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“Hold Fast That Which Thou Hast”

(Farewell Address Given by Pastor N. A. Ferris at the College Church, Avondale, on Sabbath, April 10)

BEHOLD, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” Rev. 3 : 11. This verse kept ringing in my ears as an appropriate text for my farewell message to you before returning to the mission field. I believe that I am speaking to a group of people composed largely of those who have long accepted the fact that Jesus IS coming again.

This verse comes to us as a mighty reminder of the possibility of losing our crown. We are living in momentous times. Strange and wonderful happenings are taking place. In Vol. 9 of the “Testimonies” I read these words found on page 11:

“We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.”

Lest His church should become so familiar with the passing events as to forget their significance, the Lord gives this message, “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast.”

“We have a great message to give to the world; wonderful opportunities are ours. To us is entrusted the responsibility of revealing to the world God-given principles. Yet it is possible for us to lose sight of our high calling, and lower the standards that we once professed to uphold.

In many ways we may let go for just this once, and in so doing not only lose our own crown of life, but cause others to lose theirs also. Satan is working with all the lying deceitfulness that it is possible for his deceptive power to invent. And with great subtlety he is seeking to cause the Advent people to lose their crowns.

There are two dangers that we face to-

day: those that arise from without, and those that arise from within. We have all heard of the many dangers that come from without. Our people in some countries are passing through very trying times. They are not allowed to worship in church buildings, indeed are not permitted to worship at all. Many have suffered severely for their faith, even unto death. Usually, however, persecution strengthens the cause of right, and many are encouraged when such difficulties from without confront the church of God.

But how different it is when the dangers from within the church are manifest! In an article written by the servant of the Lord in the “Review and Herald,” March 22, 1887, I read these words: “We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world.”

I want to note a few of these hindrances that I have met while in the homelands of Australia and America. My heart has been saddened as men and women have told me that they have gone back on the standards that they themselves once taught and faithfully followed. They have become discouraged, and have lost their grip.

One of the subtle dangers seen in the church itself is the spirit of criticism. Back in Nehemiah’s day, men stood off and watched the work of God, and they criticized it. They found fault with the work, and with those who were doing it. They could not stop the work then, thank God, and they cannot stop it today. They may criticize the workers, what we do, the way we do it, and the things for which we stand. But under God, if we are consecrated to Him they can never stop the work itself. It is God’s work.

This spirit of criticism in the church lowers the spiritual experience of those who engage in it. We cannot close our eyes to some of the things that God has said about this. I read in Vol. 8 of the “Testimonies,” pages 250, 251: “Unless there is thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession, and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven.” “Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, shall repent and be converted, she will eat of the fruit of her own doing,

until she shall abhor herself. When she resists the evil and chooses the good, when she seeks God with all humility, and reaches her high calling in Christ, standing on the platform of eternal truth, and by faith laying hold upon the attainments prepared for her, she will be healed. She will appear in her God-given simplicity and purity, separate from earthly entanglements, showing that the truth has made her free indeed. Then her members will indeed be chosen of God, His representatives.

“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife.”

Oh, let us pray that such a work will be begun in each heart, so that the spirit of discord and strife may be banished from the church.

Another thing that has given me a good deal of concern is the drifting away from the standards of health reform in the homes of many of our people. While I am not in sympathy with extreme positions, yet I do believe in the principles set forth in the Spirit of Prophecy.

I have met some very interesting people during my travels who have told me that the principles of healthful living as taught by Seventh-day Adventists, are fundamentally sound. No less than three of Sydney’s leading business men have told me, using these very words, that our principles are “fundamentally sound.”

Recently we met a man, an ex-policeman, who has been acquainted with us as a people for several years, though not associated with us. He told us of the difficulty that he and his wife were having in the preparation of suitable food, for he stated, “We have been compelled to give up eating animal food.” He had sent pigs to the saleyards, and each time some of them had been rejected, condemned as diseased. It was the same with his sheep and cattle. Shortly after settling on his new farm, he sent in thirty fowls, and fifteen of them were condemned as diseased. Time and time again he had a similar experience, until they felt that they hardly dared to use meat foods upon their own table. This is but one experience of many that I have met of late.

I have been somewhat embarrassed when men have come to me and said, "We have been watching your selection of food, and we judge that you are a Seventh-day Adventist; but whom does your friend represent?"

Thinking men and women say: "We believe that you people have something for which the world is looking. You have demonstrated that it is possible to live without flesh foods." In all my travels I have not found it necessary to eat anything in the way of flesh foods.

As I have thought over the situation, and the general desire in the world for a better knowledge of the principles given to us years ago, I have come to the conclusion that in the matter of health reform we may lower the standard and not only lose our own crown, but also cause others to lose theirs.

Instead of drifting from our moorings, and going back to a more free use of animal foods, we know that as we near the end the standard will need to be raised still higher. The Spirit of Prophecy has warned of this. An interesting statement was made by Sister White in the Avondale church during a Union Conference session. This was published in the "Record" of July 28, 1899, and later in "Counsels on Health," page 495. She said:

"The light given me is that it will not be very long before we shall have to give up using any animal food. Even milk will have to be discarded. Disease is accumulating rapidly. The curse of God is upon the earth, because man has cursed it. The habits and practices of men have brought the earth into such a condition that some other food than animal food must be substituted for the human family. We do not need flesh-food at all. God can give us something else. . . . The Lord can spread a table in the wilderness. Under His direction food will go a long way. When we place ourselves in right relationship to Him, He will help us, and the food we eat in obedience to Him will satisfy us. We can subsist on very much less than we think we can, if God's blessing is on the food; and if it is for His glory, He can multiply it.

"We need to understand that God is in the health reform movement."

One young man came to me and stated that he had watched some one in this cause eating freely of fish and other things, because some doctor had recommended it; and so he thought that it was quite all right for him to do the same. Not long afterward a dread disease appeared in his system. He was told that it was the result of eating a certain fish. In sorrow of heart he repented of the step that he had taken. But his trouble was really caused by the example set by one who should have known better.

In our text there is a call to us as a people to hold fast that which has been entrusted to us, that no man take our crown. We eat that we might have a continuance of life today, but God wants us so to eat that we may receive a crown of life for all eternity in His kingdom.

Young men and women have come and asked if it was necessary for them to adhere to the standards of modesty and purity taught in Christian churches. To the youth of this movement is given a wonderful opportunity to be the reflectors of the character of Jesus, and to respond

to the call which Paul gave to the young man Timothy, "Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12.

Another danger to spiritual growth is the failure to recognise the divine call to service. Our responsibility is to carry to the world the three angels' messages. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. The island fields are calling for the message today. Many have not yet received a knowledge of the gospel. Wonderful stories of advance have been

told, but there is much still to do. 'Hold fast' the vision of the needy fields, young men, young women. It is possible to become deeply interested in lines of work which may bring in more temporal benefits now, but which may one day cause us to lose our crown.

The promise to the overcomer, to the loyal and faithful, is a crown of life, James 1:12; Rev. 2:10. May the Lord help us so to live that when Jesus comes we shall have been found faithful, and be accounted worthy to stand before the King of Zion, who shall present to us our own crown of eternal life.

OUR MISSION FIELD

Arrival in New Guinea

After a pleasant voyage of about thirty-two hours, our good ship "Macdhui" arrived at Rabaul from Samarai, Papua, on the afternoon of May 8, one day behind schedule time.

While still about thirty-five miles from port we went to the bridge, and had the captain give us the ship's bearings. At that moment we were off the small island of Induna, which lies immediately in front of our Put Put property, where the work of establishing a new Central Training School has commenced. This selection of about 5,000 acres of the finest land in the territory, covered with virgin forest, including a quantity of good milling timber, constitutes a wonderful asset to our work in this vast field, especially as it has a sea frontage and is accessible by road to Rabaul. As we scanned the many miles of coast line stretching away westward, and then looked across the hills and mountains, knowing that many thousands of primitive people occupied this territory, we began to visualise the possibilities of this training centre. We hope that before long there may be 100 or more youth in training for this work.

As we entered Blanche Bay and drew in toward Rabaul, we could see the mission vessel, "Veilomani," looking bright and clean, steaming out from the island of Matupi, and bearing off toward the wharf.

While the "Macdhui" was anchored in the harbour awaiting the doctor and Custom officials, our trim ship, with several of the brethren and the neatly dressed crew, slowly steamed around us,—a credit to our work and a source of great satisfaction to the visitors who had just arrived.

Disembarkment over, we were happy to be ashore in the company of our workers who had come to welcome us and to escort us to the mission where we later joined them in their evening worship.

Brother David Gray and Brother and Sister Hiscox from Bougainville, and Pastor and Mrs. Steed and Vernon and Brother and Sister Maxwell from Put Put were at the mission station to welcome us. How good it was to see them all!

That afternoon Dr. Frances and Charles Harding transhipped from the "Macdhui" to the sister ship "Malaita," which was sailing for Sydney via the Solomon

Islands, where they expect to have the opportunity of seeing some of our missionaries and at least one mission station en route.

The following afternoon Pastor Peacock and I sailed by the "Macdhui" for Salamaua, which port we expect to reach this evening. Here we plan to travel by plane to our inland stations at Ramu and Bena Bena, where we hope to spend the next few days. As one travels through this territory, he is impressed with the vast amount of work yet to be done, and prays in his inmost soul to the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His waiting harvest field.

A. G. STEWART.

Advancement in Central New Guinea

Feeling that the "Record" family would be interested in recent developments in Central New Guinea, I shall touch on some points that no doubt will be of deep interest to all.

It will be remembered that about the middle of last year an appeal was made for an increase in our force of teachers. The response was indeed most encouraging, and though these reinforcements have been delayed, that response is about to begin to shed its blessing upon this great needy field. The new regulations that came about as the result of the serious trouble that developed farther inland (which resulted in severe sentences), have lapsed several months since. The new ordinances included the whole of the Uncontrolled Area, which of course includes the Upper Ramu. What seemed to us trouble and difficulties ahead at the time, have more or less proved to be blessings in disguise. The Lord has been behind the scenes.

Some time ago we were made happy to receive permission from the Administrator to establish a European station at Bena Bena, which is located about thirty miles farther inland from Upper Ramu. Soon a very fine site was chosen, and then inspected by Government officers. Later we were glad to learn the site was granted. Brother Gander with a number of teachers is now busily engaged pioneering a new station out there.

The new mission is ideally located in the

midst of thousands of heathen of a good type. The soil is very fertile, even to the mountain tops, and should grow almost anything. From a scenic standpoint this station is superbly located, being situated at an altitude of almost 7,000 feet. Nature is lavish here, with her great mountains and ever-changing cloud effects. Nearly three miles to the east and toward the Bena Bena River, and fifteen hundred feet below are the Government post and aerodrome. The latter is lined on both sides with dianthus and is very pretty. We are glad to realise that the Advent standard has been raised another thirty miles inland.



Of friendly disposition, little Kenneth Campbell greets visiting warriors from Bena Bena, Central New Guinea. This picture was taken shortly before Kenneth's untimely death.

Recently the leading official of the Morobe District strongly suggested that our mission make application for a European station to be established in the Mairifuteika (Mairi for short) Valley in the vicinity of Chimbu, about fifty miles farther inland from Bena Bena, and about eighty miles from the Upper Ramu. This is a key position, and if occupied would introduce the message into a strategic part of Central New Guinea. This is an opportunity that should not be lost, and we pray that it may not be long before the work is started in there.

In a particular sense we are now living in the day of the Lord's power. There is abundant evidence of this. We are informed that His people will be "willing" people at such a time. In Nehemiah's time the people had a "will" to carry the task through against serious obstacles. Today, how much greater the incentive to press on with the task when viewed in the light of past and present!

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a great responsibility placed upon it here in the highlands of New Guinea. For the Australasian Division the nature of this responsibility is unique. Joy will come to our people now and in years to come, if early and wise steps are taken to meet the situation that is presenting itself.

We are happy to know, too, that twenty new teachers are waiting near Rabaul to be sent to Central New Guinea at the first opportunity. How much we need them! By God's grace what a blessing they will prove!

CENTRAL NEW GUINEA, your great dark heart needs the moving, telling force of the Saviour's love. God is awaiting human channels in order to meet this NEED. We can all help in supplying them. What a privilege! A. J. CAMPBELL.

Mountain-Dwellers of Papua

Papua is a land of high and rugged mountains. Except for some flat country near the coast, the greater portion of the territory is taken up by mountainous country, most of which is covered with dense bush.

Most of our work in Papua has been done for the coastal people, and, as a rule, these are not so responsive to the gospel as are the bush dwellers. However, because of meagre finances and the difficulties of transportation, we have so far been unable to develop the work in the mountains as we would have liked.

Our coastal stations conduct work among the nearer hill villages, and recently it was my privilege to visit some of these villages in which there are schools controlled by the Aroma mission.

Leaving Aroma in the early morning, the first part of our trip was made by launch

along the coast and up a river to where a track led into the foothills. This we followed for some miles, at first passing through dense tropical bush and then suddenly emerging into open grass country, where the sun beat none too mercifully upon us as the path led us up the steep sides of the timberless hills. What wonderful grazing country these thousands of acres of grass land would make!

At sunset we reached Ovala, built on the rocky top of one of the hills. Just before darkness settled down upon us with a suddenness characteristic of the tropics, we caught a vision of the sun's last rays gleaming on the waters of Kerapuna Bay far below us, where earlier in the day we sailed by launch. Like the city set on a hill whose light could not be hid, so the torch of truth held high in this rocky fortress by our native teacher gleams brightly in Ovala and the near-by villages.

We conducted worship and spent the night in this village, and the next day we descended into the valley again, only to climb a steeper and higher mountain to Gorogoruna and its surrounding villages. The teacher in this village is kept more than busy caring for the work in five villages. It was a stiff climb to Gorogoruna, yet we were still in the foothills.

From a peak behind this village our eyes turned to the real bush, where the mountains literally towered above us. In these mountains there are many villages whose inhabitants have never heard of the love of Jesus and His soon return. As I gazed toward these mountains and realised

that to this generation has been trusted the task of preaching the gospel of the kingdom to all the world, I determined that, God willing, I would one day make a trip into the mountains and investigate the possibility of mission work among these people.

But who is going to evangelise these mountain people? Not the white person! Although the climate and surroundings are congenial, the problem of transportation of supplies to a permanently residing white family is almost insurmountable. Even the Government officers admit this when doing patrol work in this region. The task of warning the mountain dwellers of Papua of a soon coming Saviour must be given to native teachers. The teachers connected with the Aroma mission are doing acceptable work in the villages of the foothills. They face hardships, but keep loyally at their duty, relying on the strong arm of God. Occasionally letters come from them, and almost invariably they request our prayers on behalf of the work in their villages. May I pass this request on to the Sabbath school members in the homeland?

At the present our slender budgets are stretched to the limit, and will support but four teachers in the bush. How can we send still more teachers farther into the mountains? — Only as the Sabbath schools of Australia and New Zealand come to our assistance by giving liberal offerings to this worthy cause. On the Thirteenth Sabbath of this quarter will come your opportunity to help the work in vast Papua. Will you not pray and plan to make this Thirteenth Sabbath offering a record one? E. A. BOEHM.

From a Self-Supporting Worker in New Guinea

When writing to renew his subscription for the "Record" for two years, Brother Trevor Collett refers to his work on the island of Mussau, Territory of New Guinea. We quote from his letter written on April 11:

"The 'Record' is an integral part of our spiritual lives, and makes us feel close members of the Advent family. . . .

"Brother and Sister Marks live only about 200 yards from our house, so we see them often. They will be looking forward to our return from the port of Kavieng on Tuesday with mail and provisions. With our business expanding, it means more trips to Kavieng and consequently a more regular mail and food supply.

"We enjoy our work on Mussau, and are trying by the grace of God to be used in assisting the boys on the plantation to a higher spiritual plane. It gave us great joy when Brother Peacock chose eight of my boys to go as teachers to Ramu just recently. Plantation life has taught me many precious lessons, the most prominent being patience. On my father's sheep station I thought that sheep were the most foolish among living creatures, but many natives seem to outdo them. However, when one realises the degradation and sin that have encompassed them for so many centuries, one marvels at just what has been done by the Spirit of God. Many of them are apt learners, and pick up things easily. It gives us joy to see constant improvement in their experiences."

THE HOME

Preparation for the Crisis

I was canvassing in the mountain country once when I came to a small log cabin, in front of which sat an idle man watching the antics of half a dozen youngsters. These children, ranging in age from a year to twelve or thereabouts, were dirty, half-clothed, but otherwise not unfavourable, while the man, their father, if improvident, was not unamiable. I said something complimentary about his children, which I could in all good conscience do; and he meditated a moment with a pleased look, while he seemed to study the phenomenon of human life for which he was in part responsible. But the subject seemed too much for him, and with a hopeless shake of his head he commented at last, "Cur'ous little critters, hain't they?"

I am led to wonder oftentimes how many parents in far more favourable circumstances, at least so far as money is concerned, go no deeper in this philosophy of parental responsibility than this mountain man. "Cur'ous little critters, hain't they?"—these children of ours; and what are they to us but animated toys who do not always respond to our whims and irritations, but insist upon developing tricks which in turn amuse, annoy, and distress? Fortunately, society has invented means of dealing with them a good share of the time,—day nurseries, kindergartens, schools, hospitals, playgrounds, and — gaols. What would we parents do if it were not for the nurses, the doctors, the playground directors, the regimental teachers, and the good, kind policemen?

WHOM TO PITY?

I am sorry for the young mother down the street who has to work every day. I am sorry for the gray-haired caretaker who wishes she were dead, because life is just one dreary round day after day of looking after the baby. And I am sorry most of all for the little, nervous, blue-eyed girl whose every turn is a wrong one for which she must be corrected; who cannot play in a sand-box because it gets dirt on her; who cannot sit still, but is always yelled at, if she jumps around; who has no stories told to her, no cradle songs sung, no flower babies introduced; whose tempo of life is set by the blaring radio which her elders turn on for their own entertainment. What will this baby come to?

I am sorry for the children who throng the streets with their scooters, their wagons, and their bicycles; with their balls and bats, and their wooden guns; with their plays of fire engines, bandit raids, and wars; and their not infrequent casualties, with subsequent vociferous retirement to base hospitals called homes, where (sometimes behind closed doors, sometimes not) propagandist versions of enemy atrocities are press-agented for the street. I wonder what the next few years will make of this group of "cur'ous little critters."

IF WAR MUST BE —

Every day's newspaper is full now with the sounds of furious battle over in Europe. The trains to a powder magazine are being fired in Spain, and no one knows whether or not the great explosion is about to take place. Europe is armed to the teeth, and feverishly trying to out-race others in armaments and diplomacy. Helpless, the common people and statesmen alike behold the approaching storm.

I have just been reading Pastor F. M. Wilcox's book, "Seventh-day Adventists in Time of War." It presents not only the historical record of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as to non-combatancy, and the Christian principles of conduct which those who find themselves in the army are to exemplify, but also many experiences of our young men in the World War in the maintenance of their principles in the face of opposition, ridicule, abuse, punishment, torture. It is a book which every Seventh-day Adventist young person and parent must read for its instruction and inspiration.

But I have found myself wondering, as I read the tales of Christian heroism therein set forth, how many of our boys now approaching the draft age and therefore facing the last inevitable war, have been and are being fitted by their home environments and their parents' teaching for the great crisis before them. I know some of the men whose experiences are related in this book. I know the background of their courageous stand for the Sabbath, for clean life, for diligent service, for upholding the banner of Christ in the face of ridicule and military, punitive discipline.

I know the mothers, and in some cases the fathers, who put their very lives into the training of these young men to be soldiers of Jesus Christ. I hear in memory the voice of prayer in the private closet and in family worship; I hear the teaching of truth from the Bible and from life; I see the example of clean, upright, conscientious, God-fearing parents ever before the eyes of these youth as they went forth to meet a double crisis — not merely the facing of death, but the facing of the world's scorn and hatred and persecution. They won — but not all the lads from Seventh-day Adventist homes won. These were the Daniels, the Shadrachs, and Meshachs, and Abednegos of that great world crisis. Remember, there were other Jewish youth in Babylon, and they were not all true, but godly homes made the heroes of faith in that long ago, and now.

But who in the Seventh-day Adventist homes of today are preparing these unshakable heroes of the future? God grant there be a larger proportion of homes fashioning this warrior clan of Christ's than there were a quarter century ago; for the fight will be fiercer, the need greater. The demand for stronger, truer, better-trained, more competent parents now than then is therefore the greater.

WHAT MAKES A HERO?

What are the factors which are necessary to make the most favourable conditions for such true-hearted experiences as theirs?

First: true Christian parents, who are following no mere formal religion, trusting to creed and church to land them and their children in heaven; but who are filled with

the spirit and power of the living Christ; who have the law written in their hearts; who love Jesus truly, and have His love toward these children of His kingdom who are lent to them.

Second: an environment made by the hand of God — the country, not the man-made city; an environment which speaks of the living Creator, who is the Redeemer, friend, and comrade of the Christian child; an environment which teaches, by its beauties and its mysteries, by its rigorous discipline and its ennobling duties, by its freedom from the frenzy of modern life and its soothing invitation to meditation and communion with God, to live above the frivolities, the deceptions and the abasements of worldly society.

Third: a teaching of the Word of God, not as a stint, a formula of piety, a record-marking accomplishment, but as the desired, the deeply appreciated, the loved companion of thought and meditation and action.

Fourth: a mastery of life, a God-empowered self-control in matters of temper, ambition, appetite, sex, work, recreation, reading, and study which will make for the development of Christian character and power.

Fifth: the acquirement of skill in manual labour — to be masters in the basic arts of life and in the ministry to human needs, and to gain these powers and exercise them, not for self-aggrandisement, but for the benefit of humanity and the glory of God.

Sixth: the inculcation of an abiding sense of responsibility, under the hand of Christ, to carry on the world-old warfare of God against evil in human affairs, to uphold the manhood and the womanhood which are the ideals of the Christian, and to minister to the world's necessities as Jesus ministered, and in that ministry to find the sweet companionship of the Master, and the close comfort of being His friend.

Fathers and mothers, are you so training your children as soldiers of the army of the immortal King? Are you making your work as parents, not an onerous and neglected job, but an absorbing mission? What are your children to you? Is your home, is your teaching, lacking in any of the essentials? Check up on your standing with the divine Father and Judge, who is putting in the crucible the product of your lives, and who will shortly test in the furnace of trial these precious children of yours. Will they endure the test? Will they be triumphant heroes in the cause of Christ? The answer rests with you.

ARTHUR W. SPALDING.

Baptism near Murwillumbah, N.S.W.

Sabbath, May 1, was a day long to be remembered by the Burringbar church. After the service we journeyed to a delightful flowing stream, the surroundings of greenery carpeted by rock buffalo. There to the glory of God, Pastor Llewellyn Jones administered the sacred rites of baptism to four souls who had decided to follow Jesus all the way.

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North Queensland Camp Meeting

A journey of two nights and two days brought us to the North Queensland camp meeting, which was held in the city of Mackay, 1213 miles from Sydney. While the Union Conference delegates had a long distance to travel, so did other delegates in this land of far distances; for from Cairns, Monamona, and other parts our people journeyed over 500 miles to attend the meeting. Their travelling time was just as long as from Sydney to Brisbane. As the camp was held in Mackay, this enabled some to attend who had never been to such a gathering before, and the attendance was much larger than usual. The fifty family tents were hardly sufficient for all who came.

The camp was centrally situated in the Jubilee Park, handy to the town and the railway station. The Mayor and Mayoress of Mackay officially opened the camp at the first evening meeting, and on two subsequent occasions visited the grounds, showing cordial friendliness.

Good planning and organisation helped much in the orderly running of the camp. A fine spirit prevailed right from the commencement. In the well attended meetings could be seen an earnest desire to gain all that was possible in those precious few days. It seemed that not one meeting was missed by young or old during the whole time of the encampment.

Field Day was entered into with zest, and the results were very gratifying, not only in the books sold, and the good experiences, but also in the increased number of visitors attending the evening meetings.

There was a warmth of feeling among the young people, and a reaching out after God. Although it meant rising before dawn, while the stars were still shining, the prayer bands were attended with the old-time spirit. As a result of the camp meeting, a number of young people are planning for college and others for the colporteur work. The Junior and children's divisions were well cared for, and the boys and girls greatly enjoyed the camp fire and the treasure hunt, along with the spiritual activities, as at other camps.

One of the outstanding features was the large attendance of our coloured brethren and sisters from the Farleigh church. All, from adults to the tiny babies, were always in their seats at meeting time. The little fluffy headed, brown-eyed children set a splendid example of behaviour. Having come originally from the Solomon Islands, these people look to us for help.

The camp Sabbath school was attended by 205 members, about 60 of whom were children. The Sabbath morning services revealed an earnest desire to live more fully the victorious life. Almost the entire congregation came forward on both Sabbaths, signifying their determination by God's grace to live for Him.

There was a ready response when opportunity was given to help those in heathen darkness. The offering amounted to £122,

which was £47 higher than the previous year.

We feel constrained to say that God greatly blessed beyond all expectations, and we are assured that this good camp meeting is but the beginning of a prosperous year for God's cause in North Queensland. It gives us courage to know of the fine band of workers who are contending with difficulties not met to the same extent in other fields, also to see the loyal company of warm-hearted people who love this message in the tropics of Australia.

HELENA K. LEWIN.

Mother's Day at Remuera

Mother's Day was coming round, the first in the history of the new church at Remuera, and the M.V. Society leaders were anxious that it should be a day long to be remembered.

Written invitations were sent out to the mothers, assuring them of a warm welcome and an attractive programme. Consequently at 2.30 the building was full. Present also were the fathers, aunts, uncles, as well as the sons and daughters, all assembled to do honour to the "queen" of the home.

A description of the ideal mother, found in Proverbs 31, was read by our elder, Brother Tindall. The leader then gave us some early history. Though our modern Mother's Day does not originate with that custom, the idea was taken from "Mothering Sunday," which was a very admirable custom, and one which we might well imitate, for we read in an old poem,

"The lad and lass on Mothering Day,
Hie home to their mother deare.

'Tis a kiss for she and a kiss for they.
A cake of wheat and a sprig of bay,
A dance and a song, but never a
teare."

Having traced the origin of this old custom through the centuries in Merrie England, we feel we are but continuing the good example of our forbears in our modern Mother's Day.

Three of our little boys told us in verse and story of how mother should be treated. One of our girls told us of some Old Testament mothers, and another of New Testament ones.

The item that touched all hearts was a poem entitled, "A Prayer," composed for the occasion by a little ten-year-old J.M.V. In it Sheila thanks her heavenly Father for His bounteous gifts and for a kind mother, and in return she gives Him her life, praying that He will wash her sins away. We know that this little child's prayer will be answered.

We felt that the honour list of mothers was not complete without paying a tribute to the pioneer mothers of New Zealand. These noble women helped to make our country what it is today. They left home and comforts behind them, and came out to face hardships and privations, and start life anew in a young country. Through their self-sacrifice, New Zealand is today a pleasant place in which to live. Then there are the Maori mothers. There are no finer examples in the world of true motherhood than our brown-skinned sisters. We have instances of their laying down their lives for their husbands and children. They have in every way preserved the noble traditions of true motherhood.

Three bouquets were presented, one to a representative of the pioneer mothers of our cause in Auckland; another to a sister who has devoted many years of unselfish service to caring for her aged mother who died recently, and the third to a representative of our young mothers and new converts to this message.

An appropriate trio, sung with great feeling, brought to a close a happy occasion.

FLORENCE M. DE VAYNES JONES.

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News Notes from Victoria

Brother M. Ball has been holding a mission in West Geelong with the help of the local church members. House-to-house visiting has resulted in some homes being opened for studies.

At Ballarat Brother J. Eggins has been conducting meetings in a hall in Camp Street. The audiences have never been large, many folks having attended previous missions. Here also some homes are open for the study of the Word. It is proposed to hold one night meeting a week in Daylesford in the near future.

Burwood Road, Auburn, is where Pastor D. Sibley has pitched his tent. He is assisted by Brethren O. W. Knight and A. M. Fraser with Sister F. Carver as Bible worker, and the Auburn church is very faithful in its support. The attendance, both on Sunday evenings and during the week, is good, and some have already decided to obey the Lord and have closed their business premises on the Sabbath.

Brother J. A. Lawson, supported by Brethren A. M. Badcock and T. Austin and Mrs. K. M. Thorpe, has had fairly good audiences in their tent which is pitched on Lygon Street, East Brunswick. It is not an easy district to work, but some homes are opening for personal study.

The third tent mission is operating at Kyneton, where Brother R. Tudor is in charge, assisted by Brethren John Keith and Ward Nolan, with Miss D. Moore as lady Bible worker. Kyneton is a conservative place, and the attendances have never been large, but the interest is being maintained.

Brother C. J. Boulting has been in charge of a large district. In addition to visiting the Mildura, Merbein, and Dareton churches and districts, he has been following up the interests resulting from the work of Brother Mackey in the Mallee. A mid-week meeting has been held at Euston with an encouraging interest. Brother Boulting will continue to devote most of his time to this part of the field, and we have invited Brother B. E. Hadfield to take charge of the Mildura-Merbein-Dareton district. Brother Hadfield has laboured acceptably in Tonga for a number of years, but the condition of his wife's health has made it imperative that she return to the homeland.

The Camperdown company is erecting a church building, and on its completion the members will be organised and the church dedicated. This will fill a long-felt want, and Pastor Foster is rejoicing in this

tangible evidence of the permanency of the work done in this portion of the south-western district.

Pastor Grolimund has been recovering from the accident which befell him when a car overturned near Wangaratta. He called at the office last week on his way back to Drouin. After seeing the car we are thankful he is alive. He will now try to catch up the arrears of work in the Gippsland district.

Benalla is where Pastor J. R. James and family reside, and from there he cares for the companies and churches at Euroa, Shepparton, Numurkah, Molyullah, and Devenish. He is very busy and happy in his work, and is finding interested people with whom to study.

After sick leave, Pastor E. G. Whittaker has returned to active service, conducting a series of meetings in the Masonic Hall, Gardenvale.

Brother A. M. Cott, who has been engaged in colporteur work, is now occupying all his time in the interests of the magazine work, particularly the new medical journal, "Health," and is steadily increasing its circulation.

Pastor Marriott is as busy as ever, only more so, and his work is most helpful. Both he and his wife find the days all too short.

Pastor Currow is more than busy in his pastoral work in the city. Brethren M. A. Connell and W. A. Beatty are still doing what they can, and in addition Brother Beatty is acting as leader of the Springvale company.

Sister Cornell has her hands quite full with welfare work. The Warburton Factory generously supplies her with Granose and Weet Bix for free distribution, but with the coming of winter she could use a lot of warm clothing. Parcels sent to the office or left at the cafe will be appreciated and used.

Miss McCashney also finds her time fully occupied with visits and studies in various parts of the city.

CALENDAR REFORM

Last week a delegation, consisting of Pastors A. W. Anderson, E. B. Rudge, and the writer, waited on the Acting-Premier, the Hon. F. E. Old, M.L.A., in connection with the proposed change of the calendar. The League of Nations is approaching all the governments of the world, to learn their attitude toward such a change, and we requested that when such approach was made, the religious rights and liberties of the people should be earnestly considered and safeguarded. We received a courteous and sympathetic hearing from the Minister.

In conclusion we would express our gratitude to God for His manifold blessings to us, and to our members for their co-operation in all that pertains to the successful running of the conference. Our one aim is so to live and work that we may help hasten the coming of our Lord and prepare a people to meet Him in peace. To this end may the Holy Spirit take complete possession of each one of us, to use us when and where He sees fit.

E. H. GUILLIARD.

Dr. A. R. Stadin, who was formerly located at Dessie, Abyssinia, is now with Dr. G. C. Bergman at Addis Ababa, Abyssinia.



The Most Desperate Need

"We have no fires of martyrdom now to test our fidelity to Jesus Christ; but we are not left without a test. God is testing us all continually as to the measure of our faith, love, and devotedness to His Son, by the presence of a thousand millions in the world without Christ. It is a tremendous test; so real, so practical! Gifts that cost us no personal self-denial are no proof of devotedness."

"As long as there are unconverted souls in the world, there should be the most active, earnest, zealous, determined effort for their salvation. If the church members do not individually take hold of this work, then they show that they have no living connection with God. Their names are registered as slothful servants. Can you not discern the reason why there is no more spirituality in our churches? It is because you are not co-labourers with Christ."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, pp. 462, 463.

If each of the 13,000 Seventh-day Adventists in Australia and New Zealand led one other person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and His last message of mercy, and these in turn carried the message to other souls, how quickly the warning message would be given to all! The need today is for **INDIVIDUAL CONSECRATION, DEFINITE PRAYER, and DIRECT PERSONAL EFFORT** on the part of every Christian. And the best way to do this is to seek to win them one by one, the individual Christian going to individuals who are not Christians and by personal conversation and pleading, leading them to accept Christ. "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And HE BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS." We are not told anywhere in the Bible that Andrew ever preached a sermon in his life, but by personal hand-to-hand work he brought his brother Simon to Jesus; and that brother Simon afterwards became Peter the Apostle, who preached a sermon on the day of Pentecost by which 3,000 people were brought to accept Christ.

Some time ago an earnest man gathered about him a praying band, and made the suggestion to them, that when they got home that evening they write down the names of all persons in their town whom they would like to have saved, and then pray for them by name three times a day, that they may be converted. Then they were to make the best possible efforts to induce those persons to turn to God.

There resided in this town an invalid woman, who physically was absolutely helpless. She had been bedridden for seventeen years. This woman had been praying for a long time in a general way to save souls, but when her family told her of the suggestion made to the praying

band, she said, "Here is something I can do." She could use her right hand. She asked for pen and paper, and wrote down the names of fifty-seven acquaintances, prayed for each of these by name three times a day, and wrote them letters telling of her interest in them. She also wrote to Christian friends in whom she knew these persons had confidence, and urged them to speak to them about their souls' welfare, and to do their best to persuade them to turn to Christ. She had unquestioning faith in God, and in humble, earnest dependence upon Him she interceded for the unsaved. All of those fifty-seven persons avowed faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

What a change would come if each Seventh-day Adventist acted thus! "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world, to bring salvation down."

The world is desperately in need of those who know how to pray to bring men into touch with God, those who can talk to Him freely; who have constant access to His throne; who hourly exercise the faith which lays hold on the power and grace of God, and appropriates it for each hour's need. This is the experience to which every child of God is called.

As we go from door to door with the "Interpreter" and later with the tracts and "Signs," let us really seek to reach the hearts of those whom we visit, at the same time seeking God for wisdom and tact that we may know how to speak the word that will, impressed by the Spirit of God, touch and tender the heart of the individual with the love of Jesus.

"The value of ONE SOUL, O Lord,
Teach me to see; and as Thy Word
Assures me of the awful fate
Which doth the Christless soul await,
Oh, may I wrestle and prevail
With God and men, like Israel!

"Give me Thy TENDERNESS and
TACT,
Guide every thought, and word, and act.
And cause me so to do my part
To reach the hard or longing heart,
That men to Thee, O Christ, may turn,
More of THY tenderness to learn."

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Advent Radio Church Experiences

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people invite their friends to listen-in with them.

Now I must give you a peep at some of the letters. I ask you to pardon my quoting some of the eulogistic remarks, but to omit them would be to fail to show clearly the appreciation of the persons writing. As stated previously, we give them for the honour of the Lord and the encouragement of our people.

A young man wrote on May 10: "I had never before listened to a service over the air. In fact, I had no time for them. But I heard your message over 2UE for the first time two weeks ago, and must say it is very interesting and I will listen every Sunday from now on, as it is a message, to be sure. Please send me any other pamphlets you may have to help me see the way of the Lord. I must confess I am ignorant

of the right path to follow. I am looking to you to help me with your literature."

The same young man, writing a week later, tells of his appreciation of the addresses sent, and sends us the names of eleven persons who listened-in on May 16.

From a country district in North New South Wales one who has listened-in for some time, and had corresponded with Pastor R. E. Hare, sent us a 10s. donation and wrote: "It is just wonderful to listen to your most beautiful service, and I must say we all look forward to your word of prayer. . . . It gives me great pleasure to be able to ask my friends to come and listen to the glorious word of God, for which we thank you." She gives the names of fifteen who listened-in with her.

A young lady on the North Shore line writes: "I much enjoyed your address this evening, 'A Famine Coming,' and would be very grateful if you would kindly forward a copy. I find your services over the air very inspiring and uplifting."

The following is the second letter from one of our listeners: "I must thank you for the help you have given us through these beautiful services over the air in understanding the Scriptures, as by your great help we have been led to make the decision. My daughter and I have for the past three weeks been attending service and Sabbath school at the ——— Advent Church, which is the nearest one to us, and my mother has also attended two services. We came in the last Sabbath in April, just before the Week of Prayer. I told them it was through your services over the air that we had come. . . . We just look forward to Saturday and Sunday as the only two days in the week. I think it is the most beautiful faith that ever any one could enter. . . . I am also attending the baptism class."

A brother in Queensland writes: "I have been receiving the sermons broadcast by you over the radio. They have been a real Godsend and blessing, and much appreciated. We look forward to getting one every week, as we are living with a Methodist local preacher, who has been very much interested in our religion."

From the far north of Queensland, a listener passes on to us a letter from a friend to whom she had been sending our addresses. The friend writes: "Your papers and sermons duly to hand, and they were so nice that I must make a confession: I lent them to a Mr. P——, who said they were 'bonzer reading.' I have been sending them down to my neighbour; have also posted them to a Church of Christ friend of mine at ———. . . . Then if you will allow me, I would love to post them to my mother in Toowoomba and ask her to post them to the friend in Gympie."

An Adventist girl writes: "The lady for whom I am working has been interested in your discourses on the state of the dead. As she is an invalid and cannot write herself, she has asked me to obtain one copy for her and one for a friend that has been listening-in with her. While Ingathering this year, I met an elderly Scotch couple who have been listening-in to the Advent Radio Church regularly and have enjoyed the services. They believe every word they have heard. They inquired where we hold our meetings, and have attended one of our churches on the last two consecutive Sabbaths. They have also consented to have

Bible studies in their home. I really think they are seeking for truth."

And thus we could publish extracts from many more letters, but time and space will not permit. Brethren and sisters, continue to pray for "our" Radio Church, that many more souls will be won for the kingdom as a result. Do not forget we are still calling for subscriptions of 2/6 per month to keep the message on the air. Would you like a part in this work by becoming a member? If so, kindly write to me at Box 4257 Y, G.P.O., Sydney.

L. C. NADEN.

WEDDING BELLS

DELBRIDGE - DRISCOLL. — On the afternoon of March 30, a large party of friends gathered in the Gosnells church to witness the union of Albert Delbridge and Elizabeth Mary Driscoll. The local hall was the scene of a happy gathering in the evening, when many of the young people, together with others from the W. A. Missionary College, assisted in rendering a programme to the pleasure of numerous guests. We wish this young couple the blessing of Heaven as they unitedly walk the pathway of life.

W. T. HOOPER.

BRAYLEY - BURGESS.—Amid the good wishes of many friends, Francis Arthur Brayley and Verna Alma Burgess were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony. This young couple, both ex-students of our college, were very highly esteemed by those not of our faith in the Arrino district, where they resided prior to the wedding. This was evidenced by the large gathering who witnessed the ceremony. Both Sister Brayley's grandfathers, Pastors Burgess and J. E. Steed, are remembered by many of the Eastern believers. We wish this young couple the best that Heaven can give, in their united lives.

W. T. HOOPER.

STEWART - FOSTER.— On the evening of May 10, Brother Joseph Stewart and Sister Mabel Foster, the latter a graduate from the Sydney Sanitarium, were united in the sacred bonds of wedlock. This was the first service held in the new church building at Camperdown. Many relatives and friends assembled to witness the ceremony. Keen interest was taken in the decorations, for the beautiful flowers and greenery were most tastefully arranged in the church. We wish the happy couple God's richest blessing as they enter into their new sphere of labour in the rich dairying district of Camperdown, Victoria.

P. G. FOSTER.

OBITUARY

HAYES.— At the age of 67 years, after a long illness borne with Christian fortitude, Sister Catherine Annie Hayes, beloved wife of Brother A. Hayes, passed peacefully away on Jan. 10, 1937, at their home in Elwood, Victoria. Sister Hayes was baptised at the North Fitzroy church twenty years ago and united with the Brighton church. Owing to ill-health, she had not been able to take an active part in church affairs, nevertheless she was always ready to give a reason for her hope

and to cheerfully testify of God's comfort and sustaining grace. Her husband, two daughters, a son, stepson, and foster son mourn the loss of a devoted wife and loving mother. She rests in the family grave in St. Kilda Cemetery till her Redeemer comes to call His loved ones to their reward. Pastor Currow conducted a simple and beautiful service at the home and also at the graveside.

A. HAYES.

WHYBROW.— At the public hospital, Leeton, N.S.W., on April 25, Brother W. E. Whybrow of Yanco passed to his rest. As a result of a carbuncle on the shoulder, death resulted after only a few days of illness. Brother Whybrow accepted the faith under the labours of Brother J. A. Lawson. At the funeral, conducted by the writer, about 400 people assembled, which included about thirty soldiers, who gave military honours to their departed comrade. A wife and eight children are left to mourn their loss, and to them we extend our most sincere sympathy.

ELLIS BEHRENS.

PIEZ.— After a short illness of only five days, Brother Carl Piez suddenly fell asleep in Jesus on May 13 at the age of 72 years. Brother Piez accepted this message five years ago under the labours of Brother Schwartzkopf, and remained a sincere and faithful member of the Morningside (Brisbane) church until his death. Brother Piez leaves to mourn their loss his devoted wife; three sons, Fred, Norman, and Bert, who is at present training for service in the A.M. College; and two daughters, Mrs. Wheatley and Mrs. Wood. In the presence of a large circle of friends we laid our brother to rest in the Bulimba cemetery in the certain hope that ere long we shall meet again.

R. J. BURNS.

OLIVER.—On May 17, 1937, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, our dear Sister Fanny Caroline Oliver, aged 57 years, was laid to rest in the St. Mary's cemetery, Tasmania. The service was conducted by the Anglican clergyman, Rev. R. H. Pethybridge, who spoke words of comfort and assured us that our late sister went to her rest fully consecrated to her Lord. Sister Oliver accepted this message some few years ago. She leaves a sorrowing husband and four sons to mourn their loss. On the day of our Lord's return we shall, if faithful, meet this dear soul with the new life which will be bestowed upon her by the Life-giver Himself. Blessed are they that sleep in Jesus.

ALBERT H. KRINGLE.

Return Thanks

The family of the late Frances Emily Allen sincerely thank their many kind friends for the expressions of sympathy received by letters, telegrams, and floral tributes during the recent loss of their dear mother. Also for the many prayers that ascended on her behalf during her illness.

Mrs. M. Piez and family sincerely thank the many friends for the expressions of loving sympathy in letter, word, and floral tribute, during their recent sad loss of a beloved husband and father. Will each friend kindly accept this as a personal acknowledgment.

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Brother B. E. Hadfield and family, late of Tonga, left Wairoa on May 31 to take up their labours in Waildura, Victoria.

Pastors A. W. Anderson and E. B. Rudge recently visited Brisbane and Melbourne and interviewed the respective Acting-Premiers on the question of calendar reform.

We would direct special attention to the article in the "Home" department this week. This might also be entitled, "Will Our Youth Stand in Time of War?"

Brother Alfred Younger, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, sailed for New Zealand on June 5 by the "Wanganella." Brother Younger has been on the staff of the Warburton Hydro, and has accepted a call to engage in medical missionary work in the South New Zealand Conference.

Pastor A. G. Stewart wrote from Kavieng, New Ireland, on May 18: "Have just completed a visit to Ramu and Bena Bena with Pastor Peacock. Today we leave this port by the mission ketch 'Veilomani' for the Admiralty Group, then on to Mussau, Emira, and back to Rabaul for the general meeting. We are due to leave the Territory of New Guinea on June 5 by the 'Montoro.' All the workers are well and happy."

A radio message from Ramu, Central New Guinea, brings the sad word of the sudden death of the little son of Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Campbell. Little Kenneth was fifteen months old, and succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Our sympathy goes out to his bereaved parents and sister Heather. This week we received some pictures of Kenneth and visiting natives from the far interior. "Some of the Bena Bena men sat down for over an hour, gazing at Kenneth in his pram, the first white baby they had ever seen," Brother Campbell wrote. "Their faces were a study." See the picture on another page.

"We have been holding a mission in the Remuera district, considered to be the high class suburb of Auckland, under the capable leadership of Pastor N. C. Burns," one of our lay brethren writes. "The Lord is greatly blessing his efforts, and we have direct evidences already of many souls being won for the Lord by his ministry. It is planned to move very shortly from the 'Tudor' into the heart of the city to the new 'Embassy' which will be more central and should draw the crowds."

Practical and helpful results of the recent Mother's Day programme, referred to by one of our correspondents, closes thus: "Many hearts were softened, many

eyes tear-stained, as the sentiments of the various items were presented by the young people. The day closed with good resolutions being made, and greater unity among us in love and fellowship. My heart rejoices to see the love coming back again among our young people. We have been praying earnestly for some of our youth to return to God, and we praise Him that our prayers are being answered."

Referring to an evening meeting in the Avondale village church during the recent revival week which preceded the Week of Prayer, a correspondent writes: "At the close of his address Pastor Kent called upon all who wished to surrender their hearts to God and accept His great gift, to come forward to the front seats. Between thirty and forty responded, among them some who for a time had been lost to us. The Spirit of God was present, and a season of deep heart-searching and re-consecration followed. The meeting continued till well after ten o'clock, and before his final prayer in which he committed them to God, Pastor Kent took a record of their names to be placed on his daily prayer list, and requested us to remember him and his ministry also before God. We went home rejoicing in God and His great salvation."

Volcanic Eruptions at Rabaul

The alarming reports which appeared daily in the newspapers regarding the two active volcanoes at Rabaul, and the evacuation of the entire township, have led many to enquire concerning the safety of our mission station on Matupi Island, only about one mile across the water from the Matupi volcano.

Two radio messages have been received from Pastor A. G. Stewart, who was in Rabaul at the time. The first stated that our mission station was still intact and the workers were all well. The second, dispatched on Thursday after the eruptions had somewhat subsided, reported, "Condition improving. All well."

Pastor Stewart is returning to Sydney by the "Montoro" which leaves Rabaul on June 9.

If early plans carried, our missionaries were in Rabaul for general meeting when the outbreak occurred, and were therefore eyewitnesses of the events.

For five or six days the eruptions continued with more or less intensity. Continuous showers of pumice ashes and dust destroyed vegetation and thickly covered the deserted city. From the Vulcan Island volcano, in the harbour, ascended a column of steam 10,000 feet in height. This island has become a peninsula, while its crater, formerly about twenty feet above sea level, is now 600 feet high. Perhaps the most terrifying spectacle was a new mountain which rose out of the sea, with a volcanic cone and three craters spouting flame, lava, and ashes.

In the Territory of New Guinea, with its hundreds of thousands of unwarned souls, this sign has been given.

Brethren A. H. Piper and R. H. Adair were on board the "Malaita," bound for the Solomon Islands, when the course of the boat was changed at Brisbane, and she was commissioned to go to Rabaul with food supplies for the refugees. Our brethren decided to remain with the "Malaita," and

expect to reach their destination by the new route only a day or two behind the time originally planned.

Advent Radio Church Experiences

A good sister wrote to me the other day, telling me of her appreciation of the services of "OUR Radio Church." I like the way she expresses it, for it is certainly "our" Radio Church, brethren and sisters. The members of the Australasian Division are supporting it by their gifts and prayers. I know you are always pleased to know just how the public are responding to the gospel truth that they hear from week to week. I write this brief report of our activities for the encouragement of our people, and particularly of those who have shares in this spiritual building. It is good to know that what we are supporting is productive of good, and is being used of God to tell the news of a soon-coming Saviour to thousands of souls. It is good to know, too, that these services are appreciated by Adventists and non-Adventists alike. "Thousands are sick, aged, isolated, and indifferent or disappointed with the churches." The radio will reach them.

We have been "on the air" just over three months this year, and I am happy to report that we see definite results. In the mail that has come to us within the last month I have word of five adults who have commenced keeping the Sabbath as a result of broadcasts this year. Four of these are attending church each Sabbath, and the other is corresponding regularly with one of our ministers. There are hundreds who have had a controversy with the Holy Spirit for many years. God is using these broadcasts in touching their hearts and helping them to realise, as we all must, that time is fleeting fast, and "some day" may be too late.

A few days ago a colporteur invited me to go with him to a home in a Sydney suburb to visit a lady and her daughter who are definitely impressed with the services, so much so that after a recent broadcast the daughter said, "Mother, we ought to be Seventh-day Adventists." It is quite possible they are keeping the Sabbath by now. I hope to visit them in the near future.

There are others who had grown cold by the way and had been slipping for a long while. We praise God that the radio services are helping them, and that many have been reclaimed for the Lord.

How thrilling it is to learn of groups of twenty, fifteen, twelve, and other smaller companies of non-Adventists meeting each Sunday, many walking long distances to hear the message of God.

One good sister, writing from New Zealand, tells how she placed an ad. in the local paper in her town, advertising our services. As a result she hears many have been listening-in.

Another good sister was so impressed with one particular service that she wrote asking for fifty copies to distribute among her friends. She offered to pay the cost of the addresses. Such enthusiasm on the part of God's people must be productive of good. Then, too, scores of our own

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