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“This Mighty Hour”

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As one seeks to solve the mystery of the present world crisis and understand its meaning, pondering meanwhile the solemn warnings of some of its greatest sons, voices from the dim, distant past call across the centuries, illuminating the present darkness and throwing welcome rays of light into the shrouded future.

“Cries one: ‘There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time.’ Dan. 12:1. . . .”

“Amazing words! ‘A time of trouble such as never was!’ Do we not see at least the beginnings of it surrounding us today?”

In those graphic sentences Pastor A. S. Maxwell, the editor of “Present Truth,” London, sets before the readers of his recent book, “This Mighty Hour,” the opinion that we are now seeing the beginnings of the “time of trouble such as never was.”

With this idea we are in hearty agreement. The conditions facing the world are unprecedented. As Pastor Maxwell, in the opening paragraph of his book, says: “We face today the greatest crisis in the history of mankind. All the past pales before the stupendous issues of this mighty hour.” In the words of Scripture we are experiencing “a time of trouble such as never was.”

Throughout our denominational history we have been looking forward to a time such as this, and of us it can be truly said, “Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” Matt. 13:16, 17.

Eighty-eight years ago, when our work was in its infancy, Mrs. E. G. White had a vision in which she said, “At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.” That this “time of trouble” is the one referred to in Dan. 12:1 there can be no question whatever, as anyone may see by reading the vision as it is related in “Early Writings,” page 27. In that vision Mrs. White described the actual scenes preceding and associated with the coming of Christ; and Daniel in his prophecy does likewise.

After relating this vision, Mrs. White at a later date made some further comments upon this “time of trouble,” in which she explained that “the commencement of the time of trouble . . . does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not

scripture it will be seen that the first event mentioned by the apostle which is to occur under the sounding of the seventh trumpet, is the overturning of all the kingdoms of this world, and the establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who will thenceforward “reign forever and ever.” This, the greatest event in all human history since the fall of man, is noted first in the outline of events which will come to pass after the passing of the second woe; not because it will be the first to take place in point of time, however, but because it is the principal event of all which will happen after the sounding of the seventh trumpet. Seven great events are enumerated by the apostle as occurring during this period:

1. The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ.
2. The anger of the nations.
3. The wrath of God (the seven last plagues; see Rev. 16:1).
4. The judgment of the dead.
5. The dispensing of rewards to the redeemed.
6. The destruction of the wicked.
7. The opening of the temple of God in heaven.

It should be evident at a glance to any intelligent Bible student, that this list of events, although set out in the order enumerated in the scripture under consideration, will not occur in that exact order. For instance, it must be apparent that when the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of Christ, there will be no angry nations. The anger of the nations, and their continual warfare which they have waged one upon another, are generated and promoted by Satan, the prince of this world, who is the source of all evil. It must be self-evident that when Christ takes the reins of government into His own hands, and He is crowned Lord of all, there will be no more angry nations. Therefore we may assume that event number two in the above list will occur before number one.

The outpouring of the seven last plagues, which is also called the “wrath of God,” will also precede the second advent, for it is not until after the outpouring of the sixth plague that Christ says, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth.” Hence the third event in the list will also precede the first in the time of its occurrence.

The Right to Choose

The conflict deepens as the years go by,
Deepens and widens 'neath earth's winter sky.
Both near and far the mustering hosts divide
For God and right, for sin and Satan's side.

The nations, fretted by the loss of gain,
Unconscious move toward that fatal plain,
Where earth's last sceptre, broken in dismay
And cursed by man, is flung in scorn away.

The darkness deepens; just one ray of light
Stretches its beams across the sombre night;
His message, cheering through the winter gloom,
Yet whispers to the wanderer: “There is room!”

Afar and near the mighty call still rings:
“For self decide or for the King of Kings!”
O brother, make thy choice so true, so well,
That angels can the rapturous story tell!
ROBERT HARE.

to prevent the work of the third angel,” —“Early Writings,” p. 85.

This instruction is timely today, for some people seem to think that the “time of trouble” spoken of in the book of Daniel will not make its appearance till the end of probation, or after Michael shall stand up. It is easy for us to understand how such a mistake could be made, for in the Scripture the statements concerning the “time of trouble” follow the prediction that Michael shall stand up.

PROPHECY NOT ALWAYS WRITTEN IN THE EXACT ORDER IN WHICH THE EVENTS WILL OCCUR

But in other prophecies we find that the order in which the predicted events will occur are not set forth in an exact chronological sequence. An illustration of this may be seen by referring to the events set forth under the seventh trumpet. (See Rev. 11:14-19.) By referring to that

The judgment of the dead must necessarily precede the second advent of Christ, for we are definitely instructed that when Jesus comes, He will bring the rewards for His people with Him. "Behold, I come quickly," says Christ, "and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. Furthermore, Paul tells us that Christ "will render to every man according to his deeds;" and "to them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honour and immortality," He will render "eternal life." Rom. 2:6, 7. But, as he tells us in another place, that gift of immortality is to be conferred "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." It must therefore be obvious that the investigations concerning "the patient continuance in well-doing," and the earnestness in seeking for "glory and honour and immortality," must necessarily be made BEFORE the sounding of the last trump, at which the change from mortality and corruption to immortality and incorruption takes place "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," 1 Cor. 15:52. Therefore number four in the list will also take place before number one; while the same line of reasoning proves that number five will synchronise with number one, for we have already shown that when Jesus returns He will bring His rewards with Him.

The destruction of the wicked will not occur until after the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of Christ. One of the causes of distress and remorse on the part of those who despise God's grace, will be to "see Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God," and themselves "thrust out." Luke 13:28. Evidently the sixth event mentioned in the list will be the last to occur.

The opening of the temple of God in heaven, although mentioned last in the series, must be one of the first to happen in this series of seven events. It certainly must precede the outpouring of the wrath of God, for we are told in a later chapter that the seven angels, having the seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, "came out of the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven" after it "was opened." It is evident also that the opening of this temple must precede the judgment of the dead, the dispensing of the rewards to the righteous, and the second advent of Christ.

In like manner, in the prophecy of Daniel, a similar order is followed. The first event mentioned as following the predicted overthrow of the Ottoman power is the standing up of Michael. In the book of Revelation the first event mentioned, after the passing of the second woe, which almost all Biblical expositors agree in applying to the Ottoman power, is the setting up of Christ's eternal kingdom. This event, as we have already stated, is mentioned first, not because it will be the first to take place in point of time, after the passing of the Ottoman Empire, but because it is first in importance. It is indeed, the greatest event in all history since the fall of man.

Now it will be readily admitted by those who are acquainted with the prophecies that none of the other great lines of prophe-

cy give such a definite event to mark the introduction of the time of trouble as we find in Daniel 11:45 and Rev. 11:14. In Daniel 11:45 we read of a power which will come to its end; and in Revelation 11:14 we read of a "woe" which has passed away. That "woe," as we have already intimated, nearly all Biblical interpreters apply to the Ottoman power; and while there is some difference of opinion among theologians concerning the power alluded to in Dan. 11:45, yet this denomination has always held to the view in its official literature that the power which should come to its end is the Ottoman power, which became the "king of the north" by reason of its occupancy of the territory of the ancient "king of the north."

WHO IS THE KING OF THE NORTH?

In his "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation," Uriah Smith has defined how we should interpret the phrase, "king of the north." He says:

"Whatever power at any time should occupy the territory which at FIRST constituted the kingdom of the north, that power, so long as it occupied that territory would be the king of the north."—Page 225.

In the 40th verse of the 11th chapter of Daniel we are told that "at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and horsemen, and with many ships." This triangular conflict has reference to the war between France and the Ottoman Empire. At that time the territories which are here designated "north" and "south" formed part of the Ottoman Empire. We are not left to speculate concerning the location of the territory called the "south," because in verses 7 and 8 of the same chapter it is made very clear that the "king of the south" is Egypt. It is generally admitted that the wars predicted as taking place between the king of the south and the king of the north, in verses 5 to 15, have reference to the wars between the Grecian kings of Egypt and Syria, the Ptolemies and the Seleucids. The first of these kings which is referred to in Daniel 11 as "king of the north," is Antiochus Theos, the grandson of Selucus Nicator; therefore, in order to ascertain what "FIRST constituted the kingdom of the north," all that is necessary is to inquire what countries were comprised within the kingdom of Antiochus Theos. One thing is certain, his kingdom did not comprise the territories of Thrace and Macedonia, as some have supposed, for his father, Antiochus Soter, had renounced all rights to the European territories which his grandfather, Selucus Nicator, had conquered from Lysimachus. Moreover, as the provinces of Asia Minor, Pergamos, Bithynia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Armenia, and Galatia, were at that time all independent kingdoms, it is therefore evident that we must look south of Asia Minor for the kingdom of Antiochus Theos, the first king who is designated "king of the north" in this prophecy.

It will be readily recognised that the term "king of the north" does not necessarily refer to the northern regions of the world as some suppose, for the term "north" may be applied to a region in Antarctica. New Zealand, for instance,

lies in the South Pacific Ocean, but there is a North Island, and a South Island. The term "north" and "south" in this prophecy should be applied to territories which would be regarded in Palestine as "north" and "south"—such as Syria and Egypt.

At "the time of the end" (1798) France made war upon Egypt, which was at that time part of the Ottoman Empire. Hence the Ottoman Government defended its Egyptian territories against France, and thus fulfilled that part of the prophecy contained in the 40th verse. In the next five verses is given a brief description of the rise and fall of the Ottoman power; and the events predicted therein have been fulfilled to the letter. The Ottoman power did enter "the glorious land," Palestine; he did "stretch forth his hand also upon the countries," including Egypt. He did "go forth with great fury to destroy." (Historians tell us that the Ottomans were "the most barbarous of all conquerors," Ottoman means "breaker of limbs.") He did "plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain." (Two palatial mosques, beautified at tremendous cost by the Ottomans, adorn Mount Moriah, "the glorious holy mountain.") Yet in spite of possessing these mosques, which occupy such a strategic position, and which are so highly venerated by the whole Moslem world, the Ottoman power did come to his end, for there is now no Ottoman Sultanate nor Caliphate. Both of these powerful offices have passed away. On May 5, 1922, the Angora Government informed the Allied High Commissioners in Constantinople that "the government of the Sultan had ceased to exist," and "there passed out of existence forever," as one historian says, "the age-long Ottoman dynasty with all its signal triumphs and all its terrible excesses."

While it is a fact that the Ottoman Government has ceased to exist, and no one can deny it, yet it may be asked whether the Turkish Republic should not be considered now as the power referred to in the prophecy. To this suggestion we would say, No; Turkey is not now the power alluded to, because the prophecy is dealing with a power designated as "king of the north," and with no other power. The definition of the term "king of the north," as laid down by Uriah Smith, is that "whatever power at any time should occupy territory which at FIRST constituted the kingdom of the north, that power, SO LONG AS IT OCCUPIED THAT TERRITORY, would be king of the north." (Capital letters ours.) Very well; while the Ottoman power occupied the territory of the king of the north, that power was the king of the north; but when it ceased to occupy that territory, obviously it ceased to be the king of the north. The Ottoman power was driven out of the territory of the king of the north in 1917; therefore the Ottoman power then ceased to be "king of the north," and five years later it ceased to exist—he came to his end, as the prophecy predicted he would do.

A TIME OF TROUBLE

Following the overthrow of the Ottoman Government there burst upon the world "a time of trouble, such as never was." The year 1923 is known as "the earthquake year," for the most terrible earthquakes ever recorded, occurred that

year. These disasters were followed by the greatest flood in China since the deluge which destroyed the world in the days of Noah. This was followed by the greatest financial disaster ever experienced, accompanied with the greatest amount of unemployment this world has ever known.

Addressing an immense concourse of young people in the Royal Albert Hall, London, the Prince of Wales said: "We have before us today a world sick with fearful doubt, weary with repeated disappointments, a world of troubled nations whose vital need is courageous faith in each other. It is an era of potential plenty, when confidence should be supreme, yet we see in almost every land widespread distress and perplexity." In this speech his Royal Highness was uttering the very words used by Jesus concerning this very time. (See Luke 21:25.)

One journalist in America publicly recognised that we are now living at that time when the prophecy of Jesus in Luke 21:25-27 is being fulfilled; and he published his opinion in the "American Mercury," April, 1932. We cull the following interesting statements from this article:

"It is seldom, indeed, that the American people have to face a great calamity without theological support. But now they are strangely silent. What this so forcefully points out is most unfortunately true. Eminent men of all lands are measuring for us the awfulness of the calamity.

"I note one exception, and come to my point. The Seventh-day Adventist brethren alone among the divines of the country, have something to say officially about the depression, and what they have to say is singularly clear and simple. They laugh at all the current diagnosis as so much honey, and reject every projected cure as vain and preposterous. It is not Hoover who must be blamed, they say, nor is it the tariff war now going on everywhere in the world, nor is it the French or the Japanese, nor is it over-production, nor is it the foreign bond swindle, nor is it the war debts, nor is it sun-spots or witchcraft or marital and spiritual infidelity or any of the other things that have been accused. It is simply the fact that the world is coming to an end. It is the fact that all of the signs and portents listed in Luke 21:25-27 are now visible. . . . All of the premonitory symptoms, as set forth not only in Luke, but also in countless other passages of infallible Scripture, are now clearly visible. 'The distress of nations, with perplexity,' 'men's hearts failing them for fear,' millions turned 'lovers of their own selves, covetous, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God.' . . . If any reader of these lines can think of a sufficient answer to the Seventh-day Adventist proofs, I'll be glad to print it in this place. But how could it be put together without rejecting the whole canon of Holy Writ? How could it be squared with the infallibility of Luke, James, and Paul?"

It is practically universally admitted that the present world crisis is unprecedented, therefore it is most accurately described in Scripture as "a time of

trouble SUCH AS NEVER WAS." As we have been permitted to live to see the fulfilment of this wonderful prophecy of Daniel 11, we should therefore recognise that the time is fully come when we should be ready to meet our Lord when He returns for His people.

Twenty-six years ago Mrs. E. G. White wrote these striking words:

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. . . . The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. . . . Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. . . . The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, pp. 11,14.

If the eleventh chapter of Daniel had "nearly reached its complete fulfilment" twenty-six years ago, is it unreasonable to suppose that by this time it has actually reached its complete fulfilment?

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR APPROACHES

That the hour of midnight approaches who can doubt? During this closing period of the world's history the number eleven seems to make itself very prominent in world affairs. For instance, seventeen years ago, at ELEVEN o'clock, on the ELEVENTH day of the ELEVENTH month the Great War ceased. It is rather significant that this happy event occurred just ELEVEN months after Lord Allenby entered Jerusalem on the ELEVENTH day of December, 1917; and that the Armistice was signed by the Allies with Germany and Austria just ELEVEN days after the signing of the Armistice with Turkey. On the ELEVENTH day of February, in the ELEVENTH year after the Armistice was signed, Pope Pius the ELEVENTH was crowned as king. That same year, the ELEVENTH after the Great War terminated, the financial world crashed. Last year King Peter of Yugoslavia was proclaimed king at ELEVEN years of age on October ELEVEN. It is also a matter of interest that the overthrow of the Ottoman power is referred to in the ELEVENTH chapter of Daniel, and also in the ELEVENTH chapter of Revelation. Surely all these elevens are not mere coincidences; we are inclined to read in them a warning that we are actually in the ELEVENTH hour of this world's history, and that soon the midnight hour will strike.

Nearly fifty years ago Dr. H. Grattan Guinness in "The Approaching End of the Age" said: "When the Moslems, now driven out of Bulgaria, shall be driven also out of Syria, when the nations of Europe, actuated, it may be, by mutual mistrust and political jealousy, or it may be by higher motives, shall conspire to reinstate the Jews in the land of their forefathers,—then the last warning bell will have rung. . . . The destruction of the power and independence of the Ottoman Empire . . . should be as a trumpet blast to Christendom, proclaiming that the day of Christ is at hand."

In November (the eleventh month), 1917,

Lord Balfour, on behalf of the British Government, notified Lord Rothschild that "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object." The following month (December, 1917) Lord Allenby marched into Jerusalem, and the Turks were driven out of Syria, and thus ceased to occupy the territory of the king of the north. Nearly forty years before it occurred Dr. Grattan Guinness referred to this event as "the last warning bell."

Let us meditate carefully upon the meaning of this time of crisis in the world. These events are unmistakable indications that we have entered the "time of trouble such as never was," and that we are nearing the end of this era of the world's history. It is time therefore that we should "BE READY," "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.



Penetrating into New Guinea

I am just returning from a visit to Ramu, so thought I would let you know how I found things up there. Arriving at Lae, on the New Guinea coast, some weeks ago by the "Montoro," I met Ray Pollock, who introduced me to many of the people there. I found that I knew quite a number of them in Port Moresby, when I was working in Papua some years ago.

No aeroplane was scheduled to leave Lae for a fortnight, but as three passengers desired to go inland, the assistant manager decided to make a special trip to take in two Catholic priests and myself. The 'drome was very wet on account of the recent rains, but we got off after much bumping and roaring of the engine. They could not land me at Ramu, so I had to go on to Mount Hagen and then to Chimbu; and as we picked up an officer at Chimbu, we had to land at Bena Bena also. As I had not asked for this extra trip, no charge was made for it. I was pleased, however, for the opportunity of going farther into the interior and seeing the country and the people. They flocked around us in hundreds, and acted in a similar way to the Ramu people, although they are another type. They are taller than the Ramu people, and more lean of stature. I judge that they are more intelligent, on the whole, and would surely be a fine people under S.D.A. mission influence.

I found Brother and Sister Gander well and happy in their work. Little Gwen looked the picture of health, as did also all the native teachers, with one exception.

We visited all the villages in and around the Ramu mission. The people were very friendly, and Brother Gander certainly has their confidence. There are openings for nine more teachers at present, and I think that it will not be difficult to secure still other interests.

There has been much fighting among the natives of late, and at one place where

we have a mission, some of the people, when hunted, ran into the school-house. The teachers have a good standing with the people, and are not afraid as they go around visiting from time to time.

The Government is trying what it calls the peaceful penetration scheme, and is leaving the shooting of the people well alone. However, the natives have been told that they must not fight among themselves, or they will have to be punished. The people who have had years of fighting and who have many debts in their own mind to pay, will need the mellowing influence of the gospel to make them give up their system of righting their wrongs.

I discussed with Brother Gander the matter of opening new stations and the strengthening of our work in various ways.

G. PEACOCK.



One Phase of the Queensland Camp Meeting

As time passes and leaves behind only memories, so one more Queensland camp has passed into eternity, but there lingers still in the hearts of those who gathered there on the sunny hillside of beautiful Yeronga Park, the assurance that the God which led Israel of old still leads His people today.

Both young and old received the blessings for which they had come. The Junior Missionary Volunteers had an especially good and blessed time together at this camp. In a tent all to themselves, tastefully decorated and lined with charts showing the Junior pledge and law and the requirements for the Friend, Companion, and Comrade badges, the Juniors met day by day, under the efficient leadership of Miss G. H. Hadfield.

Juniors from all parts of Queensland gathered on the grounds, many isolated ones meeting with other J.M.V.'s for the first time; and how good it was to hear them all heartily singing their songs of praise to their great Master Comrade in heaven!

The older folk were not the only ones who received special spiritual blessings as they met morning by morning in prayer bands. No! the Juniors at the sound of the 6 a.m. bell were ready with their leaders to enjoy a quiet time of prayer. How our hearts thrilled as these young boys and girls opened their hearts to the Lord and gave their young lives to Him.

Following this precious time, came the 6.30 devotional hour, led by different workers and greatly enjoyed by all. The talks were usually on the lives of the J.M.V.'s in the Bible, and how they lived up to the standard God had set for them. After this study came the call for all who would give their hearts to Jesus and yield their lives in service for Him. How the readers' hearts would have been stirred, could they have seen and heard those young Juniors

rise, one by one, and tell of their determination to stand true and loyal, as Daniel and Joseph, and even the Boy Jesus Himself had stood.

The bell rang again at nine, and there were the Juniors in two lines before the flag pole, each unit having its captain at its head, and each determined to have the honour of the day, the raising of the flag and keeping it safe till next morning. Many things were necessary in order to gain this privilege,—quietness and reverence in the tent, tidiness and cleanliness of hair, boots, and nails. How hard it was for the leader to judge the best unit. Flag raising came after songs and lesson study, and when all again assembled, the winning captains hoisted the flag while everyone saluted. Yes, readers, it is good to be a J.M.V. in our big camp meeting.

Afternoon meetings were devoted to the studies necessary for badges, first aid, knot-tying, and Bible drill being just a small portion. Nature hikes to prove the keenness of sight of the boys and girls and to teach them to know their native flowers, were held at this time, too. Field Day was not forgotten either, and though it was hot and tiring weather, the J.M.V.'s as well as their leaders had many pleasant experiences.

Part was taken in public by these young folk on several occasions. Especially good was the "Volunteer" song they sang on the last Saturday night of camp. Led by the drummer, these young soldiers of the King marched on the platform and sang with all their might this rousing chorus.

Ah! Sabbath! Days of spiritual feast and blessing. Don't you wish you had been there to hear the voices of over one hundred Juniors raised in songs of praise, to hear the interesting lesson reviews, and to see the black boys rescued from heathenism as the money was handed in?

Assuredly this J.M.V. movement is an onward one, and many from this loyal band will be found in the foremost ranks of the greater movement to finish God's work. May God bless the leaders and the Junior Missionary Volunteers as they continue this great work.

ETHEL BEVERIDGE.

Five Million Words

Perhaps an idea, tried out very successfully by the Elsternwick Young People's Society, would prove helpful to other similar bodies.

With the idea of increasing our literature report and following up the "Interpreter" campaign, we made an appeal to our church members for all old copies of the "Signs of the Times," lesson pamphlets, etc., and these were given to the young people for distribution during the following weeks. They were left at homes where the "Interpreter of the Times" had been left, also in motor cars, waiting rooms, trains, and letter boxes, and some were given personally. We call it "Broadcasting Literature." We calculate that over five million words have been distributed in this manner, at no cost to the society. Who knows what hope they may bring to someone searching for the truth?

On September 14 the Young People's Society arranged for a visit to the Caulfield Repatriation Hospital and Convalescent Hospital. Some hundreds of books and "Signs" were gratefully received by the

sick soldiers and other patients, and we hope to arrange for a meeting at the hospital. We all felt glad to be able to do this work for the Lord.

Our literature report for the quarter was over 2,000 copies distributed. Our present membership is twenty.

MADGE ROWELL,

Asst. Sec. Elsternwick M.V. Soc.

Colporteurs' Summary SEPTEMBER, 1935

Victoria

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
C. R. Allen	27½	4		£6 18 0
T. Austin	23	6		11 12 0
E. Clark	22	5	9 0	9 6 6
Mrs. M. L. Clark	13	1		1 19 6
J. H. Delaney	23½	7	1 4 0	14 10 6
Mrs. L. Dickens	36	7	6 6	13 8 0
Mrs. F. Gilchrist	55½	6	9 10	12 6 10
L. Lawrence	42	1		1 19 6
Miss D. Lean	41½	3	19 0	6 7 6
Miss S. Reeves	50½	6	5 0	11 12 0
K. H. Shields	112½	31	2 0	61 6 6
Miss E. Sorrell	4	2		3 9 0
C. T. Stewart	46	21	5 3	30 15 10
Mrs. G. Swinden	22½	6	1 8 6	12 15 6
E. W. Wickes	54½	5	3 0	10 0 6

Home Physician—

C. J. Boulting	34	9	6 0	18 13 6
J. H. Delaney		1		2 0 0
Mrs. Laughlin	16	3	5 6	6 8 0
R. Mackey	106	36	12 0	73 4 0
Mrs. G. Swinden		1		2 2 0
C. A. Whitehead	105	15	2 11 0	33 0 0

Ladies' Handbook—

Mrs. M. James	37		1 0	62 2 6
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Our Day—

Mrs. A. Wyatt	134½	12	9 6	5 5 6
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This Mighty Hour—

E. Clark		1		17 6
R. Wise	9½	2	3 0	2 0 0
Miss S. Sprunt	7½	3		2 6 6

Helps—

Mrs. H. Devine			1 1 0	1 1 0
Miscellaneous			1 4 7	1 4 7

986 231 £12 5 8 £418 14 9

South Australia

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Home Physician—				
S. Chudleigh	21½	1	3 6	£2 5 6
W. Poole	26	19	1 6	39 9 0
L. Randall	78	11	5 2 9	28 7 9
This Mighty Hour—				
R. Collett	147	22	13 3 9	29 11 9
Daniel & Revelation—				
R. Collett		1		7 0
Our Day—				
R. Collett		4		2 10 0
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
J. W. Fraser	177½	28	5 9 3	57 0 0
L. Green	40	1	3 0	2 2 6
Helps—				
L. Sibley			6 0 0	6 0 0
Miscellaneous			4 0 0	4 0 0
590	87	£34	3 6	£171 13 6

North New Zealand

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Home Physician—				
J. Ivey	130½	35	10 6	£72 19 6
S. A. Bartlett	1	1		2 0 0
L. Cresswell	1	2	12 6	4 13 0
J. H. Burton	105½	5	1 10 0	12 0 0
Mr. & Mrs. Matthews	192½	25	1 12 0	53 18 6
Miscellaneous	1			2 2 0
C. Scheffler	12½	2	3 0	4 7 0
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
R. L. Blair	114½	17	2 19 3	34 6 9
C. V. Head	91½	10	3 3 0	21 8 0
E. A. Lauder	98½	10	2 10 9	20 10 9
Miss E. B. Butt	53	3	2 7 3	7 10 9
Miss O. Prescott	124½	20	1 18 6	38 3 6
F. E. Baker	138	5	4 6	9 7 0
J. F. Rubie	80½	15	2 12 6	31 0 6
S. A. Bartlett	1			1 14 6
Our Day—				
H. Thompson	122	14	7 2 6	19 16 6
This Mighty Hour—				
S. W. Campbell	105	14	2 13 0	13 8 0
G. L. Armitage	137	19	4 11 6	21 5 0
L. Cresswell	83	34	3 18 3	25 6 9
S. A. Bartlett	114	24	3 19 6	24 2 6
Bible Readings—				
S. W. Campbell	1			17 6
Bedtime Stories—				
Miss E. B. Butt	8	2 18 6		2 18 6
S. A. Bartlett	1	7 6		7 6
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	1703	257	£45 14 6	£424 6 0

North New South Wales

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
R. Farrar	85	19	£5 16 0	£37 6 6
C. Winter	87	11	1 16 0	18 6 6
S. Winter	89½	10	1 9 6	17 10 0
A. Jorgenson	1			1 18 6
Home Physician—				
A. S. Craig	88	19	2 0	39 16 6
J. Skelton	136½	20	15 6	42 15 6
A. Jorgenson	90	14	2 1 0	30 13 0
E. Norris	56	5	1 9 6	11 5 6
F. M. Secretary	1			2 2 0
Miscellaneous	1			2 2 0
Daniel & Revelation—				
Miscellaneous	5			1 5 0
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	632	106	£13 9 6	£205 1 0

South New South Wales

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Home Physician—				
E. B. Murray	170	104	£16 13 9	£227 15 3
Mrs. Turner	53	4	7 6	8 12 0
F. Maxwell	16	2	3 0	4 3 6
R. Price	35	1		2 2 0
J. S. Trim	17	1		1 18 6
Daniel and Revelation—				
A. B. Broadfoot	20	5	15 0	3 7 6
Bible Pictures and Stories—				
T. S. Garthwaite	141	21	5 12 6	32 1 6
L. Kent	8			14 15 0
H. Kingston	31	7	3 6	12 18 0
P. J. Hardyment	42	2	13 6	4 15 6
R. W. Richardson	23	2	7 6	4 1 6
R. V. Taylor	12	1	6	2 0 0
Miscellaneous	209	47	14 3	73 10 3
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	769	205	£24 11 0	£392 0 6

New Guinea

Home Physician and This Mighty Hour—				
	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
W. F. Reid	113½	126	2 0	£310 12 0

South New Zealand

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
Miss L. Bonnington	26	2	2 11	£3 11 11
Miss A. Gould	85	4	1 11 9	8 14 9
Home Physician—				
Miss M. Hossack	63	8	2 11 6	19 7 6
Mr. & Mrs. T. Chick	155	32	3 18 6	70 8 6
Mr. G. B. Wishart	78	27	2 10 1	59 1 7
Mr. H. Dumbleton	30	8	12 0	17 8 0
Our Day—				
Mr. E. H. Brown	38	4	1 13 0	5 3 0
Ladies' Handbook—				
Mrs. Shears	50	2	3 4 6	6 4 6
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	525	87	£16 4 3	£189 19 9

West Australia

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
C. Hill	24	3		£6 18 0
F. M. Secretary		2		3 9 0
Home Physician—				
R. Wallrodt	42	17	1 6	34 17 6
A. Blake	139	19	9 6	39 13 0
Miss R. Bailey	34	5	3 6	10 4 6
Miscellaneous		8	1 6	15 18 6
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	239	54	16 0	£111 1 0

Tasmania

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
J. H. Laredo	95	37	£7 8 6	£54 18 0
T. M. Gill	66	5	16 6	6 15 6
Home Physician—				
A. A. Cox	75	10	2 12 0	17 2 6
Miscellaneous				1 6 0
F. M. Secretary	80	11	13 6	23 12 0
Daniel & Revelation—				
F. M. Secretary		2		2 0 0
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	316	65	£11 10 6	£105 14 0

Queensland

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
Home Physician—				
W. G. Hodgkinson	34½	13	10 6	£27 6 0
J. W. Nixon	41½	10	2 6 6	22 19 6
C. M. Lee	40	10	1 17 0	21 19 0
R. A. Spoor	17	3	10 6	6 16 6
Bible Pictures & Stories—				
F. Bevan	30	2	1 5 0	4 19 0
S. Eustace	29½	1	9 0	2 8 6
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	192½	39	£6 18 6	£86 9 0

BANNER COLPORTEURS FOR SEPTEMBER

Greatest number of hours:
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Matthews, 192½

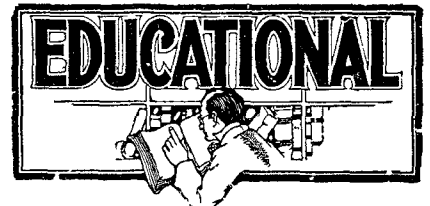
Greatest amount of sales:
W. F. Reid, £310 12s.

BANNER CONFERENCE

North New Zealand, 114 hours per colporteur

Totals for September, 1935

	Cprs.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
North N.Z.	15	1703	257	£424 6 0
Victoria	23	986	231	418 14 9
South N.S.W.	13	769	205	392 0 6
New Guinea	1	113½	126	310 12 2
North N.S.W.	7	632	106	205 1 0
South N.Z.	8	525	87	189 19 9
South Aust.	7	490	87	171 13 9
West Aust.	4	239	54	111 0 6
Tasmania	3	316	65	105 13 6
Queensland	6	192½	39	86 9 0
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	87	5965½	1257	£2415 10 9



Let Us Explain

Avondale is not without its admirers. Continually we are privileged to entertain numerous visitors and, to the best of our ability, enable them to become acquainted with the various activities and points of interest and beauty on the estate.

We wish all our readers could avail themselves of just a few hours in our midst. We know this is impossible, so consider that you are being escorted around the estate by members of the English V. class, who prefer to carry on their work by correspondence.

In these articles an endeavour has been made to depict the various college departments as they appear to our visitors. Couple with these descriptions your own imagination and possible knowledge of our college, and your sight-seeing tour will be complete.

We're off!

A TOUR OF THE A.M. COLLEGE ESTATE

"Let us out at the Avondale village, please." The driver of the "Duchess of Avondale" nodded her head. At the prescribed destination, the bus stopped, and its passengers alighted.

"Which road do we take to the college? That one? Thank you."

And so the three visitors began walking towards the college, when they were joined by two of the young men students. Immediately questions concerning the place were asked, and it was found that the gentleman of the party was a keen farmer.

"Would you like to see over the college farm?" one of the young men asked.

"Be delighted to. What is that concrete structure for?"

"That is the water tower, which holds the water consumed by the college and the Avondale Industries. It holds 50,000 gallons. The pump is kept going continually; so you can imagine how much water is used."

"That is a long building on the brow of the hill. What is it?"

"It is the new dairy. It was constructed at the beginning of this year, and can accommodate thirty cows at one time. At present only the pedigree herd of fif-

teen cows is being milked there, but all the cows will be in the near future. Come over and inspect the dairy."

"How many cows have you altogether?"

"There are about forty-five. It is planned that in time to come the whole herd will be pedigree."

"Dad, isn't the dairy kept clean?"

"Yes, it is an excellent dairy, indeed, I suppose you supply the college with milk?"

"Yes, and we also have a milk round of sixty-five customers who are supplied twice daily. We shall return to the road and go down to the barn."

"Dad, is that cloud of dust a whirlwind?"

The guide spoke up. "That is the tractor ploughing. The ground is so dry that it becomes very dusty. Because of the absence of rain this winter, all the work has been delayed. It is the driest season for thirty years. The main crop planted for feed is maize. Here we are at the barn. All the necessities for the farm are kept here. At the back are the horse stables."

"How many horses have you?" "There are five working horses and three light ones."

"Henry, don't those beetroot plants look nice?"

"Yes, they do. I suppose that is the college vegetable garden. Isn't it well kept? It would be useless for me to ask what is there, for I suppose 'Everything,' would be the reply."

"That is correct. The gardens are attended by some of the young men students who do all the work around the farm. We are now on the campus, but before we leave you we shall take you to the orchard. The trees are now blossoming, and a good yield of fruit is expected. At present we are spraying for codlin moth. Right down on the flat you will notice 300 young trees. We have 700 altogether, and they yield between 500 and 600 bushels every year."

"What do you do with the fruit, seeing that it will not keep long?"

"We preserve most of it by canning. We average about 500 tins a year. On our return to the campus we shall call at the poultry department.

"Good day, Mr. Chowla? I have brought some visitors to inspect your department."

"That's fine, Mr. Hay; just come with me. Here you see rows of fowl pens which contain approximately 500 first and second-year hens and pullets. We specialise mainly in white leghorns, Rhode Island reds, and black orpingtons. Twice a year a poultry expert visits us, examines the fowls, groups them, and advises on the best methods to secure better results. It has been through this help that we have been able to realise 'quality' in production. We have installed a 'Multiplo' kerosene-heated incubator, capable of holding 1,274 eggs. As a result of this season's incubation we have added 300 chickens to our number, besides marketing a great many."

"Do you get many eggs?"

"Oh, yes! we average twenty dozen a day, and our daily collection is used by the college cook."

(To be continued)

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

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Trip to the Northern Rivers

In company with Pastor and Mrs. A. H. White, the writer was privileged to visit the Northern Rivers. We began our journey on September 18 by car, and greatly enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

When nearing Stroud, we noticed an overturned car by the wayside. A fatal accident had occurred. A group of officials had gathered around. Passing on, we soon came to an unexpected double curve in the road, rightly named "Suicide Corner," owing to the large number of accidents occurring there. Our car went around the first curve safely, but at the second it went over the bank, and much to our discomfort it performed some rather ungraceful stunts. However, the angel of the Lord that encampeth round about us delivered us by bringing the car to a standstill without our need of the coroner, the constable, the doctor, and the nurse who were quickly present. With thankful hearts for our divine preservation we continued on our way to Stroud, where the needed repairs to the car were effected.

On the following morning we visited some isolated Sabbath-keepers, crossed the Manning River by ferry, and arrived at Taree. Here we found Pastor C. J. Reynolds and family and Brother J. Howse of good courage. They were engaged in vigorous and victorious warfare, having then captured a large number of souls from the ranks of the enemy, and another family was won soon after we left. They were preparing to bury by baptism some twenty or thirty of these in the near future. They conducted services at four different centres on the Sabbath. "So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed."

From Taree we hastened on through the rich and prosperous Manning River district to the Macleay River, and then through Kempsey's lighted streets, it now being evening, onward to Macksville. At the Nambucca Heads, in the home of that "mother in Israel," Sister Ward, Senr., we found a company gathered to hear the Word of life, although the hour was late.

Their souls and ours being refreshed, we proceeded next morning through Coff's Harbour to the home of Brother Wright, the leader of the believers at Nana Glen. We also visited there another isolated family of believers. With regret we had to hasten away from these faithful souls, and after crossing the majestic new bridge over the Clarence River we entered the beautiful town of Grafton, glad for the Sabbath day ahead of us. We greatly enjoyed meeting with the dear Grafton members at their Sabbath school and church services. Brother and Sister Craig, formerly of Wahroonga, are canvassing in the Grafton district and meeting with wonderful success. Their help to the Grafton church is also much appreciated. In that wonderful town, the centre of a rich and prosperous district, we should have a strong

evangelistic effort and a church building erected.

That Sabbath afternoon we went on to Ramornie, about fourteen miles distant, and conducted two services. After visiting all the members there and enjoying their tender care and hospitality, we returned through Grafton on Sunday morning. Next we called on isolated families at Ulmarra, Maclean, and Tenterfield. Arriving at Kyogle late at night, we were welcomed into the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Don Morrison, who treated us with every kindness. Next day we spent in visiting, and held a service that night. It was a great joy to meet with those dear faithful souls.

The following morning we visited the large veneer work factory which employs hundreds of men and women. It was interesting to see the huge logs being lifted out of great boiling vats. They were then placed in a machine and skinned, the wood coming through like great sheets of paper. A master workman stood ready with axe in hand to cut out any defective wood. We saw one log rejected after much cutting and slashing. When we saw the piecing together, fitting, gluing, etc., until the beautiful finished article stood before us in all its grandeur. Who could fail to read the spiritual lesson thus displayed? After the enduring of much skinning and slashing, how many souls are found bad right through, altogether unfit for the Master's use?

From Kyogle we went down through the prosperous Richmond River district and arrived in Lismore the evening before the opening of the camp, one of the most spiritual camps it has been the writer's privilege to attend. Owing to urgent conference matters, we were compelled, with much regret, to leave that happy family before the close of camp, after baptising sixteen earnest souls.

On our return journey we arrived in Kempsey on Friday evening. It was a great pleasure to us to witness twenty-nine souls take part in the sacred ordinances of the Lord's house on Sabbath morning. We were informed that several others longed to be present also, but were prevented by sickness and other unavoidable circumstances. The workers in Kempsey, Brother H. A. Kent and Brother S. H. Wood, have been greatly blessed in their labours for God, notwithstanding many adverse conditions. From Kempsey we returned direct to Newcastle, thanking God for what we had seen and experienced in our delightful visit to the Northern Rivers.

W. H. PASCOE.

WANTED.—Young woman, 21, desires home with Adventist people, small remuneration in return for light duties. Avondale or Newcastle district preferred. For further particulars apply Ethel M. Mackway, Boolambayte, via Bulahdelah, N.S.W.

FOR SALE.—Thirty-one acres freehold, 4-roomed cottage. About 9 acres under plough. Plenty water, springs; good living right away. All crops, implements, good horse, 6 heifers. Walk in. Inspection invited. Reference from Pastor Al-lum. Price on application to R. Gough, Port Macquarie, N.S.W.

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Christchurch Mission

Days of rain, wind, and snow call vividly to mind the commencement of our mission in Christchurch, N.Z. However, these conditions did not dampen the ardour either of our mission staff, who cheerily stoked up the fires in preparation for the bitterly cold evenings, or the large numbers who braved the elements night after night, knowing that a cosy fire and a warm welcome awaited them inside our big marquee.

Our mission staff is a happy band, with Pastor C. E. Bird in charge, assisted by Brethren K. J. Wooller, R. P. Brown, and the writer. Nor do we work alone; for our faithful church members help considerably, not only by their prayers and their presence, but also by their willing service in the distribution of invitations.

We appreciate, too, the untiring support of our soloists, choir members, and other musicians, who attend regularly, animating and inspiring the meetings.

In his bright, clear, and convincing manner, Pastor Bird has delivered inspirational lectures with forceful messages, interpreting the meaning and declaring the outcome of present-day conditions. Besides attracting many to the week-night meetings, these have caused our tent on Sundays to be packed to the fullest capacity, and oftentimes it has been a problem to accommodate all.

Before many meetings had been held, a number of homes were opened for studies, and already thirty honest souls, including two Sunday school teachers and a vicar's warden, have definitely decided to link up with this message. Many others are deeply interested, but have not yet come to the point of decision. Our baptismal class, too, which is conducted every Sunday afternoon, is well attended.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for His prospering hand which has been over our work here, and we invite our "Record" readers to join with us in prayer that, ere this mission closes, God may gather out many more jewels to enhance His kingdom from this "garden city of the South."

NELLIE R. LEVETT.

Papanui Central School Concert

All the excitement and anxiety of weeks reached its climax on October 15, when the Papanui Central School held a concert in the Papanui Memorial Hall. Weeks of careful preparation for the event were well rewarded.

Many kind hands worked faithfully and voluntarily in advertising the concert by posters and hoardings. Such advertisements were successful in filling the hall with three hundred persons.

In his opening remarks the president of the conference said that the purpose of the school was the harmonious development, spiritually, mentally, and physically, of the youth, and to produce thinkers, not merely reflectors.

An excellent programme was given by present and past students. Two dialogues were rendered, entitled "Florence Nightingale's First Patient" and "Henry VIII and Katharine Parr at Breakfast," along with some excellent musical items by the school choir and the verse-speaking choir. The girls in their white frocks and the boys in their school uniforms presented an attractive display as they marched on and off the platform.

Valuable help was rendered by Mr. Nilsson, who presented an amusing dialogue with Mr. Piper, "In the Midst of Life." Two pretty shower bouquets were presented to Miss Eyre and Miss Niebuhr by two of the school girls. Very attractive programmes, arranged in the school colours, and small posies added to the excellent programme.

The concert was a real financial success and will, we hope, prove to be a fine advertisement for our school. We are grateful to God for the success of our concert
RUBY RAMPTON

WEDDING BELLS

TUCKER-RUDGE.— "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother." This was the experience not only of the bridegroom, Mr. Evan Tucker, at a recent wedding celebrated at Townsville, N.Q., but particularly of the bride, Miss Noreen Rudge, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. E. B. Rudge, for she first left her work in Fiji and came to Sydney, and then after staying awhile with her parents at Wahroonga, travelled the final stage of over 1500 miles to make the long-looked-for happy event an accomplished fact. Now the union is complete, and the materialisation of the future's golden dreams rests in that higher union with Christ by the Holy Spirit in successful service. On September 23, the Townsville church members and friends put forth earnest efforts to express to this young couple their love in a material way. Brother and Sister Tucker are connected with the South Townsville mission. Our best wishes and constant prayers link their names with the throne of grace.

R. A. THRIFT.

McDOWELL-WHITTAKER. — Gordon McDowell, B.A., and Grace R. Whittaker, in the S.D.A. church in Timaru, N.Z., on October 3, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by the father of the bride, Pastor M. H. Whittaker, assisted by the writer. Brother McDowell accepted the message about three years ago, and is a teacher in the Temuka High School. The church was loaded with cherry blossoms, decorated by kind friends, and the bride's bouquet was a gift from three gentlemen who were attending the mission conducted by Pastor Whittaker, in which Miss Whittaker assisted as Bible worker. Splendid tributes were paid the young couple. As they begin life together we wish them God's blessing, and pray that their lives will be fruitful in the winning of precious souls to the Master.

F. G. RAMPTON.

CORRECTION IN LAST WEEK'S "RECORD"

Sister T. W. PHILIPS, not Philips, was the writer of the story of how the message came to her in Ballarat forty-nine years ago.

OBITUARY

CLIFF.— We regret to announce the sudden passing of Sister Cliff on July 7. The news of her death has come to us through correspondence from India, hence the delay in publishing this notice. Our late Sister Cliff accepted the message in West Australia, after attending a camp meeting, reading the "Signs," and receiving Bible studies from Sister Hilliard, wife of Pastor Hilliard. She was a most devoted mother to children of whom she had the care. As a worker in the Appeal for Missions and general missionary activities, Sister Cliff will long be remembered. Our sympathies go out to those who are left to mourn the loss of a dear mother in Israel.
A. H. PIPER.

ADAMS.— Born on Norfolk Island fifty-six years ago, Thomas Adams, the beloved husband of Sister Elsie Adams, passed away in the Norfolk Island hospital on September 2, from heart trouble. Mr. Adams spent three years as a Methodist missionary in the Solomon Islands, and was in charge of the Methodist church on Norfolk at the time of his death. He was a good friend to all and was much loved on the island. For many years his faithful wife has been an officer in our church here. The evening he died he invited the writer to pray for him. Largely attended services were conducted in the Methodist church and at the grave by Mr. Pat Adams, assisted by the writer. Our sympathies go out to Sister Adams and other relatives in their sudden bereavement.
W. D. SMITH.

POTTER.— On October 14, at the age of sixty-eight, Sister M. M. Potter died suddenly in a private hospital in Hamilton, N.Z. Since coming into the truth under the labour of Pastor F. G. Rampton eighteen years ago, Sister Potter continued a loyal Adventist down through the years. Her life was unselfishly devoted to helping, cheering, and comforting all with whom she came in contact. Not all her deeds of love will be known in this life, but we know she will have her reward on the resurrection morning. The Presbyterian minister, who was a nephew of Sister Potter, shared the service with the writer. We laid her to rest in the Hamilton East Cemetery to await the call of Jesus.
I. C. NADEN.

WYATT.— At her home in Adelaide on October 16, Sister Emily Clementina Wyatt passed to her rest in her seventieth year. Four years ago she had a stroke, from which she never recovered. Sister Wyatt became a Seventh-day Adventist about fifteen years ago, and during her illness was always bright and cheerful. Her husband, two sons, and two daughters survive her. We commend them to God and extend to them our condolence.
EDWIN S. BUTZ.

ACCOMMODATION AT WAHROONGA.—Two minutes from Sydney Sanitarium, handy to church and Central school, board by day or week, also furnished rooms. Apply M. W. Dyason, care "Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.

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The closing exercises of both the Australasian Missionary College and the New Zealand Missionary College will take place November 8-11.

Pastor A. G. Stewart sailed for New Zealand on November 2 by the "Wanganella," to attend the closing exercises of the N.Z. Missionary College and the dedication of the extension of the young men's dormitory. Sister Stewart accompanied her husband to the Dominion in order to visit her aged mother, with whom she expects to remain a few weeks.

Since returning from the New Hebrides, broken in health, Brother and Sister Eric Cherry are greatly benefiting by the change. While on furlough, they desire to visit Sister Cherry's relatives in Western Australia, whom she has not seen for fifteen years. For that purpose Brother and Sister Cherry and their two little boys, and two other West Australians, Nurse Lou Hollingsworth and Nurse Neesham, are making the long journey from Sydney to Perth by car, having left Wahroonga on October 31.

Miss Hattie Andre writes from Berrien Springs, Michigan, U.S.A.: "I received the Golden Jubilee Number of the 'Record' and was so delighted with it. Thank you so much for mentioning me among the ones to whom you so thoughtfully sent greetings. It did me much good to be thus remembered and honoured. How I love the dear Australian brethren and sisters! God bless all of you in your further efforts to spread the message and hasten His coming. The reports from New Guinea just thrill me, and make me long to be young again that I might add my services to help out in the urgent calls for help. . . . Remember me to all my friends with much Christian love and best wishes."

Some years ago a boy in his teens accompanied his mother to our meetings, and was sufficiently interested to take notes of the sermons. His subsequent High School education, however, robbed him of all faith in religion, and to the distress of his godly mother he formed an affiliation with a young lady not of our faith. No amount of argument seemed to convince the young man that he should not form associations with a lady of another faith, because he claimed to have no religion. As our advice was sought in the matter, the only thing we could suggest was to pray about it instead of arguing with the young man, and to love him so much that his heart would be touched. This is another illustration, if any were needed, that the instruction received in the High Schools of the State certainly does not tend to establish one in the faith.

The evolutionary teaching of history and biology actually undermines faith in the Bible and leads the student to question the accuracy of the Word of God. The safest place for our children is in our own denominational schools.

Brother and Sister A. W. Staples, Senior, who have been Sabbath-keepers for forty-five years in South Africa, recently celebrated their golden wedding day. Three of their children and two of their grandchildren are employed in the mission field. A column report of this happy anniversary, appearing in the "South African Division Outlook," just received, was read with interest by us because their youngest son, Pastor A. W. Staples, is known to many in Australia, having received his education at the Australasian Missionary College, and his wife (nee Rhoda Scott, of Marrickville, Sydney) was formerly one of our church school teachers. Brother and Sister A. W. Staples, Junior, are now labouring in Johannesburg, Africa.

Letters from Tanna, New Hebrides

Dear Misses Weil,

Me glad me catch him one letter belong you. Me no forget prayer along you. Time when you leave him me fella we sorry more, but me no forget prayer along you. Me pray strong along you. Me want Him Jesus He help sickness belong you, take him out.

Now me fella look Mr. Miss Engelbrecht me fella glad more. [We were very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Engelbrecht come to us.] Now Mr. E. he start along school. By and by school he good more. Next year he more good, all the same Aore.

Good-bye, Misses Weil. God bless you and help you along sick belong you. Jesus He stop along you all the time. God be with you till we meet again. Good-bye, my first missionary along Tanna.

TRANSLATION OF JAMES' LETTER TO PASTOR WEIL

[The following letter in Pidgin English was written by James, a native of Tanna, New Hebrides, to his sick missionary, Mrs. A. H. Weil, who is now in the Sanitarium:]

We are all continuing to be good, and God's work is going strong. A new man began to attend our Sabbath meetings on August 31, and on September 14 a leading man and two of his boys came along also. Tomorrow Abraham and I are going to visit them. We intend to stay with them over night and spend Sabbath with them. All our people on this side of the island will have a large meeting next Sabbath, September 21.

I never forget you and Mrs. Weil. You have been good to me and helped me greatly to make my life go straight in the way of Jesus. Good-bye, my friend, my first missionary on Tanna. I will never forget you as long as I live. I do not forget to pray for you, "I want you never forget me along prayer, so Jesus help me to finish work belong Him along Tanna before Jesus He come."

The Treasurer of the South New Zealand Conference acknowledges with thanks an anonymous donation of £7 for foreign missions.

Writing from far-away Niue Island, Sister Vai Kerisome Head tells of a remarkable deliverance. "We had a very narrow escape. We were awakened in the night and found our next-door neighbour's two-story house all ablaze, and the top of our own house alive with sparks. I said to my husband, 'Let us pray hard that God will turn the wind. When I rose up from my knees and went out, the wind was blowing away; it had changed its course altogether. I remembered my God-fearing brethren in Australia, and prayed, 'Lord remember me through my faithful people in Sydney; I know Thou dost always hear their prayers,' and so God did. The flames just leaped over our house, and the people were amazed at the great deliverance. God is good. My dear sister is healed through my people's prayer. I tell you I have strong faith and trust in God through you good Christian people. Praise the Lord for sending me the precious truth. I feel I owe my all to you good people. In the kingdom I shall give you a warm hand-shake. I know I'll be there, for I am trying hard to get there. I know you will continue to pray for me, dear friends. We are going to New Zealand this Christmas. We leave here on December 7, so you can address my letters in care of the Health Food Cafe, 174 Queen St., Auckland."

Four Thousand Baptisms

Yesterday I received a letter from Pastor J. F. Wright, the President of the Southern African Union, in which he states:

"We have had the largest camp meetings ever known in the history of our work in this field. In fact, whereas just over 72,000 attended our meetings last year, it looks as if 100,000 will be the total this year. We expect to baptise 4,000 people during the present year.

"You will be glad to learn also of the splendid success attending our Harvest In-gathering. Our goal for the Division will be exceeded by close on £2,000, and we are very happy over the way the funds have come in this year."

The Appeal aim for the Southern African Division is £5,020. Is it not very encouraging to know that in the neighbourhood of £7,000 will have been received by them this year?

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The latest news letter from the China Division office contains the following paragraph: "Good news comes from all sections as to the results of this year's Big Week effort. The Shanghai Sanitarium workers sold over 4,000 copies of the book 'How to Live.' Their office workers all took part, practically every one of the nurses, the cooks, and the X-ray men. They set themselves a goal of at least ten books for each member, but two members sold over 500 each, and about ten sold over 100 each."

"Service above Self"

Everyone do something for Big Week, November 9-16!