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For Conscience' Sake

By THE EDITOR

A MEMBER of the Seventh-Day Adventist church in France, having been drafted as a conscript in the army, was recently court-martialled for refusing to work on the Sabbath. The case has aroused widespread interest, the following being some of the British newspapers which have commented upon it: *The Times*, *The Evening Standard*, *The Belfast Telegraph*, *The Belfast News Letter*, *Nottingham Evening Post*, *Saturday Herald*, etc.

In France one of the leading newspapers, *Paris-Soir*, gave almost a full column to a report of the court martial itself and through the courtesy of Brother Overton, who is in Paris at the moment, we are able to give a translation as follows:

A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SOLDIER
REFUSES OBEDIENCE

*He is examined this afternoon
before the military tribunal
of Besançon*

When Henry Stanisière, a young recruit, was drafted to the 28th regiment of heavy artillery at Belfort last October, he obtained, without dissent, a success rather flattering to him over his new officers.

"What a fine fellow! . . . He will make a first-rate gunner!" exclaimed the corporal.

This country lad, his features tanned by his open-air life, soon adapted himself to his new surroundings. The first few days he

enjoyed the life, but when the first Saturday arrived after he came, he asked to be exempted from all work or compulsory duty.

"I cannot work to-day," he said in the morning with a calm voice, while having breakfast.

"What? What were you, saying?" asked the corporal in charge for the week. "Are you not feeling well?"



Photo: E. W.
Brother E. E. Franklin (right) of the General Conference Publishing Department being greeted by Brother B. Belton at the recent Colporteur Institute at the Stanborough Park church.

"Oh no, but it is a principle of mine and I have a motive for it."

"As for principles," curtly replied the corporal, "I laugh at them, and regarding your motives, you cannot have them in this place."

The blue eyes of gunner Stanisière became blurred with reproach and despair. However, this disciplined soldier made the position clear and murmured:

"Impossible, I can do nothing."

Desiring to prove his point, the corporal went to look for the ordinance officer, but obtained no satisfaction. And when the adjutant was notified in turn, and informed the captain of the battery, there was a great stir in gunner Stanisière's room.

"For the last time, my friend, will you do your duty this morning, yes or no?"

"I am sorry, but it is impossible for me to do it. I am a Seventh-Day Adventist, and I refuse absolutely to do any manual labour on the Sabbath day."

Remaining in this defensive attitude, the refractory gunner could boast to have thrown a bomb at his superiors. The captain was stunned by it.

"A Seventh-Day Adventist! Why, I have never yet seen another!"

At length the captain very wisely accorded the day of rest demanded, believing that he would bring into

the open this new method of attacking one on the side flank.

The following Saturday the same scene was re-enacted.

"I refuse to work, my religion forbids me," obstinately repeated the Adventist.

But this time the "seventh day" had no more influence. And the gunner read the decision of the court martial that he had been given four days' confinement under guard for unwillingness to obey orders.

Stanisière greeted his third Saturday in the army with serenity; on the other hand, the captain was in doubt and perplexity. But the following was the result of this drama. The gunner was imprisoned in the military gaol at Besançon under the charge of refusing to obey the orders of a superior officer.

And that afternoon, before the military tribunal, he explained some secrets of his religion.

He told with a certain emotion how, with the members of his family and several other inhabitants of the same village, he had become a faithful adherent of a not widely known religion, the "Seventh-Day Adventists." This sect, that one finds in the south of France and also in certain parts of Alsace, imposes upon its members before everything else an important commandment, by which it is absolutely forbidden to work on the Sabbath day. Otherwise than to feed domestic animals and to nurse the sick, complete rest must be observed on the Saturday.

It is probable that the military judges of Besançon will listen to the gunner with a certain indulgence.—Translated by Edward Overton from "Paris-Soir" of January 29, 1936.

We have communicated with the Religious Liberty Secretary for the Southern European Division concerning this case and hope to be able to give further particulars in a later issue of the MESSENGER.

We feel sure that all our people will unite in prayer for Brother Henri Stanisière that he may be kept steadfast in faith during his imprisonment for the truth's sake.

Encouraging News from Queensland, Australia

THE following is an extract from a letter received by Brother A. Carey at the Union office a few weeks ago from the secretary of the Queensland Conference in Australia:

"I am sure that you will be glad to know that the work is onward in this field. We certainly have a large task, not so far as population is concerned, but in extent of territory. Recently two of our colporteurs went 6,000 miles to cover their contract. Some of the places they called on were 200 miles apart. On this tour they sold books in every homestead at which they called with the exception of three. Of course, they took a number of books such as *This Mighty Hour*, *Daniel and Revelation*, *Home Physician*, *Coming King*, and these were sold in combination with yearly subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times*. In one lonely place where they camped for the night by a waterhole, a tramp (swagman we call them here), came along. He was just about 'all in,' having tramped forty miles in the blistering heat without water. They gave him some food and began to chat with him and found he carried with him a copy of *Coming King* that he would not leave for anything. He had no food, no water, but he carried *Coming King* with him! They were then scores of miles from the nearest town, and many miles from the nearest habitation. This gives some conception of the size of Queensland. One case of books that we sent to one of our colporteurs for delivery went 1,360 miles by rail and 360 miles by horse-wagon beyond the railhead. This will give you an idea of the vast distances we have to deal with here in this conference, and as the total population of the whole conference is only 1,000,000, and about one-third of these live in Brisbane, the capital city of the state, you may appreciate our difficulties of communication.

"Of course, in a vast area like we have here, it is only natural that

we should have a large 'isolated list' of Sabbath-keepers. I think we have possibly the largest number of isolated believers in any conference in this Union, and it is certainly cheering to know how they remain faithful year after year in their service to the Master, in spite of the fact that some of them have not seen a worker for years. Some of them are so isolated that it would take a worker three weeks to make a visit to one person or family. So you can realize that it is not often that a visit is made. One family that our M.V. secretary visited lately had not seen a worker or other member of the church for five years. But they were faithfully living out the principles of the message where they were.

"This is a great wool and beef state, and some of the 'Stations,' or cattle and sheep holdings, aggregate many square miles in extent. One which is not in this state alone, but occupies the Centralian area, is larger in extent than the British Isles. But, of course, that is an 'outsize,' and is said to be the largest holding in the world. And yet the message is found even in these 'outback' places where it takes a month to get a letter to them and another month for the reply. We are amazed at times to see the way the Lord is working in these places and bringing the truth to the people there. It was in scattered territory like this that our colporteurs last year took orders totalling £7,550, with deliveries averaging about ninety per cent. It is no wonder the Lord has spoken so highly of the colporteur, for he does his work in heat and cold, over the burning plains of the interior, the tropical heat and storms of the north and the scattered places of the middle west, as well as along the more thickly populated coastal districts."



"WHEN Christ is cherished in the heart, His likeness will be revealed in the life."

An Appeal from West Africa

As we are returning to our mission field on the good ship "Apapa," our minds are filled with thoughts and expectations regarding the work that lies ahead.

Many of our friends in Britain will probably remember some things they have read before about the work in Southern Nigeria. This is a field of great opportunity. We are working in the most thickly populated region of all Africa, where the people readily respond to the appeal of Christianity. Here, also, the Sabbath truth is understood and appreciated by large numbers, some eight thousand people having already accepted that phase of our message. The sad thing is that such a large proportion of these good souls are content to remain as Sabbath-school members, holding on to many of their old ways while professing to be Seventh-Day Adventists. It has, thus far, been slow, heart-aching work to bring a few of them to that place where they wish to unite with the church in full fellowship, being willing to make the full surrender of the "old man" to the Lord.

This is quite largely due to the fact that our native workers, whilst full of zeal and love for the cause, have yet too poor a training to enable them to deal with this problem which is so very real in their church companies.

The calls come in to the mission so thick and fast that our native evangelists have to go with what little they have. Their preliminary efforts are almost always very successful, that is, they invariably raise up a Sabbath-school. But the battle to win these souls for full church membership is arduous indeed, with the result that our Sabbath-school membership is always three times as large as our church membership.

Now if our workers could have access to a library of the books which mean so much to the white preacher they would not only appreciate the privilege most gratefully, but would also be kept fresh in spiritual things, being fed with the richness which is so necessary to Gospel workers in these days.

Our native workers are too poorly paid, perforce, to be able to afford any appreciable number of our books. But they can all read and understand English, and would use every opportunity which presented itself to improve their hearts and minds for the Master's service.

As I believe there are many good friends at home who will see the point, and sympathize with us in our great problem, I make bold to proffer a request.

Will all those who desire and are able to provide certain of our publications (either used or new books) for this excellent work of improving the efficiency of the native workers in our little corner of the world's work, kindly send them direct to:

A. C. Vine, S.D.A. Mission,
Elele, via Port Harcourt,
S. Nigeria.

We shall be most sincerely grateful to receive such books as: *Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, The Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, Prophets and Kings, Education, Ministry of Healing, Selections from Testimonies, Gospel Workers, Great Second Advent Movement, Our Day in the Light of Prophecy, Ministry of the Spirit, Steps to Christ, Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, Fundamentals of Christian Education, Source Book, Christ Our Righteousness, The Preacher*, by Jowett.

And any others which you believe could be understood by those who can read and understand English well, and who dearly love the contents of such books as these.

When sending, just wrap the paper round the book, leaving the ends open. The postage is then quite inexpensive, as the parcel will be sent by *book post*. Thank you!
A. C. VINE.

North England Conference

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Leicester Young People's Convention

THE first of the year's conventions recommended by the British Union to be held during the first quarter in North England took place in Leicester from Friday evening, January 24th, to Sunday evening, the 26th. Apart from the Leicester young people, who were on the spot, representatives attended from Kettering, Nottingham, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Newbold. We were very glad to have the presence and help of those from Newbold. Nineteen of them attended for the Sabbath and Saturday evening, and brightened the proceedings by items of music, song, and recitation. Unfortunately, classes made it impossible for them to remain over for the Sunday; but another party of students came in to swell the numbers at the Sunday evening ser-

vice, following a successful day of canvassing in the neighbourhood, again bringing a little more exuberant life into the assembly.

A real impression was made by Pastor A. S. Maxwell at his opening meeting on Friday evening and again on Sabbath morning. His talks were heart-searching, including comments on the paper, "Standards for Advent Youth" on Sabbath afternoon. In these he went to the root of the matter when he appealed for a surrender of the heart to Christ, which would go a long way toward settling the question for each one as to what is right and what is wrong for our young people.

Other topics were presented by society members and formed the basis of much interesting discussion, including "Society Programmes" and "Social Life of our Young People." The latter led to

a display of lively interest in the social features provided for our youth, such as the annual camp and the like. A concerted expression was made that more of these should be provided. The fact that worldly recreation is out of the question for our youth certainly calls for an effort to furnish opportunities of wholesome social intercourse between our scattered young people. A sympathetic attitude on the part of church officers, members, and parents to any such plans is solicited.

Pastor F. W. Goodall, Secretary of the Union M.V. Department, rendered good help in connection with the discussion of the topics. He also introduced and demonstrated the projectorscope, advocated by the Union conference for use in illustrated Bible studies in homes. This took place on Saturday evening and again on Sunday evening. On the latter occasion, the presentation took the form of a lecture on the subject, "A Message from the Sun, Moon, and Stars," at which relatives and friends were present in addition to the assembly of Missionary Volunteers.

The Sabbath was the day for taking up an offering for restoring the hospital equipment in Ethiopia. This was done in the morning service, and the result was £2. 6s. 1d. plus a present of gold leaf by a Leicester member, which has since realized a further £1.

The other two conventions fixed are Manchester, February 15th, and Newcastle, March 14th. We invite your prayers on behalf of these efforts to help our youth.

J. H. PARKIN.

Resolution Passed at Leicester Young People's Convention

WHEREAS We realize that the world is bidding for young people as never before,

Resolved That we, the Seventh-Day Adventist youth in session at the Leicester Convention, inaugurate a public and personal evangelistic programme, with an aim to strengthen and increase our Missionary Volunteer membership, and to encourage every member to become actively engaged in this programme.

Resolved That we, as young people, place ourselves on record as accept-

ing for our guide in amusements and recreation, the principle that any amusement in which we may engage asking God's blessing upon it in faith, which does not disqualify us for secret prayer, for devotion, or for taking part in a prayer meeting, is safe and not dangerous; at the same time taking into consideration its influence upon the physical, mental, and moral well-being.

WHEREAS Our own security as well as our ability to give the Gospel to others depends upon a personal knowledge of the doctrines which have made us a people and acquainted us with God's leading in our past history,

Resolved That we as young people encourage in all our societies a greater interest in the systematic study of Bible Doctrines and Denominational History preparatory to taking the Study and Service League examinations.



Baptism in Birmingham

ONCE again we have been made to realize that "here have we no continuing city," as we have wrenched ourselves away from the many warmhearted friends in the Birmingham churches to come to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where we have already been received with north country openheartedness—intensified by the blessed tie that binds

the Advent people into one great family. As we face the task of evangelism on the Tyneside we are much encouraged by the knowledge that united, continual supplication for a great ingathering of souls will be made by old friends in Birmingham, and new ones on the Tyneside. There are still other friends, scattered over England and Wales, whose prayerful interest we invite.

On the last Friday evening in Birmingham (January 17th) we had a very happy service in the Handsworth Church, when Pastor O. M. Dorland gave the address prior to the baptism of eight dear souls. Two others had previously been received into church membership by vote.

Many, many thanks are due to all who have co-operated untiringly in the work in Birmingham. Disappointments have been many, but we trust fruit will yet be gathered from the loving service that has been given. Miss E. D. Brown, who laboured with us for nearly two years, and whose association in service we have appreciated, left for Newcastle, Staffs., at the end of last November.

A. F. BIRD.

South England Conference

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Notes from the President

It is always interesting to revisit the churches where one has personally worked. It is still more gratifying to see the churches one has helped to bring into being growing in strength—growing into this great message. We spent last week-end in East Anglia and on Sabbath morning the members in Carlton Colville, who worship in their own church building, were organized into a company. We trust that it will not be long before this company will have grown into a fully established church, as there is a good interest in the district.

A FEW weeks ago the Bourne-

mouth members were able to secure their own church building. It is situated about half a mile from their present meeting place, on the same road. The members were unanimous in their enthusiasm for its purchase and are working and sacrificing so that the building may be dedicated free of debt this year. This well-built red brick building will seat 200 and contains all the accommodation necessary for a well organized church.

ALMOST every day we receive appeals for help from the Medical Aid Fund. We are confident that your church will send in a liberal offering at the end of this month

to help those who appeal to us in their hour of need. Self-sacrifice lies at the door of all true service.

THERE are some who find fault with God's financial ordinances. God's rightful claim upon our personal finances is direct and indisputable. We may murmur and complain about the tithing system. "Your words have been stout against Me, saith the Lord. . . . Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance?" "Behold, the day cometh when neither their silver nor gold shall be able to deliver them."

SOMEONE has said, "If a Jew gave one-tenth under the law, for a Christian under grace to give less is a disgrace. When a man begins to amass wealth, it is always a question as to whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man." We may treat the claims of God upon our cash as did Christobel, a new convert in a little Cuban Mission, when a friend said: "Christobel, if you had a hundred sheep, would you give ten of them for the Lord's work?"

"Yes, I would."

"Would you do the same if you had a hundred cows?"

"Yes, I would."

"Would you do the same if you had a hundred horses?"

"Yes, of course."

"If you had ten goats, would you give one of them to Him?"

"No, I wouldn't, and you have no right to ask me, for you know I have ten goats."

Time is short. Do you wish to forego the blessing of eternity for the sake of a few coins now? The final audit is just ahead. Let us be true and faithful to the Lord.

R. S. JOYCE.

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At Rest

SMYTH.—The Belfast Church and the cause in Northern Ireland have sustained a very sad loss through the death of one of the most loyal members and a proven faithful worker—Miss Martha Smyth. Our sister became ill about two months ago. A fortnight later she went to the country where with a little extra care she hoped for a speedy recovery, but as she gradually grew worse she was removed to her sister's—Mrs. Nixon, in Belfast—whence, in three days, she was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital. Later an operation was performed, but she gradually sank and passed away on Monday morning, December 23, 1935, at 2 o'clock. While in hospital she was visited by Pastors Harker, Bailey, and Whiteside, and a number of the churchmembers, and was last seen by Mrs. Whiteside on the Sunday night. Even when in hospital she was interested in all church activities. She expressed her confidence in her Lord and Saviour, and when the writer last saw her she was resigned to the will of God and able to say, "Thy will be done." The funeral was on Tuesday, December 24th, and she was laid to rest in the Carnmoney Cemetery "in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The services in the home and at the cemetery were conducted by the writer. R. WHITESIDE.

BELTON.—Sister Edith Belton, the mother of Brother B. Belton, passed peacefully away in her seventieth year at Watford, on January 12, 1936. For many years she had been connected with the church in Rotherham, though because of failing health she had passed her last days in the home of her son at Watford. We laid her to rest in the Leavesden Church Cemetery, with the hope of resurrection to life eternal at the coming of the Saviour. Brother and Sister Belton and their family and two other sons of Sister Belton are left to mourn their loss. W. H. MEREDITH.

CROWDER.—After a prolonged illness Sister Annie B. Crowder, the beloved aunt of Pastors S. G. C. and A. S. Maxwell, passed peacefully to rest on Wednesday, February 5, 1936, aged 66 years. The interment took place in the City of London cemetery on February 7th, where we laid her in the old family grave in confident hope of a joyful resurrection when Jesus comes for His saints. E. ASHTON.

GARRATT.—We deeply regret to report the death of Sister Ellen Maria Garratt, who passed peacefully to rest at her son's home in Cardiff, on January 27, 1936, at the age of 73. She accepted the truth in Cardiff through the influence of her relatives and the labours of Pastor W. H. Meredith twenty-eight years ago. During that time she has been a faithful member of the Cardiff Church and has endeared herself to the members by her kind, cheerful, and patient disposition through the years of suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. Despite her affliction, she was faithful in attending all the meetings until the last four or five months, and we greatly miss her presence. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the son, daughter-in-law, and other relatives in their bereavement. Words of comfort were spoken and the funeral conducted at the Cardiff Cemetery by Pastor G. D. King and the writer.

T. H. COOPER.

DAVENPORT.—The Bolton Church has suffered a further loss in the death of Sister Davenport, which occurred about Christmas time. Miss Davenport was nearly eighty years of age and lived almost the life of a recluse in a little toy-shop in Bolton. She accepted the message when Pastor F. W. Johnston laboured in Bolton some five years ago. Since then she has been very faithful to the light God then gave her and, being found dead in her shop-parlour, it can be truthfully said of her, that she was faithful "unto death." With nearly all the remaining members of the Bolton Church present, we buried her in the quiet little Parish Church cemetery of Horwich on January 3rd, the grave being put at our disposal by the husband of one of our Bolton members—a most generous act and one that enabled us to bury our departed sister in a manner satisfactory to ourselves and the unloving public (for she had no relatives). When Jesus calls, in the not far-distant day of resurrection, this sleeping saint will respond and enjoy the blessings of immortality and life everlasting.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

MRS. WHARRIE and family thank the host of kind friends who have sought to comfort them in their recent bereavement and great sorrow. The Lord will surely reward you all for your loving sympathy.

The Ministry of the Literature

"Great Controversy" Sales in Spitzbergen Coal-Fields

THE Arctic Ocean would seem to be no place for human beings. Ships that venture there in winter may have to face howling, snow-filled hurricanes with the thermometer at forty degrees below freezing point and the wind shrieking at eighty miles an hour.

Yet, on the islands of Spitzbergen, 666 miles farther north than Iceland, there is a little colony employed in mining the coal of those regions. Isn't this the "Farthest North" of all the inhabited regions of the world? Nearly at the Pole!

One of our Scandinavian colporteurs has recently visited these far-off islands. He succeeded in

selling eighty copies of *Great Controversy* and some *Bedtime Stories* also. So the truth goes to man's farthest outposts.

NEAR PORT DARWIN

Almost every time an airman makes a record flight to Australia we hear of the town of Port Darwin as his first call on the island continent. Four hundred miles south of this point lie the Victoria Downs cattle stations, the largest in the world, covering 13,000 square miles and with 130,000 cattle. It's strange, but if you were to call at the scattered homes on this great, far-away cattle ranch you would find the people reading *This Mighty Hour!* Two of our

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Conference for the Year ended Dec. 31, 1935

WELSH MISSION

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offerings per Capita	
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SCOTTISH MISSION

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IRISH FREE STATE MISSION

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March 6th	5.48	5.53	6.01	5.58	6.19



Colporteurs in attendance at the 1936 Institute at Stanborough Park.

How to become a *Colporteur-Evangelist—1*

FIRST there must be conviction.

Are you convinced that without this line of service and without your participation in it, multitudes would remain in ignorance of the truth? For there must never be the slightest doubt about this in your own mind if you are to succeed permanently.

This literature work is not an occupation. It is a ready and hourly response to constant and unspoken cries for help from the unsatisfied heart of the world.

You do not "try" the colporteur work. God chooses His man and, having felt the constraining power of the love of Christ, the man of His choice answers the call with no thought of whether it meets with popular approval.

"Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labour and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees it in the light shining from the cross."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 340.*

"In the light shining from the cross." Do you see the force of that? It means something to be a colporteur. It means the same attitude toward life and all it holds dear, toward the future, too, that Jesus Himself was always glad to accept.

"The same devotion, the same consecration, the same subjection to the

claims of the Word of God, that were manifest in Christ, must be seen in His servants. . . . Old associations must be broken up, plans of life relinquished, earthly hopes surrendered."—*"Gospel Workers," pages 111, 112.*

Is the one who devotes himself to such a calling consigned to a life of joyless labour? Indeed no. On the contrary a satisfaction probably not experienced hitherto and little known to those outside the colporteur ranks fills his soul as his words of cheer and pages of blessing kindle hope anew in burdened hearts wherever he goes. For his apparent sacrifice, heaven gives an abundantly gratifying return of lasting worth.

"The success of his labour affords him the purest joy, and is the richest recompense for a life of patient toil."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 340.*

Conviction of the call, coupled with an absolute surrender of the heart and life to the claims of God, these, then, are the first and all-important essentials.

Is the Holy Spirit bringing conviction to you? Are you being singled out by an all-wise Providence for the joyous service of the literature ministry?

We trust it may be so in this time of almost overwhelming need.

Your course of procedure will be clearly presented in future articles.
B. BELTON.

"Great Controversy" Sales in Spitzbergen Coal-Fields

(Continued from page 5.)

Australian colporteurs have been working along the rough tracks of that region selling Brother Maxwell's book.

AT THE HERMIT'S HOME

Down in South New Zealand a colporteur came to an odd-looking house where the gate was wired up and the path overgrown with weeds. Smoke was coming from the chimney, however, so the colporteur got over the fence.

He found the door open and noticed that the floor was covered with rubbish and the pictures were hung all ways. (Obviously no woman lived there!) He knocked and called, and in answer there appeared an old man of over ninety winters, bent and haggard. But, bent, old, and haggard, he had still a lively interest in world affairs and when the colporteur left he carried away an order for *This Mighty Hour!*

Another New Zealand family are now planning to attend our Christchurch Mission as a result of another colporteur who canvassed them with *This Mighty Hour!*

Isn't it an inspiration that books which originated here in old England have gone to the uttermost ends of the earth? They couldn't get any farther away than the South of New Zealand—unless they were sold on Antipodes Island itself.
A.W.