



A JOURNALIST IN GIPPSLAND, VICTORIA, SPEAKS WITH AN ADVENTIST MINISTER, AND DECLARES:

THAT SEANCE: IT WASN'T ELVIS!

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THE Sydney newspaper, *Sunday*, billed it as the "seance of the century."

On the front page (last Sunday) the teaser was: "Elvis speaks. Dead rock king contacts seance."

Inside was a two-page report of a seance conducted by so-called "world-renowned" psychic, Mr. John. With him at the seance were six New South Wales women chosen from 12,000 applicants for a seat.

Word of this reached me the previous Monday, via Latrobe Valley credentialled, but not yet ordained, Seventh-day Adventist minister Andrew Kingston, who had this to say: "It's a big hoax. They won't be talking to Elvis. It will be an evil spirit impersonating Elvis. So many people will be sucked in."

OK, so the seance went ahead the next day (September 13). Mr. John was reported to have contacted Elvis via Mr. John's medium in America. Elvis, of course, died on August 16, reportedly from a heart attack, exactly twenty-eight days before the seance. This twenty-eight days bit is interesting. For instance, the human embryo goes through ten distinct periods of twenty-eight days (280 days of pregnancy). And the Bible says four-and-twenty elders and four creatures surround the throne. But let's leave the heavy stuff and return to the seance. Mr. John claims he contacted Elvis's spirit. Did he? If you said "yes" you are wrong because, according to the Bible, the dead can't be contacted.

Kingston is a pretty hip sort of minister, well into this sort of thing. He said: "Anyone who purports to be your dead grandmother is an evil spirit trying to con you, and in the end to get control of you. Jesus said that when these things start happening the end is near. It is all coming to pass . . . the hippie flower cult, the permissive society now linked with drugs and the occult."

Invitation

After Kingston first contacted me, by phone, I had a leaf through my copy of the Good News Bible, the Bible accepted by every Christian sect excepting the one that watches from towers. Then I invited Kingston around. Before he could get going I astounded him (and myself), by quoting Ecclesiastes 9:5 and 9:6,

which I reckoned summed up the Elvis seance.

"Yes, the living know they are going to die, but the DEAD KNOW NOTHING. They have no further reward; they are completely forgotten." Eccl. 9:5.

"Their loves, their hates, their passions, all died with them. They will never again take part in anything that happens in this world." Eccl. 9:6.

Then I backed those up with Ps. 6:5: "In the world of the dead you are not remembered; no one can praise you there." Ps. 146:4: "When they die, they return to the dust; on that day all their plans come to an end."

If you are a Christian you would see that the dead cannot be contacted, but ministers of all Christian sects will tell you that there are evil spirits.

A word from the sponsor (Kingston): "When Jesus died, Satan knew his end had come. He wants as many as possible of us to go with him, so he is trying to deceive us."

That also sums up why I decided to stick my neck out and write this column. The seance, to me, presented great danger, particularly to our young people. Mr. John claimed that, after he contacted Elvis, Elvis said: "Now I feel free and very good."

Now, if you believe Elvis said that, and not an evil spirit, you might be tempted to join Elvis on the other side of the grave. So, before reading on, keep Eccl. 9:5 in mind: "But the dead know nothing." And Eccl. 9:6: "They will never again take part in anything that happens in this world."

Cunning Fellow

According to Mr. John, Elvis forecast the year of the Resurrection. He said Elvis said he would return to earth in a new life. "It will be about the year 2143," Elvis purportedly said through Mr. John. Amusing, that bit. Here was Elvis (?) endorsing the Christian calendar. I don't know, but you would have to admit that Satan is a pretty cunning fellow. Elvis also allegedly said: "I want people to pray for me



Andrew Kingston, minister, Moe and Traralgon churches, Victoria, with his authority on the state of the dead.

Photo: courtesy Latrobe Valley Express.

and not to do crazy things." Ah, but what of Ps. 6:5: "In the world of the dead you are not remembered; no one can praise you there."

Let's look at what Elvis said and answer it. Elvis: "My mind is like a spring with water pouring through and I feel very spiritual." (Eccl. 9:5: "But the dead know nothing.")

Elvis: "I know that when I return in my next life I will be a completely different person. A very strong person." (Eccl. 9:5: "But the dead know nothing.") You see, the Bible has the answers to those perplexing questions.

Kingston told me of a young American soldier believed killed in Vietnam. His grieving mother attended a seance and spoke with her son, or so she thought. Two weeks later her son arrived home. Whom, asked Kingston, did the soldier's mother speak with at the seance?

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M.V. *Pathfinder*, disabled and tied up at the bank of the Sepik River, awaiting technical experts and funds for repairs.

Photos: K. Boehm.

Mission Work in Papua New Guinea

KEN BOEHM, carpenter for the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, has recently travelled to many of the outlying districts of Papua New Guinea. He has had first-hand knowledge of the difficulties and problems experienced by the workers at these outposts. Two letters have come to him from workers in these regions, which he would like to share with RECORD readers.

Robert Sambale and his wife Betty are a Sopas Hospital-trained couple who care for the Welfare clinics along the Sepik River. Their work has been hampered by the breakdown of the houseboat, M.V. *Pathfinder*. Technical staff have been made available by the Sanitarium Health Food Company to repair the boat's hydraulic propulsion system, designed to withstand the muddy, debris-strewn waters of the Sepik.

Rore Rikis is church pastor for the Talasea district in West New Britain. He and his wife Dinah and baby daughter Laurel have been living in a squatter's hut in the developing town of Kimbe. Church members, Peter, a mission-employed carpenter, and Brother Boehm have been working at getting the pastor's new house under way.

Ambunti,
Wewak,
East Sepik Province.
25/8/1977

Dear Ken,

Once again it is my privilege to write you this letter. Well, indeed we are all well out here; the staff are all very happy and the students also.

Was it you who enrolled us in the health magazine again? We've just received a copy of it and we really enjoy your fellowship in this health magazine.

I have received the frame of the stove burner already from Pilot Gibbs, and it does fit very well. So thanks very much!

Don, Betty and myself are still very well. We have been travelling too much during the last couple of weeks, up to May River and also to Ama, doing all clinics there. You might be wondering how Ambunti is going on. I think it's growing or progressing very much slower now because the Post and Telegraph have started to built up a huge telephone receiver here up on the big mountain of Ambunti. It will be very exciting, anyway, to talk after it is complete.

Harry Weldon has lost in his election seat so it looks as though he is not very happy now, and Paul Piari also lost his seat. The old Sepik River is still not empty yet because of continuous rain out here. Betty went down to Wewak to attend a course for a week at Boromm Hospital. She left here on Friday last week, and is due to be back again by this Friday, so at the moment Don and I are the only ones here.

All the youth of Sepik River will be having their camp on the twenty-sixth of this month down the river. The guests to attend this youth camp would be Pastor Lansdown from the Union, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Kingdon and Mr. Peter Pokarap. So it looks as though they are going to have some wonderful times out there.

Pastor Kingdon and I made a very big patrol up the May River to visit some missionaries, also to visit one new area calling for our mission to enter. This new area is near Telefomin. They are still naked, although they have a mission church there called Baptised Mission. But they want us again. They decided to leave their former church and still want a true church, that is, the Seventh-day Adventist. When we went there they were all happy to greet us and were very kind to us. They really asked if they could have a missionary right now, but the pastor told them to wait until November. So once again your prayers are needed here so the Lord can prepare this people to receive a true church and wait for His second coming. In May River our work seems to awaken again. Four more villages are calling for us to enter. Then another problem comes up: that is, not enough missionaries.



A view of the Sepik River patrol area from the mission station. In the foreground are, from left: a lady teacher, the Sambale and Kingdon families.



The walls of the pastor's new house at Kimbe go up shortly before Ken Boehm's departure.

In the matter of fixing the *Pathfinder*, I heard they are going to call either Mr. Lundstrom, or it could be that fellow who introduced this hydrosystem, to come up here to fix the boat around October this year.

We are now preparing for a District meeting which would be held on September 16. We are expecting Pastor Harris from the Division to come, also Pastor Lansdown from our Union, and Pastor Dyson also may come up; so we have a big crowd coming up here to visit this place.

I think I shall close here, and much of God's blessing upon yourself and with your work serving in the Lord's vineyard there. Very best greetings and regards from Robert and family.

Ever your friend in Jesus,
Robert Sambale.

S.D.A. Mission,
Box 413,
Kimbe,
W.N.B.P.
18/6/77

Dear Mr. Boehm,

Regards and greetings to you from Kimbe. We are well and enjoying our work, under the leadership of God. We would like to thank you for your contribution in paying for the paint-brushes, plywood, etc. We also would like to say a big thank you for your time which you gave so voluntarily in the building work, here at Kimbe. We are sorry that the house does not have enough money. But we still praise God for His wonderful blessings on the project. So Ken, on behalf of Kimbe District, and the church members who very much appreciate your help, I now say, Thank you! And we wish you joy and God's blessing in your work.

On June 11, this year, the roof was nailed permanently. Peter placed the wiring, and afterward I asked the licensed electrician to check through. After he checked he said, "All was OK," so that's how we got around it. Two side walls and one end wall are now completed, leaving one end wall to be finished, and that's it for the walls. Tomorrow a few boys will start sanding the rafters, and probably start varnishing too.

Pastor Granger is coming across to us from Bali in the new week. I'm looking forward to what he says concerning the linings and the toilet. I'm not so much worried about the toilet, but he might have some news.

There is a new "building inspector" man now at Kimbe. I asked him about the church and building board details on the plan. And he said the plan has been approved, but subject to your Engineering Certificate or recognition to appear before them. Ken, I don't know what's worrying them, but that's what they are saying. And I am told, I can't start the church building, unless all is fixed. I do trust that you will assist on that one, so that we will soon measure out, and start digging for the church.

People of Kimbe town, and villages nearby had all day voting for the National Election, today. We Sabbath keepers had a lovely Sabbath today. This last week I had been visiting and praying with backsliders, and I even invited them to come to church on Sabbath. And today we were pleased that so

many came to attend church. Some came with the whole family. Some felt shy to come so they sent all their children along instead. Yes, we had a lovely Sabbath together of singing and praise to the Lord.

We are having four Sonoma boys, who will be here by next week, to help us in the

soul-winning work. We are getting things prepared and arranged, so work is busy. But we are looking forward to seeing the results and hoping that God will bless. Please remember us in your prayers. God bless and good-night.

Your friends in Christ,
Rore, Dinah and Laurel.

IN NORTH QUEENSLAND IT SEEMS THERE ARE . . .

MANY INTERESTED IN BETTER LIVING

From AYR ADVOCATE 18/7/77



Crusaders for better living, from left: Pastor R. Possingham, Health director, North Queensland Conference; Miss Bertha Shollenburg, Australasian Division nutritionist; and Pastor Peter Raymer, convenor of the Health Seminar.

Photo: courtesy Ayr Advocate.

THE "BETTER LIVING" Health Seminar conducted last Sunday in the Tropical City Motel Restaurant was an outstanding success, according to its organiser, Mr. Peter Raymer.

The measure of the success of any programme is the response of those who attend, and the response of the folk on Sunday was one of very great appreciation, Mr. Raymer continued. And what a wonderful group of folk attended the Seminar! They were from every walk of life—farmers, business people, housewives, working men and women—but all with one thing in common—a desire to live more happily and healthfully. And they certainly learned how to do that.

The guest doctors presented very vital information on heart disease and cancer, and all those present are now much better informed on how to avoid these modern scourges.

The visiting nutritionist, Miss Bertha Shollenburg, captivated the audience with her easy manner and her expert advice. The principles she outlined were translated into reality as the guests were treated to a sumptuous vegetarian luncheon. "I had no idea that vegetarian food could taste so lovely," was a common remark. "Just think what we have been missing out on," was another comment. But, "Where can I get these recipes?" was the most common remark of all.

A lecture on stress concluded the day's seminar, and the guests went away with a new determination to live more healthfully in the future.

"May I congratulate the many Burdekin residents who came," Mr. Raymer said, "on their interest in this very vital area of life—good health. As a result of the interest stimulated by the seminar, a nutrition and cooking school is planned for the very near future," Mr. Raymer concluded. We will advise folk when these classes will be conducted.

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In Touch

—with the President

“You Adventists Really Have Something”

WE HAD JUST arrived in our new parish. It was my first appointment, and I was eager to put into practice my four years of ministerial training. But I was not really prepared for one of the first invitations that came my way. The manager of the largest business in town phoned my home, inviting me to deliver a Christmas message to the local Rotary Club. I was startled at the suggestion. My knees knocked together as I thought about it. While I was standing there dumb with fear, the manager went on to explain that I was being offered the privilege of talking to the most prominent citizens of the town. Most of the leading businessmen, doctors, dentists, bankers, and solicitors were members of the Club, he explained. I recognised that God had opened a door of opportunity for me to witness for Him. I accepted the invitation and moved forward in faith to prepare a message for the occasion.

I decided that I would first paint a word-picture of man's present desperate state and then draw back the curtain and reveal God's plan for the future of our world.

When I met with the Club a few weeks later, the men were all very friendly and courteous. This greatly relieved my tension. It was not hard for me to find my place at the banquet table, for I was the only vegetarian in the group. The meal over, I was introduced as a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist who had just settled in their midst.

I commenced my address by digging, as it were, a bottomless pit, and invited the men to look down its shaft. I talked of the emptiness of worldly wealth; the unrelenting sickness and suffering that has plagued humanity; the tide of lawlessness that is sweeping across the land, and the unresolved national problems. I pointed out that unless some solution could be found for the unnumbered problems that confront our world, it would descend lower and lower into this bottomless pit.

At this stage, I am sure everyone present felt that I was a prophet of doom. But then I tried to cover this pit with the glorious promises of Christ's coming again. This, I declared, is the “blessed hope” and really the only hope for our world. I explained that the theme of the Bible is about a man. That man is Jesus Christ. I assured these men that all the history, the teaching, the doctrines of the Bible surround two great events in His life—His first and second coming. Both history and Scripture testify to the fact that Jesus was born in a manger, ministered to men, and claimed that His death on the cross was for the salvation of the human race.

I then tried to turn their attention to His promise to return to this earth the second time, and read Paul's statement in Heb. 9:28: “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” To this I added Christ's own promise recorded in John 14:1-3: “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” Then I turned their attention to the declaration of the angels found in Acts 1:11: “This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.”

We Adventists believe that the same Christ who calmed the troubled seas, fed the hungry, healed the sick, raised the dead, and blessed little children, is coming back to this world to set things right, I assured these Rotarians. Men's hearts may fail them for fear as they look upon the world in its present state and think of the future, but there is One who has the answer to all the problems of earth. Behind the shadows God is working out His plan, and when the fullness of time is come again, He will send forth His Son to put an end to war, crime, sickness and death. This, I declared, is our only way out. This is our only hope.

At the conclusion of the meeting several prominent businessmen warmly shook my hand and said: “You Adventists really have something!” It is true. I believe it. We do have something. In fact, we have the greatest news the world could ever hear. Jesus is coming again! He has promised to come and clean up this old sin-sick world, and when He comes there will be a new earth, a new heaven, a new Jerusalem. In fact, everything will be new. I am longing for the day when “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Rev. 21:4.

As I think about what the coming of Jesus means to His people, I feel constrained to pray with John the beloved disciple of Jesus, the last prayer recorded in the Bible, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” Rev. 22:20.



K. S. Parmenter, President,
Australasian Division.

110 YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVED THEIR . . .

PASSPORT TO HEALTH

ERIC WHITE, Youth and Health Director, South New Zealand Conference



A thoughtful appraisal and a moment of truth as Pastor Bain comments on results.

Photo: E. White.

THE YOUTH of South New Zealand have always been quick to recognise a good thing, and in June the Queen's Birthday week-end Bible Camp at Methven was no exception. One hundred and ten young people (not forgetting that forty-five are away training at Avondale, Longburn or the Sydney Adventist Hospital) came from all around the Conference to enjoy a Health and Fitness Emphasis programme called "Passport to Health" that had been designed especially for them. The special guest for the camp was Pastor Don Bain, Division Health director.

The impact has remained long after the camp as young people apply what they learned in preparation for the next check on their personal health and fitness. They have learned that health is not only "eating this," or "not doing that," but a total way of life, a life-style that has the very best for us, as God wishes us to be physically well, mentally alert, socially concerned, and above all spiritually committed to Him.

We found that we are not healthy or well until we have this beautiful balance in our lives, and for Christians a wonderful power puts it all together for us, and He is Jesus Christ. He is our Passport to health, happiness and heaven. ##

A SUCCESSFUL V.B.S. AND . . .

A FIRST FOR HAWERA

E. JACOBSON, Hawera Church, North New Zealand

A FEW YEARS AGO, Hawera (Taranaki, New Zealand) church had one of its "firsts," when the JMV leaders took

our children on a trip around the South Island of New Zealand, and, in the August holidays this year, it had another "first" when we ran a Vacation Bible School for the forty-eight children who attended from around the district.

And it was hard to tell who enjoyed it most, the teachers (and we certainly did), or the children. The comments of one little girl on her very first morning were, "I like this school. It is very friendly, even better than Sunday school. When are we having another one?"

Brother M. Bull, our local pastor, was the director, ably assisted by Sister Jenny Carter, and a good number of Hawera and Stratford members combined to make the V.B.S. a success.

Much planning, praying and work culminated in a very busy and happy week, filled with singing, stories, lessons and hobbies.

We were privileged to have visits from the Police, St. John Ambulance, a fire engine and a Mount Egmont ranger's wife.

The children were thrilled with short nature spots that featured a rosella, a baby goat, a baby possum, and a salamander from Mexico.

Quite a few of the children came to the "Happy Hour" on the Sabbath morning, and, of course, they brought their parents to the concert on the Saturday night.

The best part of the programme (according to the writer, who was one of the oldest ones helping) was the wonderful feeling of fellowship with the dear Lord (and we give Him all the credit) and with the other teachers and the children. The feeling came to all of us that the effort had been really worth while. ##



Some of the children proudly display their craft work to their mother.

Photo: Craig Bates, courtesy Hawera Star

THE HERITAGE OF HEALTH—

A new series contributed by Adventist health professionals around the Division.

THE ADEQUACY OF A VEGETARIAN DIET

DR. BRUCE ARMSTRONG

THE DIET which we eat is made up of the following components:

1. Proteins
2. Fats
3. Carbohydrates
4. Vitamins
5. Minerals

Proteins are the basic "building-blocks" of our bodies and, because of continuous wear, tear and repair, protein is required in the daily diet. Proteins are made up of twenty separate chemical units called "amino-acids." Ten of these amino-acids can be made in the body from other amino-acids, carbohydrates and fats; the other ten must be present in adequate amounts in the diet, and are referred to as "essential" amino-acids.

Fat is the form in which energy is stored in the body. It is a common observation that some people seem to store all their energy while others use it! Fat is also a component of cell membranes. There are three main types of fat:

1. Saturated fats
2. Unsaturated fats
3. Cholesterol

Saturated fats and cholesterol are not essential in the diet, and can be made from either carbohydrates or protein. Some unsaturated fats (the "polyunsaturated" fats) are essential in the diet.

Carbohydrates are the foods which supply most of our energy. There are two main types—sugars and starches. If we eat too much carbohydrate, the body turns it into fat. It is much better for us to eat carbohydrates in their natural state (such as the sugars in fruit, carrots, beetroot, etc., or the starches in whole cereals, whole-meal flour, potatoes, etc.) than after they have been refined (to brown or white sugar, white flour, etc.).

Vitamin Catalysts

There are many different vitamins, most of which are essential in the diet. They act as "catalysts" to chemical reactions in the body. That is, without them the chemical reactions do not proceed normally, and illness may result.

Minerals are also essential in the diet. Some of them, such as magnesium and manganese, act as catalysts; others, such as iron, calcium and phosphorus, form part of the structure of the body.

An ideal diet would be made up as follows:

1. **PROTEIN**—About forty to fifty grams (1½ ounces) of protein per day with the correct proportions of the essential amino-acids.
2. **FAT**—Fat should provide no more than 30 per cent of the energy in the diet. For most of us this would be about seventy grams per day. It would be best if this fat contained no cholesterol, and at least as much unsaturated as saturated fat.



3. **CARBOHYDRATE**—Given that we eat about forty to fifty grams of protein and seventy grams of fat, the balance of our daily energy intake should be about 350 grams of carbohydrate. Of course, we usually eat much more than 500 grams of food per day, because about 70 per cent of everything that we eat is water.

4. **VITAMINS AND MINERALS**—Sufficient to supply the daily needs.

Dr. Armstrong is a lecturer in the medical school of the University of Western Australia.

After his initial training in W.A., his home state, he spent five years doing post-graduate study in England and the United States. Some of this time was spent on the staff of Loma Linda University, a Seventh-day Adventist institution.

Dr. Armstrong presents the first article in a new series. His article was originally written for health week in Seventh-day Adventist schools. It was much appreciated.

A vegetarian diet is rich in carbohydrates and unsaturated fats, and contains little or no cholesterol. It is therefore ideal with respect to the intake of fat and carbohydrate. Some vegetable foods, such as cereals, legumes (peas, beans, lentils, etc.), nuts and some root vegetables (potatoes) are rich in protein, while most others contain very little. It is important, therefore, for vegetarians to eat some of the protein-rich vegetable foods at each meal. Further, because only a few vegetable proteins contain a good balance of essential amino-acids when eaten alone, it is important to mix in the meal several different types of vegetable protein.

Milk and eggs are good sources of protein for vegetarians who eat them.

Exceptions

Vegetarian foods are rich in all vitamins except vitamin B₁₂ and D. Vitamin D, however, is manufactured in the skin, provided that it is exposed to sufficient sunlight. There are sufficient amounts available from this for most normal requirements. Vitamin B₁₂ is not normally present in plant foods, but it is present

in dairy products and eggs, from which most vegetarians receive sufficient amounts. Vegetarians who do not eat eggs or dairy foods should make sure that they eat some food (such as soy milk) to which vitamin B₁₂ has been added.

Most minerals are also abundant in vegetarian diets. Iron may not be absorbed quite as well from vegetarian as from meat diets, but there is no evidence to suggest that iron deficiency is any more common in vegetarians than in non-vegetarians. Calcium may also be absorbed poorly from some vegetarian diets. Again, however, there is no

evidence that vegetarians eating a diet which is adequate in other respects are more commonly calcium deficient than are other people. There is, in any case, plenty of readily absorbable calcium in milk.

In summary, it is not difficult for vegetarians to obtain an adequate diet, particularly if they eat dairy produce and/or eggs. Moreover, there are definite advantages in a vegetarian diet, as it provides, without further modification, a low-cholesterol, high-polyunsaturated fat diet, which is generally believed to reduce the risk of developing diseases of the heart and blood-vessels.

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Delegates from the three Union Missions and from the Australasian Division office meet in front of the Western Pacific Union Mission headquarters in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Photo: E. Gorapava.

INTER-UNION ADVISORY COUNCILS

ELISHA GORAPAVA, Communication Director, W.P.U.M.

SOME twenty-four representatives from the three Union Missions met at Honiara, from July 10 to 14 to attend the Inter-Union Advisory Councils on Health and Education. The Councils were held at the Western Pacific Union Mission headquarters.

Delegates from each Union Mission included the presidents, the secretary-treasurers, Education directors, Health directors and other personnel from Union institutions. Members of these councils also included Pastor Butler, Pastor Bain and Dr. Clifford—all from the Division office.

At the Educational Advisory Council, the main item which occupied most of the time was the setting up of a tertiary training institution which would serve the three Union Missions. After much discussion it was recommended to the Australasian Division that such an institution be set up. Other recommendations were also made, and these will be followed up. The council was chaired by Dr. Clifford, Division Education director.

At the Health Council, chaired by Pastor Bain, the need for greater Public Health Outreach and Health Evangelism programmes was discussed.

While at Honiara many of the delegates visited Atoifi Hospital at Malaita, using the two mission planes from the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

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THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY

"The churches in different localities should feel that a solemn responsibility rests upon them to train youth and educate talent to engage in missionary work. When they see those in the church who give promise of making useful workers, but who are not able to support themselves in the school, they should assume the responsibility of sending them to one of our training schools. There is excellent ability in the churches that needs to be brought into service. There are persons who would do good service in the Lord's vineyard, but many are too poor to obtain without assistance the education that they require. The churches should feel it a privilege to take part in defraying the expenses of such."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 213.

PATHFINDER FAIR IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

JOSEFA NAVIRI

THE CITY of Lautoka, Fiji, was the venue of our Western District Fair. Our District leaders, Pastor Savenaca Turaga, Brother Nemani Toga and Sister R. S. Raquona made all the preparations needed, and also received permission to use the central playing field adjacent to our city church.

The Pathfinders were indeed thrilled to meet our Mission director, Pastor Ilimo Tulevu, accompanied by Brother Inia Tui, a Suva Pathfinder director. It was the first fair ever for our district, and our juniors, accompanied by a high motivation of attaining efficiency and also getting the highest pennants of honour, participated very well indeed in their demonstration of their skills.

As our fair was held on a Sunday (July 19), most of our spectators were Sunday-keeping Christians, as well as a high-ranking police officer who was in plain clothes. The Christians missed their Sunday services that morning to watch the fine displays of our newly formed clubs.

Our chief judge for the fair was Pastor Peter Mundu, and those who helped were Master Guides Marica, Lusiana, Pauline and myself. The Nadi Club was honoured by receiving the highest points in the general display of ability, and the Lautoka Club received the highest points in the tent display. We wish to thank our Union director, Pastor Roger Nixon, for the message he delivered at the Youth Fellowship at Friday Vespers before he left for Honiara.

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Prayer at Noonday

My Lord, I cannot feel Thee as near
In the noonday heat as in the morning clear.
Tired thoughts clutter my mind,
And I forget to be patient and kind.
Loving Father, draw Thou near.
Drive from my heart all thoughts of fear;
Help me, in distress, to be content—
To remember trials are Heaven-sent,
Not to destroy but to refine.
Lord, revive this heart of mine.

—Mary O. Thornton,
Review and Herald.



The teaching staff at Aore Adventist High School, from left: Alan Rosendahl, Kisione Lua, Colin Crawford (principal), Kenny Tutua, Manasseh Joseph, and Kenny Elisha. Guy Rigg, Daniel John and Simeon Nixon were absent.

Photo: A. Rosendahl.



Some of the present enrolment of 215 students who participated in the "March of the Decades."

Photo: Tin Tin Agency.

Aore Jubilee—To God Be the Glory

C. T. PARKINSON, President, New Hebrides Mission, W.P.U.M.

EVERYONE WAS QUIET. All were waiting expectantly. When it came, it was the long, rolling, booming noise of the drums shattering the brooding stillness. The French and British flags unfurled at the mast and flapped in the breeze. This was the awaited signal for the "March of the Decades." Out from the parade ground swung the students of today and yesterday, their bodies erect and their heads held high. Proudly they filed past the official stand. The air was charged with emotion.

Aore Jubilee celebrations had begun.

"EYES RIGHT!" and twenty-three men and women led by Pastor Masengalo snapped their

heads to the right and held their arms to their sides and proudly marched past. Tears welled up in our eyes, and we choked up with emotion, for in this group were fifteen of the original 1927 class. Watching from the official stand were Government officials representing the French and British Resident Commissioners and the church administrators.

Two hundred and fifteen students, the present enrolment at Aore, led the March of the Decades, and they kept in step with the beat of the booming drums. Then followed groups of ex-students marking each decade of Christian education at Aore.

Mr. Romanis from the British Education department, in his lunch-time address said, "It is interesting to me to find the representatives of

other decades, and I think that it is an especially good sign to see old students coming along and meeting present students and taking part in their activities."

The Ultimate Source of Wisdom

Dr. G. Clifford, Division Education director, said, "We believe that true education involves a balance between the physical, the mental and the spiritual development. . . . It is the purpose of the church to prepare men and women for a place in this life and for a place in the life to come. . . . Over the years we [the Seventh-day Adventist Church] have developed a system of schools along the philosophy that God is the ultimate source of wisdom. We take our direction from the Scriptures in this particular text: 'The fear of the



Aore Adventist High School Gymnastic Team gave a display during the Jubilee celebrations.

Photo: Tin Tin Agency.



The singing group from Noumea won high praise for their performance. Pastor Japheth Falao stands near the microphone.

Photo: Tin Tin Agency.

Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding."

He said, "Religion is just not an additive, but religion is the substance of education."

Dr. Clifford spoke of the possibility of establishing a school of higher education for the South Pacific, where national men and women might be trained for leadership positions, and then remarked "As we begin the second fifty-year period . . . let us begin this period with confidence, I wish to express my good wishes for the success of this institution. It takes the co-operation of many to make a programme work. . . . We also recognise that God has led and guided in the establishment of this institution, and He will continue to guide and lead. In the words of Scripture we might say, 'To God be the glory.'"

During lunch, students entertained the guests and visitors with a display of gymnastics. Pyramids, somersaulting, tumbling and vaulting through a ring of fire were all done with precision.

Special Song

At their own expense a group of ex-students flew in from Noumea, New Caledonia, to sing. Their first song was written especially for the occasion and was called "Jubilee." The non-Adventist guests sat enthralled at the beautiful harmony and remarked, "Are they professional?" "Did they really attend school at Aore?" "Their English is perfect."

Later as the Government officials were leaving, the same group sang, at the officials' request, a bracket of gospel songs. Smiles spread across the faces of the French officials as the group sang the farewell song in English, then in French and lastly in Bislama.

Telegrams and letters of congratulation poured in from former missionaries, volunteers and friends who at some time had visited Aore. Eyes glistened as the crowd listened attentively to hear the names of those who had worked before as administrators, ministers, teachers, mechanics, nurses, builders and volunteers. We silently thanked God for these men and women who remembered. Each of them had contributed to the upbuilding of this institution for the training of Christian workers.

Pastor and Mrs. A. Gallagher found time to return to the New Hebrides for the celebrations. There was not a moment when they were not surrounded by New Hebrideans.

Among the many who sent greetings was Sister Alma Wiles. Her cable read, "Greetings for anniversary and God's blessings, affectionately, Wiles."

One day after the Jubilee Celebrations had ended, a tape arrived from the U.S.A. It was a message from Sister Wiles to her "dear brown children of the New Hebrides." She recalled the early days and admonished everyone to be faithful, and then in a voice charged with emotion she said, "We may not have the privilege of meeting again in this life, but I want to tell you that I am looking forward to the day when Jesus comes, and when I am going to look for you, my dear brown children in the New Hebrides. May God bless you."

We wished we could have transported Sister Wiles from the hospital in America, and also those missionaries who were instrumental in establishing the Aore Training School, to be in

our midst. They would have been thrilled to see the students, both past and present, who uplift Christ in song, in prayer and in their daily lives. To God be the glory.

Dedicated Workers

Aore Adventist High School has been the source from which have flowed all the New Hebridean workers in these islands. We thank God for those dedicated men and women who trained as workers, and those members who hold positions of responsibility in the local churches.

The present staff at Aore consists of three Europeans and six nationals, and is under the capable leadership of Colin Crawford. They, with the staff of farm workers, cooks and dairy hands, are dedicated to upholding the aims and ideals of the school.

Fifty years of Christian education have

passed. The celebrations are over. But we cannot forget them, because before our eyes we are continually seeing the results of Aore Adventist High School in souls being won and new areas being opened to the preaching of the gospel.

The question before us today is, "What lies ahead?"

The demand for higher education along with growing national aspirations should not find us resting on past laurels and glories. We cannot forget those things which are behind, but we must not stop; we must surely press ahead. We must march with the time. Aore will be upgraded to Form V.

With Dr. Clifford, we quote again the words of Scripture and praise God for what He has done, and for what He can do for us.

"To God be the glory."

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ALMA WILES SPEAKS

"TO PASTOR AND MRS. PARKINSON, to the workers who are privileged to watch the day dawn and work in what was known as one of earth's darkest corners. To all my dear brown children out in the New Hebrides—Greetings.

"No one knows how much I would like to be with you today (but I shall be with you in thought), in rejoicing over the progress which has been made and in prayers that God will especially bless you children on this occasion, the anniversary of the opening of a training school in the New Hebrides.

"I shall pray that God will shower rich blessings upon you at this time, and that He will bless those who lead out and the speakers who will bring messages to you, and that He will pour out His Spirit in a very rich and special measure.

"I have been reading lately that the time is NOW when God wants to pour out His Spirit in a way that He has never done before. He wants to finish His work. He wants to take us home to be with Him. He longs for our companionship. I pray that the experiences and the joys of this meeting may be a foretaste of the joys when we shall all meet together with our Saviour when Jesus comes.

"I, with you, wish to rededicate my life to God so that He can use us in some way to help Jesus to come soon. We want Him to come, but He is only waiting for His work to be finished.

"I would love to be there to hear the reports that come from the different parts of the field and of the progress of God's work. In letters, I've heard a little, and God is certainly blessing the work out in the New Hebrides islands. I pray that you will receive an inspiration during these meetings which you can carry back to your villages, to your people at home, so that they too will sense the burden, the joy and the privilege of helping everyone to be ready.

"My mind goes back to the early days, to the days when we knew that human flesh was carried in baskets, and eaten in the villages nearby where we lived, to the days when little girls were sold for so many pigs. I can still see one little girl, perhaps eight years old, as she sat

in a dark corner weeping her heart out as she faced a future, she knew not. Those days are past. Perhaps it is hard for you to appreciate this, because you did not see those days, so I hope that you will understand just what God has done for you. I want to tell you about when the work first started in the New Hebrides, and to look at some of the people then. No music, but just the dance songs. Now I would like to hear the joy of songs that I know you are going to sing. No one knew how to pray. Now I would like to hear the prayers that are to be offered by the different workers and the different members. No one knew of Jesus. One of the things we noticed was that the women rarely smiled, now I would love to see your smiles. When we started services there were no women

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Here is one of the smiles that Alma Wiles would have loved to see, as a student works in the Aore High School garden.

Photo: A. Rosendahl.

THE SECOND AND CONCLUDING ARTICLE IN A TWO-PART SERIES

John Christian on the New Earth

ITCHIE WAY, President, Western Highlands Mission, P.N.G.U.M.

In my dream I was interviewing John Christian on the New Earth in the first year of the Restoration.

Way: Is it true that no one will ever sleep inside the Holy City?

John: Yes, it's true! Weariness cannot exist in the New City,¹ and sleep is impossible in the immediate presence of the Sovereign of the universe.² The unfading freshness of the morning is a gift accorded to all who enter within the gates and are bathed with living light from the throne of glory.

Way: But what about outside the City? It seems to me that the sun, moon and stars still rule the heavens here.

John: Yes. Though you have, no doubt, observed that although the sun is many times brighter than in the old world, there is no harsh glare. The moon is also much more brilliant.³

Way: Can you tell me something about the homes of the redeemed?

John: Yes. The redeemed have homes outside the City in the broad valleys. In these wide-spreading plains we live the Eden life in garden and field beside unfailing crystal streams.⁴ These valleys are bordered by beautiful foothills which rise up to majestic and lofty mountains.⁵

Way: Please tell me more.

John: There are no vast oceans with restless waves here in the New Earth, though we do have many beautiful lakes. There are no fierce torrents in the rivers, and no chilling winds.⁶ Actually, to be quite honest, I cannot give you an accurate word picture of the New Earth because no finite mind could comprehend the Paradise of God.⁷ It would be impossible for any artist to picture, or mortal tongue to describe the indescribable beauty of the re-creation.⁸

Way: With all the false concepts we have learned in the old world, what shall prevent us from ignorantly destroying the New Earth as we did the old?

John: Man will not get the chance. Before he is given a free reign in the new creation he is exposed to a millennium of re-education in heaven.

Way: Please tell me something of the culture of the New Earth.

John: Well, back in the old world we had some magnificent choirs and orchestras, but they provided only a foretaste of the pure and perfect music we have here.⁹ And the very best of our music is presented to the King of kings in special New City Royal Festivals that are attended by all the high officials.

Way: I'm interested to know about education in the New Earth.

John: There is no formal education as such here. People learn without being aware of the fact that they are learning, and no one becomes weary with study.¹⁰ Here in the New World one does not have to sift the good from the bad in order to arrive at truth. Here, learning is always progressive. One never needs to unlearn as was often necessary in the old world. The wonders

of creation and redemption shall *never* be exhausted—there will always be new truths to be comprehended.¹¹

Way: What will be the scope of our future education?

John: I have already given you an indication of its scope, but I could go on to say that you have absolutely no idea of what shall be opened before you in the New World—no idea at all.¹² Truths you are unable to comprehend now, because of your finite limitations, you shall know hereafter.¹³ The whole universe shall be opened to you, and you shall range from world to world studying the treasures of creation.¹⁴

Way: Is it true that flight for the redeemed will be instantaneous—as quick as thought?

John: Definitely not! For the angels it is possible, but not for human beings—else why should it take the redeemed seven days to ascend from earth to the sea of glass?¹⁵

Way: But wouldn't extended flights through space be boring?

John: You misunderstand both the wisdom of God and the nature of the New World. Flight, even to the remotest bounds of the universe, will be tireless.¹⁶

Way: One further question on this theme: I have always believed that the redeemed would have wings. But I haven't noticed anyone here with wings.

John: First, it should never be forgotten that man is essentially a biped, and always will be. However, in the New World, he is not limited to either the ground or to Planet Earth.¹⁷ But this doesn't mean that we grow feathers. I'm sorry, but you'll have to wait till the translation to find out more.

Way: John, I'd like to ask you a personal question, or rather, two: first, what is the most impressive thing you have seen since translation? And second, what do you consider to be the nicest thing that has happened to you since arriving here in the New World?

John: There is no doubt that the most wonderful sight to my eyes was to see Jesus, and to talk with Him face to face. The most impressive thing was to see His coronation.¹⁸ It was a most moving experience, by far outweighing the glory of the coronation of any earthly monarch.

In answer to your second question, I must say that the nicest thing that has happened to me since arriving here was to hear an old neighbour say, "I am here because of you."¹⁹ Those words mean much to me, and have greatly heightened the bliss of this glorious place.

Way: Does eternity provide answers to all the mysteries and perplexities of life in the old world?

John: Most definitely! Did you know that Job *never* knew the reason for his affliction until after he was resurrected? How glad he was that he never questioned the wisdom of God! Here, all perplexities are made plain, and all

mysteries are unfolded.²⁰ If you have any perplexing questions, trust God and wait for Him to answer them in His own time. It is the best way.

Way: What advice would you give to me, personally?

John: There are many people who want to get to heaven, but who never will because they don't try hard enough.²¹ There are other people who would be pleased to be only a gate-keeper in Paradise as long as they get there. Don't dishonour your Saviour by aiming so low. Aim high. The reward given to those who win will be in proportion to the energy and earnestness with which they have striven.²²

I want to say, with all sincerity, that the opportunities you have in the old world for character building will never be repeated again. What you fail to accomplish in your present life, by way of character development, you will not be able to make up in eternity. The loss will be eternal. And the same is true for your other talents. Even if you do not lose your soul, you will realise in eternity the result of your unused talents. For all knowledge and ability that you might have gained, but did not, there will be *an eternal loss*.²³ This must *not* be your experience.

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A non-Adventist audience at Warrnambool's health lectures held in the church hall. All are customers at the health food shop run by church members.

Photo: courtesy *The Standard*, Warrnambool.

Warrnambool's Witnessing Workers

DAVID J. DABSON, Pastor, Warrnambool Church, Victoria

WARRNAMBOOL is one of the oldest Victorian seaside resorts. It enjoys a mild climate all year round. Renowned for its avenues of Norfolk Island pines and picturesque fishing port, it is the home of Australia's most unique business enterprise—Fletcher Jones & Staff: Tailors. The large factory boasts an exceptionally attractive garden, which is a favourite stop-over spot for tourists and photographers. It is beneath the shadow of this factory's emergency water supply tower—a landmark looking like a giant golf ball on a triangular legged tee—that our story is set.

For many years our Warrnambool church members have been planning for a church school. During 1976 they decided to establish a stable source of finance for school operating, so the parents formed a co-operative, contributing several hundred dollars to finance the launching of a health food shop. This project would serve a dual purpose—provide finance to operate a school, and give members opportunity to witness to customers.

They found a vacant shop near the Fletcher Jones factory which was formerly a butcher's store, complete with genuine, blood-stained walls, and after much renovation opened for business in January 1977. Staffed by volunteer church members, this little witnessing centre is steadily progressing towards its double aim. To provide fresh vegetables to sell, a farmer-member made land available for a market garden and again the little band of members went into action.

Interest in healthful living has been stimulated, and two successful five-week health and nutrition courses were held in the church hall, with an average attendance of twenty to each programme each night. Customers are encouraged to watch the weekly "It Is Written" programme, and interest is fostered in the annual 5-Day Plan held in the local hospital.

The delight of Warrnambool's hard-working church membership was beyond description when a fellow Victorian church member living interstate, on hearing of their industry, for their encouragement donated a block of land costing

\$15,000 for the school! With keen enthusiasm and anticipation of a 1978 opening they drew up plans for a modest schoolhouse, and applied for the various permits. Their infectious zeal attracted the attention of the local newspaper, which boldly headlined the council's permission to operate a school on the site designated.

The personal witnessing of members to their neighbours sees two adults attending church regularly, and eleven children from non-member homes in the twenty-five-strong children's Sabbath school each week. Thanks to the influence of our friendly members in Warrnambool using the Health Courses, 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, "It Is Written" telecasts, Community Services, etc., the Christ-centred principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are now better understood by the citizens of this ultra-conservative city. ##

"God is displeased with those who are too careless or indolent to become efficient, well-informed workers. The Christian should possess more intelligence and keener discernment than the worldling. The study of God's Word is continually expanding the mind and strengthening the intellect. There is nothing that will so refine and elevate the character, and give vigour to every faculty, as the continual exercise of the mind to grasp and comprehend weighty and important truths."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 4, page 545.



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.

A PLEA FOR LESS LETHARGY

Dear Editor,

In May 1976 I was baptised and accepted the Adventist faith, having completely dropped my previous Pentecostal beliefs which I had followed for over thirteen years.

I love my new faith, and over the past eighteen months I have allowed the church to use me in any way God wishes.

I gave my Christmas holidays to take full part in camp erection at Nunawading and attending camp. I gave my one week's holiday during the year to take full part in the Appeal for Missions and am doing so again this year. I have done a lot of work for the Welfare department and collected a lot of old clothing, furniture, kitchenware, etc., for people in need, which brings me to the point of why I am writing to you.

What concerns me is that during this same period while I have been participating in these various activities, I have seen a great number of people who literally haven't done a thing. They have attended church services, MV meetings, seminars, missions, etc., but as to taking part and giving their services to some activity such as Welfare work, they haven't done a thing. Plenty of times I have heard the excuse, "I haven't got time," but they always seem to have time to watch their TV programmes and any other activities of pleasure which they happen to enjoy. Don't they believe that Jesus humbled Himself enough and went through enough suffering to deserve any return from them? Are their hearts too vain for that?

On the other hand I have heard people saying that they are too old and disabled to take part in any activity.

Once again I ask, don't these people believe that Jesus was disabled enough for them when He had the crown of thorns thrust upon His head and when He hung upon the cross so that He might offer them the gift of everlasting life?

I feel quite sure that if these people were only to speak to their pastors or Welfare leaders they could very soon be shown some sort of Welfare work which they would be quite capable of doing, and would be rendering some service to the church as a whole.

It is here I would like to draw people's attention to James 1:22, 23. I feel that people who say that they fully believe in God and the Bible, but don't participate in any activity should take special notice of what is stated in James 2:19, 20.

I believe I have joined the true church which God wants me to join, but I see Satan making inroads into our ranks and corrupting our understanding of what a true Christian should be. May we as a people be made more fully aware of our responsibilities.

Brion Burns,
Victoria.

THE PASSING OF A WARRIOR FOR GOD

Dear Editor,

A few days ago I received a letter from Pastor Pana of the Solomon Islands who was one of the candidates baptised at the first baptism in that group on January 1, 1918. The letter is as follows:

"Pastor Jugha fell asleep on Thursday, December 30, 1976, at Manabusu, the village where his step-brother lived. All our retired ministers were present at his burial. Pastor Isaac Moveni, our district director, conducted the funeral service in the church at Manabusu, and after we put Pastor Jugha into the grave we came back to Chea Village where Pastor Jugha lived and where his widow still lives.

"Pastor Jugha was sick for about eight years with a weak heart from which he never regained his strength, but he was always ready for the resurrection day until he fell asleep in Jesus.

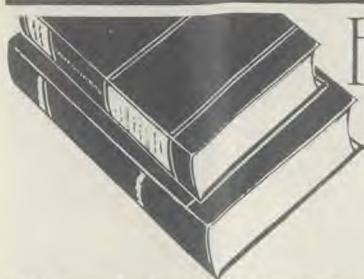
"Pastor Jugha was my sister's adopted son, not really a slave boy as some people think. Pastor Jugha, Peo, Pastor Ragoso and Kioto were baptised by Pastor G. F. Jones at Sasaghana on January 1, 1918. Pastor Jugha was a member of the crew on the *Melanesia* for a few years, then he was called to Ranoga to be my helper in 1922, then was transferred to Ghoghobe to open up the work on Choiseul. After ten months he helped me at Modo.

"In 1926 he was married to Vela Vido. He was then sent to open up the work on Guadalcanal on the weather coast, at Malamala River and at Boko. Then he went to Bugotu on Ysabel. A call then came to Marika, after which he went back to Beuini Tusu in the Marovo Lagoon, from which he retired. That was the end of his work.

Barnabas Pana."

I am sure the resting-place of Pastor Jugha is marked by the eye of God.

(Pastor) A. W. Martin,
Greater Sydney.



BOOKS ACROSS MY DESK

Conducted by Robert H. Parr

THE TREASURY OF QUOTATIONS ON RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS by F. B. Proctor; Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan; 816 pages. Australian agents, S. John Bacon, Melbourne. American advertised price, \$14.95. Australian and N.Z. prices likely to be slightly higher.

I have before me a magnificent tome. It is not new in the sense that the compiler is one of your Johnny-come-latelies who has mushroomed to fame and literary fortune in the last, say, fifty years. Oh, dear no! This tremendous compendium has been around for more than a year or two; indeed, our grandfathers' grandfathers might have bought themselves a copy of this, though under another title, for it first saw the light of day as "*Classified Gems of Thought*," published by Hodder and Stoughton, London, in 1887.

Since it has been around for ninety years, you must not expect, therefore, modern quips and late-twentieth-century snippets of wisdom. This book is not so designed. But I have told you before that Kregels are dedicated to dusting down old-and-tried volumes, long-since out of print, and furnishing them anew to a public which might otherwise have starved for such noble quotes and for such relevant statements. There are more than 3,000 subjects outlined here, and the minds and writings of no fewer than 800 thinking theologians have been tapped for their wisdom in this one volume.

I will not pretend that I have read every word of this book. But I have dipped into it, and I have been rewarded beyond the wildest dreams of my greedy hopes. This is not only a magnificent volume in appearance; it is magnificent in content. Its only weakness (if it is a weakness) is that all the writers whose works are sampled are now long since gathered to their fathers, and no longer (most of them, anyway) bear names familiar to the modern reader. But don't let that discourage you. This compilation of "treasures of truth" (as the blurb says) is a volume that the preacher and

teacher (who stands before his class of Bible students) will return to again and again.

Let me show you what I mean. I went to "Forgiveness of Sins, The" on page 259. I was still reading on the same topic on page 279. Most of this section turns out to be excerpts from the writings of John Owen, and it is good strong fare, and thoroughly Protestant in its presentation. It is thus a small encyclopaedia, one might say, of theology.

Next I went to "Resurrection of the Body," and found it on page 567. It was still on the theme of the resurrection on page 584. About sixteen different contributors are listed in this section, several of them being quoted up to half a dozen times.

To facilitate matters, the book (though the subjects are in alphabetical order) has a General Index, a Scriptural Index and a list of authorities whose works are quoted. In short, thorough documentation.

This book is a very useful tool for the man (minister or lay preacher) faced with the construction of sermons. Many a time you will find whole sermons-in-outline from the notes or writings of some long-gone preacher which, with suitable adaptation, could help tremendously in sermon construction. Many an inspiration will come to the weary lay preacher as he thumbs through this book. Illustrations raise their heads quite frequently. It is a happy mixture of all kinds of information for the one who must discourse on any topic of importance in the Scriptures.

Sure, the price is high, but these days the prices of books are rocketing along with those of butter and barley sugar. There is no such thing as a cheap book (unless you speak of its contents). A book is only too expensive if you buy it and do not get value for your money. My view is that this is most reasonably priced, considering its size and content. I do not think that there will be any buyers of this splendid volume who will berate me for having recommended it to them. Indeed, I may even make a few friends for having put them on the track of it.

R.H.P.

NOT THE LARGEST

Dear Editor,

Your Flashpoint note RECORD 15/8/77, about the large baptism at Konkua, near Kainantu, Papua New Guinea, should encourage all who have prayed, toiled, and sacrificed for our island mission programme. Seen as wave-tops of a strongly rising tide, they make us realise that "our God is marching on."

May I point out that, while "it is believed" that the recent baptism is the largest "ever held in one place in Papua New Guinea," that cannot be correct.

Just twenty-five years ago, a still larger group was baptised at the district meeting held

at the Selepa school in the Vailala area of Papua. The number of candidates baptised, as recorded by Pastor E. L. Martin in his book, "*I Saw God's Hand*," was 334. As one who took a part in that service, I am sure the day will not soon be forgotten. That figure has not yet been passed elsewhere in this Division, as far as I know.

Much more important than the figures involved, though, is the degree of consecration and spiritual stability of the candidates at each such service. For constant increase in these vital invisible factors, rather than mere numbers, we may well be concerned.

H. M. Pascoe,
South Queensland.

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AVAILABLE FROM YOUR ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

NOT SUFFICIENT!

Dear Editor,

"1 orange or 1 glass of orange juice
1 serving of scrambled egg
1 slice of wholewheat toast with butter
1 glass of milk, cocoa or other hot drink
as desired."

(From RECORD 29/8/77. Article—"Breakfast—the Neglected Meal.")

And you say it's an example of a good breakfast—I feel neglected already!

You think I could live on that! I'd have to go so low as to eat between meals, or even quadruple my lunch intake! I might even drop dead halfway through the morning!!

I must humble myself and admit that nutritionally it is good—but man, I'd starve on that amount! My brother even says he starves on FIFTEEN Weet-Bix! (I'm not that bad yet!)

And what's this cocoa business—surely you don't want my brain clogged with theobromine? (Thanks for the options—I'll willingly accept them.)

Give me your good breakfast for tea and I'll be happy—but for breakfast—never! You won't catch me wasting away in the land of plenty for want of a better breakfast.

"Hungry,"
North New Zealand.

UPDATING THE APPEAL

Dear Editor,

For over sixty years we have been ingathering, and for over sixty years we have been using similar methods. Surely it is time for us to examine more effective and more acceptable ways of doing this work. Two aspects leap to mind.

First, promotion must pay, for most other collecting agencies depend upon it.

Second, a more professional and honest impression would be created if instead of stuffing the donation into either a pocket, handbag or briefcase we had a properly labelled box.

If we are to be the head and not the tail, we owe it to ourselves and to God's cause to take the trouble to improve our attitudes and methods of this oft-unpopular yet vitally necessary job.

Robin Greenfield,
North New Zealand.

THAT SEANCE (concluded from page 1)

Kingston fears this flourishing occult craze. I had a look at what Luke said. He said that evil spirits possessing the mental and vocal faculties

of human beings can impersonate or pretend they are human beings.

Weird Things

And just to show you how weird things can happen . . . two days after I spoke with Kingston, Mr. H. L. Abrecht of Trafalgar dropped in with a letter to the editor. Abrecht is religious, but definitely not of Kingston's flock. He left me with a book titled, "The Seal of God." Why he should have done that I wouldn't know. I flipped through it and looked up the end to see what else was recommended reading. Two publications were mentioned: "Wake Up Seventh-day Adventists . . . being a glaring exposure of S.D.A. background," and "Seventh-day Teaching Exposed."

But that isn't all . . . two months before I met Kingston I was sent a copy of a booklet titled, "The Occult Explosion: What Does It Mean?" It contains the Bible references I have used here!

Sort of creepy, isn't it? It made me think of another Bible passage which said Satan appears not as a foul wretch, but as an "angel of light." I'm wondering about Kingston and Abrecht! In conclusion, a bit more from Kingston: "The spirits live around us all the time. They know our little quirks and vices and can take us off to a tee. I believe the devil is setting the stage for the final battle between good and evil."

And my message for those who may have been taken in by the Elvis seance and feel inclined to seek the "happy world beyond the grave" . . . don't do it, mate. Eccl. 9:5: "But the dead know nothing." ##

ALMA WILES SPEAKS

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in the church. Now I know that brothers and sisters will be gathered together—women as well as men in these meetings today. Yes, I remember the days as we walked through the villages, no roosters had any tails because all of the tails were pulled out to make head-dresses for the dancers. Now I know your chickens are happy, for the roosters have their tails.

"When we first landed on Atchin, I remembered walking into the house with Pastor and Mrs. Parker. Their piano was pulled across one corner of the room, and they told us how they had to sleep for protection in that corner hidden by the piano. Now you are free; your lives are not endangered. I thank God for what He has done.

"Those were the days when life was not valued as it is now, and we knew of several cases in which little babies were buried alive because they were not wanted.

"I remember too, when we first went there, how we talked it over: 'Can God's love ever, ever penetrate the hearts of these people? Can their minds ever grow enough to really understand that God is real and that He loves them?' We accepted it by faith because God said you would, and now His promises have been fulfilled. And I know that you are gathering together as a large group of brothers and sisters who love one another, and who will learn to understand and love God and to pray to Him. For these things I too rejoice with you today.

"May God grant to you a rich outpouring of His Spirit, and may He grant to us a deeper love than we have ever had and a closer fellowship than we have had before, because it is this that will reveal to the people for whom we work that Jesus really loves because they see His love shown in us. May God bless you, is my prayer.

"There will be baptisms today, and I do pray that God will accept those who give their lives to Him and help them, that their dedication may be complete.

"I am recording this tape for you from the hospital where I now live. I have been very sick, but God has been very good to me and I thank Him for His wonderful love. I can talk now, whereas I couldn't. I can see now, whereas I couldn't see at all. My legs are learning to walk and I can walk on them again, and I couldn't move them before.

"We may not have the privilege of meeting again in this life, but I want to tell you that I am looking forward to the day when Jesus comes and then I am going to look for you, my dear brown children in the New Hebrides. May God bless you." ##

"Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

GOOD FOOD

with SALLY HAMMOND

Sometimes we get a little bored with the vegetables with which we flank our savouries. How can we give some sparkle without a lot of extra labour? Following are two recipes to give a taste-turnaround to vegetables we are so used to. Just one hint though: try to serve only one vegetable in "special dress" at each meal. A savoury with perhaps three vegetables, all with a variation, is too much for the poor tastebuds (and stomach) to comprehend!

PEAS JOANN

Cook peas in the normal way. Drain. For every 2 cups of cooked peas, chop ½ cup cashews. Heat 1 teaspoon of margarine in a pan and lightly brown the cashews along with 1 clove garlic, crushed. (N.B. Watch this carefully as the nuts may easily over-brown.) Fold nuts into peas and serve at once.

CREAMED CARROTS

Cook carrots in normal way till tender. Drain. Return to heat for a moment to dry out all moisture. Mash carrots and add a little margarine and parsley. Serve immediately.



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.

ALVOS. In the Port Macquarie Hospital, New South Wales, on Sabbath afternoon, August 27, 1977, Thomas William Alvors passed peacefully to his rest, being almost eighty-six years of age. His devoted wife has been a faithful Adventist for many years, and rejoices that several years ago her loved one was baptised. In their sunset years, therefore, they rejoiced in the assurance of a happy reunion in the land where we never grow old. Sympathy and comfort were extended to Sister Alvors, their sons Ray and Ron, and other relatives at the Port Macquarie church and cemetery. In the absence of Pastor Dickson, the services were conducted by Brother H. B. Hansford and the writer. A. E. Watts.

BAIN. After a long illness, Leslie Gilbert Bain died suddenly while driving his car in Adelaide, South Australia, on August 2, 1977, at the age of sixty-two. Since he was fourteen Les has gladly and willingly served God and his fellow man. For many years he served the church in S.H.F. work at Melbourne, Warburton and Adelaide, and was a

foundation member of the Brighton church, South Australia, where he filled many offices during his long association there. His wife Mabel, son Rodney and daughter Lynette (Mrs. Yeend), were pointed to the blessed hope of the resurrection as Pastor S. H. Wood and the writer laid him to rest in the North Brighton Cemetery on August 4. A. D. Campbell.

BEUHNE. After considerable illness, Brother Hanz Beuhne laid down his life into the care of the Master and was buried at the Bunyip Cemetery, Victoria, on September 21, 1977, to await the Saviour's call. The Longwarry church was graced with many who came to honour this highly esteemed citizen of Garfield and much-loved saint of the church. Assurance in Jesus, comfort in God and deepest sympathy were expressed to Sister Beuhne and family by Pastor W. Cole, Brother Bruce Manners and the writer. Eric Winter.

CRAIG. One of God's dear saints, Sister Margaret Leighton Craig, passed to her rest in the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, on September 13, 1977, being ninety-seven years of age. The staff of the home loved her dearly. Her sweet disposition and love for her God were a blessing to many. Her great desire was that the family will be united in the kingdom. At the Avondale Cemetery Pastors W. G. Turner and L. C. Coombe spoke words of comfort and encouragement to her daughters, Evelyn (Mrs. Laird), Edna (Mrs. A. Gosling), Vera (Mrs. B. Appeldorff), Ada (Mrs. M. Porter) and other relatives and friends. A taped solo by her son, Calvin (U.S.A.), was rendered, challenging all to meet our sister in the kingdom. L. C. Coombe.

SCHULTZE. On July 13, 1977, the Greymouth church, New Zealand, was overflowing with relatives, friends and family Bible study contacts, to pay their last respects to Frederick Julian Norman Schultze who passed away two days earlier at seventy-nine years of age. At our late brother's request, the service was evangelistic in content. Pastor C. V. Christian drew the attention of the congregation to the Scriptural doctrines which bring hope to the believer. Many were obviously convicted as our dear brother hoped they would be. The writer conducted the committal service as Brother Schultze was laid to rest to await the Master's call. He leaves to mourn, yet also to rejoice in the Master's promises, his wife Emaline, five brothers and sisters, four sons and eleven grandchildren. A. S. Foote.

RETURN THANKS

The relatives of the late Lena Mary Lewin sincerely appreciate the floral tributes, cards and messages of sympathy received on the passing of a dearly loved sister and aunt.

To our many friends in the blessed hope we would like to say "Thank you" for your love, prayers, cards and letters and the beautiful flowers which we received at the time of the loss of our loved one, Clyde. Nell Badenach and family.

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☆ I HAVE A CLIPPING from Pastor Vern Parmenter, the Communication director of the Tasmanian Conference, and it runs as follows: "An Eastern Shore punter, anxious to discover the dividend paid by the TAB on his winning bet, dialled 1185, the number of the new Telecom TAB dividend service. At least he thought he dialled 1185 until he heard, 'Hello, friend, this is the Rev. ... with your daytime prayer' instead of the expected 'Dividends, Race 6, Seymour.' He had dialled 1158, the Dial-a-Prayer number, a mistake which, apparently, is not uncommon with punters in the excitement of getting home a winner. The winner's wife provided us with the tale of the wrong number, and added that she hopes her spouse will continue to confuse the final two digits and that the message will finally get through to him that prayer will pay bigger dividends than punting in the long run."

☆ I suppose we had better run a couple of footnotes to the above item, so that you will be saved the expense of a stamp. ... The first is for New Zealand and other overseas readers, as well as the unworldly local constituency. TAB stands for Totalisator Agency Board, and is the local legalised betting agency which operates a totalisator system on all (or most) race meetings in Australia. The second is that the term "Rev." as reported in the item should not unduly excite anyone; I can assure you that Pastor Parmenter wouldn't have called himself THAT, but as the punter's wife said, he was a bit excited by his win, and hence we suggest he mixed up a Reverend for a Pastor.

☆ This has got to be about the most unusual note I have put in this column since I started writing it nigh on eleven years ago. Here, from My Great Friend Mary Stellmaker, is the story. ... The North N.S.W. Executive Committee has just voted to accept the offer of Robert and Mary Bingham to lead a group of five volunteers to live in the country town of Scone for a period of up to 10½ months during 1978 to work among the people as Christ worked. "The Saviour mingled among men as One who desired their good. He showed his sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them 'Follow Me.' "—"The Ministry of Healing," page 143. This is an Adventist Service Project. Volunteers are needed. If you are dedicated and can live on \$5 per week (!) then write to Pastor David Weslake, Youth Director, N.N.S.W. Conf. of S.D.A., P.O. Box 129 Hamilton, N.S.W. 2303, and he'll give you more details. If you have the get-up-and-go and if you can supplement that \$5 a week (or can live on three meals a week), send in your letter for more details. This could be the start of something exciting.

☆ NOTICE! Sometimes my generosity gets the better of me and I throw money around like I throw garden soil about in my garden (which I NEVER do, if you want the facts;

gardening and I just never got past the nodding stage). Well, I get slightly less mean than usual, if you must have the truth. Now hear this: The Appeal for Missions (as we used to call Ingathering) is upon us. I will award a book prize to anyone who sends in an Appealing Appeal Story which is told in no more than 200 words, and which tells your personal experience ON THIS YEAR'S Ingathering stint. Address your letter to me, and endorse the envelope "Appealing Appeal Story" and sit back and await developments. Well, just in case you know of one that happened to someone else and he/she is too modest to tell it, you can tell someone else's story, but they must sign the page to say that the story as you have told it is true. Right, let's have them. Who's the first?

☆ Adventists are generally held to be generous givers by those outside of our church. A letter from the Division treasurer asks whether I might consider letting you know about the giving habits of our church members over the past three years. (Of course, a suggestion from the treasurer is practically a Royal Command, so here is a list for your consideration. ...)

☆ In each case, the first figure is the amount given for that particular offering in 1974, the second for 1975, and the third for 1976. Radio-Television: \$22,096; \$26,588; \$26,978. Disaster and Famine Relief: \$42,526; \$38,298; \$48,439. Health Offering: \$14,526; \$15,254; \$21,756. Mid-Year: \$16,165; \$185,403; \$25,840. Avondale College: \$19,861; \$20,647; \$22,394. Annual Sacrifice: \$72,834; \$78,076; \$123,674. Temperance: \$12,521; \$18,723; \$18,877.

Pastor Butler says that the only figure that you might possibly think is a misprint (which it isn't) is the 1975 Mid-Year offering, which is much larger than you might expect, but cast your mind back and you will recall that it was called "Adventure in Faith" and you responded in a wonderful way to this; it was used, in many places, to open up new work, remember?

☆ The Bourke Show, in Western N.S.W., was a big affair this year, helped by the fact that Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser attended with his wife. Pastor and Mrs. Geoff Helsby, Brother George Ray, and Mrs. Mary Stellmaker had an extremely busy time in their "Health Hut." Free blood pressure and lung capacity tests were given, a survey conducted and invitations were given out to attend a 5-Day Plan to be conducted in Bourke from Nov. 6 to 10. Over 300 people took part in the survey, at least 400 blood pressures were taken, and hundreds more watched Pastor Helsby demonstrate the smoking puppet. About 2,000 pieces of literature were given out.

☆ Brother George Ray and his wife did not stop with a mere Show appearance. They spent three weeks itinerating in four of the towns of mid-western N.S.W., giving cooking demos, conducting 5-Day Plans and whatnot. They visited Baradine, Coonamble, Col-larenabri and Boggabri.

☆ Plans are in hand for a new Western Australian Conference office on a four-and-a-half-acre site at Gosnells, a south-western suburb of Perth. The present office at 48 Havelock St. was occupied on October 26, 1953, during the presidency of Pastor W. J. Richards. It is understood that this site will eventually be sold. The W.A. Conference was organised in 1902 at a special conference held in Lord St., Perth. The first president was Pastor J. Pallant, and the first secretary Miss Susie Gurner.

☆ "Finally, brethren. . .": The best thing to do with your temper is to lose it — permanently.