Welcome

- September has arrived and seems to be heralding a warm summer, as it is over 25 degrees here today. Spring reminds me of the glory of that which God has created and a poem that George Burnside gave out at his evangelistic meetings.

Evolution’s Blunder

Three monkeys sat on a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they’re said to be;
Said one to the other “Now listen, you two
There’s a certain rumor that can’t be true
That man descended from our noble race:
The very idea is a big disgrace.
No monkey ever deserted his wife
Starved her babies and ruined her life;
And you’ve never known a mother-monkey
To leave her babies with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Till they scarcely know who was their mother;
And another thing you’ll never see
Monkeys build a fence round a coconut tree
And let the coconuts go to waste
Forbidding other monkeys to taste;
Why, if I’d put a fence around the tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me;
Here’s another think a monkey won’t do
Go out at night and get on the stew
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey’s life
Yes, man DESCENDED – with all his fuss
But brother, he didn’t descend from US!”
Author Unknown

Heritage News

- The restoration of the “Andrew Stewart” missionary plane is progressing slowly. Three high school girls are currently helping with this project and will feature in an upcoming ‘In Focus’ Hope TV program.
- New acquisitions:
  - Dennis Steley documents – these detail his study of the history of Adventists in the South Pacific Islands (excluding PNG).
  - H. B. P. Wicks documents – these are sermon notes and personal files - times change but some issues never do, e.g. war, spiritualism, forgiveness, etc.
‘Adventist Radio Church’ radio scripts (1943-1950) – these radio broadcast scripts that were written and used over several years.

A. L. Hindson photograph collection (1890’s – 1940s) – many of the early photographs are unique and provide a wonderful snapshot of life as it was.

Wise Words 100 Years Old:

- “He who hath never a conflict, hath never a victor’s palm, and only the toilers know, the sweetness of rest and calm.” (Australasian Record, 4/9/1911, p3)

100 Years Ago:

- An arrangement was made with the NSW Railway Department for adult church members to attend the upcoming NSW Conference camp meeting in Newcastle at a reduced cost of a single fare instead of a return fare. What a great idea!
- ‘Penny-a-day’ plan was introduced - this involved saving one penny per day, making a total of seven-pence per week. Three-pence was for regular 4th Sabbath Offering and the remaining four-pence was to go to the Church missionary secretary to buy 'Signs' and leaflets. Did it work, yes? “Sept 18 was perhaps our (Signs Publishing Co.) busiest day for outward shipments, 26 cases, weighing a little more than 4.5 tons (of various publications), being consigned to different parts of the Commonwealth and New Zealand?” What a great solution that helped business and spreaded the word!

Historical Health Wisdom:

Here are a few words of wisdom from the August/Sept. 1911 edition of Life and Health: “In 1665, a year in which the plague was most deadly in England, a believer in fresh air wrote a pamphlet in which he said that shutting up infected houses spread the disease.” In 1911 the proper ventilation of houses was still an issue much like it remains today.

Photo Identification:
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August photograph was identified as - being taken in 1965 in the Avondale College music hall rehearsal room. The people in the photo are L-R: Heinz Linser, Jillian McLaren (not sure of marital status but married an American she met at Avondale – Dennie Coffin), Susan Eliot (now Pate), Dale Johanson (now Rudge), Barry Rudge, Carlyle Needham with Allan Thrift at the piano. They were all members of the Avondale Symphonic Choir.

If you have any comments or questions:
Until next time, don’t forget: our collection is growing because of your assistance.

Your AHC Team