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# True Revival and Reformation--Part 2

# What Will Bring the Revival?

W E have spoken of the need of a revival and reformation. What will bring this about? Do we not find an answer to this question in the prophecy of Joel:

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil. . . .

"Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" Joel 2:12-17.

Upon the ministry of the church, the leaders of the people, rests the solemn responsibility to be foremost in this work of reformation. It is time to seek the Lord. It is time for us to seek God as never before for the baptism of His Holy Spirit; to seek Him not only for the forgiveness of sins, but for cleansing from sin; to seek Him for His transforming, keeping power, for hearts of holiness, so that we may be made vessels of grace to others, instruments through whom God can work for the salvation of His people. How can we help others unless we have first received help? How can we minister to others God's forgiving grace and keeping power from sin, if we ourselves do not know what this experience is in our own lives? It is for us to know. God calls us to know, and may we heed this call while yet there is opportunity.

We need to weep and pray for God to spare His people, to save them from their sins, to recover them from their backsliding, in order that His heritage shall not become a reproach, but shall stand in the light of His truth and in the power of His grace for the salvation of a lost world. We need especially to pray for our dear youth who are beset and assailed by Satan in these evil days as youth never were tempted before.

#### THE WHOLE CHURCH GUILTY

We may look upon the weakness and indifference of some in the church, and reason that their backslidden condition is not ours; that while others have fallen, we have been kept by Christ's grace. This may be true, but this reasoning is not the spirit of the true seeker after God. Daniel of old had been kept by God's power from the sins which prevailed in the church, and yet he recognised that in his church relationship the sin of the church was his sin. He classed himself with his brethren. Hear his humble supplication:

"I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession: . . We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly." "O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face." "Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God." "Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy law." Dan. 9:4, 5, 8, 10, 11.

The sin of some in the church is the sin of the whole church, unless the church as a whole condemns the sin and seeks to reclaim the erring ones. The sin of some in the church is our sin as preachers and leaders, unless we clear our own souls by crying out against it. Of the leaders of Israel of old God said:

"If they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." Jer. 23:22.

We cannot be guiltless before God if we permit sin to reign in the church without our earnest protest. As watchmen upon the walls of Zion, God calls upon us to cry aloud and spare not, to lift up our voices as trumpets, and show God's people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins. In love and compassion, but faithfully and fearlessly, we must call Israel to repentance. Truly the call of this hour is to revival and reformation. Revival without reformation leads only to sentimental change of feeling, which naturally reverts again to the old level. This has been the trouble with too many revivals in our experience of the past. Listen to this appeal from the messenger of the Lord:

"God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children.

"A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganisation, change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend." —"Review and Herald," Feb. 25, 1902.

# THE FRUIT OF TRUE REVIVAL AND REFORMATION

True revival and reformation not only will stir the mind, but will transform the outward life. It will bring a change in habits and practices.

It means, in concrete terms, that the one who experiences the revival and the reformation that God calls for, will cease his life of sinning. He that is born of God sinneth not. God calls His children to a life of holiness.

More specifically it means that the one who steals will cease this wicked practice, and will restore that which he has wrongfully taken.

True revival and reformation means that the one who has robbed God in tithes and offerings will restore that which he has withheld from the treasury of God.

It means that the one who has used his tongue in gossip and slandering his neighbour, will confess his great sin, and will go forth to bless.

It means that the one who has been careless in Sabbath observance will sacredly regard the day unto the Lord, not doing his own ways or seeking his own pleasure or speaking his own words.

It means that the one who has been neglectful in his practice of the principles of healthful living, who in his eating and drinking has ministered to the lusts of the flesh, will henceforth eat and drink to the glory of God.

True revival and reformation means that the one who has followed the fashions of the world, and has dressed with regard to his own fancy, or in conformity to worldly fashions, will seek to dress in a manner becoming his holy profession.

It means that the one who has been engaged in the pleasures of sin, associating with worldly companions, engaging in frivolity and parties of pleasure, will become sober, prayerful, and reflective.

It means that the one who has been light and trifling in his conversation, spending his time in joking and idle chitchat, will have his mind filled with thoughts pertaining to his eternal welfare and the salvation of his fellow men.

True revival and reformation means that the one who has been cross and surly and impatient in his home, will manifest a spirit of meek and loving forbearance.

It means that the one who has been dishonest in deal or who has willingly neglected to meet his obligations to his fellow men, will make every endeavour to pay his debts and to conduct his business in an honest, God-fearing manner.

It means that the one who has neglected prayer will be found often in communion with his heavenly Father. This communion will be sweeter than association with any earthly friend. The one who has neglected the study of the Word of God will find pleasure and life in its perusal. It will be more interesting and entertaining than the magazine or storybook.

True revival and reformation means that the one who has found pleasure in lustful thoughts or acts of impurity, will cry out in the agony of his soul to be delivered from this body of death, and by Christ's grace his thoughts will be turned into channels of purity and righteousness.

It means that the devotee of the theatre and the movies and other dramatic representations, will turn from these forms of amusement as a waste of time and a denial of his Lord, and find his pleasure in the religious exercises of the church and in missionary labour for those who know not the Lord.

It means that one who has felt the urge and power of the message of the coming of the Lord in his own heart and life, will do his utmost, by personal effort and by giving support to others, to bring to those who know not the gospel, the joy of salvation he himself has experienced.

#### A RETURN TO THE FIRST LOVE

The call of God today is to a new life in Christ Jesus. We need to be born again. We need to return to our first love. Sin has deadened our sensibilities and seared our consciences. Our vision has become blurred, so that we cannot see with true perspective. We have become so fascinated with the things of time and sense that the appeal of Heaven has largely lost its power in our lives. We need a revival

of heart, a reformation of life, a new unction from on high, a new baptism of the Holy Spirit. And this is our only hope. Without this revival and reformation we are lost. Unless this experience comes to thousands in the church of Christ, they will continue their downward steps, and in the final crisis will take their stand on the side of the arch-deceiver.

# PROMISE OF PENTECOSTAL POWER

May God keep us from being content with a mere wave of emotionalism. This is as far as many revivals have gone. May He lead us into the deeper depths, into the higher achievements of Christian experience. The promise of Pentecostal power is given us. The messenger of the Lord declares:

"The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death. By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power." — "Gospel Workers," pp. 307, 308.

We are told that the whole church will never be revived, but "before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive god-liness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children." — "The Great Controversy," p. 464. This will constitute the true and genuine revival which God calls for.

#### THE RESPONSE OF HEAVEN

And what will be the response of Heaven to such a revival and reformation as this in the hearts and lives of His people? Following the call to revival in the second chapter of Joel, we have this promised blessing for those who take part in this work of seeking God:

"Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto His people. Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen." Joel 2:18, 19.

"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." Verse 32.

Then will the remnant speak forth the message of truth with mighty converting power. The refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the latter rain, will enable the gospel messengers to go on in the strength and wisdom of Christ our righteousness.

#### THE GREAT REFRESHING

"I heard those clothed with the armour speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been

bound, some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth, now eagerly laid hold upon it. All fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, 'It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel.'— "Early Writings," p. 271.

#### THE GRAND CONSUMMATION

Thank God, there will come the day of deliverance.

The prophet Zephaniah sees the remnant church victorious over sin, saved in the kingdom of heaven:

"The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. . . In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." Zeph. 3:13-17.

Truly ''it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you.'' Hosea 10:12. He who seeks shall find. He who asks with abiding faith shall receive. May we one and all seek and find, ask and receive. This is the promised heritage of every true disciple. May God bring us into possession of this glorious and blessed heritage, is my sincere prayer.

# A Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm, and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life.

Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf which exists between my generation and that of my children.

Help me to bear silently the physical and mental pain of those whom I love, by reminding me that only through suffering may they comprehend the distress of others.

Let me be not too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises.

Give me a sense of humour, that I may laugh with them, but never at them.

Let me refrain from preaching merely with words. Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me.

Help me to teach them that life must not be filled with compromises, but must be replete with victories.

Make me humble.

Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us.

And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.

"The Christian Advocate."

"Satan is working with unfailing perseverance and intense energy to draw into his ranks the professed followers of Christ."



# Territory of New Guinea

ANNUAL COUNCIL

From the far-flung corners of the large field comprising the Territory of New Guinea, by the first of March the workers had gathered for their 1938 annual council, which was held some thirty miles west of Rabaul at our New Guinea Training School centre. Those absent were Pastor R. H. Tutty, who is on furlough, and Brother S. H. Gander, who remained with his family in Central New Guinea.

Last year plans were made to convene our annual meeting, but these had to be abandoned because of the terrific convulsions of nature that devastated Rabaul and its surroundings at that time. It might be mentioned that nature has performed a miracle in reclothing Rabaul with beauty in so short a time.

In order to give an idea of the vast proportions of the Territory of New Guinea, it need only be mentioned that its borders extend from Dutch New Guinea in the west to the Solomon Islands in the east, and from Papua in the south to the Japanese

possessions bordering the equator in the north. The already far-flung lines of the Advent message in this territory may be visualised more readily when it is mentioned that present at our Council were Brother and Sister Atkins and their little son from the St. Matthias Islands adjoining the Japanese mandate, also Brother and Sister Maxwell from Bougainville, which island geographically lies in the Solomon Islands, and the writer from the interior of the mainland. Even then, the Dutch border lies hundreds of miles west of Brother Gander's station at Bena Bena.

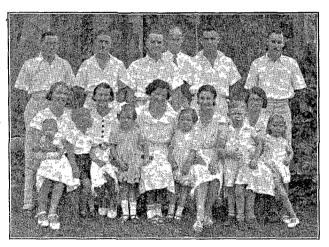
What a field, and what a task! And furthermore, what a far-sighted, and firm-purposed vision is needed as this task is faced! The success that God expects us to win in this great and needy field cannot come except by much prayer and by much earnest and consistent effort. The "witness" of this great Advent message has NO equal. As a people may we not disappoint our Lord in the discharge of our sacred trust!

Our superintendent, Pastor G. Peacock, emphasised this need, and our responsibilities, individually and collectively, in an earnest study, which opened our 1938 annual council. Present at the devotional

meetings, including children, were some twenty white people, though two families were absent, and other new workers had not as yet arrived in the field. It might be mentioned in this connection that there are over 3,000 Sabbath school members in the Territory of New Guinea.

Though there was a heavy programme on hand, an excellent spirit was manifest, and the council ended sooner than anticipated. As yet the work in this field is in its infancy, and the training school has not been long in operation. It was therefore found impossible to meet all the calls for native teachers, yet all were surprised to realise that with the fourteen appointments made this year, 104 native teachers are now employed in this needy field. The advance has been encouraging, but we believe that it is but a beginning. Also at this time a teacher was chosen to meet a call from the Bainings district, in the interior of New Britain.

The committee decided unanimously to pass a vote of thanks to be forwarded to



Missionaries in New Guinea at the Council

Back row, from left: A. R. Hiscox, A. S. Atkins. H. White, E. Cherry, L. G. Maxwell, R. R. D. Marks. Front row: Mrs. Hiscox and son, Mrs. Atkins and Geoffery, Mrs. White and the twins, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Marks and Stewart and Ruth.

Pastors Peacock and Campbell were taking the picture.

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Brother Trevor Collett of Mussau for the fine co-operative spirit he has manifested toward the mission generally.

All workers appreciated this opportunity to meet together in council, and they parted later realising that the Lord had been present indeed, and with a common prayer in their hearts that His rich blessing would rest upon the work in this portion of the vineyard. Dear reader, pray the Lord of the harvest for the Territory of New Guinea.

All visitors noted the busy activities at Put Put. The training school is developing encouragingly, and will prove a tower of strength to the work in the future. During the time of our meetings, the first log was put through the fine new sawmill—a good omen for the future. While we were gathered together, four sturdy mission vessels lay at anchor in the fine harbour near our valuable Put Put property. These good ships, including the new Bougainville boat,

are another testimony to the advance of the message in our newest field.

May our united aim ever be for greater triumphs for the Advent truth in the Territory of New Guinea!

A. J. CAMPBELL.

# TASMANIA

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# Tasmanian Conference Session

The twelfth annual session of the Tasmanian Conference was held in the Hobart Town Hall February 17-20 of this year. The infantile paralysis epidemic was responsible for the cancellation of the camp meeting, and the membership greatly missed this yearly convocation and its attendant spiritual blessings. Nevertheless, the annual conference gave opportunity of gathering together a goodly number of the Tasmanian membership, with the result that the meetings, the Sabbath services in particular, brought encouragement and trustfulness to face the future.

The Union Conference delegation consisted of Pastors E. E. Roenfelt and W. J. Westerman, and their ministry and counsel were much appreciated.

The president's report revealed many evidences of God's leading. The membership of the conference is now 611, baptisms for the year totalling 39.

The figures presented by the treasurer were of a very satisfactory nature. A record tithe was received, and the tithe fund at the close of the year was in credit to the extent of £504.

Brother S. Uttley gave some interesting facts concerning the work of the Missionary Volunteer Department. Our young people's membership now stands at 409, with 54 senior young people unbaptised.

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The faithful work of our colporteurs was evidenced by the fact that orders amounting to £1,796 were received during the year, this being £450 above the aim.

The activities of the adult members were revealed in the home missions report. All the usual campaigns for the year were very successful.

The report of the nomination committee, which was adopted, is as follows:

President: H. G. Moulds.
Secretary-Treasurer: W. S. Renn.
Tract Society Secretary: W. S. Renn.
Sabbath School Secretary: H. G. Moulds.
Assistant Sabbath School Secretary:
Miss E. Lane.

Home Missions Secretary: W. S. Renn. Missionary Volunteer Secretary: S. Uttley.

Assistant Missionary Volunteer Secretary: Miss E. Lane.

Educational Secretary: W. R. Whisker. Field Missionary Secretary and Religious Liberty Secretary: H. G. Moulds.

Executive Committee: H. G. Moulds, S. Uttley, G. C. Cresswell, F. H. Abraham, E. P. Fehlberg, L. J. Reid, H. G. Vetter.

#### LOCATION OF WORKERS

EVANGELISTS: H. C. Harker, Ulverstone and District; L. S. Barnes, Ulver-

"The people to whom God has entrusted the sacred, solemn, testing truths for this time are sleeping at their post."

stone; A. E. Magnusson, Geeveston and District; G. Burnside, Scottsdale and District; S. Uttley, Hobart.
SCHOOL TEACHERS: W. R. Whisker,
Miss E. F. Lane, Moonah; H. G. Vetter,

Miss M. Streeter, Collinsvale; Miss J. Webb, Glen Huon.

COLPORTEURS: Brother and Sister T. A. Chick, Launceston and District; C. P. Southwell, Smithton and District; Miss I. Richardson, Hobart.

The continued financial support afforded to the Tasmanian Conference by the Union Conference by way of appropriations is a strong factor in helping us to become a self-supporting conference in the future.

The membership and workers are all of good courage, and face the future with confidence in our God. We record our thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the blessings of the years past, and press onward, realising that He is able to do much more abundantly than we can ask or W. S. RENN, think.

#### Secretary.

## Colporteurs' Summary FEBRUARY, 1938

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## Another Good Month

During the month of February our 108 colporteurs took orders for £2,733 worth of books. During the first two months of this year books to the value of £3,163 were delivered, and this total will be greatly increased during March.

The North N.S.W. and West Australian Conferences are parallel, both having a summary value of 173 per cent of their aim to date. The next two are Tasmania with 131 per cent and South Australia with 123. This is excellent. South Australia reports 93 per cent of the summary value delivered. Victoria made the best gain over last month's work, and we believe this advancement will continue. We wish the colporteurs all the very best of success and the Lord's richest blessing in their faithful efforts to scatter the printed page.

# "Watch Ye Therefore, and Pray Always"

These words of warning were spoken by the Saviour with reference to His second coming, therefore they have a special application to His believing children at this time, for we earnestly believe that the coming of the Master draweth nigh. Looking down through the ages, the Saviour foresaw that the enemy would make a specious and definite attack upon God's children to lure them from their faith in Jesus, and so the Lord warns us to WATCH and PRAY. It is very easy for us to permit Satan to lead us to neglect secret prayer, which is the life of the soul, and forget that we are living in a time of great danger. He is pleased when we fail to sense our need of prayer, neglect

committing our ways to God, and fail to realise that we are absolutely dependent . upon our heavenly Father to keep us in the way of righteousness.

Note the warning in verse 30 of Luke 21: "And TAKE HEED to YOUR SELVES, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

"Satan makes every effort to lead people away from God; and he is successful in his purpose when the religious life is drowned in business cares, when he can so absorb their minds in business they will not take time to read their Bible, to pray in secret, and to keep the offering of praise and thanksgiving burning on the altar of sacrifice morning and evening."

"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 426.

"When it becomes the habit of the soul to converse with God, the power of the evil one is broken." "Watch, brethren, the first dimming of your light, the first neglect of prayer, the first symptom of spiritual slumber."

Note the expression "spiritual slumber." Slumber, or sleep, is a state of entire unconsciousness, and the Lord has warned us of this danger particularly. The enemy wishes to cause us to forget the imminence of the Master's return. Though all the signs are multiplying before our eyes, it is possible for us to fail to sense their significance. The great struggle be-tween capital and labour, the increase of knowledge, the alarm of war and the talk of peace, the falling away of the Christian churches, the perplexity among the nations, - these things that we have been preaching for decades as signs of the near return of Jesus are increasing. The evidence of the near return is far greater than it was, but, dear brethren and sisters, the Lord has warned us of the danger of our being asleep, professing to believe in His return, but in actual experience asleep. The parable of the ten virgins warns us of this experience. The Saviour emphasises it in

# "Prepare to Meet Thy God, O Israel"

#### BECAUSE-

It is necessary to prepare for the "great church crisis" so stealthily stealing upon us, soon to ensnare our mixed multitude membership of "tares," which may predominate over the "wheat." God calls, Let "the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar." If this has ever been done, it has lacked that thorough effectiveness that would have brought about a world-wide revival to our divided, hell-shadowed, slumbering church ranks ere this.

#### BECAUSE-

We are told that the work yet to be done could have been done years ago, and the millennium period entered upon. "How long" shall our guilty church prolong earth's agony and Heaven's displeasure?

#### BECAUSE-

The weeks preceding the actual Week of Prayer afford an opportunity for preparation among those responsible for spiritual interests to come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. Today, as certainly as in the days of Deborah and Barak, the bitter curse of the Lord will come upon all who neglect or dally or refuse to respond now.

#### BECAUSE-

The laity as well as the leaders are responsible if they, by an attitude of indifference and unprotesting toleration, make it appear that they are criminally blind or consenting parties to the "wonderful and horrible thing committed" around them, and "love to have it so." Such are asked, "What will ye do in the end thereof?" Jer. 5:30, 31.

#### BECAUSE—

The "ordinary" and enjoyed (or endured) formalities of our "usual" lukewarm meetings and church services, are not only of little benefit to ourselves, but are in the nature of an offence to the heavenly angels who are tired of their long, impatient waiting to help us; a mockery to Heaven's appeal for zeal and enthusiasm; an insult to an agonised world that is refused our possible help; a mystery and an astonishment to the vast, waiting universe; and will become a shame and remorse to ourselves, when we awaken either before or after probation has closed and it is "Too Late!"

(Continued next week)

Mark 13:35. "Watch ye therefore: . . . lest coming suddenly HE FIND YOU SLEEPING." What a solemn warning, what an awful thing to be found sleeping when Jesus comes! My heart cries out to God, "Save me, dear Lord, from such a sad experience."

The apostle Paul utters the same warning, "The night is far spent." Earth's dark night is near its end, thank God. "The day is at hand." Earth's morning of eternity is soon to dawn. Our "salvation is nearer than when we believed." Everything in the world should engender confidence in the nearness of the blessed hope." It is high time to awake out of sleen.

The hour before the dawn is the sleepiest time. It was the custom of the American Indians to attack the white settlers at this hour, knowing they would then be in their soundest sleep. We should sense our danger, and day by day be men of prayer, calling upon our heavenly Father to keep us awake so that when that great and glorious event takes place, the consummation of all our hopes, the return of Jesus in the clouds of heaven, we may be ready to greet Him with holy joy, saying, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, . . . we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

The time is drawing near when the church of God will assemble for united prayer, and surely this annual prayer season will be the most important gathering for prayer we have ever conducted. World conditions are far more serious. The needs of the work are greater. The dangers of the people of God are increasing. War is raging; our liberties, in certain countries, are being restricted. We will soon call upon the church to again assemble for the Week of Prayer, which will remind us anew that prayer is the source of our strength. The whole church of God is invited to "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2:1-3.

"Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people. Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people." Joel 2:16-18.

Dear, reader, in the spirit of prayer, let us prepare our hearts to meet with the people of God in the annual prayer season. We are living in a time of great danger. Many are cherishing doubt of the great principles of this message. The enemy is lulling them to sleep. They fail to sense the importance of the times in which we live. They are failing to main-

tain a living connection with God. They are not fighting the good fight of faith and growing in grace. If worldly cares are causing us to neglect the privilege of prayer; if our hearts are growing cold, and our love for the things of God is becoming secondary in our lives; let us heed the warning of the Saviour, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always." The condition of the world and the condition existing in the church of God call for us to cry unitedly to God to help His people and further His cause on the earth so that His work will be speedily finished. May the Lord grant that we may be found among those who are watching, and who, by earnest prayer, are resisting the subtle influence of the evil one to lead them from God, so that when the Saviour returns to take His people home we shall be ready to meet Him. W. J. WESTERMAN.

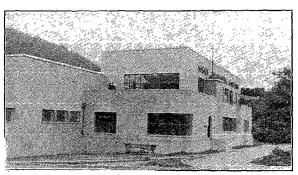
## Our New Publishing House, Warburton

(From a Letter)

For several weeks we have been in the midst of moving out of our old premises into the new; but I am glad to say that now we are just about settled down to normal running. The work of transferring our entire equipment and stock went through very smoothly. At the beginning of the year we commenced moving the machinery, and at no time was there a cessation of the printing work. While one of the machines was being dismantled and moved over, the others were running full time in the old building. Then while the one was running in the new place, another one was pulled down in the old building and transferred; and so the work went forward. The same procedure was followed in the bindery.

Sometimes a machine was moved over and erected in only a few hours, but of course the large printing presses took longer. One of the presses was renewed in several parts at the time of removal, and is now running splendidly, being almost a new machine.

The office departments also were moved piecemeal, not even one full day's work being lost by the whole staff at once. First we transferred the things that we were not using, and then moved one or two rooms at a time, each individual looking after the contents of his own section of typewriters, desks, and other office equipment.



Signs Publishing Company, Warburton

We are happy to be here, and it is certainly a pleasure to work in quarters such as we have now. The architect's expression is, "Isn't it beautiful!" as he stands in the hall and gazes down into the main office. We have nothing elaborate, but things are convenient to our needs, and we hope that our work will be more efficient as a result. Our editors are not quite settled yet, as we have to secure more equipment.

We appreciate the pleasant coolness of the new rooms. As it is a brick building and our offices are on the lower floor, it is wonderfully cool even on the hottest day. Some days we have not realised just how hot it was until going out for lunch.

There is already an autumn feeling in the air, and two of the girls came and asked for a table on the sunbalcony. Fortunately we have an old table from the old building which we are putting up there, and it will be very handy for the young folk to work in the sunshine when the nature of their work does not keep them in the main office.

We plan to demolish the building by volunteer labour and thereby receive a certain portion of the proceeds from the sale of the timber for the benefit of our Warburton Church Fund.

You would not recognise the old building now. Last Monday night there was a "working bee" comprised of about two dozen men and boys who commenced the work of demolition. It will be a huge task, but it is surprising how much can be done when sufficient get together and work with a will.

The Health Food factory has not moved into its new building yet, and it will be a few weeks before they are settled, so far as we can say at present.

EILEEN M. ROBSON.

# The Appeal for Missions

REPORT TO MARCH 26

North New Zealand	t Report £120	Total £2,320 1,300 876
Tasmania Victoria South New South Wales North New South Wales West Australia Queensland	55 162 116 215 659	540 2,23 <b>2</b> 2,362 901 745 659

The Appeal design will be given again

next week on page 7. It will be worth waiting for. In the meantime we give the standing of the conferences. Queensland is now in the campaign, and we congratulate them on the splendid commencement. Their first report of £659 covers two-thirds of the journey to their goal in one leap. West Australia's report of £215 for the third week leaves a balance of only £105.

£1,327

£11,935

We rejoice with North New South Wales in the successful accomplishment of the task in five weeks. Further welcome overflows are reported by South New Zealand, Victoria, and South New South Wales.

## West Wyalong Camp Meeting

The readers of the "Record" are now familiar with the fact that annually we hold a little camp meeting in the far southwest of New South Wales. This meeting is held especially to meet the needs of a goodly number of God's children, many of whom never have the privilege of meeting with others to worship God, but are decidedly isolated.

The centrality and convenience of Brother Bolte's farm again proved a great blessing, and the believers were deeply grateful for the kindness of Brother and Sister Bolte on this occasion. Fifteen family tents were pitched, and in addition we had a small pavilion for the services.

We were very doubtful as to the success of our meeting on account of the seriousness of drought conditions this year; not a blade of green grass could be seen. But with a remarkable sacrificial spirit the brethren and sisters came, and a record attendance was registered.

Meetings commenced on Thursday evening, March 24, and continued right on to the following Monday morning, and each one was well attended. Sabbath proved to be a very happy day, and in the consecration service some for the first time publicly yielded themselves to God, while all present reconsecrated all to the Master.

The workers in attendance were Pastors H. Mitchell, J. Thompson, H. R. Steed and wife, Brother A. J. Dyason, Mrs. Piper and the writer. We all look upon Pastor Mitchell as the father of the flock in the west, and really he carried the heavier burden. Pastor and Mrs. H. R. Steed were blessed of God in their ministry to the people. All workers present carried their portion of the load and contributed much to the success of the meeting.

On Saturday morning Pastor Mitchell baptised two young men in the billabong near the camp ground. It was a solemn

## Junior Leaders' Convention

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occasion. In the afternoon of the same day we held our missionary meeting and because of the drought we felt the offering would be seriously affected. But imagine our surprise when sixty-six people, counting many youth, gave and pledged £70. This includes the Sabbath school offering, which was double that of last year. This offering is also a record.

The meeting closed with the celebration of the ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper. This proved a very fitting end to a deeply spiritual camp. The fellowship, comradeship, and love of these dear believers for one another was beautiful to behold, and left a deep and sweet impression on our hearts. God bless these dear friends of the message in the south-west.

H. E. PIPER.

#### WEDDING BELLS

WALL-DAVIS. — On March 20 the marriage of Robert Wall of Cooranbong with Miss Laurel Davis was solemnised at the home of Brother John Davis of Dee Why. In the tastefully decorated room, a large circle of relatives and friends gathered together to witness the happy event. May God's richest blessings attend them as they together face the future.

C. J. REYNOLDS.

ROBERTS-CAWTHORN. — On Wednesday evening, March 16, Brother Leslie Roy Roberts and Sister Elsie Maud Cawthorn, both of Geelong, Victoria, were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony in the S.D. A. church, Geelong. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The happy young couple were so well known in the district that the church could not accommodate all who desired to witness the ceremony. Our very best wishes attend Brother and Sister Roberts as they start out on their journey through life together. P. G. FOSTER.

NOLAN-BUSSAU. - On the evening of March 17, in the Preston church, Victoria, the marriage of Brother Ward Nolan and Sister Ora Bussau was solemnised. Kind hands had very tastefully decorated the church, and it was filled with relatives and friends of the bridal couple. The bride's uncle, the Hon. Mr. L. Bussau, the Attorney-General of the Victorian Government, in the absence of her late father gave the bride away and witnessed the registration papers. Afterwards a large registration papers. Afterwards a large company gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs, R. D. Collman to wish the young couple happiness and success in their united life and labour. Brother and Sister Ward Nolan are qualified nurses, and have been invited to take up medical missionary work in Papua. Pastor C. Head and the writer officiated at the ceremony.

A. G. STEWART.

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# **OBITUARY**

DORRINGTON. - Brother David Dorrington passed away at the Perth Hospital, W.A., on March 5, 1938, after a short illness. He was attacked by the dreaded tetanus. It is a sad blow to his sorrowing wife, the two sons, and the daughter. A large gathering assembled at the gates to follow the cortege to its resting place. We left him there at Karrakatta to sleep till the last trump shall awaken those who rest in Jesus. Brother Dorrington will be missed by all. His great desire was to see a Sanitarium built near Perth. We extend to his sad wife and children our deep sympathy in this trying hour.

W. M. R. SCRAGG.

DUFFY. — Sister Theresa Duffy passed away on March 18 at the home of her daughter, Sister Lillian Dawson, Wentworthville. Sister Duffy's early life was spent at Thornleigh, where with her late husband and their family she accepted the gospel message twenty-seven years ago. Later the family moved to the hills of Kurrajong, where for twenty-three years Sister Duffy earnestly led her family in the paths of righteousness. Her life was an inspiration and help to all who knew her. Until the last her confidence in her Lord was strong. She now rests from her burdens till Christ shall come to break the bonds of the tomb. The last rites were conducted at the home and the Richmond cemetery on Sabbath afternoon, March 19, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends by Pastors G. G. Stewart, E. E. Roenfelt, and the writer. A. W. KNIGHT.

PARKER. - Walter Leslie Parker, son of Brother and Sister W. S. Parker of Melbourne, passed to rest on March 21 at the age of thirteen years. Leslie had suffered some eight years, and the last two and a half were spent in the Orthopedic Hospital, Frankston. Toward the end his suffering was intense, but his patience and Christian courage were wonderful for one of his age. All who knew Leslie were impressed by his sweet life. The hospital nurses often commented that there was something particularly heavenly about the behaviour of this little sufferer. Surely here was one of whom it could truly be said, "Of such is the kingdom of God." May those who mourn be sustained by the One who so graciously helped their dear one. Pastor Currow, Brother Alf Davies, and the writer joined in performing the last rites.

D. SIBLEY.

#### Return Thanks

Mrs. Rudge and members of the family of the late Pastor P. B. Rudge wish to return their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy, letters, telegrams, and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement; and also to the Sanitarium for kind attention given. Will all please accept this as personal thanks.

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"We expect our new teacher and party on April 6," Pastor H. L. Tolhurst wrote from Tonga. "Our college is full. We had a great influx of new students, more than fifty of them, and now have an enrolment of over 100, including twenty-one girls. This good number should make Brother Watts smile."

"You will be interested to know that although the first edition of the Radio Series of eight tracts was printed only last December, it has been necessary to print a second edition already," Brother Shirley wrote from the Signs Publishing Company on March 16. "Nearly 100,000 have been sold so far."

A forward step has been taken in the work of the Advent Radio Church. Pastor L. C. Naden now has his office in the city, on the fifth floor of the Royal Exchange Assurance building, 75 Pitt Street, Sydney. Interested listeners not of our faith will now have the opportunity of personal interviews. Pastor Naden is a busy man with correspondence, and keeps two stenographers going, but it was felt that his office should be more central. Please uphold the radio work in your prayers, for the battle is a spiritual one.

The office of the Fireside Correspondence School has also been transferred from Wahroonga to the fifth floor of the Royal Exchange Assurance building, 75 Pitt Street, Sydney. The principal, Brother H. O'Hara, is entering with enthusiasm upon his work, and is looking forward to being able to give better service to the field with the much improved facilities provided by this central location.

Pastor and Mrs. G. F. Jones, who are mentioned in the story in another column, are stationed on Lord Howe Island. His advanced years have not abated Pastor Jones's zeal for pioneer work, and it was planned a few months ago for him to go to New Caledonia; but on account of the indifferent nature of his health, and at the earnest request of the church on Lord Howe it is considered best for him to remain there.

Pastor W. N. Lock writes from Papua that Miss Niebuhr and her mother arrived safely in Port Moresby on Friday, March 18, and spent the week-end at the head station, Mirigeda. Monday morning she visited the school taught by Brother and Sister Ken Gray, and that afternoon they were to return to Port Moresby to do some shopping and to load up the "Diari," pre-

paratory to continuing the journey down the coast to Vilirupu on Wednesday. This would give Miss Niebuhr and her mother time to get settled before Sabbath. "We look forward to a real good school at Vilirupu," Brother Lock writes in happy anticipation of the opening of the girls' school at that centre. "We are to have a baptism at Vilirupu while I am there."

"We were pleased to see Brother and Sister Gallagher when their boat called on the way to New Guinea, and we are now looking forward to seeing Arthur Carr. I wish he could stay here till the following boat, as this is his native land," Pastor Lock continues. Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Carr were our pioneer workers to Papua, and Arthur was born at Port Moresby. It is planned for the native who was Arthur's first nurse to meet the boat that brings his former small charge, whom he has not seen for twenty-four years. This man, Soki, was the first native baptised in Papua.

After six weeks' absence from head-quarters Pastor E. L. Minchin returned to Wahroonga on March 25. He is to conduct special meetings for young people in the North Sydney church, April 8-10, in association with Brother H. Hollingsworth. Open-air Friday night meetings are being conducted by the North Sydney young people on the main street of Crow's Nest. Pastor Minchin will meet with them on this Friday night, first in the church at 7.30 and then at Crow's Nest at 7.45, where the young people will, in turn, bear public witness for Christ. This work brings great blessing to those who witness for God. To such He has promised to give His Spirit.

The approach of the Week of Prayer (May 7 to 14) is a call to begin now to pray, plan, and prepare for definite results. It should mark a distinct forward step in our individual experience and church life. We all want blessings that last. Therefore we must visualise just what we desire to have, and then lay hold of it. We invite you all to consider earnestly that part of our leading article this week which enumerates "The Fruit of True Revival." Let us keep before us this appeal from the General Conference, share it with others, and carry out its timely counsel. God's people have wandered in the wilderness of sin long enough. God calls upon us to sanctify ourselves and prepare to enter the Promised Land without unnecessary delay. Josh. 3:5.

One hundred and three lay preachers were in attendance at the lay preachers' institute held at Cliscanti, Rumania, the first of its kind organised in the Southern European Division. Similar meetings were held at four other centres in Rumania and Jugoslavia about the same time, with a total attendance of 267 lay preachers. Those in attendance are hoping to win over 3,000 souls this year.

"Many people are putting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the future. I do not. I believe that 1938 will witness the beginning of this glorious event," a brother writes in a letter just received. Why should we not all have this faith and act upon it?

## Three Generation Baptism

A rather unique event in the history of the church in Malaya was witnessed in our English church in Singapore, by a large congregation, when Mrs. H. B. Leicester, a septuagenarian, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church from childhood, and who had remained adamant to the teachings of the Adventists for more than seven years, finally openly renounced Roman Catholicism; and, in company with her only son and her grandson, followed her Lord through the watery grave, to newness of life in Christ Jesus.

In taking this step in the evening of her life, Mrs. Leicester suffers the loss of relatives and friends, and also the possible forfeiture of certain monies to which she had a rightful claim as a Romanist. Her son, who, although cognisant of the truth seven years ago, and since which time has paid tithes and offerings, could not be admitted to membership at an earlier date, because his official duties in an adjoining State did not give him the privilege of having the Sabbath free. It was only a few months prior to his baptism, when by risking prospects of further advancement in the service, and forfeiting his weekly holiday, he was able to obtain his heart's desire. His eldest son, a lad who is barely fourteen, unhesitatingly followed in the footsteps of his father, and was also baptised.

It will be of interest we feel sure, to mention in this connection the fact that about a quarter of a century ago, Pastor and Mrs. G. F. Jones used to pay friendly calls to the Leicester home; and on one occasion these good people offered to send to college in Australia their only son. But the head of the family declined this generous offer, on the grounds that he could not conscientiously accept it, as he was not at that time in sympathy with the tenets of the Adventist faith.

It was some time in 1929 that the Leicester family renewed their acquaintance with Pastor and Mrs. Jones, when this worthy couple revisited Singapore after an absence of very many years. This meeting was the prelude to contacts with Pastor and Mrs. W. W. R. Lake, and other Adventist missionaries then resident in Singapore. These relationships finally resulted in the acceptance of the truth by the head of the Leicester family, Mr. H. B. Leicester, who is now in his eighty-second year, and by his daughter-in-law, both of whom were formerly Wesleyans. These two persons were baptised in 1930. The entire family has thus come into the truth.

It may be added that although the elder Mrs. Leicester long resisted the influence of present truth, Pastor and Mrs. Lake, Pastor and Mrs. E. J. Johanson and others never despaired, but kept in close touch with this dear soul, until she finally was won. For His goodness, for His love, and for His divinely subduing Spirit, may the Lord be greatly praised. — "Far Eastern Division Outlook."

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