Easter: looking forward - and backwards...

- It feels like Easter posters are popping up around me everywhere these days. They remind me both of the holiday that is coming up, and of the historical event that it commemorates. The Easter holiday isn't here yet, but why not take a few quiet minutes to remember and say thank you?

Heritage News:

- **Closed**: The Adventist Heritage Centre has been closed for these last two weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience this might have caused. Sadly, Rose-lea, our ever-energetic director, is unwell at the moment. We hope that she will recover and be back with us in the nearest future. We certainly hope that she will be well soon enough to be able to fully enjoy the upcoming holiday!
- **Historical Form**: We are still waiting to hear back from you with precious historical data from your local churches, schools and other institutions. We are very grateful for all of the historical material that is donated, but your memories are also a valuable source of historical data. We have re-attached the 'Historical Information' form and ask that you return this form and help us to immortalise the details you hold in your memory.

Books: yesterday and today

- A special report of Avondale church’s April 15, 1911 missionary meeting highlighted the history and value of books. According to this report, the first books were in heaven, while the Chinese were the first to succeed in printing. The first Bible was printed in 1455. By 1849, our first Seventh-day Adventist publication, the *Present Truth*, was being published. In 1855, you could buy a copy of every Seventh-day Adventist publication for about 12 shillings. By 1911, this amount was suggested to be over 100 pounds. I don’t dare estimate what it might be now!
- But this report begs the question, “Are books still as ‘valuable’ now? Or have electronic media replaced them?” What do you think?

Old News: valuable

- Old newspapers around? You never know what you’ll find! This afternoon I (Cherith) found in the Incoming Serials a newspaper clipping from 1986. It was a two page spread on the opening of the Avondale College Church. We collect local newspaper clippings. Keep your eyes open: you might be surprised where valuable historical material turns up!

Wise Words 100 Years Old:

- Every task that we master adds to our reserve fund of strength and spiritual force. Every task that masters us, depletes our spiritual force and decreases our strength of character.

100 Years Ago:
From the March 1911 issues of the 'Australasian Record':

- The Bible teaching at the Sydney Sanitarium so impressed a patient that he sent for his wife and children to attend the services at church the very next Sabbath.
- The mission school in Buresala, Fiji, reported an enrolment of fourteen boys and seven girls. However, the promise of an increased enrollment was dependent on the village chiefs: after being accepted by the mission school, each student needed to receive permission from their chief before they could formally enrol. *Some young people feel it is a hassle to chase parental permission, but what if there was a chief's consent to secure for everything as well?!*
Historical Thoughts on Health:
The Australasian Good Health magazine of April 1, 1904 reported on the healing power of fresh air:

- “The cold-air cure is coming to be recognized as the most effective for invalids. At Davos, up among the Alps Mountains, there is an establishment for cold-air treatment. Each patient is required to take a treatment three times daily.” This treatment simply entailed lying outdoors for a half an hour to an hour in the brisk Alps air! “With plenty of warm coverings, and a hood over the head and ears, the patients can bid defiance to Jack Frost while they inhale the life-giving oxygen of the cold, fresh air.
- “This institution is becoming world-famous for the cure of consumption.” If you live in the country, why not step outside right now and sample some priceless fresh air!

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February Photo Answers: Our February photo remains a mystery, as there were no responses for it.
March Photo Answers: We only received one response for our March photo, so these answers are still somewhat incomplete.

Location: Old Chapel at Avondale College
(L – R): Bert Sonter, Vem Wilkinson/ Pr Kevin Ferris (?), Ray Frazer
Note: If anyone would like to make some further suggestions for the March photo, we would be happy to email it to you.

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