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Another Storm Is Coming

BY the word of God . . . the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." Another storm is coming. The earth will again be swept by the desolating wrath of God, and sin and sinners will be destroyed.

The sins that called for vengeance upon the antediluvian world, exist today. The fear of God is banished from the hearts of men, and His law is treated with indifference and contempt. The intense worldliness of that generation is equalled by that of the generation now living. Said Christ, "As in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." God did not condemn the antediluvians for eating and drinking; He had given them the fruits of the earth in great abundance to supply their physical wants. Their sin consisted in taking these gifts without gratitude to the Giver, and debasing themselves by indulging appetite without restraint. It was lawful for them to marry. Marriage was in God's order; it was one of the first institutions which He established. He gave special directions concerning this ordinance, clothing it with sanctity and beauty; but these directions were forgotten, and marriage was perverted, and made to minister to passion.

A similar condition of things exists now. That which is lawful in itself is carried to excess. Appetite is indulged without restraint. Professed followers of Christ are today eating and drinking with the drunken, while their names stand in honoured church records. Intemperance benumbs the moral and spiritual powers, and prepares the way for indulgence of the lower passions. Multitudes feel under no moral obligation to curb their sensual desires, and they become the slaves of lust. Men are living for the pleasures of sense; for this world and this life alone. Extravagance pervades all circles of society. Integrity is sacrificed for luxury and

display. They that make haste to be rich pervert justice, and oppress the poor; and "slaves and souls of men" are still bought and sold. Fraud and bribery and theft stalk unrebuked in high places and in low. The issues of the press teem with records of murder,—crimes so cold-blooded and causeless that it seems as though every instinct of humanity were blotted out. And these atrocities have become of so common occurrence that they hardly elicit a comment or awaken surprise. The spirit of anarchy is permeating all nations, and the outbreaks that from time to time excite the horror of the world are but indications of the pent-up fires of passion and lawlessness that, having once escaped control, will fill the earth with woe and desolation. The picture which inspiration has given of the antediluvian world, represents too truly the condition to which modern society is fast hastening. Even now, . . . in professedly Christian lands, there are crimes daily perpetrated, as black and terrible as those for which the old-world sinners were destroyed.

Before the flood, God sent Noah to warn the world, that the people might be led to repentance and thus escape the threatening destruction. As the time of Christ's second appearing draws near, the Lord sends His servants with a warning to the world to prepare for that great event. Multitudes have been living in transgression of God's law, and now He in mercy calls them to obey its sacred precepts. . . .

As the time of their probation was closing, the antediluvians gave themselves up to exciting amusements and festivities. Those who possessed influence and power were bent on keeping the minds of the people engrossed with mirth and pleasure, lest any should be impressed by the last solemn warning. Do we not see the same repeated in our day? While God's servants are giving the message that the end of all things is at hand, the world is absorbed in amusements and pleasure-seeking. There is a constant round of excitement that causes indifference to God, and prevents the people from being impressed by the truths which alone can save them from the coming destruction.

ELLEN G. WHITE.
—In "Patriarchs and Prophets."



School on Bougainville

I THOUGHT you would like to hear of the opening of our school this year. Last year we had an enrolment of twenty-two, but before the school closed we had let eight of our scholars go. It was not that they had finished, for they had really only just begun, but because the call for teachers is so pressing we had to send them out with the little knowledge that they had. So far they have done reasonably well. Three of them are only children, but they call the people together for morning and evening worship, and give little talks on Sabbaths. During the week they hold school to the best of their ability, and it is wonderful how they can keep the attention as they do.

When school closed in December we were wondering what the attendance would be for the new year. The people here do not have much burden to learn, and we were expecting that the school would be small. Most of them said they were not finished with their feasts. So we left it with the Lord, asking Him to impress some older people to come to school. The field is in urgent need of workers. We have to try to use local boys, as the Solomon Island boys may have to return shortly.

Our opening day for school was January 7. Most of the former students had gone to their homes for a short visit, and we had some fears whether all would return. As Pastor R. H. Tutty was visiting other districts several of the boys accompanied him, so we had a very small opening for the first week, there being only eight in attendance. But the news reached us that some were on the way, so we kept up our courage. During the next week, fifteen came and asked to enter school, nine men and five young women. How pleased we were!

We are pleased to have an older class than last year. We could hardly do a big job last year, because we had only children. Now some married people have come to school. We wondered how we should feed them all, but we stepped out in faith, knowing that if the people have a mind to work it can be done, and that in a very few months, working hard, there would be more than enough food for them.

We put the position before them. We welcomed them to school, but told them that they must work hard to get their gardens producing, as there was not enough food on the mission to last all the time. They accepted the position. One man and an elderly woman are on the waiting list to come when there is more food. They said they would bring roots to plant when the others had the ground ready.

We now have a school of twenty-six. It does our hearts good to have such a fine class with which to work. And better still, they all have a desire to learn and become workers for God. It is just what we have been praying for. For a long time it has been a hard battle to get young

people with interest and a burden to do something for the Master.

Perhaps you would like to know our daily programme in school. We begin with worship at 6 a.m., taking up the Morning Watch verse and the Sabbath school lesson. We have these on printed pages in the native language. Many of the students cannot read well, but we hope to have them reading before long.

After worship and roll call, we have lessons till 9 a.m. Then they have an hour to themselves. At 10 a.m. the work bell rings, and all have to put in three hours working on the mission, cleaning up the place, gardening, or building. There are buildings to put up all the time, as the native material does not last long out here. In the afternoon they work on their own gardens as long as they choose. The worship bell rings again at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. they have a study period. They enjoy this hour, as it gives them time to think of the lessons they had in school during the day. Many of them look up the Morning Watch verse for the next day. I often wish they had brighter minds. It is hard for them to memorize. This makes it difficult to teach them, but by the grace of God it will be done. We are pleased to try. The Lord knows their hearts.

We have no retiring bell, as they go to sleep very quickly here.

You will rejoice with us when we say that twelve have asked for baptism. We have a baptismal class twice a week. We had to give some very straight counsel to these young people, for in their own villages they have not known the true principles of life. So right at the first we told them what we expect of them. When asked if they had finished with their former life, all stood in testimony to the fact. We praise God for His power to change men. Dear brethren and sisters, pray for these young people that they may stand firm to their vows, and also that they may learn quickly and become workers in this part of the vineyard. Truly the harvest is ripe, but where are the reapers? We have calls from all over the field, and need men to fill them.

D. H. GRAY.

Experiences on Ambrym, New Hebrides

IT is time a note came from Ambrym way. Experiences crowd in from day to day, but the contacts which are made with those who are seeking for the lighted way cause us most of all to feel grateful.

At the close of the year a little time was taken to visit our people in their respective villages, and to conduct a baptismal service.

On part of the trip it was necessary to use a canoe. Incidentally the lashings of the outrigger came adrift,—a very common malady in our shipping life,—and we were abruptly tipped into the sea. After manœuvring the parts of the boat over the reef and on in to shore, it was found that hat and shoes were missing. The loss of a hat is serious, but fortunately one of the boys was carrying a parcel to a trader in which there happened to be a hat, which was borrowed and used for the remainder of the trip.

At Baiap our folks are all of good courage. The membership is steadily increasing. It is good to see a number of

new families settling on the mission, which is fast growing into a nice little township with straight, coral-lined paths.

Baiap's Good Record

Our Sabbath school officers at Baiap have been energetic. With a membership of well over seventy, they succeeded in reporting a perfect record for daily study and attendance for an entire quarter. In offerings also they have not become discouraged, because of lack of coconuts, due to recent hurricanes. Leaves are plaited ready for house building, and brought in for Sabbath school offerings. Any one contemplating building a new house can then purchase the plaited leaf and so help the offering.

It was very impressive to see the candidates from Emiotengan and from Baiap standing in line, awaiting the experience which brings them into closer fellowship with their Saviour. The sea was troubled, and a strong swell caused them to fight hard for their stand,—indicative perhaps of the battle necessary in maintaining the Christian life.

A brief visit to the island of Pama was also made, where in spite of opposition a genuine interest is still apparent. In a few weeks definite action will be taken to establish a teacher on this island.

Our young people are enthusiastic about the doctrinal text examinations, and are very proud to win a card with the 100 per cent marks given.

D. A. FERRIS.

Colporteur Work

A Colporteur for a Few Months

JUST six months in the colporteur work! What has been accomplished? Was it worth while?

Several hundred visits to homes, with many earnest conversations and a few Bible studies; some visits to sick folk, when the Word of God was read and prayer offered; words of courage and sympathy spoken to sorely tried and bereaved ones; some very pleasant associations and a few meetings conducted in the little church where those of like precious faith meet from week to week; a number of sets of "Bible Pictures and Stories" left in homes to give some knowledge of God's Word,—such might be a brief summary of the actual work done.

How many times was the heart saddened by the abundance of sickness, of both soul and body, and by the awfulness of the hand of death as it laid some loved one low. At least three times was sympathy extended to parents who had just lost their only child, and at the same time the promises of God were read, which must bring comfort and courage to those who mourn—as they had verily done to the lone colporteur himself. And what happiness such effort for others brought to the worker as he endeavoured to point stricken ones to the loving Saviour. Difficulties encountered were little thought of in comparison with blessings received.

Many thanks and praise to God are due for His watchcare and deliverance from

dangers, for guidance, and provision of a home with a family of our own dear people. The patient help of our leader, Brother Young, was also much appreciated.

As I leave the colporteur work to again take up teaching, it is with a prayer that God will richly bless those who have been visited, that seed sown may not be snatched away by the evil one, but that in some way God will preserve it, water it, and cause it to bring forth fruit to His glory. My heart goes out to the many hungering ones who long for soul satisfaction. It is surprising how many may be found all about us. Dissatisfied with their experience in connection with the churches, they yet know not the truth that would be to them as "a well of water" within to satisfy their thirst. May God richly bless also my brother colporteurs as they pursue their calling in the field, as well as the loyal lay members who stand by the pioneer worker.

Probably the most definite results of my work were seen in the experience of a young brother who recently wrote me a letter, portion of which I shall share with you. This brother, with his wife and two little children, had at one time begun to keep the Sabbath, but through many difficulties and doubts, had with heavy heart walked "afar off," only to be followed by the Father's repeated calls to come into line with His remnant people. While I was still with them Mrs. B. renewed association with God's people, and the children were very happy in studying their Sabbath school lessons and talking of their new life as "Jesus' children." All took a keen interest in efforts for the husband and father, despite the fact that he would lose his position if he kept the Sabbath. He himself could see his duty, but thought he would see the children starving. Shortly after, he was able to tell how he had kept his first Sabbath and met with our people. He says:

"There is no doubt at all that our Father in heaven answers prayer and stands by us. Here is an instance in my own case. All last Friday I was working away and wondering how I could bring myself to ask for the Sabbath off." (This was on a new job.) "That afternoon the boss came down to the orchard and told us we could have Saturday off and come to work Sunday. Well, brother, I could hardly believe my ears. Then it dawned on me very forcibly that God had stepped in and arranged it Himself. So last Saturday was my second Sabbath I have kept.

"I have a job to start tomorrow, . . . and after that five or six weeks' fruit picking. So God does care for those who look to Him. I am happy in this truth, brother, and my wife—well, you can imagine for yourself how delighted she is. . . . We will always thank God for using you in bringing us back into the Seventh-day Adventist truth.

"We wish you every success in your new position, so far away, but our prayers for each other span the distances and bring us close together in Jesus Christ."

Surely the work done in the colporteur field was worth while, and we know not the far-reaching influence of seed sown and lost to our view. May God grant many sheaves by and by to those who now go forth "hearing the seed basket."

F. P. WARD.

Experience of a Student Colporteur

THE following paragraphs from a letter from a student colporteur were forwarded to us by Brother G. Weslake, Field Missionary Secretary for North New Zealand:

"I am very pleased that under God's guidance I was enabled to place two orders this week in Roman Catholic homes, and I am hoping to place more.

"One man upon whom I called was very fierce looking, and did not greet me at the door very pleasantly. I told him that I was a student from the New Zealand Missionary College, and that we were starting a campaign in this district in the interest of the young people and children. He told me to clear out, that he had had enough of 'kids,' and that I was wasting his time and my own. I told him that the book I had, 'Bible Pictures and Stories,' would settle all the trouble with the children. He jeered at me, and said he would give me one minute, and pulled out his watch.

"I started with the first volume, and followed with the last, then he said, 'Time is up.' I still went on—to the second and the third. When I had finished he told me to come inside. I thought, 'That's the broomstick for me,' but to my surprise he said, 'Where does a fellow sign his name?' gave me £1 deposit, and told me to deliver the books myself on the 23rd, as he would like to see me again before I left the district."

Pass None By

"SEVEN miles on you'll see a station close to the road. Don't go there. There's only a bachelor at that place."

"Don't go there! Well, it's a long way on to the next place. I'll go and risk it." With a prayer for guidance, knowing that his was a sacred work, he went. The book was, "Home Nursing and Ailments of Children. A Handbook for Mothers." But it contained the "right-arm" accompaniment to the third angel's message.

"Yes, a book like that would be very handy. I'll take one, and pay you when you call to deliver."

The colporteur pressed on to the small town ahead. There he met the mother of a large and growing family.

"Will you give me a call when you're here delivering? I'd like to promise, but cannot see my way clear."

Three weeks later, the canvasser stood at the door. The much-coveted book was handled with regret—they could not buy. "I'll take a 'Bedtime Stories' for the children, though," said the woman; "and you leave me your address."

Four hours later the bachelor received his book. "Did you sell any in —?" was the question. "Oh, yes, one to —, and another to —, and Mrs. — would have liked one, but could not afford it. I left her my name and address."

"Well, she's my sister. I bought the book for her. I think it's a very good book, and will read some of it before I part with it."

Thus was another family reached with the blessed message of health.

STANLEY H. WOOD.

NORTH QUEENSLAND MISSION

SUPERINTENDENT: R. A. THRIFT
SECRETARY: A. E. MAGNUSSON

Baptism at Mackay

"THERE is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth;" so to the hearts of God's children comes great joy when souls rescued from the prison house of sin witness to the step they have taken by being buried with their Lord in baptism.

It has been the happy privilege of Mackay believers to be present on several such occasions, and therefore it was with pleasant anticipation we looked forward to the baptism which had been planned for Sabbath afternoon, February 10. As the weather had been very uncertain for some time, many prayers ascended to our heavenly Father for a fine day, and these prayers were answered. The usual services were held in the morning, and early in the afternoon cars, lorries, and bicycles conveyed believers and friends to a beautiful spot on the bank of the Pioneer River a few miles from town.

After the company, comprising approximately 200 souls, were seated under the shady trees, we sang the sweet songs of Zion and listened again to the old story, ever new and beautiful. Some were present, maybe, to whom the truths explained were entirely new; but as our beloved pastor, Brother T. R. Kent, earnestly and lucidly explained the deep and solemn significance of the ordinance soon to be celebrated, the truth sank into hearts, and we trust will result in others later taking their stand for God.

Naaman could see absolutely no reason why such a river as Jordan should be chosen for him to wash in when there were clearer rivers; but he believed, obeyed, and was made whole. Nicodemus could not solve the mystery of the second birth; but, "Ye must be born of water and the Spirit," Christ said, and wonderful is the result brought about through faith in the operation of God. "Baptised into Jesus Christ;" "baptised into His death;" "buried with Him, risen with Him;" "old man crucified with Him,"—what a wealth of meaning in it all!

"After baptism," the speaker said, "great joy will fill the heart, but temptations will come. Keep the 'old man' on the cross, and let the sweet influences of the Spirit provoke to love and forbearance."

After the candidates had been questioned concerning their relationship to the principles of the message, the church elder led in the singing of a hymn, and soon all proceeded to the place chosen for the baptism. Surely there was joy in heaven as twelve precious souls signified their intention of living the new life. Of these, eight were coloured representatives of the South Seas. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," said Jesus, and we praise Him for the quick work He is doing in gathering out a people for Himself.

MARGARET H. WILLIAMS.

A MAN may live in dreams and yet he unprepared for their realisation.—R. L. Stevenson.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 1933

SCHOOLS	MEMBER-SHIP	AV'GE ATT'ND.	PERFECT RECORD	THIRTEENTH SAB. OFF.	TOTAL OFFERINGS	W'ELY AV. PER CH'RGH MEMBER	
South N. Z.	15*	767*	729*	288*	£122 4 5*	£299 12 4*	8 66 1*
North Qld.	11	325	284	63*	29 4 8	89 19 11	7.98d
North N. S. W.	43*	2085	1900	612	171 3 0	611 3 0	7.84d
Victoria	66	2931*	2526*	703*	253 12 11*	696 11 3*	7.51d*
West Aust.	38	1464	1412*	314*	97 15 3*	350 8 2*	6.72d*
South N. S. W.	58*	3102	2652	801*	191 0 10	746 8 8*	6.63d*
Tasmania	16	688	574	185*	22 13 1	109 10 7	5.25d
South Aust.	32	1110*	1010	361	61 16 7	230 4 0	5 18d
North N. Z.	46	1621	1520	432	72 8 8	364 3 0	4.98d
Queensland	17	1277	1111*	395	83 18 8	268 10 3	4.96d
Missions	261*	9980*	8432*	3150*	132 1 0*	373 6 8*	3.09d*
TOTALS	603*	25350*	21859*	7304*	£1237 19 1	£4139 17 10*	†6.57d*

*Denotes an increase over the previous quarter.

†The total average does not include the mission field.

KNOWING that all have an interest in the Sabbath school because of the important part it plays in the hiding up of lives for the kingdom, we are happy to pass on to you the report for last quarter. It is good to stop a moment and consider what God has done, and we do feel grateful to the Lord for His continued blessing on the work of this department.

Last quarter ten more Sabbath schools were organised, bringing the number up to 603. The gain in membership was 256, making a total of 25,350. Somewhere in the home field, 965 church members were missing from the Sabbath school roll. It is good to know that the goal, "Every church member in the Sabbath school," has been reached by 142 schools in the home field. The Victorian Conference has the best record in this respect, for out of 66 schools 55 have reached the goal. South New South Wales comes second, having 33 schools out of 58 with no missing church members.

In the home field last quarter 277 Sabbath school members were baptised.

In three conferences and the mission field the offerings reveal an increase. Besides giving £1000 to the New Hebrides on the Thirteenth Sabbath, £237 19s. 1d. was the overflow offering for the support of native workers. Comparing the total offering for the quarter, £4,139 17s. 10d., with that of the previous one, there is a decrease of £259.

Over 1200 New Members

This quarter is one of special interest as it closes another year's record. During last year 1230 more members were added to the Sabbath school. Of this number 516 were enrolled in the home field, and 764 in the mission field.

The Sabbath schools gave £17,140 during last year. This is £782 more than was given the previous year. This just proves how the Investment Plan has come to our aid at such a needy time, for as a direct result of the efforts put forth £915 5s. was added to the Sabbath school offerings for mission work last year. Where would we

be without such a plan! We rejoice in the fact that it has come to stay, and know that it reacts in added blessing to those who have a part in it. You will be interested in this table:

Investment Totals for Year 1933

South N.S.W.	£158 6 3
North N.S.W.	136 19 9
Victoria	116 1 10
Queensland	112 12 9
South N.Z.	105 7 10
North N.Z.	102 14 5
West Aust.	63 11 0
N. Queensland	37 1 11
South Aust.	36 10 6
Tasmania	24 6 2
Missions	21 12 7
Total	£915 5 0

The centre of all Sabbath school work is the study of the Word of God, so it is good to see that 434 more members had a perfect record than for the December quarter one year ago.

Sabbath school members one and all, the end is drawing near, and the Lord is certainly coming soon. We believe it, but does it govern our actions? If it does, it will bring new life into our schools, into our lives individually, and we will reach out to help others who are not gaining the blessings from the systematic study of the Word of God through the "church at study."

HELENA K LEWIN,
Union Conf. Sabbath School Sec.

Thank You!

SISTER L. F. PLUMMER, General Conference Sabbath School Secretary writes: "I do greatly appreciate Australasia's faithfulness, in getting the reports to us. They are so complete and regular. Sometimes we get so near the time when we must use the summary that we wonder whether your report will get here, but it always does, and we rejoice that Australasia can

be fully represented in our summaries. I am just as proud as I can be of the local secretaries in your field who have made this splendid result possible. Three cheers for Australasia! I wish I could somehow pass on my appreciation of the fine record to your people. If you have opportunity, extend my greetings to them for their faithfulness. All the people have helped, and the credit is due them for it."

Our Help to Papua

(In view of the call to give our Thirteenth Sabbath offering to Papua on March 31, this poem was composed by Mrs. Sydney Patrick, the superintendent of the Epping Sabbath school, N.S.W.)

This gospel of the kingdom
Must ring through every land.
Now heaven's flying angel
Broods over every strand.
In distant, dark Papua,
With myriads steeped in sin,
The trail has been blazed for us
To send the gospel in.

A land of tropic beauty
Is fair New Guinea's isle,
"Where every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile."
Upon her mountain ranges,
Her delta, rivers, sea,
Must echo Christ's returning,
With songs of victory.

Dark Africa was lightened
Through Livingstone the brave;
In China, Hudson Taylor
Went forth lost souls to save;
In India Carey laboured;
So opens every door,
But we, while time still lingers,
Must give the isles His law.

O isle of wondrous beauty,
Fair gem in sapphire seas,
We come with joyful tidings,
Christ died for such as these.
Papua's sons and daughters
Shall kneel before His throne,
And cast aside their idols,
To worship Him alone.

O Saviour, when are gathered
From nation, kindred, tongue,
The jewels for Thy kingdom,
Then may this song be sung:
"Thy people they were willing,
Thy coming undelayed.
Papua's call was answered:
They gave, they sent, they prayed."
QUEENIE PATRICK.

Special Notice

Re Sabbath School Lessons in "Our Little Friend"

IN the April 13 issue of *Our Little Friend* the publishers are printing three lessons for the kindergarten and primary divisions instead of the usual two. This is to make it possible for children in conferences farthest from the publishing house and in island mission Sabbath schools to receive their copies in good time for the study of the Sabbath school lessons every week from then on. In view of the fact that the April 13 issue will contain three lessons, we suggest that special care be taken to preserve that issue for the three weeks at least.

To enable all Sabbath schools in the

homeland to come into line in regard to this, it is very important that Sabbath school officers and teachers make special note of the fact that the issue dated April 13 is to be distributed in Sabbath schools on Sabbath, April 7. Then allow three weeks to elapse before the next issue, dated April 27, is given out. This paper should be placed in the children's hands on Sabbath, April 28. From then on the distribution will be every fortnight, as usual.

SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: R. E. HARE
SECRETARY: W. H. HOPKIN

Forty-One Years Ago

ON Sabbath, February 10, a very pleasant day was spent with the church at Kellyville. It was the forty-first anniversary of the opening up of the work in that district, and many of the old friends gathered for the occasion.

At 10 a.m. the Sabbath school opened with a record attendance, the church being filled. The singing was good, the review interesting, and the lesson was rich in thought. The secretary gave a report dealing with the organisation of the Sabbath school, which read: "In looking back over the years that have passed, many changes are seen. In 1893 our Sabbath school was organised, but reports to hand take us back only to 1898. At that time the school had a membership of forty-five. But during intervening years the membership sometimes stood at only ten, the James families being the only names on the roll. This was caused by other families moving from the district. In consequence the church was sometimes designated the 'James Church.' But others have united, and the roll number now stands at twenty-nine, with twenty-six present and studying the lessons daily. We have the satisfaction of knowing that some who were once children in our Sabbath school have since rendered valuable service in the organised work in both home and foreign fields. The president of our conference had his name first listed on our Sabbath school roll!"

The young people's meeting followed, when Pastor Hare spoke on "God's Living Temple." In an interesting study some of the wonders of the human body were set forth as revealing the wonderful works of God.

The afternoon service was planned for the Memorial Hall, and at 2.30 a large gathering filled the building. A number of friends from surrounding districts attended. When it was asked how many of the present congregation were in attendance at the opening of the church forty-one years ago, thirteen responded.

Brother H. James, church elder, gave an interesting picture of the early work in Kellyville. He said: "The tent was erected at Kellyville on Feb. 7, 1893, just opposite the public school. Meetings commenced on Friday evening, February 10, with a congregation of twenty-six. The meetings continued with an increasing interest and attendance for about two months, when it became evident that a building would be required for future meetings.

"A piece of land, 40 by 80 feet, was given by the Firth Brothers, and donations were solicited from people in the district, with a good response. Building operations commenced May 26, and in three weeks the first service was held in the church. The dedication took place on June 24, and on July 14 organisation followed, when nineteen were called into church fellowship. On December 9 others were baptised, giving twenty-nine members and a church building for ten months' effort in the district.

"In the work in Kellyville Pastor Robert Hare took a leading part, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that weekly services have been conducted in that little church on the hill ever since.

"Both in our church meetings and in the Sabbath school, which has indeed been the church at study, we can recall many precious occasions. A number of our early members enjoyed years of faithful service, but have now passed to their rest in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life. Some have removed to other localities, there to hold aloft the banner of truth, while some are doing valuable service beyond the sea. Some of our charter members are present with us today. To God be the glory."

In the discourse that followed, Pastor Hare told how all God's great trees grow from little seeds. Forty-one years ago adherents of the message numbered but 29,000, while now the world membership stands at more than 363,000. Feeling reference was made to some of the early helpers; Brother F. Martin, Brother Radley, and others who had fallen asleep.

The conference president, Pastor R. E. Hare, referred to the growth of the work in New South Wales during the forty-one years since the Kellyville church, the second built in Australia, was organised. There are now two organised conferences in New South Wales; the number of churches in the southern division alone has grown to thirty-six, while the membership now stands at more than 2,376. Sabbath schools number 58, with a membership of 3,102 for the South N.S.W. Conference. During the last three years 600 had been baptised in the southern division.

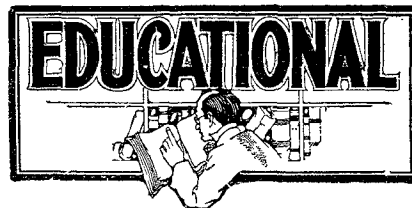
Interesting remarks were then made by Pastor J. W. Kent, who spoke encouragingly of the work still being carried on in the district. Brother J. Radley told of the expansion of the work since his boyhood days, while Brother McGowan recalled interesting circumstances of pioneer times.

Altogether it was a good day. We mingled in church fellowship, sang the songs of Zion, listened to the message, and took courage. The singing was very hearty and enjoyable. A solo was given by one of the young men in Sabbath school, and a duet was sung in the church service in the afternoon.

May the Lord bless in the work in Kellyville district. It is very encouraging to find so many loyal hearts still holding up the light. The overshadowing of the years has not caused its brightness to grow dim.

R. HARE.

ONE tiny seed of infidelity sown by a teacher in the heart of a student may spring up and bring forth a harvest of unbelief.—*Counsels*, p. 390.



A. M. College

ANOTHER Sabbath day—the third of the college year—and how we welcome its hours of quiet and rest from work and study! We were very glad to have a visit from our Union Conference President, Pastor Turner, who spent the weekend, March 2 and 3, with us, giving the students new zeal for a spiritual revival by his address on Friday evening.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people." "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." Isa. 11:11; 29:18, 19. In illustration of the application of his text, Pastor Turner quoted a depressing statement by a Methodist missionary leader which pointed out the perplexity facing his mission board; how mission efforts are failing; churches emptying; sometimes ministers and missionaries leaving their work for secular callings. Christianity in some centres seems to have failed. This is not God's plan for His people. As in the days of literal Israel, so God is today reaching out a second time to gather His children. He has called out a people with a particular message for the world today, which, when accepted and followed, brings a new experience and a new life to men.

God looks to this people to assist Him in gathering in His remnant; consequently we must have definite power. It is not sufficient for us merely to keep the Sabbath. It is not sufficient for us to have our names upon the church roll, nor to call ourselves Seventh-day Adventists. The only power that will give victory over sin is the power of Christ in the life, demonstrated in all phases of daily living. How can we succeed where others have failed?—Only by the power of Christ.

The speaker read a striking editorial from the *American Mercury*, a secular paper, which comments strongly upon the silence of the theological leaders regarding the present world calamities, and points out that there is one exception: "The Seventh-day Adventist brethren alone among the divines of the country have something to say officially about the depression," and their "argument is completely unanswerable." A statement of our position regarding the end of the world follows, and the counsel of the writer shows that there are men of the world who are thinking hard today, and clearing their shelves of paltry literature and works of untruth.

Instances were given where God's overruling providence is clearly demonstrating itself, and where His power is being witnessed in advancing the work in the world. Openings in Abyssinia, and more recent and most promising developments in Tibet were related, and proved to be most encouraging and cheering.

Ours is a message that changes men, and the world is watching its progress. In the last four years more have been baptised into the faith than in any eight years previously. God has set His hand to finish the work, and as part of His great plan we are here to train for His service. But before we can do this, we must give ourselves to Him to be moulded as He will.

Our lives should definitely lead to the power of God, the only power that amounts to anything; we must know day by day what it is to have a spiritual revival, and that in all earnestness. While here at college, we should give our hearts to God that He may dwell in us. Why are we here? Is it that we may take our place in the ranks of society—to hold our heads a little higher than those who are not so well off educationally? Or are we here to train for a definite place in God's work? In taking a course we should see that that course fits us individually for a part in furthering the gospel. Daily training in things pertaining to Him is vitally essential.

The hearts of all were deeply stirred, and in answer to the speaker's appeal that we give ourselves whole-heartedly to Him, the whole assembly rose to their feet in a body, and bowed their heads, as Pastor Kranz asked God's blessing to rest on us, and prayed that we might have power to go on and finish the work.

At the young people's meeting on Sabbath afternoon Pastor Turner told us of some experiences of our people in different parts of the field, where persecutions and misunderstandings are common. We may some day have to stand before rulers, and it is essential that by daily studying the Bible and deepening our understanding of the message, we may know how to answer any question that may be asked us concerning our belief.

ELIZABETH A. SMALL.

WEDDING BELLS

Bullas-Hannington.—On December 21, in the North Fitzroy church, Sister Adelaide Hannington was united with Harry William Bullas in the bonds of matrimony. The church was neatly decorated, and while the rays of the setting sun fell aslant the earth the young couple pledged their troth in the presence of many friends who had come to witness the ceremony. As Brother and Sister Bullas make Jesus first and best of all in their united lives, their home will be as a light set upon a hill which cannot be hid. To this end we pray the sweet benediction of Israel's God to be richly upon them.

L. F. WERE.

Robson-Horsfield.—On the afternoon of February 8 Robert Cleve Robson and Sister Alice Horsfield were united in holy wedlock. Interested friends had tastefully decorated the Barbadoes Street church, where the ceremony was solemnised. Both the bride and bridegroom were employees of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Brother Robson as an accountant and Sister Horsfield as assistant forewoman in the packing department. About one week following the marriage ceremony Brother and Sister Robson left Christchurch for Brisbane, Q. Their many relatives and

friends will follow with prayerful interest their career in Australia. May the God of heaven bless this union.

S. L. PATCHING.

Kermode-Huskisson.—The Edendale church in Auckland was prettily decorated on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Cecil Kermode, one of our faithful colporteurs, to Miss Elsie May Huskisson of Auckland. Miss Huskisson was on the staff of the Auckland Vegetarian Café, and was the recipient of useful presents from her many friends. On the occasion of the marriage this couple received hearty congratulations, and we believe their united lives will be blessed by Heaven as they continue in the soul-winning work of the literature ministry.

H. E. PIPER.

OBITUARY

Brittain.—On Thursday, March 1, Walter G. Brittain, of 282 Glenhunting Rd., Elsternwick, Melbourne, passed peacefully away. Brother Brittain had been for some time in business, and in the evenings he usually attended the mission operating in or near the locality. On his way to the mission pavilion where he was to sing that evening, when within a few hundred yards he was suddenly overtaken by heart seizure, and collapsed and died on the footpath before medical aid was forthcoming. His death came as a shock to all. His interest in the message and mission work was very keen. Bible studies were conducted in his own home with interested people. Whenever opportunity presented itself he upheld the message before the people. The second coming of Christ was a bright hope for him. In the presence of a large gathering we laid him to rest on the Sabbath afternoon in the Brighton cemetery, there to await the call of the Master, when we are confident he will come forth in the first resurrection. Pastor L. J. Imrie and Brother O. K. Anderson assisted the writer at the services, both in the home and at the graveside. To the sorrowing ones left to mourn their loss we extend our very sincere sympathy.

E. G. WHITTAKER.

Woolrich.—On February 26 at her residence in North Williamstown, Vic., Sister Charlotte Woolrich passed peacefully away at the ripe age of eighty-eight years. Sister Woolrich accepted the message in the early days when Pastors Daniells, Baker, and Israel preached the message at Williamstown some forty years ago. Her sons, Charles and Ernest, attend the Windsor and Thornbury churches. She was laid to rest in the Williamstown cemetery "until the day dawn." Brother O. K. Anderson assisted in the service. To the sorrowing loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

E. G. WHITTAKER.

Emerson.—Brother George C. Emerson, aged seventy-five years, beloved husband of Sister Margaret M. Emerson, of Barmah, Vic., passed into the land of silence on February 1. Brother Emerson accepted the message under the labours of Pastor Steed in the year 1913, and had lived a consistent Christian life before his neighbours and friends, who assembled in the Barmah cemetery to pay their tribute of respect to one whom they highly esteemed.

The writer had the privilege of making the acquaintance of some of our scattered and faithful members on the borders of Victoria. The loss of one of their number means much to them. Our sympathies go out to Sister Emerson and relatives and friends and the "little flock" in that district. Words of comfort and assurance were spoken by the writer in the home and at the graveside. Surely the Lord of the harvest who sees His faithful servants fall asleep will remember our sleeping brother when He comes to clothe the redeemed with immortal robes.

L. F. WERE.

Miles.—On February 27, Janet Miller Miles, at the age of seventy-six, fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Remuera, Auckland. A devoted and dearly loved mother, a faithful member of the Ponsonby church, a consistent Christian in every walk of life, is the record left by this child of God. Earnest consideration of the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists at the time of the Ellerslie camp meeting in 1917 led her to connect with the Adventist people, and she was loyal and true to the end. Sister Miles leaves two daughters and two sons, and to these and other relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy. The Waikumete Cemetery is her resting place for just a little while until the happy resurrection day.

H. E. PIPER.

Scheffler.—At the age of fifty-four years Edith Adelaide Scheffler of Christchurch, wife of Brother Frederick Scheffler, passed quietly to rest at the time of our annual camp meeting. Sister Scheffler accepted present truth under the labours of Pastor Farnsworth, and was therefore one of the first members in South New Zealand. The story is told how our sister, while still in her teens, pledged a goodly sum to help with the building of our first church (Barbadoes Street), and then went to work to earn the money. A sweet singer in her day, Sister Scheffler had been one of our choir members, and a regular attendant at our yearly camp meetings. As the funeral passed by the camp ground a large company stood at the gates to pay their last tribute to the memory of the deceased. In the presence of many friends and loved ones we laid her in the grave to await the call of the One she had served through the years, the great Life-giver.

D. SIBLEY.

"AM I a Christian when everything seems to go dead wrong and friends seem to misunderstand me?"

Employment Wanted.—By active healthy married couple, 58-60, Sabbath-keepers, employment as caretakers, either city buildings or country home. Both can milk, tend poultry, and fair experience flowers and vegetables. Victoria preferred. Apply A. A., C/o Victorian Conference, 8 Yarra St., Hawthorn, Vic.

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SEVENTEENTH APPEAL FOR MISSIONS-1934 UNION £11,650

Second Official Report

To March 3

	Goal	Weeks	Latest Report	Total	Per Cent of Goal Home Field
Sth. N.Z.	£1 000	2	£257	£863	86
West Aust.	600	5		497	83
Victoria	2 100	3	308	1 391	66
S.N.S.W.	2 100	1	1,103	1,103	52
N.N.S.W.	1,050	3	120	515	49
Nth. N.Z.	1,750	2	324	862	49
	£2,112		£5,231		48

conference is practically half way through in three weeks. March 17-24 is the week set apart for the A.M. College special effort. The enthusiastic bands of college students are responsible for £250.

North New Zealand, also with a 49-per-cent total for the second week, is doing well. Seven churches appear on their "Honour Roll" for the first week, and five others are half way through. We understand that the N.Z. Missionary College will soon be taking part in the Appeal, with an aim of £160. The "Happy Appeal" circular from New Zealand reached us this week, and we trust that it will indeed prove a happy Appeal both in the Dominion and throughout the Union Conference.

A.U.C. HOME MISSIONS DEPT.

NEARLY half of the home field goal has been attained already! It is good to see the columns rising so rapidly. The second official week's report of £2,112 brings our total to £5,231, or 48 per cent of the Union goal for the home field. How inspiring this is! Truly "well begun is half done." The total so far is 11 per cent higher than the amount received by the same conferences last year working for the same length of time.

As the West Australian camp meeting is now in session, we have no report this week from that conference. West Australia still lacks £103 of its goal, but we know that the task will be taken up with renewed courage after camp, and carried through to a successful conclusion. Nine churches in the West are "out," but some of these, not content with reaching their goals are working on to complete their territory, as a safeguard against any deficiency. In this way one church has eclipsed its goal by 30 per cent. This is the spirit that will help that conference to make a fresh start, and complete the effort quickly.

South New Zealand, with two week's work to its credit comes next on the list. This conference lacks only £137 of its goal, and hopes to gain the summit of Mount Victorious in the third week.

Victoria has the third highest percentage in three weeks. Two churches have reached their Mt. Victory, and the spirit with which they did this is carrying them on to greater heights of attainment. The first church through reports 100 per cent of the membership helping in the campaign. This always spells success.

We congratulate South New South Wales on its first week's report. Five churches are "out," and six others up to the half way mark. A new company surprised the Home Missions Secretary by the cheering news that they had reached their goal before he had sent them any cards or magazines. They procured supplies evidently from a sister church. They announce that they found the work a pleasure, and met many interested persons.

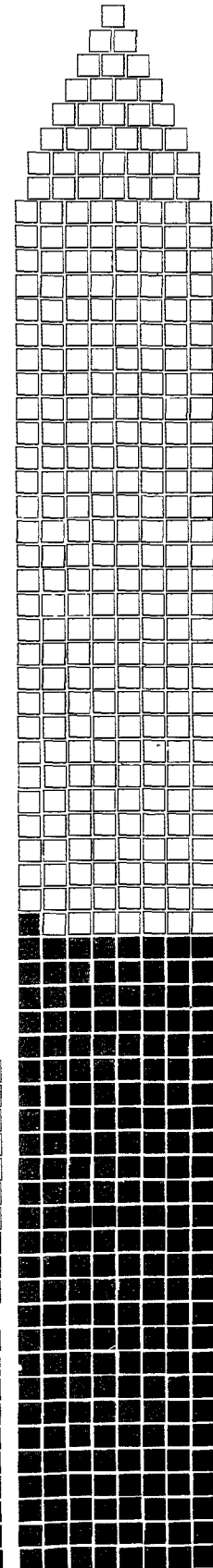
North New South Wales is steadily and surely climbing upward. This

Ingathering Round Mudgee

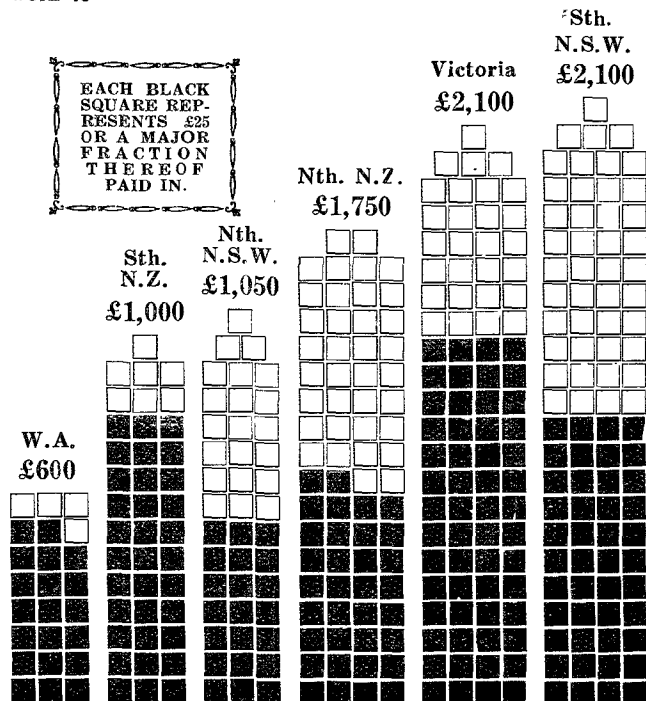
THREE successive years Mrs. Scragg and I have worked the district of Mudgee in the Appeal. Each year we gather more than the previous Appeal. This year Mrs. Scragg, working from house to house, collected nearly £10 in five days. A few months ago she nearly passed away down the valley of the shadows. How good God is to us that now after so short a space, she is able to work so energetically for the Master.

We are meeting with good success. On the lucerne plains of Mudgee a Roman Catholic went round with me and introduced me to his neighbours all one morning, and then took me home to dinner with his family. Near Cowra, a wealthy gentleman, who would never subscribe to us in the past, donated a pound and his sister ten shillings.

W. M. R. SCRAGG.



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RETURNING to India after a brief furlough with relatives in New Zealand, Miss Thyra Sandberg reached Sydney March 6, and sailed the following day by the *Mooltan* for the port of Bombay. Miss Sandberg has spent about ten years in India, in the medical and educational work.

PASTOR AND MRS. W. J. SMITH, who have been working in South Australia, sailed for Christchurch, N.Z., by the *Wanganella* which left Sydney on March 10. Pastor Smith goes to engage in pastoral work in the South New Zealand Conference. Miss Elma Bucknell and Brother Alan Bucknell were passengers by the same boat.

MISS H. K. LEWIN took her departure from Queensland on March 4, where she has laboured very successfully for the past five years as Sabbath School and M. V. Secretary, and arrived in Wahroonga the following day to take the leadership of the Union Conference Sabbath school work, laid down by our late Sister Hindson. Miss Lewin's report of this department will be found on another page.

THE sum of £49 5s. tithe from an anonymous sender was received safely at the North New Zealand Conference office, and has been placed in that fund. The treasurer takes this means of thanking the unknown friend.

By the latest mail from Papua, Sister J. R. James reports encouraging progress at the Aroma mission. "Three good steady young men have recently joined our ranks, also five young women. The mother of one girl spent the whole day here yesterday, trying to encourage her daughter away, but was not successful. It seemed for a long time that our work was not having much influence with the women-folk of the district, but the seed sown is springing up at last. A married couple also joined the mission ranks last week. The married women in this district shave their heads. This woman is letting her hair grow. It takes a lot of courage to break away from the village life. Last Sabbath there were 160 present at Sabbath school, so there is an increase during the past few weeks."

THE *Sydney Morning Herald* on March 8, under the headline, "Diseased Animals," reports a meeting of one of the suburban municipal councils of Sydney, at which one of the aldermen strongly urged that a Royal Commission be appointed to investigate the meat trade. Alderman Wilson "declared that he possessed certain facts of which the general public was unaware," "regarding the alleged slaughter

of diseased animals at the State Abattoirs." "If the Government figures were correct, 40,000 diseased animals were slaughtered every year." "A public inquiry would do the meat trade a lot of harm," he said. "I would suggest that an incinerator be erected, and all diseased carcasses burned, instead of putting temptation in the way of men wanting to make a little money." Disappointed that the request for the appointment of the Commission was refused, "it was decided to make further representations to the Minister, asking that all diseased animals be slaughtered in a special section and the carcasses destroyed." Whether this will be done remains to be seen. Probably the number of diseased animals at the N.S.W. State Abattoirs is no higher in proportion than elsewhere.

NURSE ALMA WILES writes from her station in Papua: "I must tell you about our youngest mission boy. He is only three weeks old, but seems to be doing fine and is very bright. He was just thirty-six hours old when his mother died, and his father handed him over to us that same day, promising to send some one to care for him. We have neither seen nor heard of the father since, and now our newly married couple have decided they wish to adopt him as their own. Lewaraka, Galama's nephew, has a very sympathetic, tender nature, so this little orphan touched his heart. We still have a good deal of opposition, and some who were interested have decided the road is too hard. Their tobacco and hotel-nut are the trouble, and it is easy to be convinced that it is not necessary to give it all up. One of the natives used an illustration the other day when speaking of our mission and another mission body. He said they were like two men going fishing, each one with a line and a hook. One man baited his hook with tobacco and pulled in lots of fish all the time. The other man just baited his hook with 'sivara' (gospel talk), and he got only 'one one fish.' He preferred to belong to the 'one one' fisherman, because, he said, we always carry a book and they really get something, whereas all the others give is tobacco. There is some truth in what he says, for we see others giving out the tobacco to the faithful ones after a service."

"I AM amazed when I consider the changes that have been wrought in the past thirty years," writes Sister L. Flora Plummer, the Secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference. "It was thirty years ago, on August 10, 1903, that the headquarters of the General Conference and the Review and Herald Publishing House were moved from Battle Creek, Michigan, to Washington, D.C. At that time the Review and Herald was moved into the basement of an ordinary three-story house, and that basement housed all we had of the Review and Herald. The rest of the General Conference interests were scattered about in different parts of the building. I remember the tiny room that was assigned to the Sabbath School Department Secretary and stenographer. We could not close the door on account of a desk, so we kept open house day and night. . . . Now, instead of that little room that housed me and a stenographer, there are six rooms in which the Sabbath School

Department lives and moves and has its being. We are right in the middle of the General Conference, on the second floor. There are other departments to the right of us, also to the left of us, underneath as well as overhead, all working. When I look across the lawn and see the large publishing house of the Review and Herald as it stands today, and think of it in the cellar of that first house in which it was lodged, I can only exclaim, See what God hath wrought!"

Remarkable Dreams on Pitcairn Island

A NUMBER of the Pitcairn Island people have recently had some remarkable dreams. These came prior to our recent camp meeting. Briefly I will tell of these as they have been related either privately or in public meeting.

One man had a most vivid dream in which he saw an angel dressed in the purest white. Speaking directly to this man, the angel used the words of Scripture, and with authority said, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." (James 4:8.) This same holy being further stated, "Get ready. Hurry up. You may be too late." This experience was related by the dreamer one evening during camp, and it made a very serious impression upon all. It was quite evident that the one who thus dreamed had himself been solemnly impressed.

One of our young boys during the camp testified to having had a solemn dream only the evening before. He said that in the dream a message had come over the wireless, telling the Pitcairn radio operator that probation had closed. We could not help but feel that this was by no means just a happen-so. We believe it was sent to arouse our young people. They are not strangers to such expressions as the "close of probation," but these words can with every one of us lose their real meaning if we do not take care.

One of our Pitcairn woman also had a most vivid dream very closely related to the other two. The dreamer this time dreamed that she saw some Government officers come to the island. These men represented Sunday law men, and they had been authorised to come and inform the people that they must no longer keep Sabbath, but must now observe the Sunday. It was a life and death issue, and every one had to face the test.

The person to whom this dream was given, related the experience on the occasion of an early morning meeting which she herself conducted. She told this dream with much feeling and tears at the close of her talk, stating that it had come to her about a month prior to the camp.

We are very forcibly reminded of the prophecy in Joel 2:28, which speaks of the giving of dreams at the time the Holy Spirit is to be poured out upon His people. We certainly had this scripture very vividly impressed upon our minds at the Pitcairn camp meeting. I trust we shall not forget the lesson of it.

W. D. SMITH.