders if he ever touched the ground. Although a gifted lad, he was a leader of past disturbances. "John" has now been showing the fruits of response to the Holy Spirit. Because of his past behaviour, he had been too afraid, until just recently, to admit his desire to be a gospel worker. This year he was admitted only under the strictest of written and signed agreements which would have been unacceptable to him had he maintained his former attitudes.

Please pray for these young people that they faint not by the way. It is for such results as this that the teachers at Aore are working long hours to develop the school and raise educational attainment levels so that these young people may go on to our colleges and train for a place in God's work. When young people come to take their place in the work force for God, this field will be blessed.

At the end of the Week of Prayer, twelve young men showed their willingness to answer God's call to the ministry, forty to answer God's call to teaching, and about thirty to answer God's call to medical ministry.

So, fellow Sabbath school members, we thank you. Take heart, and remember that the coals are glowing.

A PLACE WHERE BOOKS ARE KEPT?

K. H. CLOUTEN, Librarian, Avondale College

"I THINK," deliberates six-year-old Karen in answer to a question, "that a library is a place where books are kept."

Karen's simple definition of a library is a little dated in the new era of Information Resource Centres and Media Centres. The ever-widening pool of resources still contains books, but there are also microfiches, video-cassettes, loop films, multi-media kits, and other exotica. Join me for the next couple of minutes on a quick tour of Avondale College Library on a typical semester day.

We enter the Library at the busy Circulation Desk, where Helen is checking out some mounted pictures with which she plans to illustrate a story she will tell at a branch Sabbath school next week-end. With a picture collection of four thousand items, it was not too difficult for Helen to find suitable illustrations for her story-telling assignment.

Near the Reference Desk, Cheryl is browsing through the recorded music collection. Mother of two pre-schoolers, Cheryl visits the Library regularly to borrow recordings of sacred music which helps to create the right Sabbath atmosphere for her home. Her student husband, Don, borrows sermons on tape for

listening as a break from laborious reading.

Microfiche Reader

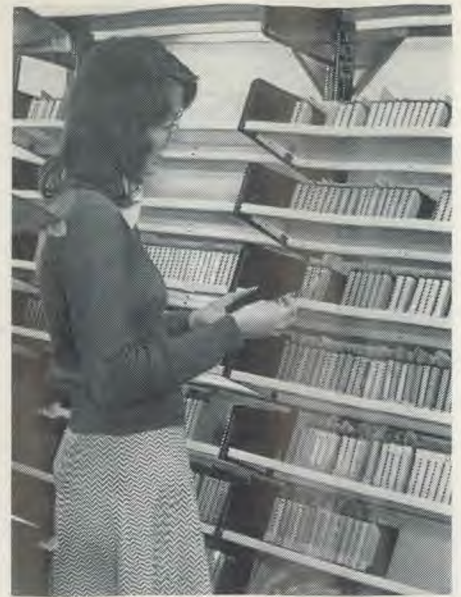
Paul is a third-year theology student, and the illuminated screen which he is scanning is a microfiche reader. Paul takes a moment to explain that a single piece of film measuring six inches by four inches contains nearly one hundred pages of a commentary on Isaiah which he is reading just now. By merely pressing a button on the machine, he can obtain a life-size copy of the page he is reading. The library's collection of books on microfiche is approaching one thousand.

Daryl has just arrived from a micro-teaching session, where for three minutes he has been the "star" in front of a video camera and recorder. He has with him the recorded cassette, and for the next three minutes he will sit with earphones in front of the TV monitor and evaluate his performance as a teacher-in-training.

Upstairs in the study area, we pause near a Group Study Room, where six students and a lecturer are seated around a table in a typical tutorial session. This is an English "tute," and Linley seems to have a good discussion going on the topic which she has painstakingly prepared from Library materials and her own tentative conclusions.

Inter-library System

Graeme has a satisfied look on his face as he sits down at one of the study



Browsing in the recorded tape collection.

carrels nearby. He explains that the book he is holding was obtained as a loan from the Australian National University. He is preparing a history term paper on a topic for which the Library collection seems inadequate. He is grateful for inter-library loan arrangements, even though it meant waiting two weeks for the needed book to arrive. The Library's coin-operated photocopiers will enable him to copy some of the most relevant pages from the book so that it can be returned quickly to the University.

Come downstairs now to the Curriculum Room, where we find an interesting activity in progress. Four students around a table are throwing dice and calculating



Educational games teach concepts in a novel way.



This student is making notes from a microfiche reader. The Avondale College Library has almost a thousand books on microfiche, giving a tremendous saving in space, and improving study methods.

Photos: P. J. Colquhoun.

moves on a playing-board. We are quickly informed that this is no recreational activity, for these education students are evaluating a new educational game designed to teach mathematical concepts to junior high-school students. The curriculum resource collection on nearby shelves contains many simulation games, slide sets, filmstrips, media kits,

charts and the like, all of which enrich teaching methods.

A place where books are kept? A modern college library must be that and much more. In this age of the information explosion, libraries hold an important place in the educational system, from the one-teacher elementary school right through to Avondale College.



The foyer of the Sydney Adventist Hospital.
Photo: Public Relations Dept., S.A.H.

SERVICE IN THE SYDNEY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

MRS. JOY TOTENHOFER, Public Relations Officer, Sydney Adventist Hospital

"WELL, how do you like your new job?" I guess if I've answered that question once, I've answered it a hundred times. So I thought I would write and tell everyone how I felt about it. Not that I'm tired of telling people the answer, but I felt maybe some folk wouldn't have the chance to ask me, anyway!

I can reply very frankly, I just love working at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. It wasn't a job I'd have asked for. In fact, when approached about the possibility, my first reaction was, "Oh, no, please Lord, don't ask that of me!" And I'll admit not everything in the Public Relations job specification appeals to me—but most of it I enjoy to the full.

But the biggest thrill of coming to work here has been the eye-opening I've received regarding the attitudes of the administration to the work to which we are all called—that of preaching the gospel. Of course, I had heard the reports (and without doubt you have, too). "They've built a hospital for the snobs in Sydney now." And I'll admit I was one of the "oldies" who resented seeing our beloved "San" replaced. I always felt the old hospital was so appropriate for us, sort of homely, with a pervading atmosphere of friendly intimacy. To me the new building was angular, even if

tasteful, but I didn't feel at home there. And my attitude persisted until I unexpectedly landed here as a patient. I never could understand why that operation had proved necessary, but now I wonder if the Lord wasn't needing to teach me some lessons.

No Real Change

It was then I found that the Sydney Sanitarium had changed only in name—not in nature. The same loving service was rendered, and I began to accept the fact that the new building was necessary. After all, it was either expand or disband. If we wanted to continue training nurses, regulations stipulated 300 beds—so what alternative was there? How could we ever continue the programme of missionary service without dedicated, trained nurses? I came to admire the foresight of the men who had the courage to dare to make such plans—for in these inflationary days it costs a great deal of money to erect a ten-storey hospital. They must have had many doubts; more than would appear obvious now.

But to get back to the point. The first week I came to work I was truly delighted to notice prominently at the top of each letterhead, this information: "A general hospital operated as a community service by the Seventh-day Adventist Church." I think that is appropriate,

don't you? Not hiding our light under a bushel. I'm sure our Master would approve of that. And as I have sat on some of the hospital committees, I have been thrilled to realize that the main aim of the hospital administrators is to preach the gospel. The emphasis is on service and letting our lives draw others to our Saviour.

Objections Removed

Certainly the approach is low-key, which is what Ellen White advocated. "The living truth of God is to be made known in our medical institutions. This does not mean that the doctor or any of the workers are to introduce the truth to everyone. That is not the way to do it. . . . The nurses and workers are not to go to the patients saying, 'We believe in the Third Angel's Message.' That is not their work unless the patients desire to hear; unless their objections have been removed and their hearts softened. Act so that the patients will see that Seventh-day Adventists are a people who have common sense. . . . If they ask questions, give them the reasons of your faith. . . . Patients may be asked to attend our meetings, and there they will hear the truth, knowing at the same time that it is not pressed upon them. Then, when they leave the Sanitarium and hear people saying, 'I do not want to go there to be made a Seventh-day Adventist,' they will tell them that the workers at the Sanitarium press the truth upon no one. . . . We want to see this institution as God sees it. He sees a class reached by its work who can be reached in no other way."—Union Conference Record, July 21, 1899.

And under God's blessing, I believe the hospital is reaching many who could be reached in no other way. Each year a number of people are baptized as a result of follow-up Bible Studies after a stay in hospital. Even among the Pink Ladies—the Volunteer Auxiliary comprising 150 ladies, many of whom are wives of local non-Adventist business and professional men—no opportunity to witness is lost. Already three persons have joined the church, and several other ladies (and in some cases, their husbands) are having Bible studies. An emphasis has been placed on the devotional side of life by the introduction over the hospital's own radio network of a morning devotional period conducted by the hospital's chaplain, Pastor D. J. Mowday. An afternoon devotional, as well as a Story Time for the children, is envisioned. Closed-circuit television services are still in the experimental stages, but we expect this to be a regular feature of the weekly devotional services before long.

Records Broken

The month of March proved to be the most profitable ever experienced in the three years since the new hospital was opened. Records were broken in many departments, including theatre, where 1,088 operations were performed for the month—the first time ever over the 1,000 mark. Admissions for the month totalled 1,202, the highest ever. The daily bed

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INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS

ALFRED S. JORGENSEN, Field Secretary and Chairman of the Biblical Research Institute, Australasian Division

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH does not have a static, formalized creed. We have always affirmed, "The Bible is our creed." But this does not mean that we do not have a clear understanding of what we believe. For we profess and hold to a body of dynamic truths which, when taken together, constitute "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14: 12.

These great essential truths, or doctrines, are set out in summaries of the "Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists" which appear in the current issues of the Church Manual and the Year Book, as well as in "Questions on Doctrine" and the centre-spread of the Baptismal Certificate.

It is the aim of our denominational publishing houses to ensure that these doctrines are faithfully proclaimed and interpreted in the books they issue. Each publishing house has a duly elected reading committee to peruse all manuscripts prior to publication. As well, it is the responsibility of all church-employed persons to see that all notes, summaries, letters, and promotional material, harmonize with the stated faith of the church.

Biblical Research Institute

The Australasian Division has also set up a facility so that church members in good and regular standing who consider that they have received some significant new insights into "the present truth" may present their findings, have them discussed, and profit by counsel with the brethren. This facility is a sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Australasian Division, known as the **Biblical Research Institute**. It has a widely representative membership of administrators, persons actively engaged in Bible teaching and research, and church pastors.

Access to the Institute is made through local conference and union conference channels. That is, anyone wishing to submit material to the Institute should first approach his local church pastor and conference president, who will advise him as to the possible value of his contribution and arrange for its transmission to higher bodies.

It happens that from time to time both printed and duplicated material is distributed among our members which does not issue from any of the above sources. We believe that our membership in the Australasian Division, therefore, should be apprised of the nature of some of these publications, and that, as well, they should be informed how they may recognize a denominationally sponsored publication.

Our members may take it as read that if a book carries the imprint of a Seventh-day Adventist publishing house, or if it is processed on paper that bears the letter-head of a conference organization or denominational institution, it has been regularly produced and represents the teaching of the church. Our major

English-language publishing houses are: Review and Herald Publishing Association; Pacific Press Publishing Association; Southern Publishing Association; Signs Publishing Company; Stanborough Press, Limited; Sentinel Publishing Association; and Philippine Publishing House.

Discriminate Reading

It is true that our Adventist Book Centres handle numerous books that are

published outside the church, which sometimes express sentiments that do not conform to Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. This means that such volumes should be read discriminately, for no one could reasonably expect authors who are not of our faith to say everything in a way that would please us. Usually, such books are retailed by the Adventist Book Centres for the specialized information they contain.

We regret to have to inform our membership that at the present time certain documents are being circulated in the Australasian Division which have not been authorized by our Biblical Research Institute or other reading committees, even though the titles of such publications might give the impression that they have the authorization of the church. We would therefore warn our people against assuming that the doctrinal positions set forth in these documents necessarily represent a consensus of the church's teachings on such subjects.

GOOD FOOD

with
SALLY HAMMOND



The French have a way of making rich, flaky rolls which they call Croissants. However, the process is long, involved and time-consuming. If you have all day to spend, I can give you a recipe. Most of us, though, are in a hurry—perpetually. It is for people like you and me that the following recipe is printed. These rolls are very similar to their sophisticated cousins, but take a fraction of the time to prepare. Serve them instead of dessert with honey or simply margarine. If you wish, go Continental and have them for breakfast along with a glass of milk or Caffex.

QUICK CROISSANTS

Mix as for pastry:

4 cups flour ($\frac{1}{2}$ wholemeal, $\frac{1}{2}$ plain or all plain, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ cup wheat germ)
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup shortening—margarine or a little less oil
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt

In another bowl dissolve:

1 oz yeast
1 cup warm milk (water may be used)

Add: 2 well-beaten eggs

Gently mix liquid into flour mixture and knead lightly. Divide into 4. Roll each piece into a 10" circle about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick. Spread with soft margarine. Cut into 4 pie-shaped sections (quarters). Beginning at outside edge, roll up and curve slightly. Place on a greased pan with point underneath. Continue till you have 16 Croissants. Let rise about 2 hours.

N.B. The dough rises slowly because of the high ratio of shortening in it. When light, bake in a moderate oven 400°F (200°C) about 12-15 minutes. Be careful not to burn. (The eggs, sugar and shortening in these rolls make them more susceptible than ordinary rolls.) The dough may be refrigerated and only risen and baked when needed. May also be used for cinnamon rolls, and filled rolls.

The first church company in Australasia is . . .

NINETY YEARS NEARER HOME

LEE WHITE

THE FIRST CONVERTS to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in Australia were found in the North Fitzroy region more than ninety years ago, and the church was organized on January 10, 1886. At first the members met in nearby halls, which soon proved inadequate for the growing membership.

The establishment of the Echo Publishing Company in Best Street, North Fitzroy, drew many more believers to the area, and the present church was built to accommodate a large membership. Although the publishing house was moved to Warburton in 1906, the church has continued to serve a strong membership ever since.

The beautiful position in which the church now stands, opposite the Edinburgh Gardens, was chosen before the gardens were formed, but with the knowledge that the land was reserved for this purpose.

Original Building

In 1896, the bricks of the church were laid by Brother Mitchell and James Cooper, father of Brother W. E. Cooper, now of Prahran church. Very little alteration has been necessary to the building, which stands in excellent repair. Its acoustics are remarkably good, and it is well supplied with facilities for Sabbath school, church evenings and all necessary comforts. The church was dedicated on September 17, 1896.

North Fitzroy had the distinction of having Sister Ellen G. White speak from the pulpit on her visit to Australia.

The building now used as a kindergarten was built by the Victorian Conference as a two-storey tent house which stored all tents and camping equipment for the Victorian camp meetings.

A church school was an early part of the church's activities, and began in 1900 under the direction of Mrs. Morse, with Miss Primal as assistant. By 1901 our pupils had increased to seventy, and at this time Mrs. Faulkhead took over. Pupils from the North Fitzroy Seventh-day Adventist School have served the denomination with credit throughout the world, including the General Conference.

The school was discontinued for a time and recommenced in 1918, under the direction of Lillian McMahon and assistants, and made a great contribution until after the Hawthorn Central School was established.

There are many who would remember the popular "Cup day" picnics, and wherever North Fitzroy members go throughout the world, they are bound to find friends with whom they have fellowshiped here.

Young People

An excellent feature of church activity has been our young people's club, called the North Fitzroy Get-Together Club. It

commenced in 1949 with Miss Baker, Brother Winston Fletcher and Brother Laurie Birkett as the prime movers. It has continued to provide fellowship throughout the years, and is still very active today. Welcoming young people from all of the Adventist churches of Melbourne, it has contributed much to the comradeship of so many Victorian young people.

Although, of course, many members have moved away from the inner city areas and therefore transferred to other churches, the North Fitzroy church is still well attended and blessed with many visitors.

Anniversary

On September 18, 1976, the church will certainly be filled to overflowing when the ninetieth anniversary is to be celebrated. A cordial invitation is extended to all past and present members and friends who have attended the church, school, Get-Together Club, or would just like to join with us as we gather to rejoice in the fact that we are ninety years nearer home.

SERVICE IN THE S.A.H.

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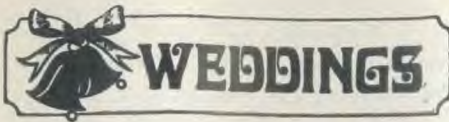
average was almost 90 per cent, while the average length of stay of only 6.8 days is the lowest on record. In the past few years, length of patients' stay has almost halved, which means that twice as many patients are now needed to maintain the same occupancy as formerly. In Maternity, the record figure of 112 deliveries for the month was soon eclipsed by the figure for May, 116, including three sets of twins who were in the Nursery at the same time. These figures are not for us to boast, but that the Lord may be praised, and to pay tribute to all the loyal staff whose untiring service made the record-breaking month possible.

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A charter Adventist family, the Ballingals, in North Fitzroy. Standing, left to right: Clara, Alex and Eva. Seated: Laura, Alex, Harriet and Win. In front: Florrie.
Photo: courtesy L. White



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.

HAULIVUORI—BALAMANI. Tuomo Haulivuori, originally from Finland, and Margaret Balamani, of the Indian community of Fiji, developed a friendship through correspondence. The outcome of this was a marriage ceremony at the Registrar-General's office in Suva, Fiji, on December 10, 1975. Subsequent to this was added the blessing of the church with a simple religious service held in the home of Brother and Sister Taisto Mahonen at Hornsby Heights, New South Wales, on March 7, 1976. Tuomo and Margaret have established a Christian home at Gosford, New South Wales, and attend the Ourimbah church. E. A. Boehm.

KINGHORN—WALKER. Sunday, July 20, 1976, saw many happy relatives and friends gathered at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Orange, New South Wales, to witness the lifelong union of Stephen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kinghorn of Bathurst, and Julie, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker of Orange. The wedding breakfast was shared at the home of Julie's sister, Lynette. May God keep this young couple strong and true until Jesus comes to take them to their everlasting home. R. Straker.

PEDRYCZ—ROBERTS. At exactly 2.30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, July 11, 1976, Anne Roberts arrived at the Dubbo Seventh-day Adventist church, New South Wales, where she and Robert Pedrycz exchanged their wedding vows before God and the large gathering of friends and family. Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts of the Narromine church, whilst Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedrycz of Dubbo. We wish them much of God's blessing as they set up their home in Sydney, where Robert will continue his work as a technician in the P.M.G. Department, and Anne will continue her studies in nursing. L. F. Schick.

RICHARDSON—HAORA. On July 11, 1976, at the Rotorua Seventh-day Adventist church, New Zealand, Paul Spencer Richardson and Jane Susan Haora were united in holy matrimony. It is our earnest prayer that the blessings of the Lord will continue as they set up their Christian home in Rotorua. E. J. Brownie.



BOILEAU. Another of God's mothers-in-Israel has gone to rest. Mrs. Mary Magdalene Boileau fell asleep on July 15, 1976, in the Royal Perth Hospital, Western Australia. She was born in Tasmania eighty-two years ago. Later, while living at Kalgoolie, she listened to Pastor Gordon Robinson and accepted the Advent message, and was baptized by Pastor E. E. Roenfelt. Recently she has lived in Sherwin Lodge at Rossmoynne, Western Australia. We extend our sympathy to the four daughters and one son: Jean (Mrs. Hanley), Ruth (Mrs. Brown), Marie (Mrs. Firman), Judy (Mrs. Schibler) and the only son, Phillip, who came from Sydney to attend his mother's funeral. The service was held in the Crematorium at the Karrakatta Cemetery, Western Australia. Our sister now rests, awaiting our Lord's return. D. A. Speck.

HEARSE. It was the depression of the "thirties" that brought the Hearse family to Gladysdale in the Warburton district where Mr. Hearse found employment, and Sister Hearse found this message of truth. Ever a follower of Christ, she accepted the greater light as presented by Brother Oliver Goldsmith of Warburton, and was baptized into that church where she continued to worship till her death on June 6, 1976. Pastors J. P. Holmes and H. Stanton

assisted the writer in bringing comfort to the sorrowing husband and family, Dick, Moira (Sister Irvine, currently serving in India), Harry (from Adelaide) and Meryl (Sister Smith of Ferntree Gully). After a service in the Warburton church, Sister Hearse was laid to rest in the Springvale Lawn Cemetery, Victoria, on June 10, "safe in the arms of Jesus," till Jesus comes again. H. W. Kingston.

HILLSDEN. The Feilding church, New Zealand, was made very sad on July 3, 1976, to learn of the passing of our brother and friend, Robert Norman Hillsden. While we unite with his wife and son Ivan and daughters Mrs. Proud, Mrs. Beansley, and Kay in Iran, in their sorrow at this time, we rejoice in heart that our dear brother believed in and loved Jesus. Brother Hillsden was born on November 15, 1907, in Maryborough, Queensland. In 1939 he and his wife were baptized as a result of the radio ministry of Pastor L. C. Naden. He was well thought of in the Marton community where he lived for many years. The funeral service was held in the Feilding church and at the graveside of the Marton Cemetery. We look for the resurrection morning. L. W. Ritchie.

LUNDSTROM. Christopher John Lundstrom was born in December, 1944. He was baptized in 1959 and married Evelyn McCrostie in 1969. His accidental death at home on May 11, 1976, followed a prolonged illness. His main interests were his family, and his love for his fellow men endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He was laid to rest at the Avondale Cemetery, New South Wales, on May 14. His wife, Evelyn, his parents, his sister Judith (Roberts), his brother David and relatives and friends were commended to the God of all comfort as we await the glad reunion day. T. J. Rosevear.

MARCHANT. Mrs. Ella Mary Marchant of Turramurra, New South Wales, was called to sleep in Jesus on June 15, 1976, aged eighty-three years. Her late husband Norman predeceased her in 1968. Sister Marchant gave a lifetime of service to her Lord, and was a valued member of our Wahroonga church since 1943. The warm condolences of many friends are extended to sons Donald and Douglas and other relatives. A brief gleam of sunshine on a showery day seemed very fitting as we laid this devoted mother to rest in the Northern Suburbs Garden Cemetery to await our Lord's return when He will gather His saints to the mansions prepared. Ralph Tudor.

MILLER. A wave of shock and sadness spread across the Australasian Division on July 8, 1976, when it was learned that Pastor Graham R. Miller, Division Youth director, had passed suddenly to his rest at Manjimup in Western Australia. At forty-nine years of age, the late Pastor Miller had served his church for twenty-nine years, and the denomination has suffered a great loss. He dedicated his life to the spiritual welfare of his fellow men, so many of whom serve God today because of Brother Miller's godly influence. The youth of the church will greatly miss their much-loved leader who spent the past seventeen years working with them and exhorting them to greater heights in harmony with God's plan. To surviving relatives, his wife Zita (nee Murch), his father Mr. L. R. Miller, his sister Jean (Mrs. Frank Youlden), Zita's brother Jack in New Zealand, and to other loved ones, we extend the bond of Christian love and sympathy. Funeral services were conducted at the Glenbury church and the Cheltenham Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday, July 14. Those taking part in the services were Pastors K. S. Parmenter, L. L. Butler, S. M. Uttley, C. D. Judd, B. L. Crabtree, H. C. Barritt, R. E. Possingham, and the writer. Pathfinders in uniform formed an impressive guard-of-honour at the church in final tribute to a fallen leader. We all look forward to the day when Jesus will come to claim His own, and we verily believe that Pastor Miller will be among that great throng that will inhabit eternity. See Life Sketch on page one. R. R. Frame.

MOAR. Catherine Ellen Moar slipped quietly to rest on June 22, 1976, at Dunolly Hospital, Victoria, aged eighty-eight years. Born at Moliagui, our sister spent all her life in this area. Although not a baptized member, our sister was one with the church and loved her Lord dearly. Many friends came to testify to the love they had for this saint of God. Sister Moar was laid to rest at Moliagui, Victoria, alongside her husband. It was the writer's privilege to point the sorrowing ones to Christ and His promise, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." C. F. Wrankmore.

PRIESTLEY. Hazel Zera Frances Priestley passed to her rest on June 1, 1976, aged seventy-one years. Since her baptism in 1944, she and her late husband were faithful members, and

Sister Priestley was an untiring church worker, holding office at Coff's Harbour, Lakemba and Cabramatta churches for many years. Her bright and happy spirit endeared her to a wide circle of friends who look forward with her loved ones to meeting her again soon. On June 4 a large gathering of relatives and friends gathered at Burwood and later at the Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney, New South Wales, to pay tribute to a loving and lovable Christian. Pastor K. Martin associated with the writer in ministering to those present. T. J. Rosevear.

RAMAGE. Dorothy Emma Ramage passed peacefully to her rest on June 28, 1976, at Castle-maine, Victoria. Had she lived two more days she would have reached the ninety-first anniversary of her birthday. A mother of ten sons, she lived a totally unselfish life. To her seven living sons who tenderly bore their mother to her last resting place in Wallan Cemetery, Victoria, we commend the love of God and the assurance of Jesus the Life-giver. K. E. Satchell.

ROGERS. In the last week of life in his seventy-sixth year, Eric Dadwell Rogers made the most important transaction of his business career. In devout humility he acknowledged spiritual bankruptcy, and thankfully accepted the atonement of Christ as described in Rom. 5: 10, 11. The heart of the Adventist family of God pulsates warmly just now with the Rogers family, of whom Eric's brother Leo, and nephew Lance of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, are well known. A service was held at the Waikunete Crematorium Chapel No. 2, New Zealand, on July 20, 1976. R. Pavitt Brown.

SAWYERS. On Monday July 5, 1976, an esteemed man of the community was stricken by a heart attack from which he was not to recover. Les Sawyers, the beloved husband of Sister Vera Sawyers of Tuncurry, New South Wales, was gently laid to rest in the Tuncurry Lawn Cemetery on July 8. The atmosphere of the service bore witness to the relatives of the blessed hope, cherished by those who mourn. A recording of the service was sent with colour record of lovely floral tributes to Joan, the only daughter, of Chicago, U.S.A. Pastor S. G. Winter and Brother R. Laughlan assisted the writer in presenting the hope of that brighter future to which we look when partings will be no more. S. A. Stocken.

STICPEWICH. Ethel May Sticpewich, aged ninety-three years, quietly passed away on July 22, 1976, at the Teralba Nursing Home, New South Wales. A woman of great faith and love for her God, she surely led a full life beyond the allotted span. At the funeral chapel, Wallsend, a short service was conducted with friends and relatives before she was committed to the care of her Maker at the Sandgate Cemetery. Members of the Toronto church, New South Wales, will remember the care she received from Brother and Sister Graham Chester of Avondale College, through whom she was introduced to the fellowship of the Advent family. Pastor J. Beyers assisted at the graveside. S. A. Stocken.

WILLIAMS. John Henry David Williams was, like Barnabas, one of God's good men whose love for Christ was fully and consistently revealed in his gracious compassion and love for people as he served as elder in the Kalgoolie, Collic and Busselton churches in Western Australia. He was born in Kalgoolie on September 1, 1908, passed to his rest in Christ on July 17, 1976, in the Fremantle Hospital, and was buried in the Fremantle Lawn Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, his mother, his daughters Mavis (Mrs. Angus) and Barbara (Mrs. Shepperton), two sisters and four brothers. The same comfort with which our brother comforted others comforted us as we sought God for strength in our sorrow, and anticipated together the joy of a sure and certain resurrection. A. G. Fletcher.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD



WILSON. Sister Ann Wilson of Queenstown, Tasmania, passed to her final rest in Adelaide, South Australia, on July 18, 1976, and was buried at the Mersey Cemetery, Devonport, Tasmania, on Thursday, July 22, where the gently sloping green lawns look out toward the rising sun. She first heard the Advent message preached by Pastor George Burnside at Burnie forty years ago. Our sympathies are with her three daughters, Phyllis (Mrs. Perrin of Adelaide), Helen and Irene, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She sleeps in the glad hope of awakening to the trumpet sound of her returning Lord. C. S. Adams.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Helen Giblett and Mrs. Carolyn Readford wish to express grateful thanks to all neighbours and friends for their expressions of sympathy and understanding conveyed in letters, cards, flowers and helpful service in so many loving ways with the passing of their father and grandfather August Herman Harch. We shall always remember your loving thoughts and sympathy.

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FLASHPOINT

- ★ **WHOOOPS OF DELIGHT** are coming up from Tasmania, and you may hear them by putting your ear to the ground or merely reading on. The Adventist Book Centre in Tasmania has just worked out its balance sheet. And the word it gave was a very happy one indeed. Those Tasmanians have certainly caught the reading habit, and are buying the best books. Last year it was revealed that they bought \$26,600 worth of the best in literature (or approx. \$20 per church member). THIS year the total is \$50,050 and works out to about \$36 per c.m. That's an increase, my tame statistician tells me, of 89 per cent. Down there they are whispering that much of the kudos must go to Emrys Phillips, the A.B.C. supervisor who is as busy as a bee in a bottle.
- ★ Had a letter from Pastor Don Watson the other day. He's happily ensconced as the assistant pastor of the Edmonton Central church in Alberta, Canada. He sent the church bulletin with his letter. You might like to know their sunset times for mid-July. The bulletin of July 17 carries the line: "Sunset, Tonight, 10.00; Next Week, 9.53." Anyone for a Friday night social? Pastor Watson is apparently enjoying himself, which is what you were wondering about.
- ★ **OUT THEY GO!** Missionaries, that is, not a cheap line of merchandise. In March, Mr. and Mrs. L. Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Twist and their families left for Suva, Honiara and Suva respectively. In April it was farewell to Dr. and Mrs. T. Kerr to Wabag, P.N.G., and Mr. and Mrs. P. Brewin and family to Lae, P.N.G. In May it was Mr. and Mrs. G. Crow off to Rabaul, Mr. and Mrs. H. Manners to Tonga and Mrs. F. M. Gardner (a volunteer) to Port Moresby. All are now well entrenched in their new surroundings.
- ★ Many of the older readers of this page will remember Mrs. Norman Wiles (nee Alma Butz). Perhaps you may not have heard that Mrs. Wiles suffered a heart attack and a stroke at the end of last year, leaving her virtually paralysed down the left side, her leg and arm being particularly affected. A pace-maker in the heart and anointing have wrought dramatic changes, and Mrs. Wiles now writes letters and is making amazing progress in her walking (with the aid of a stick at present), and firmly believes that the Lord has spared her for further useful service. I guess she would appreciate a letter from a few of her old friends. Try this address: Mrs. A. Wiles, P.O. Box 9037, Glendale, California, 91206, U.S.A.
- ★ Australia's oldest Adventist church, North Fitzroy, is holding its ninetieth birthday celebrations on September 18. They have kindly made me an Honorary Charter Member for the occasion, and invited me.

(I may look more than ninety, but I'm actually not old enough to be a REAL charter member.) They are anxious to have many old friends along for the day, so read the advertisement on the inside, won't you, Old North Fitzrovians?

- ★ The Woden Valley church (Canberra) has as one of its members Brother Fred Rudwick, a pharmacist. He is the son of the long-time S.A.H. pharmacist, the late Mr. F. J. Rudwick and his wife. Fred is now the deputy chief pharmacist at the Woden Valley Hospital. The occasion of this mention is that Pharmacist Fred has just added the rest of the alphabet to his name. He did have M.P., P.H.S. Now he has F.S.H.P., which stands for Fellow of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Our congratulations, of course.
- ★ While we were telling you about all the missionaries going out over the last few months we ought to have added the June list also. (On a separate sheet, you understand, and that throws an unorganized character like me, hence the oversight.) Here they are: Mr. and Mrs. H. Aeberli and child, to Goroka; Mr. and Mrs. W. Potter to Johannesburg; and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taylor and two children to Sopas Hospital. These three are returning missionaries.
- ★ Observe the photograph. It was taken at the Newbold College graduation by Pastor David Currie. Those capped and gowned are Alvin Coltheart (in the middle) with his Finnish bride Pirjo. Both graduated with a B.A. in Theology. The gentleman on the right is Kevin Beckett who has done various subjects that will assist him in his teaching profession. He is now teaching at Stanborough, in the secondary school there.



- ★ Pastor Currie also reports on his work in Nottingham. On the Sabbath before he wrote, he conducted another baptism which brought the total baptized from the mission to forty-nine. Between forty-five and fifty new people have responded to appeals at the various baptisms, and these will be in a new baptismal class now forming. David Robertson and the local pastor, Pastor Parkin, are being run off their feet with Bible studies. The Currie programme is now moving to Bournemouth, reputedly the warmest city in England. David Owen and his wife Cheryl, and Glenn Weare and his wife Dawn are on the new team with Pastor Currie; which team also includes four American student missionaries.
- ★ "Finally, brethren . . .": There's nothing harder than a diamond, except making the payments on it.

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