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Bible Sanctification

THE Saviour prayed that His disciples might be sanctified. "Sanctify them through Thy truth," He requested of the Father, and then He added, "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17.

And the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica: "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thess. 4:3.

We should judge from these texts that sanctification is very important to the people of God. But what is the significance of this work of grace wrought in the life of the Christian?

"Sanctification" primarily means a setting apart for a holy use. A good illustration of the meaning of this word is found in the making of the Sabbath. The seventh day was chosen from among the seven, and set aside for a sacred purpose. It was to be devoted to the worship of God. It was separated from the common, profane days of the week, and made holy unto Jehovah.

Likewise, God's people are chosen out from among the sinful of the world, and are consecrated to the service of the Lord. They renounce sin and render supreme homage to God. The apostle Paul forcefully sets forth this thought in 2 Corinthians 6:14, 17, 18: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Those thus called out from the world and from the sinful practices of men, are called saints. "To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints," the apostle wrote to the church at Corinth. 1 Cor. 1:2. We would understand, then, that one who is separated from the world and dedicated to worship and obey God, is a saint.

A PROGRESSIVE WORK

We would not understand that when one responds to the call of God, he has no further need of sanctification. It is a progressive work. Little does the newly converted realise how much is to be ultimately surrendered and conquered as he takes his first step in the Christian path-

way. A kind Providence does not reveal to him all the sacrifices and temptations and hardships and separations that must be experienced, but leads him step by step into the fuller life of the Christian.

That the perfecting work of grace is to continue in behalf of the church is clearly seen by the letter to the Ephesians (chapter 4:11, 12): "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the PERFECTING of the SAINTS."

Concerning sanctification, the messenger of the Lord says:

"Sanctification is a progressive work. The successive steps are set before us in the words of Peter: 'Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.'"—"Bible Sanctification," p. 80.

"Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day, but of a lifetime. It is not gained by a happy flight of feeling, but is the result of constantly dying to sin, and constantly living for Christ. Wrongs cannot be righted nor reformations wrought in the character by feeble, intermittent efforts. It is only by long persevering effort, sore discipline, and stern conflict, that we shall overcome."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 560.

MEANS OF SANCTIFICATION

Our Lord set forth His Word as the means of sanctification. "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." The continual study of the Word of God and obedience to it will bring a transformation of life at which men and angels will marvel. By beholding the perfect character of Jesus, by meditating on the perfect law of God, the beholder will be changed from glory to glory into the image of the Divine.

The Christian is sanctified through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. To the Romans the apostle wrote: "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:16.

The presence of God through the Spirit

sanctifies the heart, the mind, and every faculty of one's being. It is thus that the life and character of Christ are imparted to His disciple. And the law of that life lived in the flesh nineteen centuries ago will be revealed in the words and deeds in the life of the Christian today.

The Christian is sanctified through obedience to the law of God, as well as by the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. To the strangers scattered abroad, Peter wrote: "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, UNTO OBEDIENCE and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." 1 Peter 1:2.

On this point the Spirit of Prophecy says:

"Since the law of God is 'holy, and just, and good,' a transcript of the divine perfection, it follows that a character formed by obedience to that law will be holy. Christ is a perfect example of such a character. He says, 'I have kept My Father's commandments.' 'I do always those things that please Him.' The followers of Christ are to become like Him,—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification."—"The Great Controversy," p. 469.

To render obedience to God's perfect law is not an easy matter. It requires the consecrated energy of the entire being. One must put forth personal effort, sustained by divine power, in order to gain holiness and heaven. James exhorts: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded." James 4:7, 8.

And the apostle Paul exhorts: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:12.

NO SPIRIT OF EXALTATION

The boastful claim to sanctification is not in harmony with a genuine Christian experience. The aged Daniel, who had

served his God through many decades, laid no claim to sinlessness. He humbly confessed his sins and the sins of his people. And Isaiah the prophet said, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isa. 6 : 5. Though these saints of God would not knowingly yield to the tempter for a moment, yet as they saw their human nature in contrast with God's holiness, they abhorred themselves.

"The clearer their views of the greatness, glory, and perfection of Christ, the more vividly will they [the people of God] see their own weakness and imperfection. They will have no disposition to claim a sinless character; that which has appeared right and comely in themselves will, in contrast with Christ's purity and glory, appear only as unworthy and corruptible. It is when men are separated from God, when they have very indistinct views of Christ, that they say, 'I am sinless; I am sanctified.'"—"Bible Sanctification," p. 43.

There is no point in the Christian way where the follower of Christ can halt and view his accomplishments with satisfaction. There are always heights beyond him to gain. The apostle Paul's experience is a good illustration of the continual advance toward perfection which the Christian must maintain. He said :

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but 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." Phil. 3 : 12-14.

So, armed with the power of Omnipotence, encouraged in faith by the Word of God, inspired by the ever-present Spirit, and with the perfect pattern of our Lord before us, let us, too, follow hard after "sanctification, without which no man shall see the Lord."

T. M. FRENCH.

News about Ethiopia

Recent word received from the General Conference office indicates that plans are in operation for the carrying forward of our work in Ethiopia in a strong way. Steps are being taken to reorganise the work and to supply additional medical and field workers. Addis Ababa and Dessye are two centres of special interest, and our people will rejoice to know that recent actions of the General Conference Committee will strengthen the staff of workers in both places.

Appreciation is expressed by the officers of the General Conference for the facilities granted by the government of Ethiopia, which permit us to carry on an active ministry for the sick, and to participate in general mission work which seeks to contribute to the spiritual and physical good of the people of Ethiopia.

E. B. RUDGE.



Workers' Convention, Samoa

At 6 a.m. on Monday, January 25, about twenty-five workers gathered in the Apia church to begin a three days' convention. Apart from our regular mission staff, this group included a number of deacons and deaconesses and other church workers, also some Vaioa students who are authorised by the mission to conduct services in our churches.

This is the second workers' convention held in this field within the last two years, and we intend to make these most helpful meetings an annual feature. We were happy to have among us Uta (third from the right in the photograph) who represents the newly opened work on the island of Savaii.

Our programme provided for two devotional meetings daily. A most profitable hour each day was the one set apart for instruction in the methods of soul-winning as laid down in the Bible and explained in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. The daily question-hour also proved a lively and interesting time, as together we solved many of the problems that confront us in our work.

The second chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians came in for a great deal of study, and we would, after the manner and method of the great apostle, build up churches and companies such as was the "Seventh-day Adventist church in Thessalonica."

Some of the subjects explained were: "Fishers of Men;" "Paul the Master-builder;" "Our Need of Greater Spirituality;" "Every Convert a Convert Maker." As we listened to the various speakers, we felt that it was good to "come apart and rest awhile," and to feast upon the good things of the Word.

Tiga Kuresa, for forty years a minister in another church, and now an earnest preacher of the Advent message, had

charge of the last meeting. In a most interesting and impressive manner, he related his experiences from the days of his early manhood, right through his eventful life, down to the time of his first contact with the third angel's message. It was a good meeting, and the testimonies which followed were expressive of a new zeal, and a renewed determination to stand true to the great principles of truth of which God has made us the guardians.

We returned to our churches and stations refreshed in soul and mind, and firm believers in the value of workers' conventions.

R. REYE.

Choiseul District Meetings, Solomon Islands

District meetings in Choiseul for 1936 are a pleasant memory to those who attended them. We were glad to have the assistance of Pastor Barrett and his wife, Nurse Totenhofer, and Pastor Rangoso in these meetings.

The gatherings were held in three different centres, the total attendance being over 700.

Perhaps it would be interesting to you to come with us and spend the Sabbath day at Vio.

At 5.20 a.m. the bell calls us from the land of slumber, and all is astir once more. Hasten now, for there are only ten minutes till we meet with the teachers in their prayer band. The thought expressed is that we are to be faithful watchmen, and an earnest season of prayer follows.

Again the bell sounds, calling all to worship. After the study of the Morning Watch and the Sabbath school lesson, we listen to a few words of exhortation spoken to the baptismal candidates before they follow their Lord in this sacred rite.

As Vio is built on the brow of a steep hill, we must descend to the shore before reaching the scene of baptism. Watch your steps as you come with me, for the track is very steep and the morning dew has made it slippery. Reaching the bottom of the hill, we walk over a narrow, rickety bridge—one at a time, please. Have you brought your umbrella? If not, step under mine, as, even though it is only seven



AT THE WORKERS' CONVENTION, SAMOA

(Pastor Reye in front row, Brother Howse in back row, Brother Petrie was taking the picture. The only man wearing a hat is Tiga Kuresa. The ladies are, from left: Mrs. Petrie, Mrs. Reye, Mrs. Howse, Mrs. Partsch, Mrs. Voigt.)

o'clock in the morning, the heat of the sun is already intense.

Now all are gathered together, and we sing as Pastor Rangoso leads the nine candidates into the water. Do you see those three girls at the far end of the line? They are three of Choiseul's first girls to attend our intermediate school, and our hearts are made glad to see them following their Lord in this ordinance. The service over, we all shake hands with the candidates and wish them God's blessing.

"Dear me! Do we have to climb that hill again?" Yes, we do. But, never mind, you will be ready for breakfast when you reach the top.

The bell soon sounds again, and by 10 a.m. all are gathered in the church. Do you think you could sing as well as those boys did in that item without an instrument of any kind to help you? Pastor Barrett directs our minds to the time when Christ was here on earth and instituted these ordinances which remind us of His death and His soon coming again. Yes! it is ordinance day, and over eighty take part.

Out here we have our Sabbath school in the afternoon, and so 2.30 p.m. finds us all seated again in the church. It would not be fair for me to ask you what were the thoughts expressed in the review and lesson, as you would not understand the language used; and yet what a wonderful thought it is that although we speak in different languages God knows and hears each one of us.

What! Another bell? Yes, that is for young people's meeting. Come with me and join them in their meeting. The doctrinal text is one of the main features of the programme. At present the M.V. Society is reading through the Gospel of John, and so we listen to the Scripture reading, which is first given in English and then translated into their own tongue.

During the singing of the last hymn Nurse Totenhofer and Mrs. Barrett quietly withdraw. I wonder what plans they have. Ah, here they come again with their hands full of textcards for the children. It is surprising how many children there are on such occasions. Young and old alike eagerly hold out their hands for cards.

Vesper service is at 6 p.m., followed by a lantern lecture by Pastor Rangoso, telling of his travels.

And so closes a full and interesting day. And now it is time for "lights out." I hope you have enjoyed the day with us. Good night. JOHN T. HOWSE.

Nurse Visits Choiseul

(From a Letter)

I have been away from Batuna for three weeks, having been invited to accompany Pastor and Mrs. Barrett to help in the district meetings on Choiseul.

The first day we travelled about eighty miles, then anchored for a few hours, leaving again at midnight to cross over to Choiseul. Morning brought us close to shore, and soon we passed through a narrow, pretty passage. We stopped at Gholi to visit Amy Gray's grave. A heavy shower came on, so we women stayed on the boat, while Brother Barrett and some of the crew climbed the hill and cleaned up the grave.

Late afternoon brought us to Vio, our first camping place. Landing on the beach, we had a crowd to meet us, and we tried to greet them in their language. At the end of the line a poor old woman came up to us and held out a baby. The poor little mite was covered in itch, its head one mass of dried pus. Its little face was pinched and hungry-looking. She tried to tell us something, but we could not understand. Next day the father of the child, a chief, came to see me, bringing an interpreter. Would I please adopt the baby, as its mother had died a few weeks previous, and they could not care for it? After a little talk, Brother and Sister John Howse decided to take him, and he was soon being fed regularly from a bottle and getting cleaned up. He was quite filled out, happy and contented, when we left three weeks later.

It was my privilege to give a health lecture and conduct a meeting for women at each place, besides caring for the sick and giving injections. Altogether at the three places, I gave 128 injections and 256 treatments.

When I left Avondale, Miss Verrall gave me several hundred cards that she had made. We distributed these among the children, and weren't they pleased! Even the grown-ups and old men wanted one, too.

I took my Rexoport with me and gave the young folk a treat by playing records to them on the lawn after the evening meetings. I always had a crowd to listen; it was a wonderful treat to them. Some would want to see inside to find out where the voice came from.

We had a good visit with the people, and I very much enjoyed the change. It was beautifully calm all the way, which helped me to be a good sailor. Boxing Day at 6 p.m. found us at Batuna wharf again.

The framework of our new schoolhouse is up, the tower built, and the bell in it already. It will be fine to have it finished, but there is much work to be done on it yet. EVELYN TOTENHOFER.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, March 27

It is of the utmost importance that attention be given, this Thirteenth Sabbath, to the matter of supplying better facilities for the training of native workers in New Guinea.

Sometimes when reference is made to New Guinea, people think of it as one island only, whereas the New Guinea Mission field has under its care many hundreds of islands apart from the large area of country on the mainland. The task is great and, as every white worker realises, it is essential that suitable native young men be chosen and thoroughly trained for service among those of their own race and colour.

In the past the facilities for training young workers have been very limited, and at times we have been embarrassed when Government officials and others have visited our institutions which have had to serve as training schools. Very often the equipment in our training school in New Guinea has been no different from what we have had in our ordinary village schools. The training school on Mussau has been conducted in a very primitive way, the sole equipment comprising little

more than a blackboard or two, several desks, chalk, pencils and slates. Owing to limited budgets, we have had no proper charts or pictures to illustrate Biblical prophecies, no maps to explain geographical lessons, no copy books to encourage good writing, no textbooks to help in lessons in English. Hence our leaders have been greatly handicapped. But the greatest regret is felt when young men are sent out to answer various calls, knowing that they themselves still need additional tuition.

So we are hoping that a new start will now be made, and that prospects will be brighter from now on. In fact, a definite move has already been made, for the site of the new central training school has been purchased. A beautiful property has been secured, about thirty miles from Rabaul, the capital. This is situated on a natural harbour, on the east coast of the large island of New Britain.

Pastor Steed is a very busy man at present, preparing for the building of the school, and it is hoped that within a few months eligible young men from many parts of New Guinea will find their way to this spot. Brother Maxwell, who recently left Australian shores, will be assisting Pastor Steed in erecting the saw-mill plant, and then will come the joy of seeing hundreds of feet of timber being milled for the permanent buildings that will grace this headquarters of our educational work in the territory.

The Thirteenth Sabbath offering on March 27 will materially assist in supplying many of the requirements for the school, in order that a large number of our New Guinea young people may be prepared to proclaim the last message of mercy to their fellow men.

A. S. ATKINS.

Tonga's "True Messenger"

Yesterday we brought out our first edition of the resurrected "Talafekau Mo'oni," our little Tongan paper, and we feel that it is an historic occasion. It is a four-page folder, foolscap size, and we feel sure it will supply a long-felt need in connection with our work in this field. We are printing six editions per annum, a thousand copies in each edition. Joni Talia'uli has done all of the translating for the first two editions, and seems to derive great joy from being able to help the work along in this way. We greatly appreciate his help.

We are also very grateful for the provision the Union Conference brethren have made for the republication of this little paper. We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people for the success of our paper in its mission to the Tongan people.

The title, "Talafekau Mo'oni," means "True Messenger." "Talafekau" means messenger, and "Mo'oni" means true. We hope it will do the work of a true messenger to its readers.

H. L. TOLHURST.

"There must be earnest study and close investigation. Sharp, clear perceptions of truth will never be the reward of indolence."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 111.

Report for Quarter Ending December 31, 1936

	Sabbath Schools	Member- ship	Av'ge Att'nd.	Perfect Record	Thirteenth Sabb. Offg.	Total Offerings	Weekly Average
South N.Z.	16	873	714	259	£118 5 3	£333 10 2	8.14
North N.S.W.	51	2343	1937	561	178 3 3	647 12 2	7.05
N. Queensland	9	361	274	82*	35 5 8	96 17 11	6.91
North N.Z.	50	1929	1519	544	221 16 6	605 14 1	6.61
South Aust.	33	1144	1032	288	55 19 10	261 4 4	6.45*
Victoria	64	3035*	2639*	754*	252 3 3	710 10 10*	6.79*
Tasmania	17	728	522*	263	61 5 0	193 18 6*	6.05*
South N.S.W.	63	3151*	2561	908	231 10 11	835 16 8*	6.01*
West Aust.	38	1464*	1277	387*	96 12 10*	355 4 1*	5.78*
Queensland	24	1340*	1167*	418*	67 5 9	266 13 5	4.26
Missions	324	12291*	10770*	3479*	93 11 10*	684 17 5	3.83
	689	28,659	24,412	7,943	£1,412 0 1	£4,991 19 7*	6.26d

* Denotes an increase over the previous quarter.
The total average offering does not include the mission field.

Our report this quarter does not show so many increases as usual; in fact, we are sorry to see that several of the conferences have reported less Sabbath school members than at September 30. The largest decreases are in North New South Wales and North New Zealand, where our two largest colleges had closed for the summer vacation. We would urge the students to enrol quickly each year with whichever school they expect to attend after leaving college. The decreases in four other conferences constitute a challenge to our local Sabbath school secretaries and superintendents to watch their memberships, "as those that must give account."

The most important fact in your weekly chart and the secretary's minutes, is not the offering, nor even the average attendance, but it is the membership. Continually aim to have every church member included in your Sabbath school membership, or at least to know that they have been supplied with a lesson pamphlet and are keeping up with the lessons.

Beginning with this new year, what golden opportunities are ours to make every distant member, and every shut-in, the centre of a branch Sabbath school! Instead of being outside the circle, they may each be the very heart of a smaller circle, inviting others to study with them these wonderful lessons of timely truth.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath offering last quarter was for Solomon Island native workers. The amount asked for was £1409, and the amount given was £1412. How glad we are that we did not fall short!

The officers of one Sabbath school write of a particularly happy quarter to close the year. Their success was attributed largely to a live teachers' meeting of junior division workers, held separately from the senior division teachers. The teachers and their leaders met regularly to pray, to study the lesson, to consider the needs of the school, and to plan for its advancement. And how willingly the children cooperated! Each class had a separate aim, and on the Thirteenth Sabbath they brought in their Investment money and began piling it on the table. But the table could not hold it all. There were more than 1200 pennies, and it took two men to carry the offering home. The offering that day from just over fifty children amounted to £14, and for the quarter they gave £25.

May God bless one and all, and help us

to do our part as individuals. "Our salvation depends on a knowledge of the truth contained in the Scriptures. . . Search, O search the precious Bible with hungry hearts,"—E.G.W.

HELENA K. LEWIN.

Have You Started One Yet?

Much has been written concerning the new series of lessons on the doctrines of our message, and the plan of using them as Bible studies in the form of small Sabbath schools on Sabbath afternoon, or perhaps on Sunday. From Victoria comes the first news of these plans being carried into effect.

"The brethren and sisters of the Geelong church have been conducting a branch Sabbath school at Anakie, about twenty miles distant. The whole district was canvassed one Sunday and a goodly interest awakened. We pray that souls for the kingdom of God will be the result."

"A brother and sister in the Shepparton church started a branch school in their home for the children who were unable to attend the regular school because of the long distance. This interest has developed and it is good to hear of the strong Sabbath school now in progress."

"A little branch at Footscray resulted in the children becoming regular members of the Footscray Sabbath school."

"In the Grampian Mountains of Victoria a fine work is carried on with a small Sabbath school. The children of three families count it a pleasure to meet together every Sabbath. Their parents, though not yet attending, very much appreciate the interest taken in the spiritual welfare of their children. The programme of a well-organised Sabbath school is followed, with charts and other helps, and a keen interest is manifested. Such missionary endeavour must have God's blessing."

"During the second quarter a new Sabbath school was organised at Annuello. This school has doubled its membership in the five months, through the help of the colporteurs."

The BRANCH SCHOOL PLAN is developing and has great possibilities. Have you thought of the possibility in YOUR district? H.K.L.

Appeal for Missions

Win-One Notes

"The pathway to success is in serving humanity. By no other means is it possible, and this truth is so plain and patent that even very simple folk recognise it."

The WIN-ONE spirit is in the air in South New South Wales. Most encouraging letters are reaching our desk from happy WIN-ONE Appealers.

One elderly brother in sending for his supplies said that his aged wife and he are always happy to do their share of the Lord's work, and never miss an opportunity of working with the Appeal magazine.

One company comprised mostly of elderly folk have set out to reach a very substantial aim before Easter. Already they are more than halfway. This from the "old brigade" is most encouraging. This is the spirit of the message.

Another sister writes of the Bible study in the home of a neighbour after the Appeal magazine had been presented.

In one instance prayer was offered by a visitor in the home of people who had been bereaved. The members of the family were greatly comforted, and expressed their sincere gratitude for the kindly and sympathetic words which brought a new and better outlook into their lives.

One sister on visiting a home last year was very coldly rebuffed, and this year she hesitated as to whether she should try again or pass on. She stopped, prayed, went through the gate, knocked at the door, was graciously received, given a good donation, and then invited inside to answer some questions on our beliefs and teachings. "When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 260.

From new Sabbath-keepers — husband and wife: "We received the Mission Appeal magazines and have been visiting the people, meeting with a fair amount of success. We work early and late, but we make the time to do some house-to-house work."

"I am not able to get about, but will do my share in the Appeal as visitors come to see me. Please send me some magazines," writes another good member of the Advent family. That's a fine spirit, all will agree.

WIN-ONE Appealers are also branch Sabbath school organisers. We have two new branch schools organised and manned by these loyal WIN-ONE workers, and we feel sure that their influence will do much to help when they visit the surrounding homes with their magazines.

We are greatly encouraged by the bright atmosphere surrounding the Appeal effort this year; it is the WIN-ONE spirit which after all is the big idea behind all the

phases of our vast work. Now is the time to work, for soon the night will come, when no man can work.

THE WIN-ONE WAY

If we would learn the shortest way
Of making others happy,
We'll set to work the "Win-One" way
And make it bright and snappy!

We'll visit all the homes around
And tell our mission story,
And give the trump a certain sound
To listeners young or hoary.

In ev'ry home we'll leave behind
A helpful word well spoken;
And for the work we have in mind
We'll bear away a token.

Then to each token of good-will
Will soon come added blessings,
And mission stations we shall fill
With medicines and dressings.

Then joy shall spread from east to west,
The saints shall all be happy,
When every one has done his best
To make it short and snappy!

A. J. DYASON.

"Thy People Shall Be Willing"

How quickly the Appeal for Missions comes round, and how diffident everybody feels about going out on this God-given work. Yet everywhere our loyal Adventist people throw themselves wholeheartedly into this soul-winning effort.

The Remuera church (Auckland) which was organised six months ago, came up to its first Appeal, which was to be a new experience to many of its members who had joined the ranks of commandment-keepers within the past year. The eastern suburbs of Auckland were allotted to us, Ellerslie, Penrose, Panmure, Kohimarama, and the garden suburbs of Remuera and Orakei.

Could we reach our aim in three weeks? Well, it would need some hard work, but the idea was a good one. Could we do it in ONE week? Impossible! Still the suggestion had been thrown out to us, and some good souls had faith enough to believe that it could be done.

Unfortunately, on account of the epidemic restrictions placed on us, the children were deprived of a part in this work. Still three of the little ones went out with their parents, two little brothers securing over £1 between them and another little boy 9/-. Truly the faith of a little child is strong.

The work began on February 7, and at the mid-week prayer meeting reports were taken up and folks related their experiences. Could it be possible? Our aim was almost reached! And but half a week had passed since we began. Even the doubting Thomases realised now that we could have the full amount by Sabbath, for all were going to work to that end. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Ps. 110 : 3.

By Sabbath the goal was reached and the Doxology was sung by a grateful congregation; but the people were still willing to continue the good work, and the following week we had almost doubled our aim.

May the means thus gathered and the

truth-filled literature distributed, yield a rich harvest of souls.

"Go forth then, happy reaper band,
Look unto Christ for strength;
With many sheaves from many climes,
Ye shall return at length."

FLORENCE M. De VAYNES JONES.

A 700-Mile Ingathering Trip

After distributing about 700 magazines during a 700-mile Ingathering tour, we contemplate today the western horizon, where lies our last place of call, with feelings of satisfaction.

In the past few days many souls in this western district of Victoria have been approached by enthusiastic Appeal workers, and have responded to that appeal just as well as we anticipated ere the commencement of our long journey.

Pastor P. G. Foster and party, consisting of Miss T. Foster, Miss D. Moore, Mr. L. Whitehead, and the writer and wife started the 1937 Appeal at Colac, and went on, conquering and to conquer, until we reached our most westerly point, — Casterton. We visited Camperdown, Mortlake, Hamilton, and Coleraine. Travelling south, we collected at Heywood and Portland, to turn homeward and solicit donations at Port Fairy, Koroit, Warrnambool, Cobden, and of course, all the intervening places along the route. We were able to visit some of our isolated members, spending a fleeting hour to encourage them to believe the promises until the final Ingathering takes place.

Viewed from every angle, the trip has been a success. We were blessed with excellent weather. We have already reached our aim of £100 with an overflow of £16, and no trouble did our faithful Chev. give, in spite of its heavy load of six passengers and luggage. We were all refreshed by breathing the hay-scented country air, watching the Grampians grow larger and then smaller, and inhaling the salt tang blowing inland from the mighty expanse of blue as we spent last week-end at Portland.

And now, with one more town to attack —Terang—we feel that God has blessed us exceeding abundantly. We believe that while all the voices in the world have some significance, the words we have spoken and left behind in printed form will have great significance in the lives of these doctors and lawyers, bakers and butchers, farmers and mechanics with whom we have made contact for a few busy days.

T. AUSTIN.

Books for Shirley Temple

"He will teach them as they go forth to their God-appointed work to warn the world of a soon-coming judgment."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 33.

"Last week, I was determined to get into some of those wealthy homes in Palm Springs," writes Sister Anderson. "I asked the Lord to give me the right words so I could gain an entrance. I entered the Desert Inn, asked for the steward, and sold him one of every book I had. One who was standing by told me that Shirley Temple's mother lived just across the court. I walked over, gained an entrance, and

showed her 'Bible Pictures and Stories,' and sold her a set for cash. I surely thank the Lord for helping me to place this good literature in this home."

Speaking of the power for good and evil which the press exerts, we are told in "Colporteur Evangelist," page 28, that "this agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can."

J. D. LESLIE,

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Church Dedication at Leeton

The 28th December was a high day for the believers at Leeton, for it was the day set apart for the dedication of the church.

Of the happy company of believers and friends assembled from Narrandera and Leeton, none, I suppose, was happier than Sister George, who for years had been a lone believer in the Leeton district.

Several years ago Brother J. A. Lawson opened a mission in the town, and a number



New Church at Leeton

of souls were gathered out and baptised. Later several of these moved away from the district, but some remained. The good beginning was fostered and developed until it was felt that it was time to have a Sabbath home in which to meet and worship God.

A number of schemes were followed in raising funds for the building, among which were public subscription, the sale of flowers, special donations by believers and friends, the selling of "bricks," special reductions in the price of timber, and donations in labour.

The necessary funds being available, the building was erected. Times were hard, however, the company was small, and there were no furnishings or organ. The believers therefore decided to use the building with whatever seating accommodation was available, thereby saving the rent for a hall, and in the meantime they raised money for furnishings.

Little by little, the money came, until all was ready, including an organ, for the dedication at the close of the year. The occasion was rather unique, for it was the first Sabbath that Pastor Behrens, who succeeded the writer, was able to meet

with the people, and it was the farewell day for the writer.

The building is 30 ft. x 20 ft., built of weatherboard, and lined with fibro-cement and plaster, neatly decorated internally in pastel shades of blue and gold. The site upon which the church stands is one of the best in the town.

During the dedication service, Pastor Behrens gave the address, emphasising the thought that the church is the home of the children of God. It is indeed a source of comfort and joy to believers to have a house of worship they can call their own, where they can meet unmolested and undisturbed. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the writer, whilst Miss Dulce Behrens ably assisted with the music.

Thus another monument has been dedicated to the glory of God. It stands as a witness to the truths we hold so dear, and our prayers are that it may soon be filled to overflowing with souls gathered out for the kingdom of God.

"The years roll by, God's work moves on;
His glory fills the world.

His temples rise, His followers come,
Where'er the truth's unfurled."

G. BRANSTER.

Sanitarium Notes

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eczema, hay fever, and some other nasal disorders, also some abnormal conditions of the digestive tract.

Low fat and low cholesterol diet for gall bladder disorders.

Ketogenic and dehydrating diet for epilepsy.

Low carbohydrate diet for diabetes.

As we labour in this department we are led to realise more and more just why health reform is called the "right arm of the message." There is a great work to be done in this institution, witnessing for the message among so many people who are coming and going all the time. May God richly bless all who labour within its walls, that the right influence may be exerted and many be led to a knowledge of the truth that makes men free.

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Over 800 for Adventists' Conference

Between 800 and 900 people will be in camp tomorrow for the annual convention of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference at South Perth.

From widely scattered parts of the State, convention members will reach the camp site, off Suburban Road, tomorrow, and take up their quarters for nearly a fortnight's stay.

For some time workmen have been busily engaged erecting the numerous tents and large marquees necessary to house the army of campers. The camping area is as usual a model of neatness and orderly array.

A number of important visitors have reached Perth for the annual convention. They include Pastor E. Roenfelt, Secretary of the Union Conference of Australasia; Pastor A. G. Stewart, Vice-President of the Island Mission field; Mr. McMahon, Educational Secretary of the Union Conference; Dr. C. W. Harrison from Sydney; Mr. T. A. Mitchell, Field Missionary Secretary of the Union Conference, and Miss Lewin, Sabbath School Secretary of the conference.

Pastor R. A. Thrift, the newly elected president for West Australia, comes from North Queensland. Pastor Stewart has seen many years' service in the mission field.

The convention will open tomorrow at 7.30 p.m., and will conclude on Sunday week. — "Daily News," Perth, Feb. 22, 1937.

WEDDING BELLS

DAVEY - SPEERS.— The 10th day of February this year brought much joy to the hearts of Wellesley Burgess Davey, elder son of Brother Alfred Davey of Adelaide, and Cordelia Winifred Speers, daughter of Sister Speers, formerly of Avondale, but now resident in Adelaide. At the City Church, Adelaide, these two young people who are loyal to the message, were united in sacred wedship on that day. Many relatives and friends gathered for the occasion to show their love and interest in the newly formed partnership. We pray God's richest blessing to attend them.

F. A. MCFARLANE.

TUCKER - HAWKEN.— At the home of the bride's parents, Brother and Sister Herbert Hawken, of Cobbara, N.S.W., a very happy family group, gathered from three different States, joined in celebrating the marriage between Brother Charles Arthur Tucker, a worker at our Aore Training School in the New Hebrides, and Nurse Eulalia Beryl Hawken, who was recently graduated from the Sydney Sanitarium. Loving hearts and skillful hands did much to make the occasion one to be long remembered, and everything was carried out in perfect accord with the spirit of the message which this young couple profess, and to which they have consecrated their

lives as missionaries. We trust that Heaven's benediction may seal this union, and bless their united labour in fields afar.
H. MITCHELL.

OBITUARY

BUSSAU.— On February 14, 1937, Wilhelm Adolph Bussau passed to his rest at his home in Flinders St., Thornbury, Victoria, aged fifty-eight years. Brother Bussau accepted the Advent truth at a camp meeting held in Brunswick thirty-five years ago, and his faith never wavered. For over twenty years he served, with some short intermissions, on the conference executive committee. He was also an elder of what is now the Preston church for nearly the same period, and lived to see a fine brick church dedicated to the worship of God. We laid him to rest in the East Preston Cemetery to await the call of the Saviour he loved. To the sorrowing widow, daughter, and three sons, as well as other relatives, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

E. H. GUILLIARD.

HUSKISSON.— On February 8, Brother William Huskisson, aged seventy-two years, passed away in the Auckland hospital. For some time he had not enjoyed the best of health, but it was not until the last few weeks that his trouble became acute. On his second day in the hospital he was suddenly taken with severe pain which made it difficult for him to breathe, and in a few minutes, most unexpectedly, he passed away. He accepted the message about twenty-five years ago under the labours of Pastor Westerman at Petone. Through the intervening years his life was one of whole-hearted devotion to the cause of God, and almost from the first he has occupied the office of elder in our churches, first at Petone, later at Edendale, and lastly at Ponsonby. A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the Ponsonby church and also at the graveside as we laid him to rest in the Hillsborough cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.

F. L. SHARP.

Return Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stacey sincerely thank the many kind friends in New Zealand and Australia for the love and sympathy expressed in letters, telegrams, personal expressions and beautiful floral tributes received in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their son Kenneth.

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The North New Zealand Treasurer wishes to acknowledge receipt of £3 3s. tithe and £1 17s. for Solomon Island native workers received anonymously from "A Believer;" also £5 tithe from "Victor." These remittances are much appreciated.

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THE 1937 APPEAL CAMPAIGN

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." It is with thankfulness to God that we pass on to our membership this first official progress report concerning the 1937 Appeal for Missions effort. It will be seen from the accompanying diagram that the Appeal work has been commenced in five of our conferences. We rejoice with North New Zealand in its wonderful attainment in getting through in three weeks, and that without the usual inspiration of a camp meeting (which had to be cancelled this time because of the epidemic), and with many other difficulties and set-backs. God has honoured their faithfulness, coupled with earnest effort, and almost before it was realised that they had begun, they are today rejoicing in a finished task.

It has brought both cheer and inspiration to witness, not only in North New Zealand but also in other conferences, the excellent spirit of willingness and earnestness which has been displayed by all — conference officials and workers, institutional managements and staffs, church leadership and people. Certain it is that thus "co-operation spells success."

We heartily congratulate South New South Wales, South New Zealand, Victoria, and North New South Wales on attaining at this early date a goodly proportion of their goal, in some cases almost half, others more than half. We believe that, with the Lord's continued blessing, they will soon be out.

There is every indication that Tasmania (which will be officially launching its Appeal as we go to press) will again have a short and successful campaign. South Australia has now commenced, and has good

prospects of a short and happy effort. We await reports from these fields with the keenest interest, also West Australia, which will be commencing at an early date. We pray God to bless them in their preparations for this work, and give them good success.

We rejoice particularly in the reports which reveal that already there are many evidences that, as a result of the contact of our faithful members who have gone out on the Appeal, there is a good deal of interest being awakened, and that our members themselves are, in turn, receiving a rich blessing.

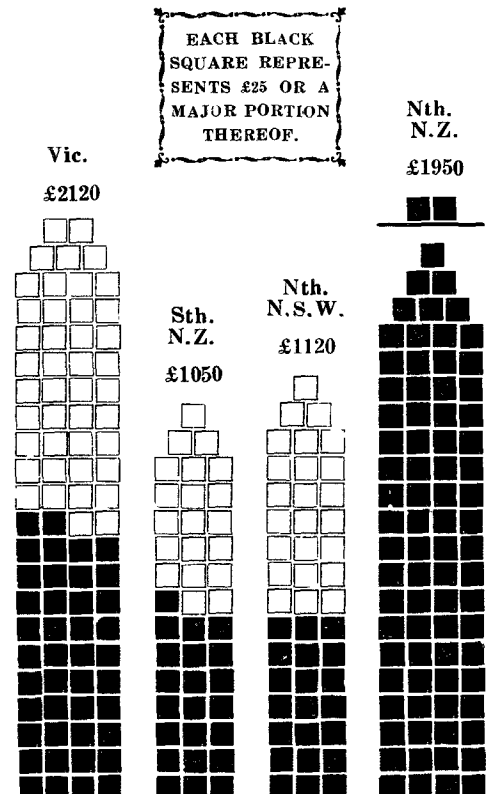
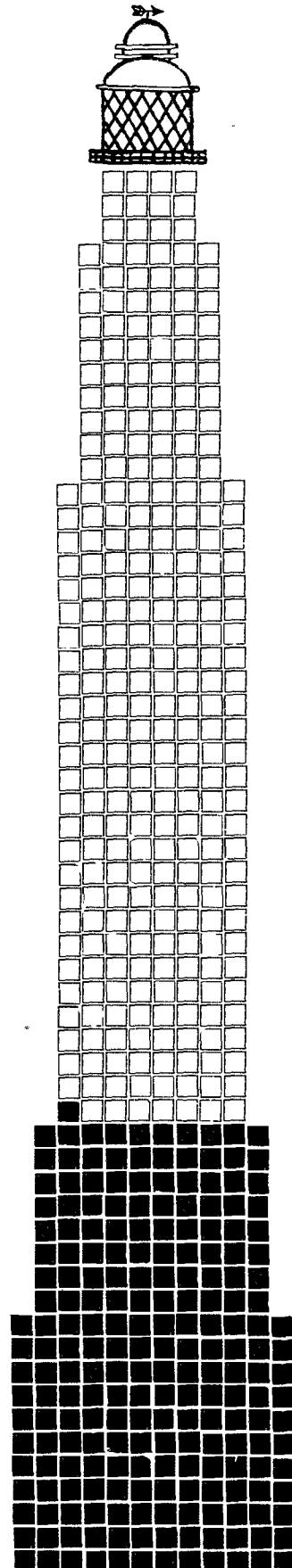
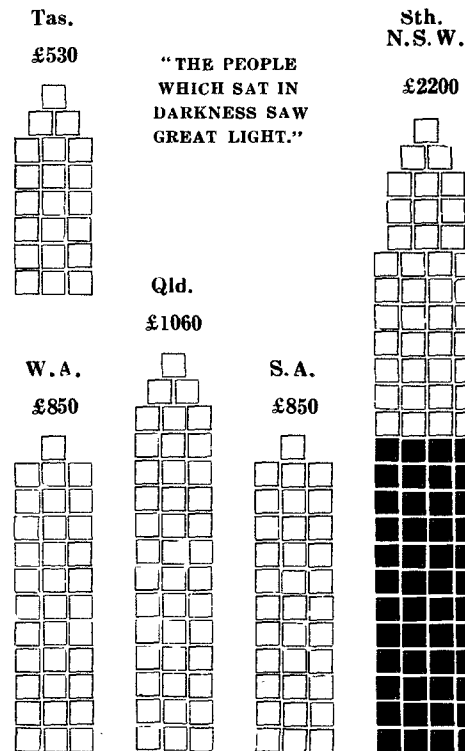
"Let us thank God, and take courage," and go forward to finish the work quickly. "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6.

S. V. STRATFORD,
A.U.C. Home Missions Sec.

Report to February 27

Aim	Offl. Wks.	Col-lected	
Nth. N.Z.	£1,950	3	103%
South N.S.W.	2,200	2	55%
South N.Z.	1,050	1	53%
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Brother H. M. Lashier and wife and child arrived in Sydney from U.S.A. by the "Monterey" on March 1. Brother Lashier will give good help in the Science Department at the Australasian Missionary College.

Pastor and Mrs. G. H. Engelbrecht and their three little girls sailed for the New Hebrides by the "Morinda" on March 4. Pastor Engelbrecht, the Superintendent of the New Hebrides Mission, is returning after furlough.

Brother Albert H. Rose, from the Union Conference office, has been appointed to the New Hebrides, to connect with the industries at Aore, the head station of the group. It is planned for Brother Rose to sail by the April trip of the "Morinda."

On the same boat, Brother Charles Tucker, who is in charge of the Aore Industries, will return to the mission field, accompanied by his bride.

Miss Monica Teague, recently a student at the N.Z. and A.M. Colleges, has been called to connect with the North New Zealand Conference as a Bible worker.

Miss Chrissie Walmsley has been invited to connect with the South New South Wales Conference as a junior teacher at the Marrickville church school.

Opening Exercises at Avondale

Representative of every State of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, and places even more remote, students, teachers, and friends gathered in the college chapel on the evening of Wednesday, March 3, for the opening of the college year.

Pastor C. S. Palmer, in extending a welcome to every one present, said that the occasion was notable in that it marked a record enrolment for opening exercises at Avondale, 305 students having been accepted.

He was pleased to welcome them — some who had been present throughout the vacation period, keeping the wheels turning; students of previous years who would shortly complete their courses and enter into a wider field of service; new members of the college family, amounting to one-third of the total number, about to enter upon their academical careers. Members of the faculty and college staff also were welcomed, including the new members,

Sister Grolimund (preceptress and nurse), Sister Stirling (matron) and Brother Lashier (science and mathematics), who with his wife and little daughter have arrived recently from U.S.A.

It was regrettable, Pastor Palmer continued, that upon such an occasion one familiar face at Avondale should be missing. Brother Schowe, recovering from a severe illness, was unable to be with them for the evening. After the singing of the hymn, "Standing at the Portal," Pastor Kranz led the gathering in prayer, asking God's blessing upon the work of the coming year.

A pianoforte selection was rendered by Brother Johnson, following which Pastor Rosendahl read from the Scriptures, selecting Isaiah, the sixth chapter. We were then favoured with a vocal solo by Brother More.

Pastor Stratford, in addressing the students, said that it was always an inspiration for him to come to Avondale, to see so many young men and women assembled to prepare for service.

The world today is looking for some one to lead it out of its difficulties. He believed that Seventh-day Adventists held the secret for which the world sought, the way to the peace for which it longed. If the young men and women who had come to Avondale this year would catch a vision of the world's needs, the results would be seen in their work. Men like Lincoln, Zinzendorf, Wesley, and Knox accomplished great things, having caught a vision of some great need. Surely we, today, should have our hearts stirred by the thought of humanity in darkness, drifting rapidly towards destruction.

Following the rendering of a quartette and the singing of a hymn, the service was brought to a close when Brother Large pronounced the benediction.

On Thursday morning the first chapel exercise was conducted. Brother R. H. Adair and Pastor J. W. Kent delivered short addresses. Brother Adair stressed the fact that if we are to engage in God's work, it is our own responsibility to endeavour to do the best that is possible in the field upon which we enter. Pastor Kent exhorted students to place God first in all things, not wasting a moment of time in whatever is undertaken.

In the evening a reception was held for students and teachers, and their wives and families. Pastor Palmer introduced the members of the faculty to the students, and the students in turn, banded under their State president, were presented. A profitable and enjoyable hour of various items concluded the reception.

H. B. JONES.

Sydney Sanitarium Notes

Many interesting and interested people have sojourned at the Sanitarium, and have gone away impressed by the advantages afforded by the institution. The dietotherapy (treatment by diet) department plays a large part in creating an interest.

Recently one of Sydney's Crown Prosecutors was a patient, and was particularly interested in the Sanitarium diet. The substitutes for meat dishes pleased him greatly. In conversation with one of the diet nurses he said he could see the reasonableness of choosing the best for the needs of the body. Just prior to coming to the Sani-

tarium, when his heart began to show signs of weakening, his son, who is a doctor, advised him to give up tobacco and alcoholic beverages, both of which he had used in moderation. He said he wanted to live, so decided to quit them at once, and had not touched either for more than a month. The conversation drifted on to current world topics, and he expressed the conviction that events taking place were leading up to the final crisis.

Clergymen of various denominations enjoy what the Sanitarium has to offer. A recent patient was Rev. T. E. Ruth, minister of the Pitt Street Congregational church, Sydney, and a well known writer. Some of our ministerial patients regularly attend morning worship in the drawing room and the divine service on Sunday evenings.

Among the patients who come to us are authors, journalists, Jewish rabbis, hotel managers, members of Parliament, school teachers and University professors, titled ladies, doctors and dentists, matrons and nurses, farmers and plantation owners, in fact, people from all walks of life, each seeking the priceless boon of health.

From the top of Australia, the extreme north of Cape York Peninsula, a man came to Sydney in quest of health. He spent large sums of money, only to be disappointed until he heard of the Sanitarium, and he came wondering if it was possible to find help here. Soon his condition greatly improved, and he is returning to his home in the far north an enthusiastic advocate of Sanitarium diet and treatment.

The health lectures in the drawing room are well attended, and keen interest is displayed by the questions asked, and by the purchase of cookery books. Besides buying books some have subscribed for "Health" and also for the "Signs of the Times."

It is amazing how quickly, in many cases, excellent results follow the adoption of a correct diet. For instance, one lady who had been troubled with indigestion for years, was overjoyed by the change in her condition within a few days. Another patient who had had surgical operations on his stomach and had suffered for a number of years, soon received complete relief and was able to resume his regular employment. We could mention other striking cases that have quickly responded to the adoption of a suitable diet.

The question is oftentimes asked, "What diets do you use at the Sanitarium?" Each person must be treated individually, but some general principles are observed in each type of disorder. The following are examples of these:

Low calorie diet for overweight.

Blood-building diet for anaemia.

Blood-building, high vitamin, and nourishing for rheumatoid arthritis and underweight.

Low cholesterol, low purin, moderate protein, non-fermentive, and alkalising diet for kidney disorders and high-blood pressure.

High vitamin, high fruit-sugar, and non-gas-producing diet for weak hearts.

Non-roughage, non-stimulating, and soothing diet for gastro-intestinal disorders.

Anallergic diet for asthma, hives,

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