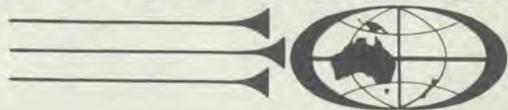


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Opening of St Martins Church, SNZ

BROTHER AND SISTER C. H. EDWARDS, Communication Secretaries



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AFTER many days of inclement weather, Sabbath, December 7, dawned with a beautiful blue sky—yes, one of those days which seem as though the heavens were smiling too. The new church complex, with its modern aesthetic beauty, stands in a delightful landscape of trees and shrubs, an immaculate lawn runs down to the street footpath, and across the road the Heathcote River winds its way with the gentle flow of crystal clear water, its banks bedecked with weeping willows—probably planted by forward-thinking founders—now in all their early summer splendour. God had surely been so good to lead His people to this setting. The first Seventh-day Adventist church ever to be built in that suburb now stood awaiting its doors to be officially opened.

His Worship the Mayor of Christchurch, Sir Hamish Hay, together with his wife, Lady Hay, cut the red ribbon, giving access to this new church complex. Prior to their arrival the Adventist Band of Christchurch provided appropriate music, and as the people walked into the auditorium a prelude of organ and piano music welcomed the members and visitors.

Brother R. Andrews, an elder of the St Martins church, welcomed all to the dedication and opening ceremony, and introduced the dignitaries on the rostrum to the congregation, with a special welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress.

The scripture reading was taken by Captain Griffiths of the Sydenham Corps of the Salvation Army. Psalm 103 had been chosen as a fitting reading.

The history of the church and an outline of the building program was presented by A. J. Kingston, pastor of the St Martins church.

Pastor Kingston said that the first church established in Christchurch South was in Sydenham. This was the Elgin Street church, established in 1925, the building being purchased from the Baptist Church for £450. He told of the wanderings of the congregation of the Sydenham church after they sold the Elgin Street church in 1972, and outlined aspects of the building of the new church. A contract had been let to build the shell of the church, and from then on a greater portion of the finishing work was carried out by members in their spare time. Fortunately there were members experienced in building, electrical, plumbing, engineering and painting trades, and many others who assisted to finally complete the beautiful building as it stands today. In closing, Pastor Kingston stated that we should give God the thanks and the praise for His blessings to us, for giving all of us willing hearts, and to pray that this church will be a light in this community and that all who enter its doors will find blessing and peace and truth.

Among the members present at the opening was Mrs Rita Harris, who was one of the ten people who were baptised in the Elgin Street church in 1925. She will be ninety years of age during this month.

The next speaker was His Worship the Mayor, Sir Hamish Hay, who brought greetings from the city council, and congratulated the members on the fine new building and on the 100th anniversary of the church in New Zealand.

Sir Hamish quoted a motto of the City of Christchurch: "A city founded in faith, rich in the fulfilment thereof, and strong in the hope of the future," and wondered if the people of

today proved worthy of that strong faith of our founders. He also drew attention to the fact that some of our finest architecture was to be seen in the churches, and that this building, opened today, was no exception.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Pastor H. G. Harker, president of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference. Pastor Harker opened his remarks, saying, "Some people always had seen a quandary as to how the church should move." However, he left us in no uncertainty as to how God had planned that it should function and quoted Matthew 10:7: "As you go, preach . . . 'The kingdom of heaven is near'" (NIV).

Pastor Harker outlined that to meet the needs of mankind today, the church had become involved with the needs of people. The church had to be a dispenser, not a collector, of Heaven's riches.

Pastor Harker closed his sermon with this statement: "Jesus Christ calls us to be His representatives, to live His message, to be the best neighbours in a community, to be the best citizens in a nation. In dedicating this building we also dedicate our lives to this end."

Pastor P. J. Colquhoun, past president of South New Zealand Conference, contributed the act of dedication. He said that he was honoured and privileged to share the opening ceremony with the St Martins members and visitors. He had watched the courage, faith, tenacity and sacrifice of love that had been put into this large and more acceptable place of worship. "We now come to this very solemn and purposeful and wonderful moment when we, as a congregation, dedicate this building to His glory—to a wonderful God and His Son, Jesus Christ."

The dedication prayer was offered by Pastor R. A. Evans, secretary of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference. This was followed by presentations of the book *Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific, 1885-1985* by Brother I. W. Petrie, secretary-treasurer of the South New Zealand Conference, to Captain and Mrs Griffiths of the Salvation Army and to Sir Hamish and Lady Hay.

Pastor W. Otto, newly elected president of the South New Zealand Conference, took the closing benediction with the prayer that "rivers of living water might flow through the church to the hearts of the people who worship therein, and may His benediction rest upon this building and these people."

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Now We Must Face Forward



THE ROMAN god Janus had two faces—one facing back and the other forward. The first month of our calendar year bears his name, for, at that point in time, we can look both back at what has gone before and at what lies ahead.

During 1985, our Centenary year, we had occasion to survey a hundred years of Adventist history in the South Pacific. Many of our congregations took advantage of the opportunity to celebrate our Centenary in their local churches. Many pages of the RECORD during 1985 were devoted to recounting these celebrations. Some of our readers expressed the feeling that they were sick and tired of reading about centenaries. Others expressed their appreciation for and enjoyment of these reports. We hoped to fit them all in by the year-end. A few, just a few, have spilled over in 1986. The stream of Centenary reports will soon dry up—to the delight of some and the regret of others.

The North Fitzroy Centenary celebration, reported in this issue, is, of course, different from any other. It was held on January 11 this year, *not* because the members there woke up too late to arrange their celebrations during 1985, but because they were celebrating the Centenary of the organisation of the Melbourne congregation, the first Seventh-day Adventist congregation in Australia, and the first in the Southern Hemisphere. In quick succession other Adventist churches were to spring up, almost spontaneously, in other parts of the Southern Hemisphere: South Africa, South America, New Zealand and elsewhere in Australia—which gives us cause to reflect that the hand of God was indeed in the Advent movement. The rapidity with which churches sprang up all over the world during the final years of the nineteenth century, was indeed a literal fulfilment of the prophecy of Revelation 14:6, 7.

Now that our Centenary has ended and our celebrations are over, we must face forward. We've had our opportunity to look back. It has

given us much cause to praise God for His providential leadings and to rejoice in the evidences of His blessing upon His last-day church. It would also be in order to say that it has given us cause to drop our heads in remorse for opportunities lost and squandered; for failures in fulfilling our mission; for blunders that have thwarted God's purpose, and for impediments that have held back the full bestowal of His power.

But we cannot continue to look back! We can't keep on recounting past mercies or repining over past mistakes—important as remembrances may be. With the Apostle Paul we must now make the commitment: "... This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14.

On the banks of the Jordan God's commission to Joshua was, "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel." Joshua 1:2.

Israel could not tarry to commemorate the achievements of their departed leader; to bewail his failure, or to mourn his death. "After the death of Moses ... the Lord spake unto Joshua. ... Verse 1. His word to Joshua was, Forward! We have reason to praise God for what our pioneer leaders in the South Pacific have accomplished, but we must now continue to build on the foundations they have laid.

In Hebrews 6:1, we are admonished: "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection. ..."

What the writer is saying is *not* that we are to abandon "the principles of the doctrine of Christ," but that we are not to stay in Grade One. We must go on to Grade Two and beyond. We must not be satisfied with anything less than the complete accomplishment of God's purpose in and through us.

The challenge that lies ahead is wrapped up in the Harvest '90 concept.

We hope that the RECORD will have as much to say about Harvest '90 during 1986 as it did about our Centenary in 1985! It is a forward-looking program. It says to us that while we give praise to God for what has already been accomplished, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1. Let us go forward and possess it. Let's cross over Jordan. The greatest achievements of the Advent movement still lie ahead. By God's grace I want to have a part in the great forward thrust of today and tomorrow—not just in recounting the achievements of yesteryear. How about you?

Geoff Garne



A Baptism with Appeal

MIKE BROWNHILL

WHILE doing his rounds on the Adventist Appeal two years ago, Maurice Clark called at a home in the small country town of Broomehill, Western Australia. Little did he realise at the time that his visit would initiate a chain of events leading to a conversion and baptism.

The lady of the house was Mrs Jeanne Tion, a single parent with five dependent children. Having just returned from shopping and having spent nearly all of her pension cheque, Jeanne was hardly in a position to make a mammoth donation. However, she did offer her widow's mite, producing her last fifty-one cents with an apology that it was such a small donation.

Becoming aware of Jeanne's own material needs, Maurice returned the following week with a food parcel presented on behalf of the Katanning church company. This was followed by more parcels in the ensuing months. Finally I had the privilege of visiting her and opening the Bible with her on a regular basis.

Having a keen spiritual aptitude, as well as being an avid reader, Jeanne grew in the knowledge of God as she soaked up the truths of His Word from week to week and then shared them with friends and neighbours alike.

But, the path to baptism was not an easy one, as Jeanne had battles to face and conquer with her new-found Lord.



Photo: M. Brownhill.

Pastor Eric Davey baptising Jeanne Tion in Cherry Tree Pool.

But with God's help, victories were won and on Sabbath afternoon, November 23, she was baptised by Pastor Eric Davey in the picturesque Cherry Tree Pool. Though it was raining heavily up to two hours beforehand, God answered our prayers and smiled His approval by providing glorious sunshine for the baptism.

Recognising the importance of Christian education, Jeanne hopes to send two of her children to Carmel College this year and thus help prepare them for eternity as well.

Now that certainly is an appealing story, isn't it!

Also baptised with Jeanne were Mrs Margaret Lyttleton of Kojonup, who was first contacted years ago by Pastor Merv Sparrowhawk, as well as Linden O'Toole, a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl who has given her heart to the Lord in the days of her youth.

We pray that God will continue to bless these three new members as they face the future walking with Him.

Greek Church Grows

PAULINE MASTROMIHALIS

DOUBTLESS many will recall Pastor Dino Mastromihalis saying that, by Greek standards, to baptise one person a year is wonderful, but to baptise four! Our happiness was boundless on January 11, 1986. We thank the Lord, and we'd like you to share our joy.

Meet Mrs Dina Salakianos, who first heard of our church when she received in her letterbox a card—the one with Christ knocking on the front of a skyscraper. On the back of the card it advertised Bible studies in various languages, including Greek, and an offer for a free Bible.

Mrs Salakianos wrote in, and Pastor Sparrowhawk visited her and commenced Bible lessons. Things became complicated after a while as Mrs Salakianos's relatives became involved, and there developed a language problem. That's when Pastor Dino was called in.

Sister Dina loved the truth and was eager to study, and that she did. She has had many problems along the way, as only those who

have tried to help Greek people would realise the difficulties. But her zeal for the Lord never waned. It was a great joy to see her baptised, with her husband present to witness her decision.

Then there was Mrs Alyki Abazis, who also received the same card in her letterbox, and she, too, requested Greek lessons and a Bible. So Pastor Dino was happy to go to visit her. He felt a warmth and sincerity with Sister Alyki right from the moment she began to talk. She continued to study and also attended the Greek mission that was held for five months last year in our new church in North Fitzroy, Melbourne. Her warmth and sincerity continued to encourage each of our members that God has His people who love Him and are willing to follow Him.

Mrs Ourania Kalesoglou, whom we have known for about five years, has seen all of her children, one by one, baptised in the Greek Adventist church along with a son-in-law. The

original contact with the Kalesoglou family was made on visitation for the Adventist Appeal. We thank our sister Pola who did such a fine work.

Sister Ourania's name means 'heavenly' and that's just what she is; a patient mother whom God is using in many ways. It is sister Ourania's son, Jim (Dimitrius), who has helped the pastor in a thousand ways; space does not permit to tell at length. Pastor Dino will miss him greatly while in Sydney. Eighty per cent of the success of the work done in 1984-85 in the Greek church has been because of Jim's dedication and sacrifice.

Mrs Paula Baxevanis also came to know our church in an unusual way. Sister Paula lives not far from the church, and she was acquainted with the Church of Christ pastor, to which denomination the church formerly belonged. It was only a few days after we had purchased the church that we had our first working bee. Mrs Paula, with a friend, happened to be walking past the church when she heard banging and noise coming from within. She wondered what was going on, so she walked in and heard Greek being spoken. Pastor Dino talked with her, and she was surprised to hear of Greek people who believed in such strange things.

By now Sister Paula no longer feels that the Bible truth is a strange thing. She is well acquainted with the real problems of life, and her character is shown to be one of long-suffering and meekness. It was a happy day for Sister Paula as she was baptised with her two children present.

It was indeed a happy beginning for 1986. We trust that these members will continue to spread the love and truth of God to others and that many more such happy days will follow in our Greek church in Victoria.



Photo: E. I. Tolenthofer

Youth to Youth

I WOULD LIKE to say something to all my friends who are in their youth. I, like you, am still young, so I can appreciate the difficulties that we are facing in this age. I myself am struggling to be the sort of person Jesus wants me to be.

I am concerned by the lack of interest we are showing in the finishing of our great commission. Many of our standards are dropping, and we don't seem to be able to comprehend what we are doing to ourselves.

We as Seventh-day Adventist youth have an obligation to the youth of the world. To them we must show what a wonderful Saviour and Friend we have in Jesus. We must illustrate this in every word and action that we portray to our friends. Only by constant study of the Bible and daily communication with Jesus in prayer can we ever hope to achieve true Christian witness.

Jesus is looking for young people to finish His work—young people just like you and me. Through Jesus you can set the world

on fire. Jesus needs young men and women like us who are prepared to stand against the pressures of rock music, drugs and permissive sex. He wants young men and women who can see what Satan is doing, and who are prepared to do something about it.

Let us get out in our youth groups and run video missions, and hold Revelation Seminars. Let us visit the sick and help the poor (Ingathering). Let us be kind to the lonely, and try to help and consider others. I can guarantee your Christian life will improve 100 per cent.

I am now twenty-two years old, and I am only writing this in the hope that you don't waste a lot of your life, especially your youth, with the devil, like I have. Stay true to Jesus and I'll meet you in heaven with all your friends.

—A fellow youth worker for Jesus.

Someone Cared

They were thin, pale faces,
Sick, tired, weary and hungry.
Always looking for something to eat,
Something to drink,
Someone to care.

They were sad voices,
Croaky, dry and weary.
Always calling for something to eat,
Something to drink,
Someone to care.

They were thin bodies,
Sick, bony and burning with fever.
Always hurting for something to eat,
Something to drink,
Someone to care.

Then someone cared,
And changes took place,
In the starving millions
And the someone who cared.

They are chubby faces,
No longer sick, tired and weary,
No longer looking for food to eat,
Water to drink.
Because someone cared.

They are happy voices,
No longer croaky, dry and weary,
No longer calling for food to eat,
Water to drink.
Because someone cared.

They are healthy bodies,
No longer sick, bony and burning with fever,
No longer do they hurt for food to eat,
Water to drink.
Because someone cared.

They are chubby faces,
They are happy voices,
They are healthy bodies,
Because someone cared—
And that someone was you.

—Jolynne Turner.

Jolynne is thirteen. She says she wrote her poem to thank all those who helped the Ethiopian famine victims by participating in the forty-hour fast.

Tasmanians Achieve

K. M. G. TOWNEND, Youth Director, Tasmanian Conference

SILVER AWARDS were presented to seven of our Tasmanian young people at a presentation ceremony conducted by Pastor Kevin M. G. Townend, Tasmanian Conference Youth director, in our Launceston church. The award is presented to those who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of physical, mental and cultural development. Each young person took approximately eighteen months to complete the requirements of the Silver Award. Tribute must be paid to the dedication of Mrs Shirley Stevenson and Mr Les Worker, the conference-appointed supervisors. They have worked hard and long, not just with this group, but with many before them to realise the completion of the program. Congratulations go to Craig and Phillip McKay, Ylonda and

Daralee Donald, Naomi and Glenn Stevenson and Wynette Standish.

Quoting from the Teacher's Resource Manual, page 365: "The future of our church depends upon the ability and willingness of young people to serve their fellow men by living Christ-guided lives. Under God these Christian youth have a high destiny in the final, climactic hours of history. Because demands upon God's people will be great, only those youth who have a firm foundation on the Word of God and have chosen a moral platform which reflects the purity of the Lord Jesus, will be able to stand. Good health, clear thinking, and keenness of spiritual perception are closely linked together. The Silver Award plan has been established to give strength to these important elements of life." ■

Back row (from left): Daralee Donald, Phillip McKay, Glenn Stevenson, Craig McKay, Naomi Stevenson, Pastor K. M. G. Townend. Front row: Ylonda Donald, Mrs Shirley Stevenson, Mr Les Worker, Wynette Standish.



Photo: L. Worker.

Report from Seddon

V. STOLNIK, Communication Secretary, Seddon Church, Victoria



Seddon church youth who were recently baptised.

FIRST we want to thank God for giving us patience, endurance and love. Many generations have gone through that old house, used for years for our children's Sabbath schools. Many stories and songs were heard and sung about Jesus. Many of the worshippers today are fathers and mothers. Some have strayed, but we still pray for them.

There is a great need for our new building and after twenty-five years of waiting and planning, the children's division is now in operation. So far we have invested \$280,000 for this new complex, but it is still only partially finished. The building comprises: community centre; hall with kitchen; four Sabbath school rooms for the divisions; seminar room; Bible correspondence room and caretaker's residence.

We pray that this hall may be dedicated to Him for the glory and honour of His precious name.

On November 23, 1985, we were witnesses as eight young people made a commitment to God through baptism. We thank God for these young lives and know He will bless them as they live for Him. ■



After twenty-five years of waiting, children from the Seddon Sabbath school now have more appropriate facilities for their activities.



It Made My Day

THE OTHER WEEK, after coming off night duty (and I still cannot remember doing this at all), I put into the washing machine on a full-wash cycle—my husband's cream, pure-wool jumper, his new cream shirt, his red tracksuit that runs its dye, and a light pair of trousers, a cream skivvy of Jodie's and a white pair of socks—all together.

The day before, I'd put them aside to handwash, but needed sleep and didn't do them. Anyway, about mid-afternoon I wondered why the machine cover was off, so looked inside to find . . . pinky/red clothes that were once cream and white, and Graham's good jumper, which, held up against me, was my size—literally. (Note: Graham is over 182 centimetres tall and weighs seventy-two kilograms or more. I am only about 162

centimetres and weigh forty-eight kilograms.) I was so tired because I hadn't been to bed, as I had to prepare for twenty or so guests on Sabbath—the Year 12 boarders.

I wanted to cry, but didn't even have time to do that, so I just put the jumper in some warm water with some Wool Mix, and the other now pink clothes back in the machine on a warm cycle. I prayed, "God, please get these clothes back to their original colour, but I don't expect You to fix the jumper." I then went out in the car to collect some supplies.

When I arrived home I found Graham, and told him through tears that I couldn't hold back any more what had happened. He was very good about it and said, "Well, Honey, this night duty is more expensive than we realised—not only on our wallet, but also on

your health!"

I then went and pulled the jumper out of the bucket, to find it not only Graham's size again, but also cream in colour and much softer than it was before! Upon opening the washing machine I found *all* the clothes the right colour again. It was as though God was saying to me, "Carol dear, don't limit Me. I'll not only fix the colour problem of all your husband's clothes, but I'll also fix the size of his jumper, and make it better than it was before."

That experience gave me a lift that overrode my tiredness for the rest of that day and helped me cope with all I had to do before Sabbath. To see and believe that He cares that much for me has done me so much good!

Mrs Caroline Baird,
Lilydale, Victoria.

THE TEPID SYNDROME

F. B. HOLLIDAY

LOOK OUT for it. It is like a thief in the night. It hurts; causes many heartaches; it's contagious, and Christians are the most vulnerable. It separates and it is dangerous.

No, I am not talking about leprosy. Leprosy, you can see. This disease is invisible. You can conceal it to a certain degree, and yet, being highly contagious, you soon affect others. It affects the ears, because you begin to hear only the gossip and misfortunes of others. It affects the eyes, because you begin to see the faults of others. It affects the heart, because you begin to care less about others. It affects the vocal cords, because you begin to be critical.

A disease which is so serious, yet so subtle, must have a name. It is called apathy-itis. Once it gets a foothold, it continues eating away at the whole system until all that is left is a decaying shell. By

* then the victim couldn't care less.

The victim becomes irrational. What does he care if five people leave the church so long as seven join! At least there is an upward trend. So what, if people are dying from starvation by the thousands. If he puts fifty cents in the plate, he's done his part. It means nothing if another member is having problems. We can't have rebels or dissidents. The easiest solution is to get rid of them.

Ingathering—you must be joking! That's working on the Sabbath. Shake a hand? Why should I? He never shakes mine. My neighbour is in need. Sorry, it is more important to discuss the bioluminescence of the seraphic physiology.

What has happened to the caring, the compassion, the concern for others? Just because Scripture says we are living in a lukewarm age, does it necessarily follow that we need to be lukewarm?

The two great teachings of Jesus were to love God and love our fellow man. If we don't have both, we have neither. In fact, one is evidenced by the other. If we are not prepared to love our fellow man and care how he is and where he is, then our Christianity is a facade and avails nothing. We are living a lie.

If these lines don't affect you, it may be that you have the first symptoms of apathy-itis.

Fear not—there is an antidote:

Take a gram of self-pity,

Five grams of jealousy,

Mix with a litre of hypocrisy and half a litre of slothfulness until thoroughly blended.

Wrap mixture in white garment and suspend same outdoors from a tree.

Observe at least twice daily to ensure garment remains intact.

It will be noticed that the contents of the garment do not escape, but after a short while will evaporate completely.

However, to avoid a relapse, pray, pray, pray. ■

F. B. Holliday is a member of the North Mackay church in Queensland.

Thank You for the Blessings

DOT DAVIS, Sopas Adventist Hospital, PNG

AS I THINK ON the past year, I cannot do so without my heart being filled with gratitude for all the blessings I received at God's hand.

As 1985 commenced my husband and I felt relaxed. It appeared we should enjoy a plain path before us, and we expected a comfortable year ahead including plans for an overseas holiday. Little did we realise that the Lord had very different plans for us!

Our son, Peter, had decided to follow the electrical trade in my husband's business. Then, quite unexpectedly, he decided to do a short course at Avondale—a place he previously had no interest in attending.

The Friday before he was to leave for college the phone rang. It was a friend who usually calls only when in trouble. He was a wreck of humanity, an alcoholic, and at this time he was desperate. Because of his drinking, his wife had left him, and one certainly could not blame her.

We recognised a need, but my whole being rebelled at the thought of having to care for this man. However, I decided Jesus would not turn him away and I knew that He would give me the strength to do what I was unable to even think about.

So we took him in, got him medical attention and cared for him. After he had improved considerably, I contacted his wife, and she agreed to come back and re-establish the family. I wish I could say things have been wonderful ever since, but they have not been easy. However, his wife and two children attend church regularly and they enjoy the fellowship. The oldest girl now attends our

church school. Helping this family has been a wonderful blessing to us.

At camp we were approached about going to Vanuatu to do some hurricane repair work at one of our mission schools on the remote island of Ambae. We had previously done some months of volunteer work in PNG, but I didn't see how we could do the same again now that we had college fees to meet. However, arrangements were made and we were off—certainly not unwillingly, as our hearts are in the mission fields.

Remote was definitely true of Ambae. We did have a house (we made our own rough furniture). For quite a long time before we arrived the rats and cockroaches had considered it *their* house, so my immediate job was to wage war on these pests. It was a constant battle and I wish I could say that I won. More than once we had a rat hunt in the middle of the night! Every drop of water had to be carried into the house by bucket. The nearest phone was two hours away by boat across a usually angry sea and then a further hour by truck. Mail deliveries were rare.

Once, when returning to the island from Santo where we had gone to arrange for more building materials, the boat did not meet us. The sea was too rough and the boat was leaking badly. There was nothing to do but walk in. Hiking has never been something I choose—but I had no choice! It took six hours of walking through slippery, steamy jungle paths, and my heart went out to our pioneer missionaries. We arrived muddy, exhausted and hungry. However, although it did something for my ego to

discover that no other white woman had walked that track before, it did nothing to ease my blistered feet!

As well as electrician and builder, my husband, Allan, was Mr Fixit for everything that was broken down. Even a metre-long split in the boat came to him to be mended. But one thing he couldn't manage to fix was someone's watch!

I was called upon to teach sewing and reading, to take lessons on hygiene, nutrition and cooking and to make uniforms for the girls on a treadle machine.

We also went to a village on the other side of the island to repair a church which had been damaged in the hurricane. While there we lived in a local-style house and cooked in their cook house and this time we even had to draw all our water from a well.

But after three months we were sad to leave these dear people whom we had grown to love and who could teach us so much about genuine Christian love. To express their appreciation these generous people showered us with so many gifts that we could hardly carry them home! Had I realised what lay in store for me on Ambae, I would have said—"No! I can't!" But now I know "all His biddings are enablings."

As we flew into Santo I was tired and looking forward to relaxing and returning to my home in Australia. But upon our arrival there we found we had received an appointment to Sopas Hospital. We went home, not to relax, but to sell what we didn't need, pack and leave again for the mission fields.

At the beginning of 1985 I would never have imagined my life could have taken such a different direction!

Upon reflection I must say, "Thank you, God, for the blessings." ■

Earnest Efforts Bring Results

RUTH KRIEG, Communication Secretary
Willetton Church, WA

ON THE ORGAN at Willetton Adventist church, Western Australia, stands a vase. Not unusual! What is unusual is that a rose is only contained therein when a brand-new, newly born, prospective member arrives on the scene. Willetton is a young, lively church, working hard to get a building of its own. Although Willetton is a new district, young in every way, there are one or two members who can claim to be young only in heart, having passed the allotted span by many years.

One such is Sister Edna Sterne, now eighty-two. Alert and happy, she went off to do her share of gleanings for missions and souls for the Lord. We have no way of knowing how many hearts were touched by this dear lady's approach, and by her dedication, but we do know she gathered in the sum of \$1,394. This is the tangible result of her patient walking up to doors, and her gentle words. What is the intangible result of her witnessing only God will be able to count up.

Led by Brother Brandon Price, the Pathfinders collected the sum of \$1,075 over an enormous area of territory.

Along with Sister Sterne and others, how could we fail to top our last year's Appeal efforts?

The sum of \$8,000 was contributed by the citizens of Willetton and nearby suburbs to our project (through missions) to helping those who cannot help themselves. Well done, young and old (and even the not-so-young and the not-so-old), who did their share in gathering up that \$8,000. ■



Success in Competition

JEAN M. GILLHAM, Communication Secretary,
Gosnells Church, Western Australia

GARVIN DRINKALL, aged eleven, of Gosnells church, Western Australia, recently won first prize in the junior section of the Western Australian Temperance Alliance annual poster competition in which there were 300 entries.

The theme was Alcohol and Health. Garvin's poster illustrated that life minus alcohol equals health.

Garvin is following in the footsteps of his father, Pastor George Drinkall, who is Health and Temperance director of the Western Australian Conference.

Well done, Garvin! ■

From left: Melva Ashlin (deputy director); Loanne Smith (Friend); district director Kevin Collie pinning badge on Loanne; John Chipchase (director).



Photo: H. Nimmo.

The Pride of Osborne Park

MRS H. NIMMO, Communication Secretary, Osborne Park Church, WA

DECEMBER 7 meant Investiture Day had finally arrived. What excitement!

The children's counsellor, Ann Chipchase, had painted a backdrop with tall pine trees, canoes and Pathfinders' tents pitched on the banks of a river. This set the atmosphere for the thirteen children from the Osborne Park church in Western Australia to march proudly up and receive their badges from the district director,

Kevin Collie.

From the shy little ones receiving their Busy Bee awards to the confident older children being awarded their Explorer badges, they all made our hearts expand with pride.

How grateful we are to all the parents who give so much of their time to guiding these children along the path of life so that they may become good Christians and useful citizens! ■



Photo: E. Thomas.

Students Mr Jim Kew and Mrs Colleen Allen with trainer Mrs Kaye Grubb, at the Bunbury Vegetarian Nutrition Institution School.

Our Health Message

MRS EDNA THOMAS, Communication Secretary,
Bunbury Church, WA

BUNBURY, in Western Australia, recently had its hopes fulfilled when Pastor George Drinkall and Dr and Mrs Warren Grubb came to conduct a long-awaited Vegetarian Nutrition Instructors School. Five of the students (three ladies and two men) came from the local church; the sixth was the pastors's wife from Narrogin. In addition, one Bunbury member and three from Busselton completed an "update program."

Instruction commenced on Sabbath afternoon when Pastor Drinkall spoke on the importance of the health message, showed a series of slides on our health heritage, and with the help of Sister May Davies, explained how a nutrition series can show the public we have concern for their welfare. Sister Grubb demonstrated the relevance of our health message in relation to current research and

practice. Then, after tea, Dr Grubb, in his informative, easy-to-listen-to style, covered the topics of vitamins, minerals and food hygiene.

Sunday morning saw an early start to a packed program. Pastor Drinkall and Sister Grubb presented a variety of lectures—on all of the subjects required in the course. It really was a full day.

When demonstration time arrived (each student is required to give a short talk and demonstration), there were some nervous moments. Two sample demonstrations had been given by Sister Grubb, and Pastor Drinkall had given instruction on "How to Prepare a Talk" and "Communication Skills," but it was interesting to see the individuality in each student's presentation.

Our health message is a great blessing given to us through the messenger of the Lord. With this sin-sick and disease-ridden world of ours, let us use our health message to its full benefit. With six nutrition instructors in our Bunbury church, I'm sure this fair city will be in for a great feast of good things. ■

100 Years and a Day

FRANCES BROWN



A section of the Centenary group outside the North Fitzroy church on January 11, 1986.



Four of the five grandchildren of J. H. Stockton, the first Sabbath-keeper in Australia, were present. From left: Esmond Stockton, Mrs Merle Ross, Mrs Royce Dickins and Lindsay Stockton.

THEY WOULD HAVE cried for sure. If Henry Scott and Jessie Israel had been gifted with prophetic vision, they would have felt the need to express their ultimate happiness had they been present at the Centenary meeting of the first Sabbath school in Australia of which they were respectively appointed superintendent and secretary.

Six months later, on Sunday, January 10, 1886, the first Seventh-day Adventist church in the Southern Hemisphere was officially organised at the conclusion of a tent mission. At that time it was called the Melbourne church and later the North Fitzroy church. One hundred years and one day later members and former members of the North Fitzroy church and visitors gathered to commemorate the church's Centenary.

Children in bonnets and knickerbockers, ladies in flowing gowns and bewhiskered gentlemen began arriving early to meet their more conventionally dressed friends and to secure a seat in the current church building, which was built in 1896. Every seat filled to capacity before starting time must be the dream of all Sabbath school superintendents, but it

was fact on this occasion. Those arriving a little later were, however, able to watch the proceedings in the church hall on video monitors.

The sign above the pulpit read, "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple." Later we discovered it had been painted by the then church clerk, Brother Giovanetti, a glazier who worked on the church, and who later migrated to South Africa and eventually became a mayor of the city of Johannesburg. No floral decorations of 1886 could possibly have been more beautiful than those gracing the church building for this Centenary Sabbath—truly a credit to Lee White's decorative talents.

In such a setting Sabbath school could not but be inspiring, ably led by superintendent James Kent and his assistants. On this occasion the lesson reviewed by Dr Richard Siemienowicz was that taught by Elder Haskell at the first Sabbath school conducted in Melbourne on July 4, 1885, and entitled "The Inheritance of the Saints." How precious this lesson regarding God's promises to Abraham and to his heirs must have been to those pioneer missionaries, who 100 years ago had left their

hometown and travelled to this far country to carry the promises to our forebears!

In 1898 twenty-six classes catered for the 190 Sabbath school members of the Melbourne church. On this occasion a large combined class listened and joined in discussion led by Dr Phillip Nathaniel.

Historians Laurie Jones and Roy Dickens recounted interesting incidents from Sabbath schools of the past which were recalled by many in the congregation. None, however, recalled the time when there were no missionary offerings and when Melbourne and Australia were the mission field. The establishment of the Australian mission was, in fact, supported by the first ever Sabbath school mission offering given in 1885 by Oaklands Sabbath school in California. The next year all Sabbath schools in California gave offerings for the work in Australia, and again in 1890 to build the ship *Pitcairn* for mission work in the South Pacific.

Guest speaker Pastor Walter R. L. Scragg, president of the South Pacific Division, and Pastor Llewelyn Jones were among the platform party for the divine service. When

Pastor W. R. L. Scragg, president of the South Pacific Division, preached during the divine service at the North Fitzroy Centenary.

Sixty years separate the baptismal dates of the oldest current member baptised in North Fitzroy, Mrs M. White, right, and the most newly baptised member, Miss Sally Newell.



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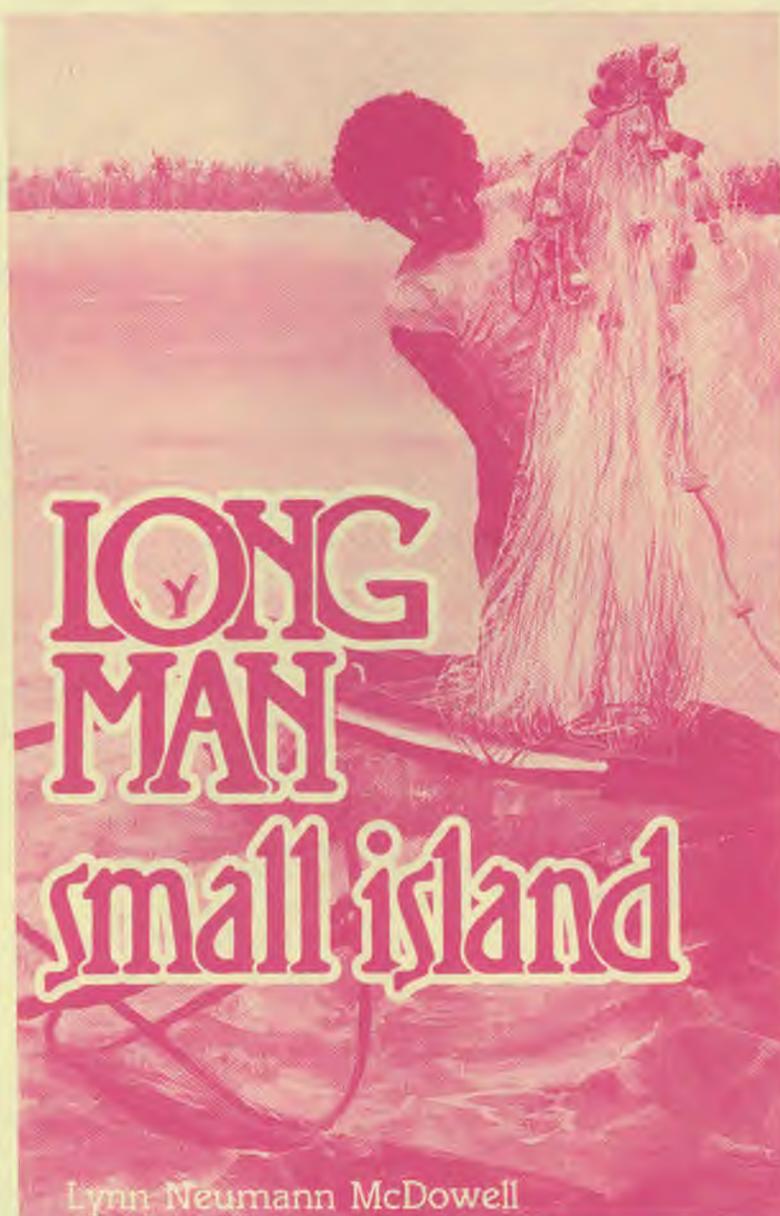
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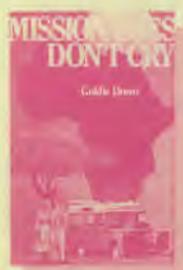


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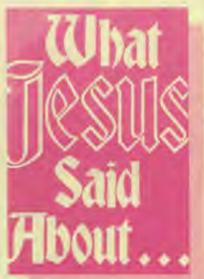
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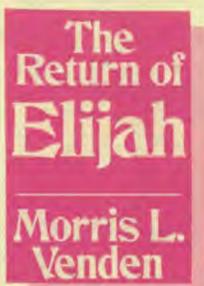
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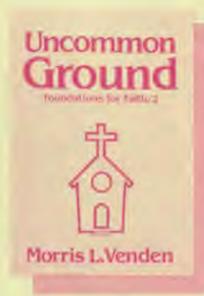
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Mr and Mrs Walter Cooper of Mountain View Home, Warburton. Mr Cooper's father, James Cooper, was the bricklayer who built the North Fitzroy church. Sister Cooper's grandparents influenced the Anderson brothers who conducted a music store in Carlton by requesting that a pinao they had purchased not be delivered on Saturday, which was the Sabbath.

interviewed during the service, Pastor Jones looked back to his early association with the North Fitzroy church, beginning over eighty years ago and including a term as church pastor from 1956 to 1960. Pastor Jones's words caught the pioneers' vision of the certainty and the urgency of Christ's soon return. And not the vision of the pioneers only, for the same conviction was repeatedly expressed: by the new North Fitzroy church pastor, Pastor Ross Parker, in his welcome; by immediate past church pastor, R. McCabe, in his prayer; by Pastor Scragg in presenting a written message from the executive committee of the South Pacific Division, and in his sermon.

Pastor Scragg told how his wife, the former Betty Onion, had attended church school there, each Monday morning bringing 2/6d (25 cents) for school fees for the week. She remembers how the children were never allowed to enter the church itself, except on one memorable occasion when Miss Paterson, the teacher, marched them in to view the beautiful display for a Harvest Festival program.

Pastor Scragg challenged the congregation to look and press forward. He reminded all present that, with the same faith as the pioneer missionaries of 1886, God's people in 1986 must look to the future and resolutely set their

Dr Bill Newell singing in the choir of the North Fitzroy church. The closing song for the day, "A Christmas Hymn," was composed by W. H. B. Miller. Decendants of W. H. B. Miller attended the Centenary service—his grand-daughter, Mrs Winston Kent, was organist.



Mr Murray Woods of Melbourne is the grandson of the first Adventist minister, Mr J. H. Woods. Woods was originally a partner in a printing business with W. H. B. Miller. After becoming Adventists they sold the business to become full-time workers in the Lord's business. Miller went into the Bible Echo, and Woods was selected by Ellen G. White to become a minister.

faces to follow Jesus (Luke 9:51), looking eagerly for His imminent second coming when they, together with the pioneers, will inherit the promises (Hebrews 11:39, 40).

An invitation to stay for lunch was accepted by approximately 350 visitors and members. The Edinburgh Gardens, opposite the church, proved an ideal picnic area for the meal prepared and served by church members. While enjoying the warm sunshine, friendship and food, who could have guessed that the park had originally been a swamp, was a rubbish tip in 1896, the site of trenches for military training during both world wars, and the place of worship services during the 1919 influenza epidemic?

The reminiscences of the afternoon meeting disclosed the faithfulness of God and the fruit of His servants' labours. Four grandchildren of the first Melbourne convert, J. H. Stockton, were present to recall their experiences; Walter Cooper, son of the bricklayer for the current church building, told of his father's work; Murray Woods, grandson of the first Australian to be ordained an SDA minister was present; descendants of W. H. B. Miller, who made his decision after finding a tract on a park fence, are currently members at North Fitzroy; children were present who are fifth- and sixth-



Mr Esmond Stockton of Wairoonga, reading from Grandfather J. H. Stockton's Bible at the North Fitzroy Centenary program. J. H. Stockton was the first Sabbath-keeper in Australia. He attended a mission conducted by J. O. Corliss in the Temperance Hall, 316 Church Street, Richmond, 1885. He was baptised on January 10, 1886.

generation Adventists, with two families currently having third, fourth, fifth and sixth generations still attending. Few noticed the hard seats while for two and a half hours Roy Dickens and James Kent encouraged the eager recollections of past members, and listeners pieced together the people and events of the past and present.

Planned for Sunday were bus tours of sites significant in the early years. Those who took advantage of the tours greatly appreciated the wealth of knowledge shared with them by tour guide Laurie Jones, whose book *Beginnings*, about the establishment of the Adventist work in Melbourne, was released for the Centenary (see advertisement page 15).

Also on Sunday, the church building was opened for interested people to view the displays of historic photographs and documents, which had attracted much interest on the previous day.

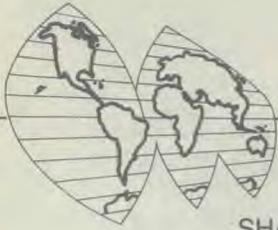
If only the pioneers could have been there! As Pastor Parker remarked, they "would not have been surprised at the crowd of people who attended the commemoration—but they would have been surprised at the year in which it took place." His words challenge us all.

Pastor O. K. Anderson, left, son of the late Pastor A. W. Anderson, one of the early founders of the Adventist Church in Australia. He is with Pastor Llewelyn Jones, whose parents were charter members of the church. Pastor Jones was married in the North Fitzroy church in 1927.



Photos: R. K. Brown.





SHARING WITH YOU ANOTHER

Letter from Lorna

Harare, Zimbabwe

I HAD a wonderful Christmas. I was busy in my office one day when the girl at reception rang me and said, "Would you please bring a wheelbarrow to collect your mail!" I raced down and there were about eight parcels from Australia, all from people I have never met, with all kinds of goodies in them for Dorcas. One lady put in a note to say that she decided every time she made a garment for a member of her family she would make one for Africa. The things will be a real blessing, but it's a greater blessing to know that people back home care enough to make the effort to help others.

Those few lines in the RECORD have sure brought rich dividends and made me proud to be Australian. One lady from Katoomba even sent me a picture folder of the Blue Mountains—one of my favourite places. Little personal touches like that mean a lot. Most of my family Christmas presents haven't arrived yet, thanks to the mail strike in Australia, but with all these exciting little Dorcas parcels it doesn't matter, and when they do come I'll have another Christmas!

Another thing that made Christmas special was going to Yuka Hospital—where Paul and Dawn Giblett had worked. Just to be with Nellie and Alex—my former flat-mate and her husband—is an inspiration. For months they were the only expatriates and the only fully trained staff in a hospital with seventy-nine beds! Alex was on call twenty-four hours a day for seven days a week, and with no fully trained staff in the hospital they sometimes had to call him several times during the night.

To tour the hospital with him was an education. It's in dreadful repair. I could say more, but let's just say it's not a place to be proud of. There are many reasons. They have been without a maintenance man for long periods and, of course, are constantly low on funds. The government pays most of the workers and send staff. In a sense all hospitals and schools were taken over by the government at independence. Actually at one stage they were about to close the hospital, but the president of Zambia intervened, invited some of our high officials to a breakfast and announced that it would remain open and things are starting to improve. Alex regularly attends the council meetings in the town and they have promised him more funding for maintenance, etc, so that will be a real blessing.

But the needs there are tremendous. A loaf of bread is K2.60 and the wages would range from K40 per month to K300 or at the most K400 for ordinary workers. We planned jam sandwiches as one of the treats for the staff party on Christmas Day, and after we had used up all the jam at home we went into the "supermarket" in

town about seven kilometres away. A small tin of jam—about 200 grams I imagine—was K2.30. We had taken some sugar with us from Zimbabwe, so we went back home and proceeded to make a big pot of mango jam. Mangoes are abundant just now; the only thing that is cheap up there. Often soap powder is unobtainable and bar soap is expensive and not very wonderful, so the hospital sheets are a uniform shade of grey. They have seventy-nine beds and about twenty decent blankets (fourteen of which we gave to them recently from money sent from Australia by a friend who read the article in the RECORD).

It could be such a depressing place, and yet Alex takes you around, smiles, and tells you about the miracles God works there. They had a woman come in with a ruptured uterus. Usually the only hope is to remove the uterus, but they had no proper light (electricity is only on four hours at night and they have a little portable generator for emergencies—to generate electricity they need diesel which is about K5 per litre), no suction machine, no anaesthetist (Alex does that himself as well as operating) and no blood. So he prayed, sutured the uterus, and when I saw her she was lying in bed happily talking to relatives with no fever, or indication of infection.

The trip up was interesting, but very tiring. We left at 3.20 a.m. and arrived at Yuka at midnight. We had a four-hour wait while they

changed the motor over from the speedboat, which makes the journey upriver in two and a half hours, to a bigger one which would hold us and all the luggage. That four hours' wait was an eye-opener to me. I don't think I've ever seen such poverty. Almost every child we saw, not to mention adults, was in ragged clothes of a uniform slate grey. Having been in the Pacific islands where it's comparatively easy to keep clothes clean in the sparkling rivers and clean white sand, one sure notices the contrast. The rivers here are silt-filled torrents in the wet, and sluggish, muddy pools in the dry, and when you couple that with the fact that soap is hard to come by and very expensive—a cake of toilet soap is well over K2—you can begin to understand. We had some used clothing with us for Yuka, but I wished I had a truckload to deliver on the way.

Before I close I must just tell you about Mary. She is one of the Yuka staff members—a single girl who is looking after half a dozen children belonging to her dead sister. She's only young, but has charge of one of the children's divisions and is also Dorcas leader, but of course has practically nothing to work with. If any more of the ladies talk to you about sending cottons, etc, would you please suggest that they send them to Mrs A. Llaguno (that's the doctor's wife) at Yuka Hospital, PO Box 98, Kalabo, Zambia. Mary would be just thrilled. I'm going to send some stuff from here, but the smallest reel of cotton there is again over K2, and everything else is correspondingly expensive—except wages.

No shortage of problems here, and only God has the answers. But He *does* have them if we just have the simple faith of these people.

With love,
Lorna.

Lorna McCallum is an office secretary at our Eastern Africa Division headquarters in Harare in Zimbabwe (formerly Salisbury in Rhodesia).

"IF WE WOULD humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."

—Testimonies, Vol 9, page 189.

Cut out the above quotation, together with this lower section, and mount it on card. Then fold back this section to form a stand. Place it in a position where you will read it many times during the course of the day.

MISSION POSSIBLE

MIKE BROWNHILL



David Taylor, one of the main organisers, preaching on the opening night.

"LET YOUNG men, and women, and children go to work in the name of Jesus. Let them unite together upon some plan and order of action."—*Messages to Young People*, page 197.

Having a burden on their hearts for Christian service, and in obedience to the Master's call to preach the gospel, the youth of the Albany and Mount Barker churches in Western Australia recently combined to do just that.

First, in good Adventist tradition, they met together and formed a committee, comprising Peter Clements, Stewart Jackson, John Madgen, Waldo Ronk and David Taylor.

Following discussion on the type of program that would be most suitable, it was decided the outreach mission should include a main speaker, a testimony and a playlet, all interspersed with good gospel music. It would be conducted over four consecutive Friday nights in the Albany Educational Resources building.

Furthermore, the group, calling themselves Albany Gospel Youth, decided they would like to run this program entirely by themselves, rather than just supporting a "professional" effort. Recognising the value of inreach as well as outreach, they also determined to involve as many young people as possible. The number turned out to be somewhere near twenty-five,

each with his or her own individual responsibility and contribution.

In choosing a theme, they decided that a non-doctrinal approach might be more suitable for their purpose to start with. One of the organisers explained that their target audience needed to know God first before the prophecies, and in this regard the speakers could share what God's love had done for them personally.

Being resourceful young people, they insisted on writing all their own sermons as well as devotional features. In fact, the whole outreach program was entirely organised, funded and conducted by the youth, even down to the printing and distribution of handbills.

As raw beginners at this sort of thing, the group now had to determine what gifts and talents each individual had to offer.

"I've taught a couple of Sabbath school classes," said David. "I guess I can write a sermon and preach it."

"Yes, so could I," agreed John, Peter and Stewart.

"I've been involved in Christian drama. I'd love to act a little play about being born again," chimed in David Webber.

"I'll have a bash at being MC if you like," said Wayne. "Nothing flash, mind you, but I'll give it a go."

"Our gospel group, 'Salty Waters,' could provide most of the music," offered Ian. "And I think we might be able to swing the Spectrum group into coming down from Perth for the opening night."

"And Fiona and I could do a little number; we'll get Neil to accompany us," said Sue. "Then there's always Tracey and Robyn—they've got lovely voices."

"I can make hot drinks," said one.

"And we can give a hand at letterboxing," a few more chirped in.

Nervously, Helen piped up, "I've never done it before, but I reckon if I prayed about it, God could help me with my nerves and I could tell the story of how I found the Lord a few months ago. And I'm sure Bevan and Waldo and Gus would love to share their stories as well."

Being interviewed about it later, Peter Clements commented enthusiastically, "We discovered gifts and talents we never knew we had."

So, after three months of preparation, including a lot of prayer, the stage was set for the opening night. The music started and the people rolled in—somewhere between fifty and sixty of them, a number of whom we'd never met before. And those same young people continued coming for the second and third and fourth nights. Friendships have been formed, and lots of good gospel seed has been sown.

And what of the future? Plans are already under way for Albany Gospel Youth to run a follow-up program in February, using the Creation Science series of films "Origins." This will be followed by a doctrinal series sometime later.

"Now we know we can put something together there'll be no stopping us," said a committee member. "It's exciting!"

I agreed as I thought on Ellen White's words in *Education*, page 271: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" ■

Mullumbimby—A Goer

D. S. FAULL

WHAT MAKES Mullumbimby church tick? Why do so many visitors come to Mullumbimby? In holiday time the number of visitors sometimes almost equals the number of members present.

Mullumbimby is known as the friendly church. Everyone who comes, visitor and member alike, is made to feel at home and welcome. Often with the friendly handshake goes the wish, "Have a happy Sabbath."

Then we have a very large group of youth and young marrieds; all dedicated and vibrant, having come up through our schools and strong Pathfinder club.

It is a family church too, many families still sitting as family groups.

The church outreach with *Signs*, Christian Women's Fellowship (a monthly luncheon catering for seventy to eighty where at least half

are non-Adventists) and Revelation Seminars keep the church pulse beating strongly.

Of course, the environment must do its part too. With such salubrious weather, long stretches of beautiful beaches and attractive landscapes, who would blame people for wanting to holiday here!

Our church family was recently delighted to hear that one of our dedicated young men, Brian Sparkes, together with two non-Adventists, received special awards from the Murwillumbah Rotary Club for being exceptional TAFE College students. The book *Australia, the Timeless Continent*, which was presented to Brian; had this inscription: "Presented to Brian Sparkes to reward him for the high standard of work and professional pride on the Pre-apprenticeship Automotive course at Murwillumbah." Well done, Brian! ■

Brian Sparkes (right) with the president of the Murwillumbah Rotary Club Mr Wal Lemaire, and the award he was given for his outstanding achievement as a pre-apprentice trainee at the TAFE College.



Photo: Murwillumbah Daily News, 3/12/85.



Children Were the Preachers

KEITH R. PEERS, Communication Secretary, Toowoomba Central Church, Queensland

CHILDREN from the new two-teacher Toowoomba primary school situated in Charley Street, Toowoomba, took part in the preaching service at the two churches in Toowoomba late last year. Led by their principal, Mr Graham Clark, their theme was the importance of prayer and Bible study in the Christian life.

Special musical items were presented under the direction of Joanne Cook, Peter Carey and Christine Clark.

The school has an enrolment of forty-three students, and Mr Clark is assisted by Miss Rosemary Robinson.



Cairns Adventist School students proudly display their new flag presented by the Member for Leichhardt, Mr John Gayler.

Cairns Shows the Flag

VAL KUM YUEN, Communication Secretary, Cairns Church, Queensland

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS—and Cairns Seventh-day Adventist School's dedicated schoolteacher, Miss Lexine Johnson, and her thirteen pupils, aim to enjoy every moment of them. The year 1985 had been a very busy one for our small school. Not only in the three R's, but also in their outreach into the community.

At the commencement of the year, the Federal member for Leichhardt, Mr John Gayler, presented the Australian flag to the school. The children dressed in appropriate pioneer costumes for the presentation.

Then there was the visit to the senior citizens' home. Were the old people impressed with the children and their program? They were. So much so—two folk wanted to go back to school just for one day. The children were quite

amused to have two senior citizens sitting in class with them. However, their amusement turned to amazement as the two "new" pupils vied with them in answering the teacher's questions.

Twelve of the children participated in the Jump Rope for Heart program, and a hopping time was had by all. The venture raised a pleasing total of \$592.

During the year, the children took a Sabbath sermon in Mossman and Cairns, each child giving a sermonette on a Bible character.

The year's community outreach ended with a Carols by Candlelight in the school grounds, and a Christmas Nativity program for the Senior Citizens' Home.



The Tummy-ache

JEANETTE PELTON

BILLY'S TEACHER, Mrs Bronson, was worried. Billy looked so pale and tired. When he finally complained of a tummy-ache, she called his mother and sent him home.

Billy didn't get any better at home. His tummy-ache got worse. So when Daddy got home from work, they took him to hospital. Billy's mother filled out a lot of papers, and a nurse helped Billy into a bed.

Dr Hatman, Billy's doctor, came in and listened to Billy's chest and poked his tummy. When the doctor pushed on his right side and let go suddenly, Billy yelped.

"We'll do some more tests, and then we'll have to operate," Dr Hatman said to Billy and his parents. "It looks like Billy has appendicitis."

"Won't that hurt?" asked Billy.

"No, Billy, you'll be asleep. My nurse will give you an injection to relax you, and then she'll wash your tummy with special soap that kills germs. Then you'll ride a bed with wheels into the operating room. Dr Acres, the anaesthesiologist, will put a mask on your face and tell you to count to ten. You'll fall fast asleep and won't feel anything. When you wake up, you'll feel a little sick and sore, but the appendix that is giving you such a tummy-ache will be gone."

Dr Hatman left. His nurse came in and gave Billy an injection. A man in a green suit came in and put Billy on the trolley. Mother held Billy's hand.

"Let's have prayer now, Billy, before they take you into surgery," said Daddy.

Billy folded his hands as Daddy prayed, "Lord Jesus, Billy has a part of him not working and it needs to be fixed. Please give the doctor wisdom to do the right things so that Billy will be better soon. Thank You, Lord. Amen."

In the operating room Dr Acres put a mask over Billy's nose and mouth and said, "Can you count to ten? Good. Count to ten and take some nice big breaths for me." Billy counted as far as four—and was sound asleep.

When Billy woke up, he was in a hospital bed. His favourite stuffed dog was on the covers, and there were flowers on his bedside table. He felt a little dizzy and had a big bandage on his tummy.

"Mummy, is it all over?"

"Yes, Billy. Dr Hatman says you'll be able to go home in three days, and go back to school next week.

Although Billy didn't feel terrific yet, he was thankful the operation was over and that the terrible tummy-ache was gone.

THE SPIRIT MOVES

TEN YEARS ago I was on my own bringing up three children under ten years of age when I met a man who was of the Adventist faith. He encouraged me to attend the local church.

I accepted his invitation and attended for three years before being baptised. A year after being baptised, I married the man who had introduced me to this faith.

The two boys decided to go their own ways, but the girl still came to church with us. My second son Chris, when about seventeen, decided he would come to church again, which pleased us a great deal. However, we did not push him. The Holy Spirit moves in mysterious ways.

Early one evening, in February last year, Chris was out riding a motorbike when a car, the driver of which did not see him, turned in front of him. He hit the back door of the car so hard it came off its hinges. When I reached him the first words he said were, "Mum, God was with me when I hit that car." Ambulance and hospital staff couldn't believe he had received only minor injuries, ie, lacerations and twenty-four stitches to the left leg. We believe this was not an accident, but an incident in Chris's life which has brought him closer to God in his daily devotions and prayer. I am praying and feel sure that one day he will be baptised.

One can only pray earnestly for children who "go their own way," and make sure you keep your own home fires burning. Believe me, they are watching the adults all the time and unfortunately sometimes we do let them down. K.S., Qld.

A Unique Outreach

MARY HOOPER, Communication Secretary, Bendigo Church, Victoria

WHAT IS CVGR? These initials stand for Central Victorian Gospel Radio. But, you may ask, what has that to do with the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

To get a complete answer to that question you would need to talk to Brother John Urquhart, a member of our Bendigo church, who is the chairman of CVGR.

CVGR is a non-denominational association devoted to proclaiming the gospel over the airways. It has just completed its third test transmission involving twenty-four hours a day for one week.

Six Bendigo church members took part. Brother Urquhart stated that it is the association's hope and belief that it will soon have a permanent licence to operate on FM Radio Band 104.7.

During the 168 hours on air, Seventh-day Adventists were in the forefront. Brother Urquhart was instrumental in the training of the presenters and also responsible for the setting up of the programs to go on air. He also involved his family and the church pastor in the presentation of programs. Pastor Eric Greenwell gave a half-hour youth ministry program. Laurie Hogarth and John's wife Myrl presented a daily one-hour Kindergarten on air. Myrl was also responsible for two other children's story-time segments and one hour of choir music while her daughter, Dahlene, took sole responsibility for an hour-long program entitled "Kids Praise." To enable him to meet his responsibilities, including his hospital and request programs which totalled three hours daily, John took one week off work. In all, including a broadcast of the divine service at our church, Seventh-day Adventist presentation totalled thirty-six hours (or 21.42 per cent) of the time on air at no cost to the church.

Since the close of the test transmission,

letters have poured in congratulating CVGR for delivering the gospel on air. With an estimated listening audience of 20,000 and a potential of 180,000, CVGR was heard throughout Central Victoria. However, calls were received from as far away as Melbourne. Letters were received from all walks of life—letters of thanks, others requesting prayer and even a letter from an inmate in prison.

CVGR will again go to air in March 1986. *Please pray for this outreach program. Perhaps you may have some material, ideas or sacred records that you could give to support the presentation of the gospel on air. I know these would be gratefully received. If you can assist, you may contact Brother John Urquhart on (054) 49 3384.* ■

Grace

By PAT ANDREWS

Sweet Jesus

Wash over my soul

With Thy healing grace

Move

As the night wind

Caresses

The sleeping face.

The Editor
Australasian Record.



Importance of Christian Education

Thank you for your article entitled "Save Our Schools" (RECORD 30/11/85). This has, no doubt, alerted many church members to the current situation regarding the finances of Seventh-day Adventist schools. I feel very strongly about the importance of an Adventist Christian education for all our children. As a second-year theology student, I have just completed an elective subject on the "Philosophy of Christian Education" with Dr Allan Lindsay. This has given me a good understanding of the principles involved in Christian education and the dangers of humanistic state education. When I now reflect back to my experience with the Cairns S.D.A. church school, I realise that most parents (even those whose children attended this school) did not understand these principles and dangers. This school was struggling to survive financially because only thirteen of the twenty-five children in the Cairns church attended that school. I fear that this may be the case with most of our church schools. Obviously we need an awareness campaign. I have spoken with Dr Lindsay about this, and he agrees that this is the case. I wonder whether even our ministers are aware of those facts? Could they argue a strong case for Christian education to help parents make the right decision?

May I suggest that the RECORD publishes a series of articles on the "Philosophy of Christian Education" over a number of consecutive weeks? I am sure you will agree that this subject is at least as important as articles on most other topics.

Please let me know if I can be of any help on this matter.

John van Grieken, Avondale.
Yes, your offer is appreciated and accepted. Ed.

Conference Sessions

Judith Derrick (RECORD 23/11/85) aptly expresses the concerns of many church members regarding the process of nominating officers at Conference Sessions. In our Greater Sydney Conference Session within four hours or so a selection committee and a nominating committee were formed and a report rendered. With the exception of the ex officio chairman, none of the nominating committee members knew beforehand that the important task of selecting leaders for God's work in our conference would be their responsibility. Most church members would spend more time considering the choice of, say, a new refrigerator, than was available for the deliberations of the nominating committee over each office filled.

Further, presumably because of the shortage of time, the informed consent of some of those nominated apparently was not obtained, with the result that a number of positions of leadership were not filled by the action of the delegates. I understand that these vacant positions will be filled by the conference executive committee.

While this may be correct according to the Church Manual, it totally bypasses the democratic process of election by the church delegates, and this decision of the executive is apparently not ratified by the membership.

Surely the time has come for an urgent revision of this process. Why not complete the proper process of choosing a selection and a nominating committee at least one month before the session? Then there would be time for prayerful and careful consideration of the important recommendations to be made. Persons nominated could be approached in time for their considered and informed consent to be obtained again prior to the session. Then the delegates at the session could vote with confidence both in the recommendations of the nominating committee and that the

Weddings

persons voted in to office would fill the position. Abdication of this democratic process to the executive committee need not then occur. Co-ordination in time of this process between the conferences would facilitate an orderly transfer of personnel.

The only argument advanced against this early nomination is that lobbying may occur. Surely the "honest members and true" of the nominating committee could recognise lobbying for what it was and act accordingly. If lobbying is so dangerous, are we to believe that there is no lobbying of the ex officio officers under the present system?

It is to be hoped that a review of this process could take place as soon as practicable and in any case not later than the next round of conference sessions for the benefit of the church organisation, individual church officers and the membership as a whole.

W. Millist, Greater Sydney.

Gideon Band

Yesterday our church company of eight adults came together for the purpose of securing land to erect a church. At present nineteen Bible studies are taking place in the district. Preparations for a Seminar are already under way, and the need here seems great. Our Sabbath school needs picture rolls for our children and other material that perhaps many churches have tucked away and not in use.

We have no money to purchase this ground or even the materials and so we solicit your prayers that the Lord will bless our church company of Scamander as it goes forward in faith with the plan in hand.

The group meets at Maranatha Estate, Tasman Highway, Scamander.

If you are visiting the area and would like to fellowship with us—you are most welcome.

Ruth Gill, Tasmania.

Appreciation for Help

I have been a student at Avondale College for five years and I graduated at the end of 1985.

I wish to thank those people who make donations to college for the sole purpose of assisting students who have difficulty in meeting their college fees.

As a married student with four children, I found I would have been unable to complete my studies without the availability of student aid. Therefore, I have been able to complete my Bachelor of Education course this year.

My family and I have really appreciated the assistance given to us through the student aid fund.

May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you once again.

Col Brighton and family, Cooranbong, NSW.

A Note of Appreciation

I enjoyed Pastor Parr's warm, communicative and ever-friendly pastoral presidency in the Greater Sydney Conference. His style was a benefit to many a disconsolate soul. I liked his literary style, his ever-constant principle of writing long, personal replies to people, his continual availability for consultation at the lift of a phone or knock on the door, and his genuine interest in people.

Grahame Bernoth, Sydney.

Our Centenary

I have read the week-by-week reports in the RECORD of the church's Centenary celebrations and historical re-enactments and thanked God that the Adventist Church is still alive and well.

It is sometimes said that the third generation of a church (which has had no personal contact with the pioneers) loses its mission and impetus. Re-enactment of history is a powerful and convincing method involving today's young people in the church's past. It is about the only real way that they can become a part of it.

Thank you for publishing throughout 1985 these important portrayals of local history. Our churches will be the stronger for it.

J. B. Trim, Associate Administrator, S.A.H.

BUDULICA—PRESECAN. On Sunday afternoon, December 29, 1985, at the Yugoslav SDA church at The Summit, Queensland, two young people met to exchange their wedding vows. Ivica Budulica, from Melbourne, Victoria, came to Queensland to find himself a life partner. Slavica Presecan. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and many friends and relatives from interstate and overseas came to share in the happiness of the occasion. We wish Ivica and Slavica Heaven's richest blessings as they start their new life together.

S. Jakovac.

COPLAND—JONES. On the afternoon of January 9, 1986, at the beautifully decorated Glen Innes church, Auckland, New Zealand, Grant, the eldest son of Alwyn and Maureen Copland, exchanged vows with his radiant bride Tracy, the eldest daughter of Don and Judith Jones. It was a very happy occasion as family and friends came together at the church and later at the reception in support of Grant and Tracy's love commitment for each other. We trust God's blessings will rest upon their united lives as they establish their new home together in Auckland.

J. L. Lansdown.

CURLEY—DRAGE. On Saturday evening, December 14, 1985, at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Meekatharra, Western Australia, Donna Drage and Cedric Curley pledged their love to each other. Relatives and friends travelled from many places including Perth and Geraldton to join their parents, Ellen Drage and Albert and Mavis Curley, in wishing this young couple every happiness on this special day. It is our prayer that Donna and Cedric may sense God's blessing in a special way as they enter into a new relationship with each other.

E. G. Davey.

EDGEWORTH—MENZIES. Two well-known and respected Cooranbong families were united by marriage when Wade Edgeworth and Fiona Menzies met at the altar of the Avondale Memorial church, New South Wales, on December 8, 1985, to pledge their love one for another. Fiona is the only daughter of Guy and Lorna Menzies. Both these young people are sincerely dedicated to their Lord and His church. We are confident their united lives will have the blessing of Heaven, and the Spirit of the Lord will always be their welcome counsellor. Many guests joined later to wish the bridal couple the Lord's blessing.

L. S. Rose.

EITEL—KOY. Sunday afternoon, November 17, 1985, at the Trinity Gardens church hall, South Australia, saw the crowning of a busy but satisfying weekend for Roger Eitel and Sidmolly Koy. Sabbath morning was the occasion of Sidmolly's acceptance into fellowship of the Adventist Church family. Sunday brought about the binding of Roger and Molly together in marriage. The prayers and best wishes of a large group of friends are that the Lord will richly bless this happy couple.

L. F. Hooper.

GILMORE—MARTIN. A wedding on Christmas Day! Such was the occasion in the beautiful Lisgar Gardens in the Hornsby area, New South Wales, on Wednesday, December 25, 1985, when Ross Gilmore waited for his lovely bride, Sheryn Martin. Many relatives and friends met in the sun and under the shade of the giant gums to witness the setting up of another Christian home. Ross is the eldest son of Pastor Laurence and June Gilmore, and Sheryn is the elder daughter of Mrs Joan Fraser of Auckland, New Zealand, and the late Mr Alfred Fraser. The wish of all is that the blessings of God will be with them as two lives become one.

Laurence Gilmore.

HALL—CURREIRI. On November 10, 1985, David Hall and Kay Curreiri of Dunedin, South New Zealand, were the first couple to take their marriage vows at the delightfully situated Maeraki Chapel. Friends and relatives from far and near came to share this happy occasion. We wish David and Kay God's blessing in their future life together.

L. T. Barker.

HARRIS—GALWEY. On December 1, 1985, Nigel Harris and Darolyn Galwey culminated their close friendship since early childhood with the exchange of marriage vows in the Galston church, New South Wales. Nigel is the son of

Reg Harris of Brisbane, and the late Meriel Harris, and Darolyn is the daughter of Judy and Alwyn Galwey of Cherrybrook. Darolyn and Nigel are Sydney Adventist Hospital nurses, as were both sets of parents. With the many relatives and friends present at the wedding and later at the reception at the Opal Room, Wahroonga, we wish them God's richest blessings as they live for each other and their Lord.

R. C. Harris.

HOPE—RIGHTON. Before a large number of friends and relatives, Reuben Eric Hope and Elizabeth Anne Righton exchanged their marriage vows in the Papakura church, New Zealand, on Friday, January 17, 1986. In the service and in their vows, Beth and Reuben sought to express their thanks to God for His wondrous love. May God fulfil their hearts' desire that their home will always be a place where others will come to learn of and experience the love of God.

I. B. Rankin.

NEWITT—McCROSTIE. On Sunday, January 12, 1986, Craig Newitt and Adelle McCrostie exchanged their wedding vows at the Wantirna Adventist church in Melbourne, Victoria. Craig is the son of Grahame and Dawne Newitt of Melbourne, and Adelle is the daughter of Royce and Patsy McCrostie of North Motton, Tasmania. We wish this young couple much of God's blessing as they establish their Christian home in Melbourne.

R. E. Possingham.

RIDGEWAY—BELLETTE. On January 5, 1986, Ian James Ridgeway and Estelle Joan Bellette exchanged wedding vows in the delightful setting of the Bush Chapel at Crosslands Convention Centre, Sydney, New South Wales. Guests travelled from as far away as Tasmania and Queensland to share the happy occasion. A relative of the bridegroom, John Norris, assisted the writer in the service for this dedicated couple, as we wished them God's richest blessings on their united life together.

E. B. Price.

SAWYER—PARKER. On January 12, 1986, the Galston church, New South Wales, was full to overflowing as relatives and friends from all states of Australia, and New Zealand and America, came to witness the marriage of Jenene Ruth, only daughter of Lewis and Dulcie Parker, to Kelvin John, the youngest son of Col and Nancy Sawyer. Darrin, the bride's brother, conducted the first part of the service until she had been given away by the writer. The day was warm and sunny, and we trust that the sunshine of God's love will guide them continually as they set up another Christian home at Cooranbong.

L. G. Parker.

WOODIWISS—WILLIS. On Sunday, January 19, 1986, at the Belmont Adventist church in Perth, Western Australia, Ross and Lois Willis gave their youngest daughter, Stephanie, in marriage to Stephen Woodiwiss, the son of Osbourne and Helen Woodiwiss of Georgetown, Tasmania. At the reception held at Carmel College, Stephen and Stephanie celebrated their first family worship before leaving on their honeymoon. We wish them much of God's blessing as they build another Christian home.

R. E. Possingham.

Till He Comes

BARBUT. Miss Mabel Barbut was born in Sri Lanka on August 20, 1896, and peacefully went to sleep in Jesus on January 6, 1986. She joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1949, and became a very active member until she lost her sight in 1966. Sister Barbut migrated to Australia in 1979, and her loving, quiet Christian life soon found her many friends. She joined the family of residents in the Kings Langley Nursing Home, New South Wales, in 1984, where she was loved by the staff and volunteer helpers. She leaves a niece, two nephews, six grand-nieces and a grand-nephew to miss a loving and lovable aunty. We laid our sister to rest in the Pinegrove Cemetery to await the resurrection call of the Saviour she loved and served.

H. W. Hollingsworth.

BAWDEN. On Thursday, January 2, 1986, Sister Mona Evelyn Bawden of Mount Gambier, South Australia, passed quietly to her rest. Relatives and friends gathered at the Mount Gambier Adventist church for the funeral service. She was greatly respected in the community as was evidenced by the number in attendance. Sister Bawden is succeeded by her three children, Arthur, Jennifer and Barbara. We laid her to rest in the Carinya Gardens Lawn Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. Pastor E. B. Andrews assisted the writer in ministering comfort to the mourners.

C. V. Christian.

BEGG. December 9, 1985, brought to an end Charles Muzzasor Begg's courageous battle against illness. Born in Ra, Fiji, in 1939, he brought his wife, Fulori, and daughter Teresa, to Australia for greater work opportunities. While his membership remained in Fiji, he, with his family, faithfully attended Waitara and Wairoa churches, New South Wales. His associates in the business office of Rheem testified of his assurance in Christ and the blessed hope. Roger Stokes and David Crabtree assisted the writer at the service in Wairoa church and during interment at Castlebrook Memorial Gardens Lawn Cemetery as friends and relatives were comforted with God's promises of reunion in the new earth. M. R. Hook.

BERRY. Daisy Emily Berry passed to her rest at the Coronella Homes for the Aged, Nunawading, Victoria, on Friday, November 22, 1985. Born at Richmond, Daisy Lacey was a twin in a family of eleven. In 1936, four years after her marriage to Eric Stanley Berry (deceased), both became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Daisy is survived by five immediate family members, and two sons, Colin and Phillip. She was a devoted wife, mother and church member, and confidence is supreme in the hearts of those who knew her that she will rise from the Lilydale Cemetery at the call of the Master. Mervyn Sparrowhawk.

BICK. Anne Bick was born in Collie, Western Australia, on July 24, 1916, and passed to her rest on Sunday, January 5, 1986, after a short illness. Anne, as our sister was affectionately known, was unselfish in her concern for her family and others, as shown by her work in our welfare society, Red Cross and other activities. At the Karrakatta Cemetery, the blessed hope, her hope, was presented to her husband Walter, sons John and Gill, and daughter Elizabeth. Pastor M. Bland assisted at the service. M. Tonkin.

BROAD. Wilton (Bob) Everard Broad died in the Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, on January 14, 1986, at the age of seventy-eight. He is survived by his children Doreen, Laurie, Robbie, Ron, George, Beverly, Linda and Norman. His boyhood friend, and fellow colporteur of Longburn College days, Pastor Ron P. Brown, assisted the writer in conducting the funeral. Brother Broad was buried at Waikumete Cemetery with his wife who died seven years ago. He there awaits the command of Jesus to come forth to receive his reward. Ritchie Way.

CHAMBERS. Dorothy Patricia Chambers passed away suddenly on Sabbath, January 4, 1986, at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland. After fifty-three years of life she is survived by her mother (Mrs Reiff, once of Albury), husband Desmond, six children and twelve grandchildren. Avondale College students of 1951 will remember her as Pat Reiff. Hope and sympathy were extended to the family and friends who attended the service at Burleigh Gardens church. Pat was laid to rest in the Nerang Cemetery, where she now awaits the call of the Life-giver. R. K. Miller.

CUMMINS. Violet Lenora Cummins died in the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, on December 10, 1985, in her eighty-first year. She was baptised in Sydney by Pastor G. Maywald in 1979. At an early age she carried great responsibility in caring for her brothers and sisters and, when left as a widow, she bravely faced the challenge of raising five sons. Surely the heavenly records will reveal her to have been a caring and faithful person. She now rests in the Avondale Cemetery awaiting God's call. J. N. Beamish.

DENNIS. Ronald Alfred Dennis passed away suddenly at his home in Cooranbong, New South Wales, on December 8, 1985, at the age of sixty years. Between two periods of service with the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Cooranbong, he worked for thirty years as a dairy farmer in northern New South Wales. Ron was a devoted family man who loved his God, and in a service at Avondale Cemetery we committed him into God's care. Encouraged by God's promises of reunion were his wife Dorothy, sons Darrel, Mervyn and Allen and their families. His brother-in-law, Pastor Ted Oliver, and the factory manager, Brother Neville Sawert, also participated in the service. J. N. Beamish.

ELVERD. Daisy Blanche Elverd died peacefully on August 16, 1985, at Kojonup, Western Australia. She almost lived to celebrate her ninetieth birthday, having been born on October 29, 1895, at Warrandyte, Victoria. On August 17, 1928, she married Albert Elverd, a member of one of the

pioneering families of the Kojonup area. She greatly missed her husband when he passed away in 1979. At around thirty years of age she was baptised and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our late sister was known in the Kojonup area as one who loved her Saviour, and was kind and thoughtful of others. After a service at the Karrakatta Crematorium chapel, we committed her to the tender care of the One who loves her with an everlasting love, and will keep her unto that great day. E. G. Davey.

EVERETT. Irene Isobel Everett fell asleep in Christ on Thursday, November 21, 1985, at the Coronella Homes for the Aged, Nunawading, Victoria. Born in 1900 in Western Australia, Irene moved to Melbourne where she remained after marrying Fitzroy resident Archibald Everett (deceased). Irene is survived by her only child Donald, and sister Mrs Dorrie Robertson. For forty years Sister Everett served her God and community from the North Fitzroy church and those who knew her express their confidence that "When the roll is called up yonder" she will be there. Mervyn Sparrowhawk.

OLIVER. Dora Elizabeth Oliver fell asleep in Jesus at the Charles Harrison Memorial Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, on December 31, 1985, aged seventy-seven years. She was laid to rest in full assurance of the blessed hope in the Avondale Cemetery on January 2. Among the large gathering present were her three daughters Dorothy Dennis, Jean Speers and Rita Harris, and two sons Ted and Murray. This loving and lovable mother in Israel has fought a good fight, finished her course and kept the faith. For her is laid up a crown of life which will never fade away. Clive Barritt.

WARD. Grace Frederica Ward was born at Heidelberg near Bickley, Western Australia, in 1909, when her father, Pastor H. R. Martin, was establishing the Darling Range School (now Carmel College). When she was five years old the family accepted a call to mission service in Fiji. Grace graduated from the business course at Avondale College in 1932. She later married Charles Ward. The Ward family spent most of their lives in the Nambucca district. On November 30, 1985, our Sister Ward was laid to rest in the Macksville Cemetery beside her husband Charles, who predeceased her in 1979. Her family, Cedric, Martin, James and Margaret (Mrs Jack Lang), paid tribute to their loving mother. E. F. Giblett.

WARREN. Brother Sid Warren passed to rest in the Mackay Base Hospital, Queensland, on December 17, 1985, after a short illness. Sid was born in Mullumbimby, New South Wales, on May 31, 1914, served with the Royal Australian Engineers for five years, and married Marie Edna Rose at Lismore on February 26, 1946. He was baptised in 1949, and after moving to Seaford, northern Queensland, played a leading role as elder in the church there for many years. Pastor David Lamb was assisted by Brother Bill Petersen and the writer in a well-attended service at the Mackay Central church and the Walkerston Cemetery. He'll be greatly missed by his wife Marie, daughter Audrey, son Laurie, brother Harry and their families. G. P. Rowe.

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Philosda NNSW announce their best-ever Adult Singles camp, Yarrahappini, Easter, March 28-31. Accommodation limited. Applications close March 16. Contact Christine George, Secretary, 46 Middlepoint Road, Bolton Point, NSW 2283. Phone (049) 59 6385.

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IT IS with regret that we record the passing of Dr Charles Harrison, long-time medical director of the Sydney Sanitarium, as our hospital was then called. His funeral was held in Loma Linda, California, near where he and his wife, Lena, lived in retirement.

MARANATHA Retirement Village near Hobart, Tasmania, has been described by the government department of Community Services as a "model." The hostel has accommodation for twenty-two persons, and there are six self-funded units set on a hillside next to the Rosny church and overlooking the Derwent estuary.

NOT JUST book learning on the subject was sufficient for the "Brown" class at Sydney Adventist Hospital. Nurses who had just completed a study block dealing with the developmentally disabled, planned a weekend camp for children with such disabilities. Assistance came from the Greater Sydney Conference and the Wahroonga church, and the event proved mutually rewarding.

KING ISLAND volunteers for the coming year are John and Pat Fretten, formerly of the Lake Macquarie area of NSW, and latterly of Tasmania. They remind all Adventists that visitors are always welcome as either temporary or permanent residents.

FROM HERE TO THERE: Pastor John Banks from Church Ministries director in South Queensland Conference to director of Promotions and Public Relations, Avondale College. E. Bolst, from assistant business manager, Fulton College, Fiji, to accountant, WA Conference. B. Chapman from accountant, WA Conference, to assistant business manager, Fulton College. Esther Wuetschner from tertiary study in Adelaide to dean of girls, Lilydale Academy, Victoria.

CORRECTION. Jim Stewart is national sales manager for the Sanitarium Health Food Company in New Zealand, not assistant as previously stated.

HONG KONG CALLING. There is an urgent need for doctors who are willing to serve for short- or long-term periods in the Far East, particularly Hong Kong. Because of stringent restrictions being placed on US physicians in obtaining Hong Kong licensure and registration, our hospitals in the Far East are looking with increasing emphasis to Australia for assistance in staffing hospitals with qualified personnel. If you can help, please contact Pastor V. B. Parmenter, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.

THE TONGA PROJECT is now underway. The first team of twelve left on February 12, and included management personnel from the Sydney Adventist Hospital and nursing staff to make the necessary preparations before the main team arrived on February 19. In the latter group are three cardiac surgeons, three cardiologists and three associated specialists—all paying their own way and donating their services the same as the SAH staff are doing. Many of the group will be there for two weeks, some for three. In addition to our own SAH nurses, a number are from St Vincents Hospital and Royal North Shore, with some ancillary staff from Hornsby Hospital. This is really an exciting project which deserves our support and prayers. What a joy it must be for the people of Tonga to know that help is on the way!

A NATIONAL Bio-Ethics Conference sponsored by the Sydney Adventist Hospital will be held on April 7 and 8. This is the first such conference to be held and will explore the theme "Man—Beginning and Ending." Topics to be dealt with include Invitro Fertilisation; Euthanasia; Donor Tissues and the Law and a discussion on the Baby Fae case. There will be Australian, New Zealand and overseas speakers. The conference is open to people with interest in these specialties: doctors, ministers, nurses, social workers and students. Registration forms are available from the Senior Chaplain, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA is first for the year with Maranatha 3 reporting an attendance of eighty held in the Sterling church. Pastor Malcolm Potts, TAUC associate Church Ministries director, led out with the program being directed by Pastor Darrell Croft and Pastor Lance Hooper, both from the SA Church Ministries Department.

ENDLESS PRAISE (formerly the "Spanish Singers") from Sydney will be on tour in North New Zealand from March 1 to 9. Their new name was specially chosen to indicate their reason for singing—to endlessly praise God. No wonder they sound as if the angels unite their voices with them—they probably do.

CHURCH MINISTRIES director for the Trans-Australian Union Conference, Pastor Roger Nixon, reports that 1,500 Pathfinders are expected to attend the camporee planned for January 6 to 11, 1987. It will be held on a large farm about 200 kilometres east of Melbourne.

TASMANIAN camp-meeting has just concluded and brought many blessings. The weather was kind; the mission offering of \$13,284 was a large increase on last year's attainment. Included in that amount were 28,400 coins!

PASTOR MEL REES, a pioneer of the stewardship plan, has been conducting Principles of Life Seminars in the Greater Sydney Conference for the past few weeks. His presentations relating to revival and reformation have been greatly appreciated.

SOME readers have raised questions with regard to the fact that in the cover story "I'm Eating" of February 1, the setting of the story is a barbeque at which meat is being consumed. We want to make it clear to our readers that this does not in any way imply our endorsement of this diet. The article was published originally in a non-Adventist publication, but we thought that the story contained such a tremendous message we felt compelled to use it.

"FINALLY, BRETHERN . . ."; He who thinks only of number one, should remember that it is next to nothing.