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The presidents of the five unions. From left: Pastor R. Cobbin, Central Pacific Union Mission; Pastor J. Lee, Western Pacific Union Mission; Pastor H. Harker, Trans-Tasman Union Conference; Pastor D. Hills, Trans-Australian Union Conference, and Pastor C. Winch, Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

THE YEAR 1986 opened with a practically new team of administrators at union and conference level. Four of the five unions in our Division have new presidents. The Central Pacific Union is the only one of the five whose president was reappointed.

In the conferences, seven of the eleven entered the new year with new presidents. The four whose presidents continued in office were Northern Australia, South Australia, South New South Wales and Tasmania. Their sessions were not due until later; some of them during the course of this year.

Our five union presidents, pictured together, are Pastors Rex Cobbin, Central Pacific; John Lee, Western Pacific (formerly president of the Tonga Niue Mission); Harold Harker, Trans-Tasman Union (formerly president of the South Queensland Conference); Desmond Hills, Trans-Australian Union (formerly president of the North New Zealand Conference), and Colin Winch, Papua New Guinea (formerly that union's secretary).

The seven new conference presidents are Pastors Peter Colquhoun, Western Australia (formerly president of the South New Zealand Conference); Adrian Craig, Greater Sydney (formerly Ministerial secretary of the Trans-Tasman Union); David Lawson, South Queensland (formerly Ministerial secretary of the Northern European Division); Rex Moe, North New South Wales (formerly president of the Western Pacific Union); Bill Otto, South New Zealand (formerly inter-union evangelist in the Trans-Tasman Union); Lionel Smith, North New Zealand (formerly a departmental director in the Greater Sydney Conference) and Calvyn Townend, Victoria (formerly secretary of the North New Zealand Conference).

Why not keep this page and pray for these men in their awesome responsibilities? We wish them much of God's blessing in their leadership and endeavours.

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EDITORIAL . . .

The Principle of Obedience



EPHESIANS 6:1 AND COLOSSIANS 3:20
are not just kids' texts! They contain an
important principle of the kingdom—a princi-
ple as needful for adults as for children. The
only respect in which the apostle's admonition
is of special application to children is that
childhood is the best time to learn the lesson.
The earlier a person learns to practise the
principle, the better. Here is what he says:
"Children, *obey* your parents in the Lord: for
this is right." Ephesians 6:1. "Children, *obey*
your parents in all things: for *this is well
pleasing unto the Lord.*" Colossians 3:20.
(Italics our own.)

The apostle's call to obey parents is also a
call to obey our heavenly Parent. Obedience
implies the acceptance of authority. One
doesn't obey a friend. One will appreciate and
accept a friend's advice, but *obedience* doesn't
enter into the picture, because friends are
equals; one friend doesn't hold a position of
authority over the other. When it comes to a
father-and-child relationship, however, you
have a different situation. A father has *both the
privilege of being a friend* to his children and
the duty to exercise authority over them. He is
at one and the same time both their friend and
their superior. He has the right to expect their
obedience. His *friendship* must never eclipse
his *authority*. The moment this happens, an
undermining of foundations takes place, and
the end result is disaster.

By the same token, children have the
privilege of looking to their father for
friendship and for all those things that his
friendship supplies: support, guidance, con-
cern, protection and provision for temporal
necessities. But it is also their duty to respect
his authority and give him the obedience that
acceptance of his authority will beget.

How easy it is for us to forget this principle
with reference to the Fatherhood of God! There
are millions who are willing and eager to bask
in the sunshine of His *love*, but who all too
readily forget that accepting Him as their Father
entails not only privilege but responsibility—
the responsibility of *obedience*. When I call
God my Father I am accepting not only that in
His love He will supply my every need, but that
He occupies a position of authority over me
which calls for my unquestioning obedience to
His every command.

Obedience is the first principle of God's
kingdom Satan attacked in the Garden of Eden.
"Yea, hath God said . . . ?" Genesis 3:1. He
gained control of man's allegiance by
dynamiting the foundation of God's authority.
"Ye shall be as gods," Verse 5. "Don't submit
to God's authority," he implied. "You be your
own authority; consult yourself and your own
desires and wishes; *you* be the checkpoint in
deciding what to do—don't take any notice of
what *God* says." Mankind's original and basic
sin was in rejecting God's authority.

It almost goes without saying that Satan has
been selling the same idea to the human race
from that day to this, with considerable

success.

Tragically his success is not confined to the
children of darkness; he has met with more
success than he deserves among the children of
light. Many professed followers of Jesus are
actually taking the devil's bait, as did Eve, by
spurning God's authority.

Obedience has almost become a dirty word in
contemporary Christian circles. It is presented
as having a legalistic connotation and as
resembling salvation by works. Since Jesus
paid the price for our salvation on Calvary,
obedience is no longer required of the believer,
we are told. But let us never forget that what
Jesus accomplished on the cross was to *make it
possible* for us orphans to call God our Father
and for God to accept us as His children. And
that cross-restored, parent-child relationship
involves our acceptance of *God's right* to our
obedience!

Seventh-day Adventists have always stood
for "the commandments of God and the faith of
Jesus." Revelation 14:12. We have accepted
theologically that Christ's work of redemption,
accepted by faith, is the basis of our acceptance
by God as His children. This acceptance, far
from releasing us from obedience, places us
under obligation to give to God the obedience
children owe to their heavenly Father.

In recent times, however, disturbing trends
have manifested themselves among us, which
indicate that the same confusion that prevails in
Christendom over the role of obedience in a
believer's life, is creeping into our ranks. One
of these disturbing trends is the social use of
alcohol in Adventist circles. There was a time
when you never heard of such a thing as an
Adventist alcoholic. This is, alas, no longer
true. At the heart of the problem is rejection of
God's counsel: camouflaged disobedience. It is
argued by some that the Bible nowhere
condemns outright the use of liquor; it only
warns against its abuse. This assertion could be
seriously challenged and convincingly dismantled
if we had the space to discuss it here. What
is of more serious consequence, however, is
that God has given His church special
instruction by His Spirit to guide them
specifically through the shoals that would
threaten them on the final stage of their
homeward journey in the closing hours of
earth's history. In heeding God's instruction
they would be completely safe. In failing to do
so, they would be in peril.

On this, the closing Sabbath of our annual
Health and Temperance Week, we need to
resolve to stem the tide of our current and sad
situation, not just with a view to enjoying
maximum health—which is a distinctly
Christian duty (Romans 12:1)—but to reveal-
ing our joyful acceptance of God's Fatherhood
and of our sonship and daughtership, by
obedience to all His instruction.

Geoff Garne

Where the Church Can't Provide— God Can

COLIN UNOBO, Sabbath School and Lay Activities Director, Eastern Highlands and Simbu Mission (Now District Director, Madang-Manus Mission)

THIS IS a story of a lady of great courage. She comes from Kopena, a little village near Asaro in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea. Her name is Elizabeth.

Elizabeth's husband was a Seventh-day Adventist police officer. She has accepted his faith, being converted in 1975. Little did Elizabeth know what God had in store for her!

However, problems arose in the marriage and Neskefe, her husband, asked her to leave him and go away. Elizabeth resisted this for some time, but after being told the fifth time to leave, she felt she was virtually a gospel widow, as Neskefe, who led her to Christ, had now forsaken his Christian faith.

She went back to her little home village during 1984, with her courage strong in the Lord. In her village of Kopena, she started to teach little children of her new-found faith. To the children, the teaching was different and exciting. She continued telling the children about the love of Jesus and of the wonderful things He did. Not only little children were interested, but older people also came along to listen to Elizabeth's story of Jesus.

Now she was faced with a problem. Before, they had met in the open, but now the wet weather had come and they had no shelter from the rain. So Elizabeth, concerned for her flock, went along to the village committee and asked for permission to use the village meeting hut for the worship of the true God. The hut had only a roof, there were no walls, and so you can imagine, when it rained, they still felt quite uncomfortable.

Under Elizabeth's leadership these non-Seventh-day Adventist people worked enthusiastically to fit walls, pulpit, and rudimentary seating to the village meeting hut, so that God could come and meet with them there every Sabbath and during midweek devotionals.

In the middle of 1985, as the Lay Activities and Sabbath School director, I dedicated that once meeting hut, then meeting hall, as a Seventh-day Adventist church—a church which was started, nurtured, built, and ministered to, by this feminine minister for the Lord. Just as Boaz befriended Ruth, so God has become the companion of this woman, and blessed her richly with spiritual children.



Photo: C. Dunn

Elizabeth Kendefa discusses the growth of her church with Pastor Colin Unobo (left) and Pastor Albert Godfrey, president of the Eastern Highlands and Simbu Mission.

On the same day that the church was dedicated, I baptised the first ten members of the church. Hundreds of people stood by, witnessing the ten born-again candidates, who stood by the banks of the river. One hundred and five new-comers responded to the call of the Holy Spirit through my appeal, indicating their desire to join God's family.

Today, Kopena church is growing fast. Like many other churches of our worldwide Seventh-day Adventist pro-

gram, they have organised youth and community service outreach programs, telling others the story of Jesus. And Elizabeth, with strong faith and complete dedication, continues to lead her growing congregation.

Please pray for Elizabeth, and the many others in this land like her, who, unpaid and unqualified, work dauntlessly where the church cannot provide ministers—but God can! Praise His name.

Food for Thought

Coffee Drinkers Risk Heart Disease. People who drink more than five cups of coffee a day face almost three times the risk of heart disease as people who abstain from coffee, according to a long-term study by Johns Hopkins University researchers reported recently in the *Washington Post*. "These results suggest that coffee drinking is an independent risk factor for heart disease," says researcher Thomas Pearson.

However, the role coffee plays in heart disease is still being debated in the scientific community because some studies have shown no link between the two.

Expert Cites the Benefit of Vegetarianism. Vegetarians have a fraction of the heart disease of the general populace, half the cancer rate, and the men live six to seven years longer, according to Framingham Heart Study director William P. Castelli, who spoke recently on the campus of Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Castelli, who was discussing the relationship between diet and heart disease, said that every fifth man in the United States has a heart attack by the age of sixty.

US "Most Religious, Least Ethical." Syndicated columnist Michael J. McManus, in what he calls "the paradox of the American church," says that Americans are the "most religious people in the world," but the "least ethical."

According to McManus, about 80 per cent of Americans describe themselves as Christians, but only half that number know who preached the Sermon on the Mount. And most Americans say they follow the Ten Commandments, but few know what all ten of them are.

—Adventist Review.

The Oak and the Reed

CHRISTINE HODGSON

I HEARD a story the other day about a sturdy oak tree and a flimsy reed. In the branches of the mighty oak, birds made their nests. In the hollows of its trunk, lived squirrels and other creatures. Beneath its shade rested man and beast.

Nearby stood a flimsy reed. The mighty oak mocked the reed, "Look at you," he said. "You're no use to anyone. You shake and bend, and move about with the slightest breath of wind. You're just no use to anyone." The reed stood silently swaying in the wind and said nothing.

One morning the wind began to blow harder than usual. The oak stood before it and would not bend, indeed, could not bend. The wind blew harder and the leaves fell from the branches. It blew harder still, and dead wood from the tree was blown

down to the ground. Then the wind increased its fury and limbs were torn from the tree and came crashing down. Then with a mighty crash the oak came down. Roots now turned to the sky, it lay in forlorn silence.

The reed just blew about as usual when the wind came, bending low before it. Now the wind had ceased and the reed stood tall and straight, while the mighty oak, no longer mighty, lay a heap of lifeless wood on the ground.

This is only a story, but to me it says so much. Some of us, who have been privileged to know the Lord for some time, may become complacent like the oak, thinking we have some kind of superior strength compared with our fellows. Our weaker brothers look up to us and feel far



short of our attainments. Yet, when shaken by trials and temptations, our pride in our own strength can bring us down and reduce us to nothing.

Our weaker brethren may indeed withstand the forces of evil, better than we who think ourselves strong.

When the wind blows hard, remember the oak and the reed!

Mrs Christine Hodgson writes from Cooranbong, New South Wales.

Twelve Reasons to Rejoice!

For you have found God
He loves you
He will care for you
You can lean on Him
There is no need to worry about the future
He will stay with you
He will lead you quietly, tenderly
He knows your every need
You can talk to Him
You can give your cares to Him
In Him you can be happy
He gives you peace

—Marcia Hremeviuc.

Marcia Hremeviuc lives in Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

PLEASE . . . GO SLOWLY

SUE BERNARDO

PLEASE go slowly.

I have not known Him for that long, and it takes time to change the habits of a lifetime.

Please go slowly. It's good to hear what wonderful things He has done for you, but there are times when such news leaves a quiet discouragement in my heart, as things aren't going so well for me at the moment.

Please go slowly. Telling me how hard you are working for the Master and of all the people that you are helping and all of the good things you are doing, is wonderful for you, but sometimes your words leave me with a gnawing sadness and somehow I'm a bit of a failure as a Christian.

Please go slowly. Just be there when I need you. Please, just listen to the words I have to say. Try to understand how I am feeling. Try to put yourself in my place. Can you find a word of encouragement for me? Please, don't try to point out all of my shortcomings. He doesn't. He shows me one thing at a time and patiently helps me to overcome.

Please. The gentleness, humility and patience, the understanding and acceptance, the quiet word of encouragement of my Lord. This, I seek from you.

Sue Bernardo is a member of our Hughesdale church in Victoria.

A Goods Story

KINGSLEY BROAD, Communication Secretary, Horsham Church, Victoria

CECIL AND BARBARA GOODS have been Adventists since their teens. They first met at a camp-meeting at Nunawading, and romance blossomed.

Eventually they married and settled on a farm at Kalkee, north of Horsham, in the wheat-growing area of the Wimmera, in Victoria's north-west. Cec was ordained an elder of the Horsham church about twenty-three years ago.

As the years passed, four sons joined the family circle: Steven, Chris, Brett and Adrian. They all attended the local one-teacher state school, then Horsham Technical School, travelling by bus every day.

In 1977 Steven went to Ballarat College of Advanced Education to train as a physical-education teacher. The same year he was married to Lee Dart. Lee and Steven had known each other practically all their lives, as they attended the same church.

On completion of his training, Steven returned to the Wimmera district where he taught at the Edenhope High School for four years.

Steven and Lee have three children, Joshua, six, Naomi, three, and Caleb, born on February 5, just before they left for Avondale College.

Both Steven and Lee have been an integral part of the Horsham church. In 1983 Steven was ordained as elder, a position to which his father had been ordained twenty years previously. On many occasions Steven sat "up front" with his father and his father-in-law, the late Merv Dart, as well as leading out on his own. The children always enjoyed the stories he told at the beginning of his sermons.

Lee and Steven have cared for the children's Sabbath school in many capacities, as they have in the adult Sabbath school, and have assisted at VBS sessions whenever they could. Lee has held the position of librarian for several years.

Probably Steven's greatest achievement was to reform the Horsham Pathfinder group in 1982 and, together with Lee as deputy director, successfully lead the club on rallies and campouts.

I spoke with Steven a few days before the family left for Avondale, and asked him what prompted the decision to attend Avondale and study for the ministry.

Although not aware of it at the time, Steven said that the seeds were probably sown in his early teens, when Pastor Martin Brown encouraged the young people to give a five-minute sermon to the congregation. But, as Steven said, "I was a typical teenager and had other interests, and did not follow through."

"Years later when Pastor E. M. Logue was our minister, he suggested that I attend a seminar at Hawthorn. It was for young people who might have an interest in the ministry.

"Obviously I was being led, but at that stage did not realise it. It was on my mind for two years. I thought about it, talked about it, and prayed about it. Finally I asked for a sign, that someone would ask me to train for the ministry. It was not long before the answer came.

"My brothers knew what was on my mind,



Mr and Mrs Cec Goods, Jr. and their family.

and when they met Pastor Keith Hankinson, who had been at the Hawthorn seminar, my name came up in the course of conversation, and two weeks after asking for a sign, I received a letter from Pastor Hankinson telling me that I should attend Avondale.

"I took that letter as an answer to my prayer."

At the end of the 1984 school year Steven resigned from the Edenhope school, and for nine months was a literature evangelist. He felt that he could learn to be at ease when meeting people and the experience of selling truth-filled literature taught valuable lessons to be used later in ministry.

Everyone at Horsham church will miss

Steven, Lee and the children, and they wish them every success. They also look forward to Pastor Goods's first sermon in his home church.

Brother Chris Goods is at Melbourne University, training to be a doctor.

Brother Brett Goods graduated from Sydney Adventist Hospital in February, as a nurse. Proud parents travelled to Sydney for the ceremony.

Adrian is still attending the same school that his brothers went to. He was baptised with six other young people at the Horsham church last November.

A "good" family, indeed!

"WE SHOULD NOT make self the centre and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved. All this turns the soul away from the Source of our strength. Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him. Put away all doubt; dismiss your fears. . . . Rest in God. He is able to keep that which you have committed to Him. If you will leave yourself in His hands, He will bring you off more than conqueror through Him that has loved you."

—Steps to Christ, page 72.

Cut out the above quotation, together with this lower section, and mount it on card. Then fold back this section to form a stand. Place it in a position where you will read it many times during the course of the day.

WORSHIP

R. KEITH MILLER

MODERN MAN lives in a machine age. Humanity, in the Western world at least, has blended its existence to the rhythm of motors. For most of his chores, man has contrived some labour-saving mechanism. Machines have manufactured for him an abundance of these gadgets which, when possessed, become symbols of his wealth and success.

Man continually manipulates his economy for personal advantage. However, in the area of human relations he is not so clever. Neighbours and nations wrangle with each other. He can also analyse the elements with precise chemical accuracy, but he fails to grasp the real purpose of his own life. So he moves through life rather uncertainly along the plain of his polluted environment, perturbed by the present and fearful of the future.

In general terms, he clamours for facts while he abandons faith. Glorifying in his own achievement he forgets God. Such misguided activity results in disillusionment and despair. Spiritual illness is the resultant malady. Man without God is but a biological organism passing through nature to oblivion.

Though he is industrialised and organised, modern man nevertheless needs to return to an experiential relationship with his God. That restored condition is identified by a word which, in recent times, is rarely understood. The word is "worship."

"The unworshipful man is an anthropoid with a highly developed brain. He may be a paragon of morality, but so are bees and ants, with a highly developed brain. He may be keenly intelligent, but so are wolves, foxes. He may provide for his family, but so do hyenas and orang-outangs. He may be successful in his affairs, but so are beavers, muskrats. He may be artistic, but so are spiders and butterflies.

"Worship is the chief concern of highly developed human beings. The human being must be graded according to his capacity for worship."

Worship is not something of an occult or a mental function in the twilight zone between a dream and a fantasy. It is not quiet introspection or an act, performed in fear, to mollify the spirits. Worship is an attitude of the mind and heart. It is an outward indication of an inward conviction. Basically, it is a wholehearted response of the creature to the Creator.

Gifts of gold cannot impress God, because he owns the "silver and gold."² So riches avail nothing in the act of worship. Penance cannot suffice.³ Salvation cannot be merited. We rightly address the topic of worship when we grasp fully the meaning from these words of Jesus. "My son, give me thine heart."⁴ Half-hearted surrender is but a hypocritical farce. Anything less than all is nothing.

Unconditional devotion, coupled with a total disregard for self, are the essentials of true worship. This concept is amply illustrated by two Bible examples. Abraham loved God sufficiently to agree to sacrifice his son Isaac should that have been necessary.⁵ David, who had sinned grievously, expressed gratitude for pardon by surrendering to God a humble and contrite heart.⁶

Certain procedures are followed in the process of worshipping Deity. First, in adoration, we sit as it were at the feet of the One who is "altogether lovely."⁷ By that recognition of His perfection we are awe-struck by the magnitude of His power and glory. Such a concept must have prompted Reginald Heber to write, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee."⁸

Having believed enough to offer praise, then the worship process involves exchange. To tender sacrifices and fear is but an ugly caricature of a true offering. God does not desire tokens of the relationship. They are void of meaning. His interest is in people. Like the "sheep-shepherd" relationship, God's people stay in the fold. Where He leads, they follow. What He says, they do.

Though conversion is an individual matter, Christian worship is also a social matter. There is plurality in these relevant expressions. "Our Father which art in heaven."⁹ Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.¹⁰ "Where two or three are gathered together in my name."¹¹ A certain barrenness of soul pervades solo worship.

Lastly, worship without Jesus, is sterile. It is by His grace that salvation is possible.¹² That grace comes to us from Calvary. Jesus makes a bold assertion: "No man cometh to the Father, but by me."¹³ Because He died the death which was ours, we are offered the life which was His. It is Christ that saves, not the cross. He is a person, not a place. No sacred relics are necessary to assure us of Christ's

power and willingness to save. Approach to God, through Jesus Christ the righteous, is the channel provided for our worship. Effective reconciliation between God and man can only be made through Jesus.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."¹⁴ As a converted Christian, these words expressed Paul's firm conviction and abiding confidence. To Saul of Tarsus (the same person prior to his conversion), such philosophy would have been a riling provocation. It was an attitude of mind that made the difference, and that corrected attitude was "worship."

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Keith Miller lives at Victoria Point, Queensland.

God's Gifts of Love

Autumn days are here again,
When leaves of golden hue
Gently blanket o'er the earth
Till Winter's cold is through.

Though Winter's stormy blasts
Would fill our hearts with fear,
Awakening buds and blossoms
Will tell us Spring is near.

While Spring in all its glory
Delights our hearts with joy,
The sun-filled days of Summer
Will enthrall each girl and boy.

As Summer suns are waning
And days are drawing in,
The trees draw our attention—
The leaves are colouring.

Each season has its joys,
Of earth, or skies above,
Let us show our gratitude
To God, for His great love.

—Daphne Ochtomann.

Introducing the New Hymnal

DAVID CLARK, Teacher of Organ, Avondale College

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2. That hymn is then sung for about a month as the first hymn for worship, with as much support as possible from the choir and brass, emphasising the melody line. If choir or brass are not available, a group of singers well-trained with mikes, in the front pews, can give good support.

3. While No. 2 is in progress, a new Call to Worship is introduced.

4. Once several hymns are well-known, they are revised by rotation and sung as the second or third hymn in worship and revised during song services.

5. Organ and instrumental preludes, offertories and postludes can be used, based on the new tunes. Among the many organ resources available today, I have found two books which contain tunes in the new hymnal, presented in creative and useful ways: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* by Don Michael Dicie (Broadman Press). Contains hymn introductions and varied accompaniments, on two staves with optional pedal or piano. *Varied Organ Verses for Twelve Well Known Hymn Tunes* by Kevin Norris (McAfee Music Corporation). Contains intonations, stan-

dard harmonisations plus several verses with interludes.

Resolve to improve your hymn-playing skills by setting some goals in the areas that most suit your needs:

- Attend workshops whenever you can
- Subscribe to one or more church music periodicals
- Listen at home to the finest choirs, organists, vocalists and instrumentalists
- Sponsor hymn and choir festivals
- Encourage children and young people in their playing, singing and involvement in worship music
- Encourage the choir to understand their priority in leading the congregation in hymn singing (even more important than the anthem)
- Involve other instrumentalists with you in worship music ensembles
- Include your pastor in your plans: suggest a worship committee to coordinate music and word.
- Renew your commitment to your church and your music ministry and make 1986 your Year of the Hymn!

—Adventist Musician.

Involving the Children

MARJORIE NESS

IT MAKES ME very upset to stand behind a child in church who is reading, colouring, or otherwise occupied during the singing of the hymns. As far back as I can remember, I stood on the pew between my parents, holding a corner of the hymnal, with an adult's finger pointing to the words, line by line as the congregation sang. I remember I couldn't read all those words, and certainly couldn't follow the notes, but I had a sense of participating in a great act of the church—singing our faith through hymns. I was also being taught an important lesson that when we are in church, we are active participants in worship. The sermon was the only time that occasionally I was granted a card and pencil to help pass the time. My dad usually told me to draw something I saw in church, again prompting me to be involved with the things and events around me.

In my work with children's choirs I spend a lot of time making the children aware of the worship which surrounds them each week. First, we must equip them with the tools of worship, and other tools of understanding the events of worship which often pass quickly to a

young child—too quickly to comprehend (or participate in). One tool they must be familiar with is the church bulletin. How can a child participate in responsive readings or the finding and singing of hymns if they cannot decipher the church bulletin? A family can keep a bulletin as an example and study it together at home. Another basic tool to every service is finding scripture in the Bible. The third tool is finding and singing hymns. After we hear God's word through scripture, the response of faith is the singing of hymns.

Kindergarten age children are fascinated with numbers. It is an easy age to begin explaining the concept of how the numbers progress through the hymnal. This age child will also quickly understand how to follow the verses through each stanza of the hymn. By first grade there should be no child standing idle during the singing of hymns (or sitting otherwise occupied!). It is quite exciting, when presented in that manner, for a young child to open, and hold the hymnal during the singing of a hymn.

Oftentimes Sabbath school leaders, choir directors and worship planners

search for very simple hymns for children. In a quest for attainable hymns two things happen: (1) very trite music is chosen in lieu of great hymns of the church or (2) texts are chosen which talk about the nature of children and their faith. The first problem has this answer: teach children music they can gradually grow into and keep—don't teach them ditties they must outgrow and cannot be lasting expressions of a mature faith. The second problem is answered thus: who wants to hear kids tell you about kids? I don't. I would rather teach texts which talk about God, teach praise words like "Alleluia" and texts which expand the child's concepts beyond that of himself.

If the children in your church are standing idle during the singing of hymns, do some serious thinking about revamping your teaching process for hymns. It does not magically happen at puberty that children feel comfortable singing hymns. The hymns must come alive to them in Sabbath school, church school, and in the home and choir, from a very early age.

—Adventist Musician.



Part of the crowd, estimated at 1,200, who spread their rugs and camp chairs on the sports oval of the Adventist school for Warburton's Festival of Praise.

Warburton Turns Out to Praise the Lord!

THE SECOND Warburton Festival of Praise was held on the Sabbath afternoon before Easter weekend on the oval of the Adventist school grounds—along the tree-lined banks of the beautiful Yarra River.

God did something very beautiful for us that Sabbath! The weather was so unfavourable when the day began that we felt sure the program would have to be abandoned. We had an earnest season of

prayer and asked the Lord that if it was His will for us to go ahead with the program, the wind would die down by the end of Sabbath school. We needed to reach a decision by then so that an announcement could be made during the church service. All through Sabbath school the wind continued to blow furiously. When a group of our ministers and elders met at 10.30 to make a decision, the wind had died down completely. There wasn't so much as a

breath of wind! Isn't God wonderful?

There were forty items on the program, plus a singalong in which the entire audience, estimated at 1,200, participated. Time was forgotten as we devoted the entire afternoon to praising the eternal God in song!

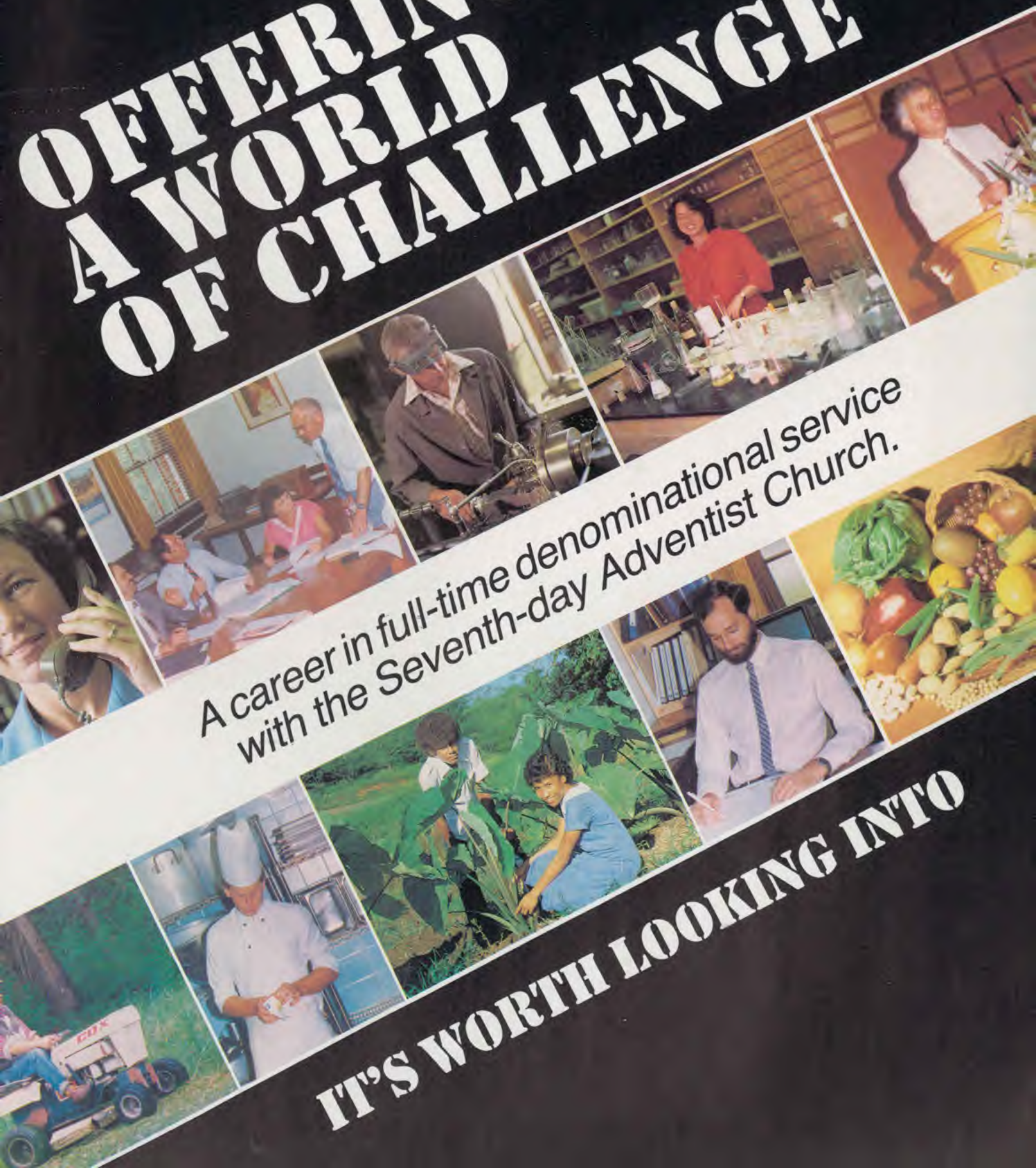
Among the groups who participated in the festival were the Melbourne Advent Brass Band, augmented by members of the Warburton Band, under the baton of Bruce

The Melbourne Adventist Brass Band, under the direction of Bruce Gilson, opens the program with hymns of praise.

Leon Sibley leads the open-air Singalong in the hymns "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "Amazing Grace" and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."



OFFERING A WORLD OF CHALLENGE



A career in full-time denominational service
with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

IT'S WORTH LOOKING INTO

THE MINISTRY – MORE THAN PREACHING . . .

You may be surprised, but the Gospel Ministry involves more than preaching, and quite frankly, may present more challenges than many other professions!

To be successful, the minister must be a genuine all-rounder, excelling and confident in a wide variety of interlocking skills.

Yet ministry is much more than a career – it's a calling based on deep conviction, the conscious choice of a unique lifestyle and a personal challenge.

There's more!

It's the guiding, and indeed, understanding of teenagers and the elderly, counselling newlyweds, planning and working tirelessly for church growth, comforting the hurting, and explaining the Word of God to all kinds of people from the very young to the academic.

It's being the centre of an exciting arena of human relationships, a social activator, theologian, handyman, evangelist and practical instructor in health, home-making and holiness.

Above all, it's being God's representative by word and example.

Sounds a tough assignment? It is!

Yet it's one of the most rewarding experiences known to man. And those who accept the challenge must be strong in their own faith and conviction as well as having a keen desire to help others both spiritually and physically.



THE TEACHING MINISTRY . . .

A teacher employed within the system of Seventh-day Adventist schools is engaged in a ministry to children. This ministry involves the nurture of children and youth within a Christian environment. It also involves the demonstration of a consistent Christian lifestyle. As a ministry, teaching offers abundant opportunity for personal growth and professional development. As a life-long career it will provide satisfaction and feelings of accomplishment.

PRIMARY

Teaching children at the Primary level is a career that is both stimulating and rewarding. The Adventist church in Australia, New Zealand and the islands of the South Pacific operates 269 primary schools.

POST PRIMARY

There are 44 church operated secondary schools in the South Pacific Division and four colleges offering tertiary courses of study.



For further information regarding a career in education, write to: Education Director, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, 2076. Australia.

ADVENTIST HEALTH SERVICES

Training associated with Sydney Adventist Hospital and/or Avondale College can fit you for continuing service at:

Sydney Adventist Hospital
Warburton Health Care Centre
Auckland Adventist Hospital
Local Conference Nursing Homes and health care institutions in many overseas countries, or perhaps working with the church's Health and Temperance department.

Cast your eye over the job possibilities.

Doctors	Scientific Officers-Path
Registered Nurses	Specimen collectors
Enrolled nurses (practical nurses)	Physiotherapists/Masseurs
Pharmacists	Librarians
Shop assistants	Audio-Visual Technicians
Wardsmen/porters	Social Workers
Storekeeper/storemen	Chaplains
Administrators	Anaesthetic Technicians
Radiographers	Theatre Technicians
Medical Technologists	Perfusionists
Technical Officers-Path	Clinical Specialists
Clerks/Secretaries	Chefs
Telephonists/Receptionists	Cooks
Computer Operators/ Programmers	Kitchen Aides/Hands
Technical Aides-CSSD/ Theatre	Gardeners
Dietitians/Diet Aides	Ward Aides/Cleaners
Director of Food Services	Linen Aides/Hands
Supervisors	Electricians
Handy men	Plumbers
Painters	Carpenters
Security Officers	



For further information about careers in Adventist Health Services contact the personnel officer at your nearest Adventist Hospital or Health and Temperance Director: South Pacific Division,
148 Fox Valley Road,
WAHROONGA, 2076,
New South Wales.

ADMINISTRATION

The church offers a variety of opportunities for people with skills related to administration. There is an ongoing need for stenographers, receptionists, computer clerks, accounting clerks, accountants, secretaries and treasurers to care for the administration of the church's

business at each level of organisation. For further information regarding a career in Church Administration, write to: Associate Secretary, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, 2076. Australia.

PERHAPS A PUBLISHING CAREER IS FOR YOU!

In addition to the work of a literature evangelist or publishing department director the Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria offers many opportunities to serve the church in the printing publishing industry. Take a look at the following:

DEPARTMENT JOB DESCRIPTION TRAINING

Pressroom	Printing Machinists	4 Yr. Apprenticeship, Year 10 Standard
Bindery	Book Binders	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard
	Machine Operators	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard
	General Hands	No particular requirements
Warehouse	Storeman	No particular requirements
Maintenance	Electrician	Very Limited Opportunities. Only one of each category on staff
	Engineer	
	Carpenter/Maint.	
	Gardener/Driver	
Office & Administration	Secretaries	Need Word Processing Ability Accounting Degrees will be an Advantage
	Computer Operators	
	Office Clerks	
	Deptl. Managers	
	Forepersons	
	Receptionist/Switchboard operator	
Phototype-setters	Typesetters	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard
Photoset	Photographer	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard Should be able to perform all three
	Photolithographers	
	Camera Operators & Strippers	
	Platemakers	
Art & Layout	Artists	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard
	Layout & Paste-up	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard
	Persons	4 Yr. Apprenticeship Year 10 Standard

If you want to know more about a career in publishing write to: The Publishing Department Director, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, WAHROONGA, 2076. New South Wales.

or the: General Manager, Signs Publishing Company, WARBURTON, 3799. Victoria.



SANITARIUM HEALTH FOOD COMPANY

Young people who have enough idealism to be more than "wage-slaves" – to whom a job is more than just a meal ticket – who are as interested in dedicating themselves to a cause as in getting something for themselves, are those to whom we hold out opportunities with the Sanitarium Health Food Company.

EDUCATION AIDS OFFERED

The Sanitarium Health Food Company operates educational assistance policies designed to help young people in gaining higher educational and professional qualifications.

Wherever there are educational courses which suit our various categories of staff and are of present or potential value to the activities of the Company we are prepared to give financial assistance to enable our personnel to be trained for higher levels of skill and responsibility.



ADMINISTRATIVE

Accountants
Accounting clerks
Secretaries
Receptionists
Computer Clerks

MANUFACTURING

Superintendents
Foreman/Forelady
Quality Control Checker
Quality Control Technician
Plant Operator
Process Worker

MARKETING

Sales Supervisor
Sales Representative
Drivers
Storeman/Warehouse

RETAIL

Shop Supervisor
Retail Shop Assistant
Chefs
Pastry Cooks

TRADESMEN

Motor Mechanics
Printers
Electricians
Engineers (Fitters & Turners)

PROFESSIONAL

Laboratory Trainee
Laboratory Assistant
Laboratory Technician
Scientist
Professional Engineer (Industrial)
Professional Engineer (Electrical)
Professional Engineer (Mechanical)
Design Draftsman (Mechanical)
Detail Draftsman (Electrical)
Detail Draftsman (Mechanical)
Electronic Technician



WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you would like to help us in a great work, why not have a chat with your local SHF Manager or write to the Company's Head Offices in Australia and New Zealand.

AUSTRALIA

HEAD OFFICE,
148 Fox Valley Road,
WAHROONGA 2076,
New South Wales
(02) 487 1711

NEW ZEALAND

HEAD OFFICE,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 6,
New Zealand
(09) 654 299

AVONDALE'S DEGREE & DIPLOMA COURSES

	COURSE	SUBJECT AREAS		LENGTH OF COURSE	AWARD	RECOGNITION IN AUSTRALIA	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS
		ACADEMIC	PROFESSIONAL					
	THEOLOGY	Theology Biblical Studies	Church & Ministry	4 years	BA (Th) (PUC)	SDA Church	College Scholarship*	Ministry in SDA Church in Australia, New Zealand, Pacific. Further overseas education
SECONDARY TEACHING	APPLIED ARTS	Home Economics Industrial Arts	Education Practice Teaching Curriculum Studies	4 years	B Ed (Secondary Specialisation)	Fully Recognised: Australian Council on Awards in Advanced Education (ACAAE)	Government Tuition Funding & TEAS	Teaching in SDA or other schools in Australia, New Zealand, Pacific. Basis for further study.
	BUSINESS STUDIES	Accounting Economics Legal Studies Electronic Data-Processing						
	FINE ARTS	Art Music						
	HUMANITIES	English Geography History						
	RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Old & New Testament Systematic Theology						
	SCIENCES	Biological Science Chemistry Maths Physics						
	MATHS AND COMPUTING	Maths Computing						
		PRIMARY TEACHING						
	BUSINESS	Accounting Legal Studies Economics Information Systems	Taxation Auditing Data Processing Finance	3 years	B Bus	Yes ACAAE Membership of professional bodies	College Scholarship*	Accountants in church organisations or institutions or private companies.
	COMPUTING	Mathematical Studies Business Studies Physics Studies	Computer Studies Data Processing	2 years (or longer if part-time)	Assoc Dip (Comp)	Aust Comp Assn ACAAE	College Scholarship* + paid work component in 2nd year	Careers in computer industry as programmers, junior analysts, or other computing paraprofessionals.
	NURSING	Psychology Nursing Physiology Nutrition Physical Science	Professional Skills Practicums	3 years (1st semester at Avondale, remainder at SAH)	Dip App Sc (Nursing)	ACAAE	College Scholarship* + paid work experience	Excellent professional opportunities in Australia and overseas. Basis for further study.
NOTE: Entry requirement for all of these courses is either: 1. Higher School Certificate or equivalent, OR 2. A pass in the Avondale College Mature Age Examination.					* Equivalent to about 50% of tuition fees. *Longburn Adventist College, New Zealand, also offers a course in Secretarial Studies, and a New Zealand Government recognised Diploma of Primary Teaching Course of Study.			

AVONDALE'S CERTIFICATE COURSES

1. BUSINESS STUDIES CERTIFICATE COURSES:

SPECIALITY AREA	SUBJECT STUDIES CORE SUBJECTS ADDITIONAL		EXTERNAL RECOGNITION	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS
TYPIST/CLERK	Typing & Dictaphone, Business English, Office Procedures, Bible Subject	Bookkeeping & Accounts, covering Data Entry, Taxation & Commercial Law.	Students may enter for CESA examinations	College Scholarship* + TEAS available	Cashiers, clerks, computer operators, word processors, stenographers or ledger-keepers in offices. With experience and further study, graduates may eventually take charge of a small office.
TYPIST/WORD PROCESSOR		Office Automation, covering word processing, spread sheets and data bases.	Students may enter for Pitman's examinations, which are generally recognised in the business world.	College Scholarship* + TEAS available	
SHORTHAND/TYPIST		Shorthand	Students may enter for Pitman's examinations, which are generally recognised in the business world.	College Scholarship* + TEAS available	

NOTE: The ENTRY REQUIREMENT for the Business Studies Certificate Course is successful completion of ten years of education. Where two or more subjects are taken at "Advanced Level" an "Advanced" Certificate is awarded.
* Equivalent to about 45% of tuition fees and includes some Government funding.

2. OTHER CERTIFICATE COURSES

COURSE	SUBJECTS STUDIED	SPECIAL PREREQUISITES	EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	Carpentry, Joinery, Drawing and Calculations, Building Trade Studies, On Site Training.	Successful completion of ten years of education.	A good introduction to an apprenticeship or further experience in the building trade.
AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING*	Auto Engineering A, Auto Engineering B, Trade Drawing & Calculations, Trade Studies, Workshop Training	Successful completion of ten years of education.	A good introduction to an apprenticeship or further experience in the automotive trade.
COOKS AND BAKERS*	Quantity Food Preparation, Baking & Pastry Making, Professional Studies 1, Nutrition & Health Science, Work Experience	Successful completion of ten years of education.	A good introduction to an apprenticeship or further experience.
BIBLICAL STUDIES	Three of the following subjects: Principles of Living Church in Prophecy Bible Survey Life Ministry Plus one secular subject to be chosen. See under General Studies for selection.	Successful completion of ten years of education.	None; not designed to lead to employment. However, some graduates with previous qualifications have received denominational employment suited to their previous qualifications; others have entered the colporteur ministry.
GENERAL STUDIES	Three or four of the following: Typing, Business English, Carpentry, Joinery, Music (instrument, voice, theory), etc.	Successful completion of ten years of education.	Not intended to lead directly to employment. Provides opportunity to develop practical skills.

NOTE: All the above courses are one-year courses. In addition to the subjects shown, each student in courses other than Biblical Studies must complete a Bible subject.

* Work credit of eight hours per week normally available for this course.





JOB SATISFACTION AND SECURITY

The world might demand less labour and appear to give more material gain, but can never match the satisfaction of a life given in service to the greatest co-operative organisation this world knows – the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The church operates a health benefits fund for employees which covers the normal expenses as recognised by the registered health funds. Employee contribution is less than one would pay elsewhere while benefits average 30% higher.

The church provides a retirement sustentation plan which ensures a better than average lifestyle in retirement.

In the light of eternal values, choose a truly rewarding career within the workforce of a truly caring church.



Gilson and supported by Romney King on the electronic organ; the North Fitzroy Choir; the Oakleigh Polish Choir; the Polish Youth Ensemble; the Polish Youth Orchestra; the Asian Choir; the Asian Youth Choir; the Asian Male Quartet; "The Believers" (a singing group from Moonee Ponds); "New Testament"; "The Survivors" (both youth singing groups from Melbourne), and "King's Messengers," a Spanish singing group, also from the city, plus several splendid solos and duets by both local and visiting artists.

The Warburton Church Choir, directed by Carole Brown, with Enid Rayner at the organ, Sheri Brown at the piano, and Ian Anderson and Laurie Brown playing trumpets climaxed the program with "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

What a wonderful way to spend a Sabbath afternoon! It was truly a foretaste of Sabbath in heaven!



The Warburton Adventist Church Choir, under the direction of Carole Brown, fills the grounds with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. Their rendition was accompanied by Enid Rayner on the organ, Sheri Brown at the piano and Ian Anderson and Laurie Brown on trumpets.



"The Believers," a singing group from Moonee Ponds, presents a number entitled "He Did It All for Me."



The years have done nothing to rob Alex Fraser and Leon Sibley of the power and melody of their voices, which is evidenced as they sing "God's Love Is Always There."



IT MADE MY DAY

TRIBAL FIGHTING had been going on for many months right on the very fringe of Paglum, our Mount Hagen SDA high school in Papua New Guinea. In fact, its existence was even threatened. In order to make the villagers realise the seriousness of their behaviour, all government services were withdrawn. If aid-posts had not already been burned down by the enemy, they were closed down. Schools were discontinued.

At last law and order were restored. But months later the village people were still without any services. This area seemed to have been forgotten, although other aid-posts had been reopened, even in enemy territory. One day I decided to go to the local market near our school gate, on the two days when it operated. I

thought perhaps I could treat bad sores and babies with scabies. Little did I imagine the venture would grow into such magnitude—a daily clinic of thirty to forty patients, with even more when bad influenza raged through the villages.

Our school dispensary had been well stocked, but as time went by and my letters to the Health Department pointing out that the nearest health service was twelve kilometres away, went unheeded, the shelves began to look empty. I had sent my order to my usual kind source, but was told they would supply later with their next order, not realising how urgent was my need. I was loathe to ask more favours of my benefactor.

Soon I was down to my last four bottles of

procillin, and there was only sufficient cough mixture for three days. I could use my last lemons and some Paglum honey for cough mixture, but what of the other serious ailments?

It was just at this time that a villager appeared at my door. "When the fighting started and the doctor boy [orderly] ran away," he said, "I took the medicines from the aid-post and hid them in my house. I was wondering if you could use them?" Could I use them! It made my day!

PS. People ask me if I'm lonely at Paglum, twenty kilometres from any other white woman, but with many days like that one—how could I be!

—Betty Murray, Papua New Guinea.



GC President Confers with India's Minister for External Affairs

NEVILLE O. MATTHEWS

NEAL C. WILSON, General Conference president, called on The Honorable Bali Ram Bhagat, India's Minister for External Affairs, at his hotel suite in Washington, DC, on February 7, 1986. In the discussion which ensued, the president updated the minister with the work of Seventh-day Adventists in India, and shared with him plans currently underway for the holding of a Religious Liberty Regional Congress in New Delhi in November 1986.

Accompanying Pastor Wilson on this important visit were Dr Bert B. Beach, Secretary-General, and Dr Neville O. Matthews, Associate Secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association, Pastor Ernest H. J. Steed, Executive Director of the International Council for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Pastor Ralph S. Watts, Jr, Executive Director of the Adventist Disaster and Relief Association International, Pastor Don A. Roth, the immediate past-chairman of the Vellore Christian Medical College Board, and Brother John Wycliffe, who prearranged the meeting with the minister

during one of his visits with him in New Delhi last year.

Mr Bhagat was pleased to receive reports on, and to note the significant contributions being made by Seventh-day Adventists in the social, economic and educational development of the people of India; and in the relief of suffering, hunger, disease and distress of those affected by natural and other disasters.

The minister was aware of preliminary plans for the IRLA Regional Congress in New Delhi, having been previously apprised of the event by Brother Wycliffe, and graciously accepted the invitation extended to him to be the keynote speaker at this important international conference. He concurred with the organisers of the congress that it would be entirely appropriate to invite Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, as leader of the largest democracy in the world, with an outstanding record of religious freedom and tolerance of faith and belief in a secular state, to inaugurate the congress. It will be held from November 16 to 20.

The meeting was appropriately concluded



India's Minister of External Affairs, the Honorable Bali Bhagat (left), accepts his election to the Committee of Honour of the International Religious Liberty Association from IRLA President Neal C. Wilson.

with the announcement by Pastor Wilson that the IRLA executive, at its recently held meeting, had unanimously voted the minister to membership in the IRLA's exclusive "Committee of Honour," and presented him with an attractive plaque attesting to this fact.

At the close of the fifty-minute interview, the General Conference delegation was introduced to His Excellency Mr K. S. Bajpai, Indian Ambassador to the United States, and senior officials of the Indian Embassy in Washington, who had just arrived to accompany the minister to his next appointment—at the White House with President Ronald Reagan. ■

New Church Founded Because of Dream

MBAYE GNING woke with a start. He had just had a dream in which he received a very important letter. He struggled to remember what the letter had said, but to no avail. All he could remember was the address: BP 1013. Quickly he wrote it down and put it in a safe place.

Mbaye, a young farmer who lived in a dusty village of Senegal, pondered the significance of the address. Although he had converted from Catholicism to the Muslim faith, he sensed there was still more to learn about God. Finally he decided to ask the local *marabout* (Islamic spiritual leader) if the dream had any spiritual meaning. The *marabout* decided it did not.

One evening not long after, Mbaye was listening to an educational program on the radio. It was *La Voix de L'Esperance* (Voice of Hope), the French radio broadcast of the Sahel Union, West Africa. At the end of the program listeners were invited to send questions or comments to the Voice of Hope, BP 1013, Dakar, Senegal.

There it was—BP 1013, the address!

Immediately Mbaye sat down and wrote a

letter telling of his dream and his spiritual search. At last, maybe he would find the meaning of the letter in his dream.

While waiting for news, Mbaye continued listening to the radio program and even invited others to join him. When the Bible lessons arrived, the group, now numbering seventeen, started studying them together. So united was their faith that they began calling themselves the "Voice of Hope Church."

As the studies progressed, group members occasionally had questions that needed specific answers. Twice Mbaye travelled to Dakar, but was unable to find the Voice of Hope.

Undeterred, he wrote a letter, begging someone to come to his village of N'Dime, 130 kilometres from Dakar.

On Sabbath, September 28, 1985, representatives from the Voice of Hope, the publishing department, and the Senegal Mission arrived at N'Dime. At the sound of drums about 500 people assembled to listen to their first Seventh-day Adventist sermon.

Since that memorable day a branch Sabbath school of more than 100 adults has been

organised, the Voice of Hope Church has become the N'Dime Seventh-day Adventist church, a recent evangelistic series has attracted almost 1,000 people from the surrounding area, and many people have responded to the call for baptism.

The people are eager to build their first church and have had several offers of building sites. Now representatives from two neighbouring villages have asked Adventists to hold meetings in their villages.

This story is all the more unbelievable when one considers that 90 per cent of N'Dime's 700 residents are Muslim.

In the past few years the Seventh-day Adventist Church has wrestled with the seemingly impossible task of reaching the world's 600 million Muslims with the gospel. Committees have met, books have been published, meetings conducted, money spent—all to find the best methods of reaching Muslims with the love of God. But when the time is right, a simple letter in a dream can accomplish all of God's purposes.

—Adventist Review.

World Vision Holds Consultation at PAC

LEONARD P. TOLHURST

PACIFIC ADVENTIST COLLEGE recently hosted a Theological Consultation for the South Pacific area for World Vision International. Our college was chosen as the venue for these meetings, because of the excellent facilities we have in dormitory rooms, kitchen and dining room and meeting places. Pacific Adventist College is also located near an international airport, and so was geographically central for those who were planning to attend.

World Vision International is a worldwide organisation, made up of evangelically minded Christians of various Protestant faiths. These men and women have a commitment to the Bible as God's word, that is not seen in many of the liberal churches of today. Again and again in their discussions, stress was made of the need for Christians to obey God's Word. One speaker quoted the words of an author who once wrote, "How dare we ask God to reveal more of His will to us, if we are not already obeying Him!"

World Vision fosters six main types of ministry in their work. These are emergency relief to those in need, the fostering of family life and the care of children, the developing of self-reliance in people, reaching out in evangelism to those not yet reached with the gospel, strengthening leadership in churches by

means of workshops and scholarships, and helping those mission groups who want to reach out to attempt new work for God.

The chief organiser of these meetings was the Reverend Boyd Johnson, the executive secretary of World Vision-South Pacific, who is based in Parramatta, NSW. Special guest speaker was the Reverend Vinay Samuel, who came from Bangalore, South India. Besides attending such meetings all over the world, the Reverend Samuel pastors a large parish made up mainly of the poorer classes of people in and around Bangalore, and raises up some four or five new churches every year. In his spare time he writes articles and books for publication on theological issues in which he is keenly interested.

The main thrust of his presentations at PAC had to do with the current contextualisation debate, the making of the Christian message relevant to the needs of the people who hear it. He stressed that when a person becomes a Christian, he does not have his past wiped out. There are some things that as a Christian he must no longer practise, but he still has his cultural heritage, and his history. A new convert to Christ does not have to be Westernised in order to become a Christian.

Because these World Vision meetings were held at our college, an invitation was extended

to college staff who would like to do so, to join their meetings, and Pastor L. P. Tolhurst, chairman of the Theology department, accepted and attended most sessions. Various papers were presented and discussed, and there was a ready exchange of ideas. Around twenty people attended, coming from various Pacific nations. As a result of their association with us, many of these men now have a different concept of Seventh-day Adventists. Sister White has told us that we ought to pray for and with the ministers of other faiths. Who knows what fruitage might one day eventuate as a result of these contacts!

Mrs Joy Draper, assisted by a group of married students' wives, provided these visitors with excellent meals. Many were the comments of appreciation for the efforts they put forward. In fact the vegetarian dishes were so popular that several men asked for recipes to take home with them. Because meetings were held from January 21 to 24, not many students were here at PAC except our married students, who were still on campus, and they were quick to invite to their homes the visitors that came from their home islands. In this way a further witness was borne. May God water the seeds of truth, that a rich harvest may one day result.

SOPAS SNIPPETS

DOT DAVIS, Business Manager's Wife

THE CALENDAR reminds me that I have not yet been here two months. However, in many ways I feel as though I have never lived anywhere else. There is never a dull moment. Occasionally, we on the staff feel that we would just love one day when we could relax without being interrupted by a knock on the door or the ringing of the telephone heralding yet another emergency, which is really the reason for the existence of Sopas. The knocks on the door in the small hours of the morning usually mean the hydro has broken down. But we do get variations. A couple of nights ago a piccaninny was lost and the father wanted my husband to open the office and ring some *wantoks* (friends) so that they would be here first thing in the morning to search for the child. My husband dressed quickly and went to the office—by the time he got there a message had been received that the child had gone to a neighbour's house and was asleep in the village!

I think of the Friday just after we arrived. We were still trying to unpack and sort out things, when at lunchtime we were told that the Minister for Health in the PNG government would visit Sopas the next morning and would be at Sabbath school and church. He and the officials with him would stay for lunch and then inspect the hospital in the afternoon. Such activity followed! Tasty food was quickly prepared by the senior staff, and we pushed boxes into rooms and closed the doors so that by

the time Sabbath opened you would have thought that entertaining Members of Parliament was a regular occurrence.

After being here less than three weeks a volunteer was due to arrive, and he was to stay with us. My husband had been busy trying to do some urgent repairs. One major job was to sort out the maze of water pipes in the walls of our house. Some of the pipes were leaking, and after hubby had worked on them he reconnected the water. But it was soon obvious that no water intended to flow to the shower! Fortunately the house next door was vacant while waiting for the new doctor to arrive and we had been using the facilities there while we were sorting out our plumbing system. So when our guest arrived we had to tell this poor volunteer that if he felt the need of a shower, next door was the nearest! He was very good natured, and the next morning we were able to sort out yet another minor problem, and water once more flowed to our shower.

Then there was the young lad we brought back from Mount Hagen, over the four hours of unbelievably rough road. He was only about seventeen and had a huge dressing on his leg. The stench from that wound was overpowering, and as I talked to him he showed me another big lump that had come up on his chest. I felt so sorry for him as we rode that rough road, as every bump must have been cruel. He has terminal cancer, but is a cheerful young person.

Because of the witness of the nurses and doctor here at Sopas, he has accepted Jesus.

Just today a young mother died. She had her baby back in the village and got blood poisoning. By the time she arrived at the hospital it was too late. The father was grief-stricken. He really loved his wife (in this culture that is not always the case). He also loved his baby girl, but he felt there was nothing he could do except take the baby back to his village where she, too, would ultimately die.

Through an interpreter, John Tompson, one of the nursing tutors here, told the father that he could leave the baby here to be looked after—it was already suffering from lack of nourishment as the mother was so sick. But the father would not leave it at the hospital. John and Alice Tompson were happy to care for the baby, and told the father that we all have the same Father in heaven, so then we are all brothers. This the father could understand, and he has now left the baby with John and Alice for two months, after which he will come back with others from his village and make a decision on the baby's future.

This week Pastor Yori Hibo is conducting an inspiring Week of Prayer, with his theme "Nothing But Jesus." The Holy Spirit is working in a wonderful way.

Please continue to pray and give to the work in these island fields. The needs grow daily as more people give their hearts to Jesus.



Prayer Time Wiggles

TRUDY RANKIN

THE WIND HOWLED and banged the branches of the pine tree against the side of the old house. Trudy looked out of the window and shivered. It was dark and scary out there. How she wished Daddy was home! He was out helping the neighbours and would not be back until late that night.

Suddenly, the lights flickered and went out. It was very dark.

"Mummy, where are you?" Trudy wailed.

"It's all right, Honey, I'm right here," Mummy comforted. "The windstorm has knocked over the powerline by the front gate and that is why all our lights have gone out. Just a minute now, and Grandpapa will light the lantern."

Soon, Grandpapa had the old lantern lit, and he put it on the kitchen windowsill so Mummy could see to fix tea. The wind howled louder and louder, and Trudy began to feel shivers running up and down her back.

Finally Mummy called, "Come on; tea's ready."

Trudy hurried to wash her hands and sit down at the table.

Grandpa bowed his white head. "Dear Lord, please bless the food and keep us safe during this awful storm. Amen."

Trudy was so frightened that she wasn't very hungry, but she didn't want to leave the table, because then she would be all alone in the dark by herself. She wiggled her chair closer to Mummy and waited. Finally the others finished eating and the dishes were all washed up. Everyone gathered in the living room for worship. It was so noisy outside that Grandpapa read only a little bit from the Bible.

As everyone knelt down to pray, Grandpapa began, "Dear Lord, thank you for the many things you have given us, and especially for keeping us safe."

It seemed to Trudy that he prayed on and on and on and that he was never going to stop. Her knees got sore from keeping still for so long, and she shifted from side to side. The wind sounded as if it wanted to smash the windows

and she couldn't hear properly. She wiggled some more, then carefully peeped out of one eye to see if anyone was looking. Mummy wasn't and Grandpapa never opened his eyes during prayer, so she opened both eyes and quietly looked around.

Suddenly, right during the middle of Grandpapa's prayer, Trudy shouted, "Look! Oh, look! The kitchen is on fire!"

Grandpapa was shocked. He stopped praying and looked at Trudy, then he looked to where she was pointing. He jumped to his feet and ran into the kitchen. As fast as he could he filled a cup with water and threw it on the fire. The lantern had burnt the paint on the cupboard and now the flames were leaping up toward the ceiling.

At last the fire was put out and the wood stopped glowing. Grandpapa wiped the soot from his face and took Trudy's hand as they went back into the living room.

"Let us kneel and thank Jesus for looking after us," he said.

"This is an old, wooden house, and if Trudy hadn't seen that fire, it would have burnt our home right down to the ground. Then we wouldn't have had any place to go in this awful storm."

They all knelt right down to thank Jesus, and this time, Trudy didn't even wiggle once! ■



Eighty years young. Brother and Sister Harders of Toodyay on the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage.

Diamond for Harders

GEORGE DRINKALL, Communication Director, Western Australian Conference

HENRY ERNEST and Ethel Ruby Etta Harders are eighty years young and sixty years happily married. When asked their recipe for a happy marriage, on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary, they listed five vital ingredients: being a Christian; recognising each partner as an individual; remembering the two bears (bear and forbear); taking no notice of disagreements; making each other happy.

Since Pastor H. E. Piper conducted the ceremony uniting Henry Harders with Ethel Strahan at Jumperding, Western Australia, on February 18, 1926, nine sons and three daughters have been born into the family. At present there are fifty grandchildren and

twenty-two great-grandchildren, while the extended family totals 116.

This dedicated couple has made a valuable contribution to the work of the church. Brother Harders has served in many capacities in the local church and was a member of the conference executive committee and worked on the construction of the mission stations at Karalundi and Wiluna. In recent years he has made Appeal trips to the north-west of Western Australia, last year collecting \$900, in addition to the \$900 he collected in his home territory. At present he is first elder at Avon Valley (Northam) church, and teaches a thought-provoking lesson to his Sabbath school class each week. Sister Harders has served as deaconess, Welfare leader, organist and youth leader—in addition to rearing the family and supporting her husband in his work.

Eighty relatives were gathered to celebrate their anniversary and to share messages of congratulations. ■



Mr and Mrs James Galwey on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Golden Wedding

E. CHESSMAN

Beatrice Sandy and James H. Galwey were married in the Kensington church in South Australia by Pastor T. J. Bradley on January 2, 1936. After their wedding they moved to the Rendelsham district and have lived in that area ever since, being members of the Rendelsham Seventh-day Adventist church. Three daughters were born to the union—Yvonne (Mrs Carter), Sylvia (Mrs Eddy) and Patricia, who have now added six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A quiet celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary was held on January 2 in the Galwey's home. Relatives and friends came from far and near to congratulate Mr and Mrs Galwey, and to wish them good health for the future. ■



Neroli Ngenda, studying Medicine at Queensland University.



Danny Youlden, doing Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) at Queensland University.

Success in Brisbane

B. J. WRIGHT, Principal, Brisbane Adventist High School

STUDENTS in Year 12 at Brisbane Adventist High School obtained excellent results last year in their final examinations.

Over two-thirds of the students received results above the state average. Two of our students, Neroli Ngenda and Danny Youlden, received the highest possible score (990) in the State's tertiary entrance examinations. Eleven students received scores of over 900.

Many of these students have this year gone on to further study. Seventeen are currently at Avondale College, while four are at Queensland University and four others at the Queensland Institute of Technology. Others have entered the workforce.

Brisbane Adventist High School has an

enrolment this year of over 230 students from Years 8 through to 12. A full range of subjects is offered, including, Biblical Studies, Accounting, Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, Geometrical Drawing and Perspective, History, Home Economics, Maths I, Maths II, Maths in Society, Physical Education and Physics, at Senior Level.

Our school facilities have been greatly enhanced this year by the addition of a new administration block. This also includes a modern canteen, computer room and music room, as well as counselling and staffrooms. Attractive landscaping has completed the project.

A New Beginning

BEV KILSBY

ONCE UPON a time there was a little boy called Fred, who was tall and wiry, and had a freckled face and a snub nose.

He had a very unhappy face because he felt that no one loved him. But one day while sitting at home, he looked around him and saw all the beautiful things of life. And to his amazement he saw there was more to life than just violence and anger. But somehow he still felt that no one really loved him. Until one day at school there came a man who spoke about "Jesus," and how Jesus loves people.

Little Fred was so excited he went home to his tumbledown cottage and told his parents, "Guess what? Someone loves me!"

Now everywhere he went he knew in his heart that Jesus loved him, and that's all that mattered. After a while his habits started to change. He began to think of others beside himself, and this made him even more happy.

After a while, Fred's ministry commenced to grow. He started to care for other children, and told them about Jesus and His love. One day, Fred was walking down the street when he saw an old lady with long, spiky fingernails and a twisted mouth. She was very sad because someone had stolen all her goods. Poor Fred felt very unhappy in his heart because this little old lady was dejected and despised by society.

So little Fred put a smile on his face which spread right across from one ear to the other. He tried to give comfort to this fragile lady. Before long this woman found peace with herself. She went to live in a home for underprivileged people, and began to show love and kindness to these people. Before long this wayside house was turned into a place of happiness. It is now called the Chapel of Happiness and Joy, and it all began because of Fred's ministry to this woman.

This reminds us that we should not hide our light under a bushell, but should use the gifts that our Maker, God, has given us for His glory and to help others understand that Jesus loves everyone.

important. Please keep up the good work there—or even expand on it.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the Children's Story on page 12 of the March 8 issue which talks about "proffered inducement." Now, I ask you, why use "proffered inducement" in a children's story, where you could have said "cat food"?

Let's "eschew obfuscation," and please keep up the good work.

C. Jongejan,

Mount Gravatt Church, Queensland.

Goodpoints! We appreciate input from our readers, and especially constructive suggestions like these. We'll try to do better!—Editor.

Conditioning in the Classroom

I read with interest the letter published on February 22, 1986, by John van Grieken concerning the need for having an "awareness campaign" on issues on Christian education for our church people.

One of these issues could be the way in which some of our governments are moving toward outlawing the presentation of the Genesis version of the origin of life in state schools. The Minister for Education in

NSW has stated, "There will be no more hocus pocus taught under the guise of Science in our state schools." (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 15/2/86. Copy enclosed for you to study.)

This, along with the issue of secular humanism, is something that parents need to be aware of (especially those with children in state schools). It may be time for us to start protesting at the direction of state schools in Australia. This may help us to better appreciate our own Christian school system.

For anyone interested in an excellent booklet on secular humanism they could read *Secular Humanism and Australian Education* by Dr Rupert Goodman, available Veritas Publishing Company. The address is: PO Box Bullsbrook, WA 6084. In this small booklet Dr Goodman attacks the thrust of secular humanism in state schools and encourages those who support Christian values not to remain silent.

Peter Roberts,

Principal, Murwillumbah Primary School, NSW.

The full text of the *Sydney Morning Herald* article will appear in the June issue of *Signs of the Times*. Thank you, Brother Roberts, for sharing it with us. Get a copy of the June *Signs* to pass on to someone else! Editor.

*The Editor
South Pacific Record.*



Keep It Simple

Just want to let you know how much my family and I enjoy the *South Pacific Record* each Sabbath. It always gets read immediately after lunch by all of us.

Just the same I would like to make a couple of comments about what I see could be an improvement, and make the magazine less "riddle-ridden." I am referring to the plethora of abbreviations used, such as TTUC, PAC, PNG, SNSW, etc. Not all of us are Australians, and it is therefore not always immediately clear what is meant. It would be far better if the names were spelled out in full, then followed by the appropriate abbreviation. Keep it simple, please!

Again, because not all of us are Australians, the World News section is equally, if not more,

A Place for the Classics

On my visits to the Adventist Book Centre, I have been disappointed to find that it is getting increasingly difficult to buy books by early Adventist authors such as Haskell, James White, Andreason, Loughborough, Andrews, etc. This troubles me, because in my conversations with Adventists it appears that many do not have a solid knowledge of the distinctives that have made our message what it is.

New Adventists are being denied these marvellous books because most are out of print, I'm told. The shelves are full of froth and bubble, airy-fairy stuff, which certainly has its place, but is not grounding us in truth.

The second thing that concerns me is the lack of simple one- or two-sheet tracts for giving out to non-Adventists. Have you ever wondered why so many "not very learned" people become Jehovah's Witnesses? I'm told by some of these people that they found the JW material easy to read, and the colourful illustrations made it easy to understand. The "chick comics" are very popular among young people.

While we must not want to produce anything like either of these in content, I think we can learn a lesson from the way they are done. If we are to encourage busy, worldly, non-Christians to read our truths, we must encourage and challenge our writers and artists to produce a set of simple, colourful tracts showing the basis of our teachings.

Our Action Team here in Geraldton is aiming to cover the whole town with literature; not once, but again and again. Our funds are limited, but we would welcome ideas and suggestions.

Rose Cox, Western Australia.

International Year of Peace

All must now be well aware that 1986 has been designated as International Year of Peace. Already this has resulted in many being led to review their attitude to conflict and war and to the opposite state of conflict resolution, justice and peace.

Within our own church it has been encouraging to see the statements that Adventists prefer peace and preparation for peace rather than war or preparations for war. For us it could not be otherwise; we do not expect God's people to be aligned with Satan who we are told "delights in war . . . [and] incite[s] the nations to war."

Of course, Adventists do not believe that man's peace efforts will be greatly effective, and we do not expect to see perpetual peace established. But at the same time, as we witness to the soon return of the Prince of Peace we cannot but include a clear warning to warmongers and militarists. It is vital we do this publicly to clearly separate us from the ideology of Fascism that so captivated much of the Western world in the lead-up to World War II. The Fascist attitude to peace was expressed by Mussolini, who said in 1932, "Above all, Fascism . . . believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace." Adventists might seem to share the same belief about the possibility of perpetual peace, but at the same time let it be very clear that sons of God do not believe that perpetual peace or any length of peace would not be useful or profitable.

We are concerned and alarmed, but we are not afraid. Fear is a cause of irrational behaviour and a great cause of war. Fear of the enemy fuels the arms race, and many commentaries on the first world war place much of the blame for that war on the arms race prior to the outbreak of hostilities in 1914.

The Adventist Church is an international church with believers in many countries, and it gives great confidence to see our leaders speaking with international perspective. The work is too big for parochialism or small-town thinking. The Lord doesn't play national favourites, and neither do we.

Brian W. Doak, Greater Sydney.
Sorry we had to shorten your letter. Editor.

The Record Appreciated Abroad

My companion and I read with great interest in the *South Pacific Record* the progress of the work in the South Pacific Division. I treasure the memories of the first Laymen's Congresses in Australia and New Zealand directed by the union president and Lay Activities secretaries and Elder C. Weiss, then the Division LA director. The slides made and the account given of the soul-winning exploits down under has inspired workers and believers around the world for twelve years after my visit until my retirement in 1970.

You can well recognise the joy I experience as you share regularly your publication with us.

Again a heartfelt thanks for your weekly visits that open memories' doors, and confirms that 'the memory of the just is blessed.'

Ernest Edwards,
North Carolina, USA.

The Lighthouse

With reference to the "perplexed missionary" who couldn't understand the meaning of the parable about the lighthouse, allow me to explain.

In the parable we are not so concerned about the state of the lighthouse, but rather about the people inside. You see, the attitude of the people has changed. And, sadly enough, this has been a change for the worse.

No longer are the people concerned about saving sinners. After all, they are sinners, and we are the chosen race. We are God's chosen people. We are getting ready to go to heaven.

Once this was not the case. We recognised the fact that we were all sinners and that we were in need of repentance. And we knew that God's love was for everyone, including the sinners out there. And so we spread the word and people responded to the call.

But we have become exclusive and set ourselves apart from the world. All we have to do is just study God's Word and get degrees in theology. And for what? To help someone else find God? No, so that we can argue over points of doctrine.

What the church needs is a fresh vision of the function of the lighthouse. And what is that function? To send out beams of God's light to a dying world. Let us all start, just where we are. If enough of us do this, then heaven will become a reality in our lives.

One Church Member, Victoria.

More on the Lighthouse

"Missionary" wondered if Avondale College church is at increasing risk of becoming a decadent social club because of the alarming dollar sign over its building project. Real estate in Australia recently boomed so rapidly for a time, that large figures no longer mean luxury. Many properties in our town doubled in price within twelve months, without adding one luxury item.

To think of young students from varied cultural backgrounds, with little or no income, and their teachers on a relatively modest income, being able to provide luxury accommodation for their club is equivalent to accusing baby birds of feathering their own nests. The parent birds have built the nest, and will push their offspring out when the time is ripe. Students must leave college when their courses finish, or sooner if they misbehave. Many staff members are subject to transfer.

The parable of the lighthouse is a warning to us all, lest we forget our high calling. We also need to beware of falling into the trap that Judas did when he tried to belittle Mary for her costly gift. Give God the glory for all the missionary-minded individuals who have donated time and money to this project, not from fear of purgatory, but simply because the main beneficiaries are young, poor and eager to train for the Lord's service.

Mortgage Payer, South Australia.

Sorry we had to shorten your letter. Editor.

Moving Ministers

My wife and children are Adventists, and I have been happy to assist in rearing the family in the church, as I believe in the SDA lifestyle. I also enjoy attending church from time to time.

I wish to comment on the frequent moving of SDA church pastors. I feel a family has a right to a minister who truly knows them and their needs, and who is also well known in the community as the local Adventist pastor. This cannot be achieved in two to three years, and I feel this is a real fault in the organisation of the SDA Church.

Last year, my wife's church had a one-church, full-time pastor who got to know his people, and I sensed the very stabilising effect this had on my family. This year he has two churches, and I suppose next year he will be moved on.

There are so many problems today, even among Adventists, that I believe the role of the church pastor is more important than ever.

Douglas V. Carter, South New Zealand.

A Veteran Praises God

I am eighty-eight years, with much to praise and thank my dear heavenly Father for, because over fifty-three years ago the wondrous Holy Spirit made it clear to me that His saving grace would be the all-sufficient thing for my wife, our children and me. His strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). The born-again experience is a glorious reality. Words fail to express the wonders of His mercy and goodness; the exceeding great and precious promises; the blessed hope to buoy our spirits. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the ministry of the printed page. The Signs Publishing House is a stronghold of faith and righteousness.

Stan Dymock, South Queensland.

Is Your Church on the Map?

My wife and I recently went on a holiday to . . . While there we wanted to go to church, so we looked in the phone book. It had: The minister and phone number (no address), assistant minister and phone number (no address), school phone number and address, also headmaster's phone number and address. So we rang the minister's number; no answer. We then rang the assistant minister; no answer. We were later to find out that their new minister was still on his way and the assistant minister was away on holidays. So we turned to travel brochures, etc. Every church was mentioned but the SDA church. We eventually found where the church was on an RAC map.

This brought to my attention that others might have the same problem in other places. Surely local churches should check entries in the phone book with Telecom, even possibly paying extra for the church address to be entered. They should make sure their church is mentioned in travel brochures, etc. Also we found only one motel with a copy of *Your Bible and You*.

Ray Boyce, NSW.

Weddings

ORMSBY—NIU. Jacob and Evelyn shared a happy day on February 9, 1986, as they were married in the Samoan church, Porirua, New Zealand. Family, friends, children and parents from Jacob's school joined in the celebration and wished the couple a lifetime of shared joy. Jacob's family come from Rotorua, and Evelyn's family live in Porirua. "Love is commitment that lasts a lifetime," and Jacob and Evelyn made this commitment on that Sunday. Leigh Rice.

PAKOTI—LILLO. Joel Pakoti and Leonora Lillo were a picture of contentment and delight when they met to seal their lives together in marriage in the Spanish church, Wetherill Park, New South Wales, on March 16, 1986. A beautifully decorated church and enthusiastic guests greeted this committed Christian couple as they clearly signalled their deep love for each other. Joel, the eldest son of Joel and Teremoana Pakoti of North Strathfield, and Leonora, the second daughter of Nelson and Glenda Lillo of Bonnyrigg, are both members of the well-known singing group "Endless Praise." Many friends enjoyed a warm reception in the Fairfield church hall.

Allan Butler.

RULE—HAGG. Sunday, March 23, 1986, turned out to be a delightful day for the Warburton (Victoria) Seventh-day Adventist church wedding of Bryan Rule of Glen Waverley, and Cheryl Hagg of Yarra Junction. A large number of loved ones and friends gathered to witness the exchanging of vows, then sat down to share the first meal with the newlyweds. Both Bryan and Cheryl, secondary school Phys Ed teachers, love the outdoor life, but more importantly the God who created it all. We rejoice to see this strong Christian home established in the community.

Merv Sparrowhawk.

Till He Comes

ELLICOTT. Sister Margaret Ellicott passed away peacefully in the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, on March 14, 1986, at the age of seventy-eight years. During recent periods of ill health, she maintained a strong faith in her Lord, whom she loved and served over many years. Assisted by the writer in the graveside service at Avondale Cemetery, Pastor L. C. Coombe presented a message of certainty and confidence centred around Christ as man's only hope. Loved ones and friends present were challenged to be ready to meet the coming King.

J. N. Beamish.

GRUBNER. Brother Stephen Adolph Grubner died on March 22, 1986, after twelve months of illness. Having been an active man all his life and a keen gardener, he found sickness and inactivity a burden, and so death came as a blessed peace. He loved his Lord and went to his rest trusting in God and the blessed hope of the resurrection. Born in 1906, he had lived a life of almost eighty years, the last thirty of which were spent in Dargaville, New Zealand. It was here that he was buried on March 24 to await the Master's call. Four generations of Adventists of his immediate family and all the Dargaville church family and friends mourn his passing. His grandson, Brett Hobson, the minister at Hawera and Stratford, assisted at the funeral.

J. Kosmeier.

HENRY. Mrs Winifred Alice Mary Henry was born in January 1894, and fell asleep in Christ on December 6, 1985, in the Mylo Nursing Home, Toowoomba, Queensland. She was brought up as a Seventh-day Adventist; however, early in life her mother died and then marriage took her out into the country where there was no church. She was baptised by Pastor Cedric Wallace in 1978, and returned to Toowoomba in 1982. Ill health caused her to seek the refuge of the Mylo Nursing Home. She loved to receive communion service regularly and remained a loyal and loved Adventist till the end. A large group of friends and relatives gathered at the Toowoomba Seventh-day Adventist Central church and later at the Toowoomba Garden of Remembrance to hear the promises of Scripture concerning a soon-returning Lord.

D. D. Blanch.

INWARD. Annie Elizabeth Inward (nee Noak) was born on October 15, 1896, in the Rockhampton area, Queensland. She was six months old when her parents were baptised as a result of the ministry of G. B. Starr in the early days of our work in that district. Annie took a very active part in the work for our youth while residing in Ayr. On March 19, 1986, she passed to her rest at the Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales. Friends joined Kay and Linden Grace and their family at the Avondale Lawn Cemetery, where the writer shared the conditions and assurances of the promise of our Lord, "I will raise him up at the last day."

L. C. Coombe.

JULL. Mrs Una Mabel Jull suddenly fell asleep in Christ while in St Vincents Hospital, Toowoomba, Queensland, on December 7, 1985. Sister Jull, with her husband, had been a major supporter of God's work for many years in Toowoomba, and it is largely due to her vision and generosity that the church has a modern, representative primary school in Charnley Street. Una's birth took place in Brisbane on February 21, 1912. She met her husband, John Jull, at the Queensland Camp, and they were married on March 23, 1933. Una loved her family, to which she was deeply dedicated. To her husband John and daughter Mabel and a large gathering of relatives, friends and church members at the Toowoomba Central Adventist church, the precious promises of a resurrecting Christ, a soon-returning Christ, brought comfort and hope.

D. D. Blanch.

SAUNDERS. Arthur Leonard Saunders, known as Len, fell asleep on Sabbath afternoon, December 21, 1985, at Invercargill, New Zealand. Len will long be remembered by his family as a man of strength and true Christian character. The mark of his influence is etched into the community in which he lived, and his patriarchal role in the Invercargill church family will long be missed. Len was laid to rest at Winton on December 24, with the deep conviction that he had fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith, thus giving those of us left behind the comforting assurance of restored relationships on that great reunion day.

Ken Houliston.

SUTHERLAND. Donald Sutherland passed to rest on March 15, 1986, and was later interred in the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, New South Wales. Born in 1894, his first contact with Adventists was through colporteur Reekie in the Temora area. He remained faithful to the Advent message. His wife Ruby predeceased him, and two daughters, Myrtle (Wigglesworth) and Joan (Thompson), together with eleven grandchildren, mourn Brother Sutherland's passing, but look forward to the glad reunion day. Pastor J. Beamish assisted the writer at the graveside service.

J. Ludlow.

TAYLOR. Judith Narelle Taylor fell asleep in Jesus on March 10, 1986, at the Toowoomba General Hospital, Queensland. At thirty years of age, she had battled with chronic active hepatitis for eight years. Despite pain she smiled to the end and never complained. She is survived by her husband Kevin and three young children, her mother Elva Just, two brothers and a sister. She rests in Toowoomba Garden of Remembrance beside her father and sister, awaiting the call of her Saviour.

R. D. Willison.

WATSON. Elva Watson, after surviving her husband by only seven months, died on March 1, 1986, and was laid to rest beside her beloved Bob in the Papatoetoe Cemetery, North New Zealand, on March 5. She was devoted to her Lord and unsparing in her service to the church. Her devotion and caring were extended to her children and also, over the past thirty years, to her widowed father. She will be sadly missed by her family. A full Remuera church was pointed to the Saviour whom she followed and whom she allowed to work through her. We look forward to the "blessed hope," when all loved ones will be reunited. Brother R. R. Barriball, the Remuera church pastor, was assisted by the writer at the service in the church.

R. Faithfull.

WATT. William John Watt passed to his rest in the Newcastle Hospital, New South Wales, on February 3, 1986, after a severe illness. He was an active member of the Maitland church, and his death brought sorrow to all who knew and appreciated his life and witness. As we laid him to rest in the East Maitland Cemetery, his dear wife Edna, family members and friends, who now experience the sorrow and stark reality of separation by death, were comforted by the wonderful fact that death is but an interruption, and that soon the conquering Christ will "burst the tomb" and reunite us with our loved ones who are now sleeping. May we, with the eye of faith, fix our gaze on that great event.

O. R. D'Costa, F. L. Mackay.

CORRECTION

The lady with Pastor Em Stuart in the picture taken at the Victorian camp-meeting, was not his wife, but in fact Marie Fitzclarence, the wife of the head elder at Sale church, Brother Ron Fitzclarence. (RECORD 15/3/86.)

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Sabbath School—commences at 1.15 p.m.
Divine Service—commences at 2.30 p.m.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

DEE ESS FABRICS, suppliers of uniforms to Seventh-day Adventist schools, have just issued their price-list. For full details regarding prices and all sizes of girls and boys uniforms, write to Dee Ess Fabrics, 88 Whitehorse Road, Ringwood, Vic 3134, or phone (03) 870 7839.

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THERE'S A NEW president in the Northern Australian Conference. Pastor D. E. G. Mitchell, who has been a field minister in that conference since leaving the leadership of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission last year, has been appointed following the retirement of Pastor Reg King. The NA Conference has just concluded a very happy camp on their ground at Aitkenvale, a suburb of Townsville.

IT IS WRITTEN speaker and director George Vandeman was recently the recipient of the International Distinguished Achievement Gold Angel Award from Religion in Media in the USA. The honour was given in recognition of Pastor Vandeman's thirty years in Christian television ministry.

BOOKSHELVES getting overloaded? Why not think of sending some of your volumes to help mission schools in the South Pacific. They need good, general reading books; up-to-date texts on primary or high school subjects or reference books not more than five years old. See the advertisements column in this issue of the RECORD.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN camp-meeting proved an inspiration to the largest numbers in living memory. Attendances at day meetings were outstanding, and the mission offering was a record of \$34,373. This was in addition to an offering taken for local evangelism which raised almost \$4,000.

A UNIQUE feature of the WA camp was the broadcast of the meetings by the Radio Club on a ten-watt AM channel which could be heard for a radius of seven kilometres. This meant all campers could tune in and hear the program, even if unable to attend a meeting in person, but it has been confirmed that many non-Adventists in the neighbourhood listened in as well.

A SECOND-YEAR theology student at Avondale, Frank Saunders, has commenced a fifteen-minute devotional program on 2 NUR-FM based in Newcastle, NSW, which is aired on Sunday mornings and is specially designed for aboriginal people.

PASTOR JAMES COFFIN will be taking over as editor of the SOUTH PACIFIC RECORD and the *Signs of the Times* in July. His replacement at the Review and Herald will be Carlos Medley, who has worked for six years as a reporter for the South Bend Tribune, Indiana. Carlos has taught classes in journalism at Andrews University, and is an enthusiastic layperson with great musical talent. Pastor Geoff Garne has accepted a call to a pastorate in the South Queensland Conference and will be leaving Warburton at the end of July.

THE BIO-ETHICS Conference sponsored by the Sydney Adventist Hospital proved a tremendous success and created a great deal of interest. More than 200 booked in for the two-day program held in the Wahroonga Activities Centre, and displayed intense interest in the discussions on a wide range of moral issues facing professionals in this age. Dr Jack Provonsha from Loma Linda University was the featured speaker. His visit created good public relations opportunities and included interviews on radio and television.

ORBOST CHURCH, in eastern Victoria, has changed the time of their church services. Sabbath school now commences at 1.15 p.m. and divine service at 2.30. Visitors are always welcome to worship with them.

THE PRINCE PHILLIP Design Award for 1985 (Transport Section) was recently presented by Prince Phillip himself in Adelaide to Mr Hartley Young, a member of our North Fitzroy church in Melbourne. Mr Young, who heads the Research and Development Division of Ralph McKay Ltd, successfully developed the "Safelok" rail-fastening system, which is a new concept in railway track laying and maintenance. Australian National Railways are installing 525,000 concrete sleepers incorporating this design, and the system has been tested and approved world-wide. We congratulate our brother on his achievement.

ALISTAIR WRIGHT, who has been doing volunteer service in Tonga, has been invited to become the Division printer.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER of the Tasmanian Conference has some good news. The first two months of this year saw a 16.8 per cent increase in tithe. We appreciate his comment, "Praise the Lord! He must have known that we needed it."

DR BRYAN BALL, who took a series on the "Faith Once Delivered to the Saints" during the recent South New South Wales camp-meeting held in Goulburn, reported that there were sixty-four Seventh Day Baptist churches in the UK during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The camp was well attended and much appreciated.

THE RECENT camp program in South Australia highlighted that state's centenary of Adventism. Interviews were enjoyed with representatives of pioneer families including the Roennfeldts, Weres, Daveys, Cerniks, Powells and Manners.

THE ADVENTIST MEDIA Centre is a thrilling hive of activity. Recently a lady phoned from Perth saying, "I'm not one of your church members—I'm a Roman Catholic—but I want to congratulate your organisation on your fine new telecast. You are to be commended for producing such an outstanding program." She was, of course, referring to "Focus on Living" featuring Pastor Geoff Youlden, which was being aired by TVW 7 in Western Australia for a trial period. When AMC manager Nat Devenish suggested she phone the television station with her comments, she replied: "I've already contacted them, and they're the ones who gave me your phone number." I'm sure we will share her enthusiasm.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! The Island Department of the Media Centre, headed by Pastor Russell Gibbs, reports that in the past six months they have distributed 1,000 videotapes on which are recorded approximately 2,500 evangelistic presentations. This is in addition to providing tens of thousands of evangelistic colour slides and audio tapes to the mission field.

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