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## Graduation Address

*Delivered by Pastor C. H. Watson at the Australasian Missionary College on Monday Night, November 29, 1937*

**P**ASTOR Palmer, Members of the College Faculty, Members of the Graduation Class, Friends:

Twenty-eight years ago a young man came to this college, arriving in the bright moonlight of an April evening at the landing below the Health Food Factory. He had come to acquire an education that would qualify him for service in the great Second Advent movement. He was a student in this college for some years, and then went out into the work of the movement. Though that young man has served this cause from then until now, and in that service has gathered experience from all parts of this earth, nothing that he has acquired by education here or wrought in the service since has merited his being honoured in old age by the invitation of these graduates to address them tonight. Being here in response to that invitation, and knowing something of the great need for true-hearted service within this movement, I cannot regard this gathering as a merely formal occasion. Its great importance must be permitted to impress us deeply as friends of the graduates and of the cause that they are anxious to serve.

To each one of you, members of the graduation class of 1937, I extend my compliments upon the completion of your selected course.

Within this hour you will receive your diploma. That piece of parchment will testify to all concerned on behalf of this college for all time that you have now achieved an important aim in your life.

Tonight you are being tendered a reward for years of conscientious work. To some, if not to all of you, the obtaining of that reward has been a definite object. To each of you, that diploma is tangible evidence of your accomplishment.

For years you have striven to reach the attainments that are now yours, and through those years you have hoped for such success as would bring you joyfully to this occasion. Your striving has enabled you to reach that goal — the long-hoped-for hour is here.

### WHAT A DIPLOMA REPRESENTS

Now, as I meet you tonight, I cannot but wonder just what your diploma really does represent to you. Does it represent a

final achievement, or a beginning of larger living? Does it represent a mere acquirement of abstract knowledge, or ability to bring that knowledge to useful application in the practical things of life? Does it represent mere mastery of the subjects required in your course, or ability to translate theory into practice? Do you regard your diploma as marking the realisation of a tangible goal? or do you not, rather, regard it as marking the completion of an important work of preparation for much more important tasks yet to be undertaken?

### A DIPLOMA DOES NOT INSURE SUCCESS

I imagine that, without exception, when you entered this college to begin your course of study, you were persuaded in your own thoughts that successful completion of your course would be your sure way to success in life. Now, with your course successfully completed, you should be seriously impressed by the fact that a college diploma does not insure success. You are by no means done with the possibility of failure. You should know, and should always keep the recollection of it fresh within you, that your proficiency in study, your brilliance of mental attainment, your standing in the class records, your mastery of knowledge, however complete and confident, are, in themselves, not at all reliable as a gauge of your potentialities for success. Your education is powerless to bring you to success unless you translate it into terms of usefulness. To go out into life's service without having learned to apply to yourself the knowledge you have acquired by the studies you have completed is to invite failure. For instance, what possible contribution can your knowledge of business principles make to your success if you are, and continue to be, unable to apply those principles to your own affairs?

What possible help toward success can your knowledge of domestic economy be if, with that knowledge, you still plan unwisely for your own concerns? and pray, how will you be at all helped toward success by your knowledge of history, of science, of art, if you are unable to weave that knowledge into a better, stronger, a truer, a more beautiful and satisfactory pattern of life for yourself?

In what particular sense are you better prepared to meet life's responsibilities by the educational success for which we honour you tonight, if you are not already on the way to building up habits of usefulness and co-operation and self-control, of tolerance and integrity, of perseverance and courage, of unselfishness and dependability in service? Without these qualities being strongly and continuously woven into the fabric and pattern of your existence, satisfactory character development is impossible, and without such development of character, you cannot gain ultimate success.

### THE INFLUENCE OF HABIT

There is a wide difference between life spent helpfully in contact with the realities of human need, and life frittered away in the sideshows of a purposeless existence. Yet the whole of that difference is measurable, long before your energies are spent. It is already wholly within the habits that you are taking with you into the future.

Take with you the habit of planning ahead, and the calls of an ever-enlarging service will find you prepared. Take with you into the future, habits of temperance and self-control, and every situation that meets you will find you poised and stable. Cultivate the habit of tolerantly recognising the rights of others, and you will win respect. Be honest in all things, and you will be trusted wherever you are known.

Persevere in every good purpose, and you will continually progress toward success. Build those habits into the fabric of your future, and your class aim, "Like the Master in Service," will be realised. Unless that aim is reached by you through the quality of your everyday habits, it will be to you always an unattained goal.

### SUCCESS INSEPARABLE FROM CHARACTER

To serve as the Master served is to succeed as the Master succeeded. But wherever your field of service might be, do please remember that the gauge of the Master's success was not what HE RECEIVED in consequence of what He did, but rather, what others have received as the result of His service.

Such success as that is inseparable from character. Your Master's example in service is worthy of your acceptance as an aim in life only because His character is irreproachable. Your service will be worth while only as your character is worthy. Therefore, your education must not be permitted to close with these graduation exercises. You must continue to develop nobility of character. You must continue to learn how better to guard your character, and to express it in terms of everyday usefulness, for your character, so developed, will outlive you. As long, therefore, as your character-development is incomplete, your education should be continued. In the Good Book, it is written, "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

#### TRUE WISDOM

The world in which you must serve would have you taught that the acquirement of knowledge is wisdom. But I want to impress you with the truth that wisdom is not mere knowledge, but character. You will recall the statement of Scripture: "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." These are not mere matters of knowledge. They are the vital elements of a character that heaven approves. And their admixture in you will be your wisdom, your character, and your success.

#### THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF WISDOM

If you are to be "Like the Master in Service," you must be clean in your own being, without the alloy of self-will. Your motive must be pure and true.

If wise in service, you must also be peaceable; the very reverse of quarrelsome and contentious. There must be in your service that quality of wisdom which generously heals divisions, and promotes peace. You must also be gentle. That means that you must be reasonable and just and considerate of others. You will be careful to see things from the viewpoint of others rather than to insist that they see matters from the point of view that you command.

You must be tractable, not stubborn, able to keep rank with your comrades, and march along with them in the same path.

If you are to be "Like the Master in Service," you will not be hard and unfeeling and unsympathetic, but full of mercy. Neither will you be barren and unfruitful, but full of good fruits. Those, you know, are the fruits of the Spirit, the first of which is love. And then you must be single-minded, and absolutely sincere.

#### THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN SERVICE

That kind of wisdom is not an accumulation of mere facts of knowledge, but comes down from above. It is acquired not by the completion of any course of study in this or any other college, but in communion and personal fellowship with God. Without these you can neither acquire nor keep noble Christian character. I most earnestly appeal to you to live always in that communion and fellowship, for they are the source of true wisdom, and the secret of service like the Master's.

#### THE MASTER'S WAY OF SERVICE

The service to which you purpose to devote your lives calls for humility of heart. You should clearly understand that that is an entirely different principle from what the world understands. There is a vast amount of activity in this world that goes by the name of service, from which, in principle and in fact, the idea of humility is widely separated. Thousands are giving themselves ungrudgingly in such activity. But it is not service like the Master's. Its motivating principle is not humility, but self-exaltation. Its end, not the uplift of others, but the attainment of a personal purpose.

In Christ's service, His purpose must be your purpose. Your undertaking it must be urged, not so much by your love of the work itself, as by your love of Him who has asked you to do it. If this be so, you go or you stay, you toil or you rest, with equal readiness.

If it is not so, the call to work may find you responding with high courage, the call to rest may mean great travail of soul; the call to go may find you alert and ready, the call not to go may be the the greatest disappointment of your life.

#### EXALTATION IN SERVICE

Have you ever asked a child who loves you to do something for you that he knows will be especially pleasing to you? Have you observed his eager face and the light of great satisfaction shining in his eyes at the thought of it? If so, you have had the opportunity of knowing what exaltation through service can mean. It is not in self-pleasing. It is not in the mere performance of an agreeable assignment. It is in the doing with our whole heart, and with unselfish purpose, the particular duty allotted to us.

It is in the doing with equal readiness as the Master shall require, the service so easy that we dare not shirk it, or the task so hard that we must depend wholly upon His help.

#### CHRIST'S SERVICE IS SACRIFICIAL

When Mark wrote the Gospel, he was careful to record one incident that has deeply touched the hearts of millions. It is of Jesus sitting over against the treasury, watching the people casting in their gifts. A great many rich people came and gave of their plenty, but at last there came a poor widow who threw in two mites. Jesus said of her, "This poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury."

Will you please, while you are still young, and have strength and life to bring to the Master, read those verses over often, and let the lesson impress you more and more, that it is sacrifice that makes good deeds effective? Mere living becomes real life when it becomes sacrificial. We begin to operate with vital forces when we have done with mere superfluities, when we are finished with offering only what we can well do without, what it costs little to give, and when we begin living and serving sacrificially.

Christ does not begin His reckoning, nor do we come within the range of the heavenly standards, until our all is in our service. If there be sincere sacrifice by him who serves, there will be spiritual power in, and unusual accomplishment by, the service that he renders.

In the realm of the kingdom the abiding principle is love and devotion to the Lord Jesus. Without adherence to that principle, the central depths and channels of life will never be opened out to us, and the springs of vitality never really loosed in strong and successful service.

#### A WONDERFUL HOUR

My young friends, this is a wonderful hour at which to come to the work. The world is on tip-toe of expectancy and of dread of the future. It is a time for such service in God's kingdom here as an Elijah or a John the Baptist or a Queen Esther would give. It calls for the very utmost that you can bring to it. It is written, "His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads."

Your exaltation at the close of a finished work is to the joys of eternal glory. Until then it is the wonder of being allowed to appreciate and participate in the greatness of such service.

In conclusion let me impress you with the important truth that tomorrow's successes are determined by the order of your life today, and will all be tested in the furnace of still another day.

"By trifles in your common way,  
Your characters are slowly piled.  
You lose not all your yesterdays,  
The man has something of the child!  
Part of the past to all the present cleaves  
As odours linger in the fading leaves."

"In ceaseless toil from year to year;  
Working with loath or willing hands;  
Stone upon stone you shape and rear  
Until, complete, the building stands.  
And when at last your mission you've fulfilled,  
Tomorrow's fires will test what you have  
strived to build."

#### Closing Exercises, A.M. College

Unique in the history of Avondale was the setting for the closing exercises of the 1937 college year. In order to accommodate the combined membership of the Avondale village and college churches and the many visitors, a pavilion capable of seating a thousand people was lent by the conference, and this was erected on the college campus and furnished with chairs from the assembly hall of the Sanitarium Health Food factory and the college.

In this brightly lighted and beautifully decorated pavilion, a large audience gathered in the twilight on the last Friday evening of the college year, for the first of the series of special meetings at graduation week-end.

Two by two the graduates marched down the centre aisle and took the front seats, in readiness for the inspiring address by the principal, Pastor C. S. Palmer. The subject was, "Crisis Hour Decisions." It was pointed out that, because such decisions are necessary, it is well to be so equipped that one may meet each crisis with that assurance of mind which comes only from a Christian education.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the service came when the young men and women in the graduating class rose in a body, and one by one faced the audience

and bore testimonies which, coming from the heart of each speaker, went to the hearts of all their hearers. Surely they gave an insight into what Avondale is accomplishing in helping young people really to know Jesus, to love Him sincerely, and to pledge their all to service for Him. Some took this opportunity of thanking parents and friends, who, through self-sacrifice, had sent them to Avondale. Others expressed their appreciation of the influence of godly teachers.

Next, graduates of a different order were given opportunity to speak, and the members of the large baptismal class bore witness to their ideals and determinations.

Sabbath was a great day, with comparatively short intervals for the midday and evening meals.

Other years the student body has marched to the village church for the baccalaureate service, but this time the village came to the pavilion after the two separate Sabbath schools.

The speaker chosen by the graduating class, Pastor L. C. Naden, of the Advent Radio Church, took as the basis of his address their motto and aim, "Sought, now Seeking," "Like the Master in Service." Pastor Naden presented a vivid description of present world conditions, and showed that the spirit of self-sacrifice is necessary in all who would represent the Master. This spirit characterised the pioneers of the Advent movement. Only by close fellowship with Christ, and by going forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, could they meet the need of the hour.

In the afternoon most of the large audience were seated in chairs on the lawn around the baptismal font. Here, too, dressed in white, were the thirty-four candidates. Near-by was the college band, which led the singing of appropriate

hymns as the candidates went forward in this sacred ordinance, following an address by Pastor J. W. Kent.

At the young people's M.V. meeting in the pavilion these members were received into fellowship with the college church.

Following a practical and impressive programme presenting the importance of personal soul-winning, two other short services were held. There was still another kind of graduating class: eight students who had completed the Master Comrade course were invested by Pastor E. L. Minchin. After this, when dedicating a little Chinese boy to the Lord at the request of the parents, Pastor Allum showed that although infant baptism is not scriptural, the dedication of infants is a practice recorded in the Bible.

On Saturday night a sacred concert was thoroughly enjoyed by an overflowing pavilion.

On Sunday evening, Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," was rendered under the leadership of Brother R. W. Johnson, the musical director of the college. It was inspiring to see and hear more than 100 young people of the college presenting with such credit this truly beautiful work.

At the close, the audience was treated to some compositions for both choir and orchestra which had been composed by Brother Johnson.

## Dedication of Gisborne Church School

On Sabbath afternoon, November 13, the members of the Gisborne church gathered in the new school building for the dedication service. This modern, up-to-date, rough-cast structure occupies the site on

which the old wooden school previously stood.

Pastor M. H. Whittaker extended a welcome to all present, and the congregation joined in singing, "O Thou whose hand hath brought us to this joyful day."

The dedication address was given by Pastor R. E. Hare, the President of the North New Zealand Conference. He had been a pupil in the first church school south of the equator.

Leading educationalists of today, the speaker said, were in favour of training the children in church schools; for only there is found the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. Pastor Hare drew attention to the words of admonition given by the apostle in 2 Peter 1:5-8. We are to give daily diligence that we add these virtues to our lives, not forgetting love, which is essential. These eight characteristics constitute Peter's daily school curriculum.

The opening of the present building, the speaker continued, marks another milestone in church school history, when we contrast it with the old school which stood for so many years. In closing his remarks, Pastor Hare said it was a pleasure to be here to reopen this church school in such pleasant surroundings, and he hoped the boys and girls who attended would always remember the lessons they learned within its walls. He then offered the dedicatory prayer, committing the building, the teacher, and pupils to the hands of God, to be used in His service.

Two of the church members then publicly expressed their appreciation of the fine work that had been done, and of the generosity of the Union Conference.

E. A. WOODS.



A. M. COLLEGE GRADUATES, 1937

Back row (left to right): Jack W. Rowe, Austin W. Ivey, Harry L. Lethbridge, Henry A. Hockley, Lewis A. Knight, Charles J. Little, Mervin A. Butler, Harold F. Smith, Keith H. Adair, Vernon Herbert, Robert H. Abbott.

Middle row: Frank Craig, Lance L. Butler, Beryl A. Griffin, Evelyn E. Mitchell, Hylda M. Rudd, Ninnion D. Gill, Glenda M. Owens, Amelia A. Weetman, Gwenyth M. Ralph, Gwendolyn L. Adlard, Vina Beacham, Newton R. Lawson, William I. Taylor.

Front row: Norman Lantzke, Winifred H. Middleton, Beryl Rampton, Jean Easthope, Eulalie M. Young, H. Wallace Hammond, C. Ulrich (Faculty Adviser), Wilfred E. Rudge, Nora E. Pratt, Hazel M. Todd, Grace G. Cormack, Veronica M. Flanigan.

## Steady Growth in New Hebrides

This time last year we were in the homeland enjoying a furlough after four and a half years of service in the New Hebrides. We did enjoy the time spent visiting in New Zealand, and at Sydney, Cooranbong, Melbourne, and Warburton. We have returned to our field refreshed to continue our labours. Upon arrival we found everything going along well, except that two of our missionaries were away in Sydney on account of sickness caused by malaria. Happily, these were able to return the following steamer, and the field has been fully manned for the remainder of the year. A new missionary, Brother Albert Rose, a carpenter, also arrived at the same time, and he has been a great help to us.

We feel that we have had a successful year, and are very thankful to God for His keeping power and for the many blessings received. While the work here does not expand swiftly, yet we feel that there has been definite advancement and steady growth in every way.

During the year we have conducted district meetings at Ambrym, Aoba, and Atchin, respectively. These meetings were all well attended, not only by our own adherents, but also by other interested and inquiring folk. From the head station at Aore, Brethren and Sisters Hollingsworth and Tucker and Masingnalo attended the Ambrym and Aoba meetings, and reported that they very much enjoyed the visit and felt that much good was done. They were especially pleased with the prospects at Aoba, where the first fruits, two faithful men, were baptised during the gathering.

Brother Rose, ourselves, and Solomon attended the Atchin general meeting, and certainly did enjoy our stay over there. We called at Malekula on the way going and collected some of the people for the meeting. The people attended faithfully all the services, and seemed eager to do so. On the Sabbath there was a good number of visitors from the villages. In the early morning we conducted meetings in eight of the villages themselves, before returning for the morning service at 8 a.m. The two teachers, Joel and Masingnalo, Junior, are doing excellent work, and we are hopeful that a good strong work may be developed among the small islands near Atchin. I visited the islands of Vao and Grippv, holding three meetings and injecting about a hundred people for sores.

The Aore Training School, the three district schools, and the twenty-eight village schools have been well attended during the year. Three ministerial, eighteen missionary, and thirty teachers' licences were issued to the workers of this field at the annual council meeting held at Aore at the end of June. We expect, in the near future, that three of our native workers will be ordained to the gospel ministry, the first to attain to this honour in the New Hebrides field. We believe that they are well worthy of this confidence being placed in them.

We are at present erecting, with money provided this year, a new school building for the Aore Training School, which when completed will be a great blessing and, we trust, a credit to the cause in the New Hebrides. There will be two classrooms besides the main hall, a total of 1500 square feet floor space. We are hoping that we may be able to erect a much-needed church

building at the head station for the Tanna district, at Port Resolution, this coming year. Brother Perry at Aoba is busy building two dormitories for the single boys and girls, respectively. He is very much in need of married men's quarters also.

Our baptised membership now stands at 422, and those attending the Sabbath school in the New Hebrides every Sabbath now number almost 1200. We are looking forward to greater things for 1938 and solicit a continued interest in your prayers.

G. H. ENGELBRECHT.

## Letter from Pastor Weil

We have been away from Tanna for a few days, visiting the islands of Aneityum and Futuna. A Tanna teacher who knows the language is caring for the interest on Futuna.

At Aneityum we left one of our Tanna deacons to help the people who are interested in the message. It was on that island that the first missionary landed in the New Hebrides about a hundred years ago. Today the natives have almost died out. From a once very large population only a little over 200 are left, and most of them have gone back to heathenism.

At Aneityum practically the whole population is practising witchcraft. Let me tell you how they proceed in order to dispose of their enemy or to end their own lives in case of a quarrel.

There is a place on Aneityum which is known as the devil's residence, with a large tree. The native man or woman who wishes to die or has been sentenced to death, goes to that place and hangs two dry coconuts on the branches of the said tree. Then with a stick he hits the nuts and expresses the name of the one who should die, or it may be his own name if he desires to be released from a disease or from any other trouble.

Thus they enter into covenant with the evil spirits, and the gloom of death settles immediately upon the mind of the poor soul concerned. It is the belief of the natives that the evil spirit touches the nuts the night after they have been placed on the tree, and that he enters into his part of the agreement. Usually the same night the person dies. The natives say, "He catch'im big fella fever, where devil he make 'im he come along 'im, and behind he dead." This is the way of Spiritualism out here among these benighted souls.

We thank you and all the kind friends for earnest prayers on our behalf. We praise the Lord for His manifold mercies, and keep of good courage.

A. H. WEILL.

## "Olivet to Calvary"

The beautiful sacred cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" (Mauder), was rendered in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Warburton, on Sunday evening, October 24, by the Adventist choir, under the baton of Brother E. G. Howse.

The church was well filled with an appreciative audience, including many visitors from the township and surrounding district.

The platform of the church was taste-

fully decorated, the colour scheme being an all-dark one, with green drappings and red, purple, and mauve flowers, including red peony roses. Two paintings, lit up by electric lights, were suspended in the background, one picturing Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the other showing Him on the cross of Calvary. Across the back of the platform was also displayed, in large and attractive lettering, the words, "Olivet to Calvary."

The Rev. Mr. Langhorne, of the Presbyterian church, Warburton, gave acceptable help among the basses. Miss Joan Howse officiated at the piano, and Brother C. Sharpe at the organ.

The tenor solos were sung effectively and with much artistry by Brother C. Pearson, of Melbourne; Brother Alex Fraser and Brother J. Southon did well in the baritone solos, and Sister J. O'Connor and Miss Thelma Johanson pleased in the soprano solos.

The tenor solo, "O was there ever loneliness like His!" deeply moved the hearts of the audience. The soprano solo and the chorus, "Droop, Sacred Head, upon that breast divine," also made a deep impression.

In the hymn with which the cantata concluded, namely, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," the congregation joined with the choir; and the choir then beautifully rendered the anthem, "Worthy is the Lamb."

At the close of the cantata a liberal offering was given by the audience to aid the choir in the purchase of new music, and a most enjoyable and inspiring programme closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

A. L. KING.

## Colporteurs' Summary OCTOBER, 1937

### North New South Wales

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Physician</b>				
A.S. Jorgensen	55	10	£24 18 3	£2 12 3
J. T. Young	49	10	22 10 0	270 0 0
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
Miss G. Beattie	41	13	24 8 6	15 0
E. Norris				26 2 0
Miscellaneous	1		1 14 6	
<b>Ladies' Handbook</b>				
Mrs. Greive	66	46	94 6 0	66 8 9
Mrs. Pontey	46	27	55 7 0	51 16 6
<b>Contest for a Kingdom and Health</b>				
A.M. Coll. Students	71		48 7 6	6 12 0
<b>Helps</b>				
F. Masters			12 18 6	12 18 6
	257	178	£284 10 3	£437 5 0

### Tasmania

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Physician</b>				
Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Chick	124	27	£64 0 0	£70 15 0
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
Miss I. Richardson	46½	5	10 5 6	6 15 6
C. P. Southwell	70	5	12 5 3	20 0 3
<b>Ladies' Handbook</b>				
Miss A. Hall	33	8	16 19 0	3 0
	273½	45	£103 9 9	£97 13 9

Victoria

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
R. L. Aveling	1		£1 19 6	
E. H. Clark	97	16	32 7 6	£16 16 6
Miss J. Cormack	21½	1	2 4 6	11 12 0
Miss A. Cleeve	24	4	8 7 3	14 3
Miss D. Lean	48	6	13 10 10	3 8 9
Miss S. Reeves	5		3 0	1 17 6
Miss G. Spence	18½	4	7 19 6	1 6
Miscellaneous	1		1 19 9	10 1
<b>Bible Readings</b>				
R. Mackey	100	4	20 13 6	20 13 6
<b>Great Controversy</b>				
Miss J. Cormack	1		17 6	17 6
R. Mackey	1		1 2 6	1 2 6
<b>Home Guide</b>				
R. L. Aveling	120½	23	49 5 0	8 5 0
Miss A. Cleeve	20½	1	3 5 3	12 0
Miss J. Cormack	49	4	9 18 6	7 13 0
Miss L. Dickens				2 2 6
L. Jones	79	3	7 10 0	3 8 0
L. Purdy	117	22	47 7 6	4 5 0
Miss G. Spence	22½	5	11 2 9	20 1 0
A. L. Whitehead	85	5	12 11 6	4 4 6
<b>Home Physician</b>				
A. M. Cott				9 0 0
Miss A. Cleeve	1½		4 10 0	2 5 0
R. Mackey	31		7 1 0	9 6 0
Miss G. Spence	1		2 5 0	4 10 0
E. C. Watts	25½		9 6	2 14 6
<b>Health</b>				
Miscellaneous			18 10 0	18 10 0
	865½	106	£265 1 4	£154 10 7

West Australia

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Physician</b>				
A. Blake	197	45	£103 6 0	£35 16 0
Mr. & Mrs. King	116	49	112 0 6	143 10 6
Miscellaneous	27	13	28 9 0	11 2 0
Miss B. Mills	6	1	4 15 0	6 0 0
<b>Home Guide</b>				
H. Bone	61	14	32 7 6	72 7 6
J. Hanbury	60½	12	23 17 6	1 9 0
R. Hanbury	8	1	1 19 6	2 2 6
W. Hanbury	62	6	14 5 0	12 6 0
O. Hanbury	85	8	16 7 6	6 12 6
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
G. Walker	91½	8	16 3 6	6 16 0
H. Hooper	35	3	5 15 6	7 15 6
H. Bone	10½	5	8 17 6	
Mr. & Mrs. King	9	6	13 15 0	63 0 6
<b>Ladies' Handbook</b>				
Mrs. Abbott	2		4 4 0	2 2 0
	768½	173	£386 3 0	£371 0 0

South New South Wales

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Guide</b>				
E. B. Murray	90	18	£68 7 6	£68 19 0
Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Smith	14	1	4 1 6	33 16 6
F. Fleming	16	1	2 2 6	2 13 6
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
H. Nolan	55	2	6 13 6	2 8 6
<b>Home Physician</b>				
Mr. & Mrs. V. P. Murray	115	17	40 4 3	87 1 0
A. Broadfoot	105	12	28 12 0	28 11 6
E. B. Murray	14	10	21 18 0	6 7 0
P. Winch	39	5	11 0 0	18 0 0
Mrs. Hammond	29	3	6 3 0	6 9 6
F. Fleming	33	4	9 0 0	17 9 0
Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Smith				7 17 0
W. Johnson	24	1	2 14 6	2 14 6
L. Gill				9 0 0
<b>Secrets of Disease</b>				
Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Smith				2 2 0
<b>Ladies' Handbook</b>				
Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Smith				5 15 6
	534	74	£200 16 9	£299 4 0

North New Zealand

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
M. C. Bland	40	4	£8 6 6	£2 13 0
Miss E.B. Butt	105½	26	52 10 3	10 6 9
J. A. Cobb	36½	11	22 13 0	1 8 6
M. H. Guthrie	52½	6	13 4 0	5 6 0
A. Hudson	56½	23	48 5 6	4 19 0
J. F. Rubie	117	31	67 16 3	8 11 3
Miss I. Parker	28	5	9 12 6	20 9 0
D. H. Stock	57½	15	31 6 0	2 3 6
J. E. Wainwright	114½	44	89 0 0	68 15 6
E. G. White	107	15	28 4 6	2 11 6
<b>Bedtime Stories</b>				
Miss E. B. Butt				12 0
<b>Home Guide</b>				
J. H. Wade	104	7	16 0 0	5 16 0
Ivan White	70½	8	17 18 0	6 9 0
<b>Home Physician</b>				
J. H. Burton	106	60	136 16 0	33 6 0
J. A. Cobb			1 2 5 0	
J. Ivey	93½	31	69 15 0	60 15 0
Miss I. Parker	29½	9	21 4 0	14 9 0
W. Waterhouse	131	54	130 7 3	15 12 3
E. G. White				2 5 0
<b>Our Day</b>				
H. Thompson	116½	46	46 2 6	29 12 6
<b>Health</b>				
G. M. Grant			1 19 0	1 19 0
	1365½	396	£813 17 3	£297 7 9

Queensland

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Physician</b>				
C.L. Rowland	100	33	£74 15 0	£20 15 0
R. A. Spoor	33	8	21 12 0	3 12 0
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
Miss H. Thackham	77½		1 0 0	3 2 0
<b>Home Guide</b>				
F. Bevan	121½	13	30 0 6	59 10 0
G. A. Heise	51	5	10 8 0	4 6
W. R. Barritt	38	2	6 0 6	2 18 0
J. V. Till	2	1	1 1 0	1 1 0
E. F. Giblett	26	3	7 0 0	2 16 0
<b>Great Controversy</b>				
C. M. Lee	34½	5	10 5 6	3 0 0
	483½	70	£162 2 6	£96 18 6

South Australia

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Physician</b>				
Mr. and Mrs. Oaklands	141	41	£91 4 0	£54 10 6
Mr. and Mrs. Penfold	105	31	70 4 0	15 16 0
J. Mika	1	1	2 5 0	2 5 0
<b>Home Guide</b>				
L. G. Bain	85	12	30 0 6	28 9 0
H.T. Beacham	105½	11	27 4 6	10 0 6
Mrs. S. McCabe	104	9	22 4 6	3 17 6
A. C. Sadler	103	7	16 14 0	2 15 6
J. Powell	20	1	2 6 6	7 0
	664½	113	£262 3 0	£118 1 0

South New Zealand

	Hrs.	Ord.	Total	Deliveries
<b>Home Physician</b>				
N. A. Brehaut	91	46	£107 5 6	£27 5 6
<b>Bible Pictures &amp; Stories</b>				
L. Bonington	60	18	16 3 6	3 2 0
A. W. Field	123	25	46 12 6	35 17 0
<b>Ladies' Handbook</b>				
A. M. Gould	57	7	16 7 6	2 11 6
<b>Home Guide</b>				
M. Hossack	88	17	37 3 6	8 12 0
L. O. Sontar	29	6	13 9 0	30 12 6
C. E. Summerfield				69 17 0
A. W. Macaulay	1		2 5 0	
	448	120	£239 5 6	£177 17 6

Totals for October, 1937

	Col.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Deliveries
N. N.Z.	17	1365½	396	£813 17 3	£297 7 9
W. Aust.	11	768½	173	386 3 0	371 0 0
N. N.S.W.	6	257	178	284 10 3	437 5 0
Victoria	12	865½	107	265 1 4	154 10 7
S. Aust.	8	604½	113	262 3 0	118 1 0
S. N.Z.	7	44½	120	239 5 6	177 17 6
S. N.S.W.	12	534	74	200 16 9	299 4 0
Q'land	9	483½	70	162 2 6	96 18 6
Tas.	5	273½	45	103 9 9	97 13 9
	87	5660½	1276	£2717 9 4	£2049 11 1

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The Colporteurs' Summary

Looking at the accomplishments in summary value for the past ten months, we can truly say that therein is revealed much self-sacrificing toil, real constancy of effort, and a great love for service to humanity. Eight out of nine conferences are beyond their goals for this period, West Australia has 180 per cent of its aim, and North New Zealand 218 per cent.

The Union aim of £34,000 for the full year is already exceeded by £1,875. For this we sincerely thank the Lord. Splendid work has been done throughout the field. Last year six conferences failed to reach their yearly aim. Already six have exceeded theirs for this year. Two conferences had a larger delivery value than summary value during October. The deliveries this year transcend those of last year by £3,307.

We do not talk figures, summaries, and deliveries just to keep the wheels of the publishing house going, nor to see how much we can sell; but we all know we now enjoy wonderful peace, with every opportunity to spread the truth for this time. Soon, perhaps very soon, we may not have the same peaceful times, and what we fail to do in these days of liberty will need to be done during the most trying times and under the most difficult circumstances. Now is the time to give our first attention to the sale of literature that will bring people to the saving knowledge of the truth.

T. A. MITCHELL.

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## Sabbath School Report for Quarter Ended September 30, 1937

Sabbath Schools	Member-ship	Av'ge Att'nd.	Perfect Record	Thirteenth Sabb. Offg.	Total Offerings	Weekly Average	
South N.Z.	19	950*	867*	273*	£115 5 6	£347 14 1	8.84*
North N.Z.	49	1908*	1604*	520*	273 9 4	724 1 1*	8.24*
North N.S.W.	48	2363*	1859*	688*	226 0 10	747 9 5*	8.20*
N. Queensland	9	384*	257*	112*	54 1 9*	114 18 0*	7.78*
Victoria	65	3046*	2557	723	243 15 3*	787 12 1*	7.64*
South N.S.W.	64	3262*	2697	886	217 19 6	803 7 1	6.34*
Tasmania	19*	793*	557*	270*	61 0 0	168 3 4	5.93*
South Aust.	37*	1213*	1133*	277	76 18 8*	268 4 9	5.80*
West Aust.	38*	1487	1160	318	95 13 5*	351 14 5*	5.65*
Queensland	24	1455*	1187	370	68 1 2*	277 6 5*	4.75*
Missions	339*	12836	10711*	2318*	64 16 0*	600 13 7*	2.92*
	711*	29696*	24589*	6755*	£1497 1 5	£5191 4 3*	6.98*

\* Denotes an increase over the previous quarter.

The total average weekly offering per church member (6.98 pence) is based upon the home field only.

Bristling with encouragement are the figures given above. The membership registers an increase of 218 for the quarter; the average attendance is higher by 601; and 1188 more people had a perfect record in attendance and daily study. Very rarely have the Sabbath schools given as much as £5,000 in one quarter, but the splendid total of £5,191 4s. 3d. was the sum of all these freewill offerings made during the three months ending September 30. This total is £315 higher than that of the previous quarter.

How we appreciate the response made by our Sabbath school members, young and old, to the call for help from the Solomon Islands. As you will remember, this appeal was for the medical work in that group, and the overflow for boats. Nearly £1500 was given. Those who have given have assisted in relieving the pain of many sufferers and in binding many a wound, and no doubt through this practical ministration of love they will see souls in the kingdom. What a blessed privilege is ours!

May our Sabbath schools continue to be

## How the School in the West Was Founded

NOW KNOWN AS W. A. MISSIONARY COLLEGE

It is about thirty years since our W.A. training school was started in a very crude way, and it is most gratifying to see the results today, not only in the college itself, where about seventy young people are in training, but in the home and mission field we find former Darling Range School students doing their part.

Its beginning came about in this way: Several families in the Darling Ranges accepted the message of the Lord's soon appearing. One brother, in his earnest first love, seeing the need of a training school for our young people in West Australia, and desiring himself to have a part in the work of telling others the good news, offered to give his orchard and 100 acres of land in the fertile Bickley Valley for this purpose.

At that time I had just returned from Avondale for field work in the West, but having had years of experience in building work and farming, the committee

a blessed means of grace to our entire constituency.

### SABBATH SCHOOL DEPT.

## Notice

### NORTH AND SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES SABBATH SCHOOL WORKERS!

A Sabbath school institute, under the auspices of the Australasian Union Sabbath School Department, is to be held at Avondale from January 21-23, 1938.

All Sabbath school officers, church elders, and others who are interested are invited to attend.

The cost will be 10/-, not including fares.

We would urge all who can to make the most of this opportunity. It will mean much to you individually, and much to your home Sabbath school.

Plan to come, talk about coming, and encourage others to come. For further particulars inquire of your local secretary and the Union Sabbath School Department.

asked my wife and me to take up the work of establishing the new school. We were to receive a joint salary of thirty shillings per week, my wife to be cook and matron, while I carried out the duties of principal and business manager, book-keeper, head carpenter, and farm manager, and taught several classes each school day, while on Sabbath I had the duties of church elder and Sabbath school teacher.

The conference president handed me a one pound note to buy an axe and grindstone, pointing out the large logs on the hillsides, and advising that we spend any money left over on a digging fork for the orchard. He said he would visit around the conference and send students along. When I asked how to secure the money for necessary supplies I was told it must be made off the property, as this school was to be self-supporting. I had read Booker T. Washington's book on how he started the Tuskegee Institute, so I took courage and had a good look around to see where money could be made quickly.

When the first students came we borrowed a plough and planted turnips, as money was needed urgently, and in six weeks all hands were washing and bagging

turnips for the market. And what a fine crop it was! Surely the Lord specially blessed it, and prices were good, too.

While the turnips were growing we used the crosscut saw and axe on those logs, and soon had money to pay our first grocery bills. The first year's orange crop gave us only eight cases; but by careful pruning and cultivation, three years later we had 900 cases. By clearing more land and planting mixed fruit trees, a large orchard has been built up, which is a great help in financing the school.

There was a half finished house of six rooms on the property, also a large iron shed. We pulled most of the shed down and built two small living rooms and a dining room. In this hot iron building, the food was cooked and we all had our meals for the first few months. The students slept in the half-finished house until we had time and money to plaster the inside walls and provide doors and fittings.

The conference president collected money sufficient for a school chapel. By growing all kinds of vegetables and selling wood cut by the students, after six months we had our school running nicely, and at the end of the first year actually showed a credit balance of fifty pounds, with all self-supporting students. The West Australian Adventists were proud of their school and helped where they could. One mother gave a hen and chickens, another a cow, one gave a horse; another good brother, a block of land to be sold to obtain money for building. In this way the school grew and flourished.

H. R. MARTIN.

## WEDDING BELLS

BECKETT - HARDING. — A large gathering met in the Albion Baptist church, Q., to witness the uniting in marriage of Sister Enid Harding with Brother Job Beckett. Both of these young people are highly respected members of the Seventh-day Adventist church and many were the good wishes expressed as they left to make their home in the Burringbar district of New South Wales. The officers of the Baptist church not only kindly lent the church for the occasion, but assisted also in decorating and did everything possible to make the occasion memorable. We wish these young people every blessing as they unite their lives in service for Christ.

R. J. BURNS.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED. — Pensioner offered comfortably furnished room, small wage, garden, odd jobs. 1428 Pacific Highway, opp. Cherry St., Turramurra, N.S.W.

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## OBITUARY

### Death of Pastor H. R. Martin

Pastor Harry R. Martin was born in Victoria on Dec. 5, 1874, and died at the Sydney Sanitarium on Nov. 22, 1937. During years of suffering, endured with remarkable patience and cheerfulness, our brother bore a most helpful witness for the Saviour. Even on his sickbed in the Sanitarium he was able to lead others to accept the Saviour and obey all His commandments. The doctors and nurses frequently commented upon his optimism, and his never-failing smile was an inspiration to all.

Another Martin accepted present truth in 1903, and after his marriage to Miss Prudence Hill, of West Australia, he came to the Australasian Missionary College, where he was graduated from the Missionary Course in 1906. The following year he was appointed Principal of the Darling Range School, which was then being established, and he commenced to build up that institution with but £1 cash and a spade. The Lord wonderfully blessed those early efforts, resulting in a good school today known as the West Australian Missionary College.

In 1914 Pastor Martin accepted a call to Fiji as Principal of the Buresala Training School, and in this field he laboured for many years, acquiring the language and endearing himself to the people by his genial disposition. In 1922 he went to the Solomon Islands for a year's special carpentry work. In 1926 Pastor Martin was appointed Superintendent of the Fiji Mission. Even after his health failed through rheumatoid arthritis, he served as a district director for some time. Following an operation at the Sanitarium, the end came suddenly and unexpectedly, while he was making a good recovery from the arthritis.

### The Old Year

Looking down the valley,  
Where the shadows creep,  
See, the Old Year passing,  
Softly falls asleep.  
Sorrow's tears are falling  
Over fond good-byes,  
But its record angels  
Carry to the skies.

Love has kissed its treasures,  
Grief has learned to sing,  
Joy has shared its gladness;  
While hopes airy wing,  
Bathed in golden sunlight,  
Gained a loftier view.  
Now, its farewell moments  
Whisper, "Still be true."

O, Thou the God of ages,  
We thank Thee for the year.  
Its pages, stained and blotted,  
Are wet with many a tear.  
We ask Thy sweet forgiveness,  
Where wrong with right has  
striven.  
Grant, Lord, its kindly lessons  
May lead us nearer heaven!

R. HARE.

To his wife in West Australia, his son Edward who is giving valuable service in Fiji, and to the two married daughters, Edith in the West and Grace in northern New South Wales, we tender our deepest sympathy in the loss of a devoted husband and father, and pray that the God of all comfort will sustain them in their sad bereavement.

Of him it may truly be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: . . . that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." After the services conducted in the Wahroonga church and the Northern Suburbs cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, we laid our brother to rest in the sure and certain hope that at the call of the Life-giver there will be given him a crown of life "which fadeth not away." Pastors A. H. Piper, E. Hare, E. B. Rudge, A. W. Knight, H. E. Piper, H. R. Steed, and the writer took part in the burial services.

A. G. STEWART.

**SHEARER.** — After a lingering illness, Miss Georgina Isabella Shearer passed to her rest on June 26. We laid her to rest in the Waimairi Cemetery, Papanui. Sister Shearer accepted the message under the labours of Brother Chesson. A service was held at the home of her brother in Papanui and at the graveside by the writer, assisted by Pastor Bradley. We look forward to the glad resurrection morn when the sleeping saints will be clad with immortality.

J. PASCOE.

**KERBY.** — On October 25 at her late residence, Edgecliff, Sydney in her eighty-fourth year, Miss Isabella Kerby fell asleep in Jesus. Exactly three months had passed since her sister, Miss Laura Kerby, was laid to rest. These two faithful souls — faithful to death — now rest side by side until the coming of the One for whom they lived and laboured. And truly their works do follow them. Many rejoice in a saving knowledge of God's message for today as a result of the united and unselfish labours of these dear servants of God. The interment took place on October 27 at the Waverley cemetery.

A. H. WHITE.

**COX.** — At the age of 52, Sister Ivy Cox passed peacefully away at her home in Timaru, N.Z., on November 5. She had suffered patiently for fifteen years, ten of which "the blessed hope" had eased her pillow of pain. Although her death brought sadness to her relatives and friends, we all know that now she rests in a painless sleep, and we look forward to that land where "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick." Services at the home and the graveside were conducted by the writer. We extend to her loved ones and friends our deepest sympathy.

STANLEY H. SHELL.

**GROAT.** — In the passing of Miss Sarah Maud Groat on October 8, one who sincerely loved the Lord and lived to help others, fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Groat was born in Castlemaine, Victoria, 68 years ago. It was in Northam, W.A., that the message found her, after she had withdrawn from a responsible position with a well-known Perth firm and bought herself a home. There she gave her heart and

her all to the Lord. For some time she was seamstress at the Sydney Sanitarium, and hence is known to many of our readers. Through all the years that have followed she lived very near the Lord, most patiently bearing affliction, and at the same time doing a wonderful work in helping the needy by collecting and renovating garments, and by the distribution of literature. One not of our faith on hearing of Miss Groat's death, wrote this testimony, "Her patience was unlimited. I used to marvel at her understanding, her love of humanity, and her cheerfulness." Even when her health failed entirely, her prayer was that God would place her where she could witness for Him to the very last. And this prayer was answered, for the staff at the Newington Hospital state that her life and death testified that she was indeed a child of God. Her last words were, "Safe in Jesus." The last sacred rites at the Crematorium, Chatswood, were conducted by the writer.

A. W. KNIGHT.

**DAVERN.** — On November 17, at her home at Concord, Sydney, Mrs. Charlotte Julia Davern passed peacefully to rest at the age of nearly 70 years. Sister Davern accepted present truth about forty years ago, as the result of studying "Bible Readings" purchased from a colporteur at Narrabri. Her life has borne a bright testimony throughout the years to the sustaining grace of the Saviour whom she dearly loved. The same unselfish and courageous spirit was evident, even in the weakness of the last illness of this devoted Christian. Four sons and three daughters, Miss Minnie Davern, Mrs. Seers, and Mrs. D. Kent of Brisbane, mourn the loss of a godly mother. In the presence of relatives and friends her remains were interred at Rookwood beside those of her husband, who predeceased her about six years. To the bereaved family we would say, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

G. G. STEWART.

### Thank You

Recently God saw fit to lay our boy Leo to sleep until Jesus comes. We desire to sincerely thank the brethren and sisters for the many letters and telegrams of sympathy that came to us during Leo's illness and since he fell asleep. With the sorrow is the sweet hope that our children shall come again from the land of the enemy; for those that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. 1 Thess. 4:14.

Let us pray for one another that we may not lose our FAITH on the borders of the heavenly Canaan. Thank you one and all for your prayers.

C. and M. STAFFORD.

The family of the late Robert Watson wish to express their thanks to the many friends for the kind letters, telegrams, and personal expressions of sympathy in the loss of a loving and devoted father.

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This is the last issue of the "Record" for the year 1937. Please bear this in mind when you do not receive the paper during the next two weeks. As it is our custom to print only fifty issues of the "Record" each year, this week's paper completes our forty-first volume. The next issue will be dated January 3, 1938, but will be posted early to all our subscribers.

Pastor Fulton's series of articles, written for the "Record," will begin with our next issue. It was to avoid the year-end break in the series that we are waiting for the new year's volume.

In answer to an inquiry, we would state that Brother Edward Hare, who with his wife was the first to accept the Sabbath truth in New Zealand, is an older brother of Pastor Robert Hare.

It is planned for the following delegates from the Union Conference to attend the North New Zealand camp meeting from January 18-30: Pastors A. H. Piper and E. B. Rudge, Dr. C. W. Harrison, and Pastor and Mrs. Robert Hare.

Mrs. A. J. Campbell and little Heather from Ramu, Central New Guinea, and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell and her two little daughters from Vilirupu, Papua, were passengers by the "Montoro" which reached Sydney on December 3. They have preceded their husbands home on furlough for health reasons, and that the children may attend school for a time.

Returning home to Papua to canvass and assist in the mission work during the college vacation, Brother Lester Lock is leaving for Papua early in December. Taking advantage of the students' railway concession, he will go overland to Cairns where he will join the "Montoro." It is expected that when he returns to college next year, he will bring with him his youngest brother, Earle, to further his education at Avondale.

The sisters of the Wahroonga church organised a cafeteria and sale of work, opening at 6 p.m. on December 2, in the Sanitarium gymnasium hall, by which the local church school benefited to the extent of nearly £40.

The latest report from the General Conference Statistician gives this encouraging news: "At the close of 1936, this work was conducted in 378 countries, islands, and island groups, by 26,553 evangelistic and institutional labourers, who are using in their work 649 languages and dialects. This is an increase of 71 languages during 1936, or practically one new language added every five days during the year."

## Graduation at Avondale

From the chapel door they emerged. The gentle breeze wafted the jasmine-perfumed air on brows that had so lately puckered with concentration on examinations. But tonight those brows were smooth. The youthful eyes held glad lights of satisfaction. Tonight was a night of nights — the consummation of their college hopes. Tonight they were wearing the crown of success — that magic crown which sets the face aglow and makes the step bestir. Under the jacarandra trees passed the graduates, their feet lightly pressing the purple carpet of fallen flowers, on toward the crowded pavilion.

The class colours, violet, gold, and silver, blending in flower and leaf, decorated the rustic platform. The scene was one of beauty as the graduates, preceded by honoured guests and faculty members, took their places.

The white dresses of the young ladies showed in pleasing contrast to the dark suits of the young men.

Scripture reading and earnest prayer carried our thoughts to the great Master Graduate who is lovingly waiting to welcome His workers home, and to crown them with the commendation, "Well done."

Instrumental and vocal music charmed the listeners.

The class aim, "Like the Master in Service," was the theme of Pastor Watson's graduation address. This aim is the highest ideal of a successful life; and this life was the aim set before those who were stepping this evening over the brink of college experiences into the great ebb and flow of the world's need. Not in the glow of the present hour, but only in the practical application of right principles, in thoroughness, in sincerity and in loving, whole-hearted surrender, can this inspiring aim be reached.

The pile of diplomas on the table was reduced as one by one the names of the graduates were called by the principal, and they came forward in that long-looked-for moment and grasped that which signified so much.

The class roll is as follows:

MINISTERIAL COURSE: Robert H. Abbott, Wilfred E. Rudge.

BIBLE WORKER'S COURSE: Grace G. Cormack, Veronica M. Flanagan.

GENERAL COLLEGE COURSE: Eulalie M. Young.

SCIENCE COURSE: H. Wallace Hammond, Jack W. Rowe.

NORMAL COURSE: Gwendolyn L. Adlard, Vina Beacham, Jean Easthope, Beryl A. Griffin, Vernon Herbert, Henry A. Hockley, Austin W. Ivey, Newton R. Lawson, Harry L. Lethbridge, Nora E. Pratt, Gwenyth M. Ralph, Hazel M. Todd, Amelia A. Weetman.

BUSINESS COURSE: Keith H. Adair, Lance L. Butler, Mervin A. Butler, Frank Craig, Ninnion D. Gill, Lewis A. Knight, Norman Lantzke, Charles J. J. Little, Winifred H. Middleton, Evelyn E. Mitchell, Glenda M. Owens, Beryl Rampton, Hylda M. Rudd, Harold F. Smith, William I. Taylor.

A male quartette sang the class hymn, "Like the Master in Service," the words of which were written by Pastor R. Hare and the music composed by Brother E. W. Johnson. On behalf of the graduates, their class president presented the college with four handsome and serviceable chairs for

use on the chapel rostrum. Upon the completion of this beautiful custom, a poem, "Sought, Now Seeking," was recited by Miss Pratt.

A hush prevailed while the benediction was pronounced.

As our dear 1937 graduates leave these halls, the solemn truth is borne home to our hearts that they go out to face such conditions as no other class has ever faced before. May the Spirit of the Master ever maintain its true place in their hearts and keep them humbly dependent on Him in whom only is there true success for those who have been "sought" but are "now seeking." FLORENCE GROLIMUND.

## The Marechale's Christmas Message

(Written by General Booth's eldest daughter.)

There is one verse in this immortal story which comes to us with illuminating power. After the astounding salutation to Mary she asks the very natural question, "How shall this be?" The angel answered, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee." Luke 1:35.

Does not this apply to us? Is some one asking, "How can I be delivered from this bondage, this fear, this besetting sin?" The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, and when that takes place nothing is impossible. The chain breaks, and you are free.

Is some one saying: "If you had my cross, my circumstances at home . . . ?" Listen! The circumstances may not change, but you will become a new creature; you will no more drag your cross, but carry it joyfully, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and the power of the Highest overshadow you.

I hear a sigh from a bereaved and desolate soul. "I am so lonely, I cannot stop my grief, I cannot stay my tears." When the power of the Highest overshadows you, you will have a new vision and be comforted "as one whom his mother comforteth," so that you will even begin to work for others.

Are you discouraged? All will change when the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and the power of the Highest overshadows you. There will be new vision and new strength, the far off will draw near, the impossible become possible, and joy unspeakable will take the place of despondency.

"If only I could realise this!" some one exclaims. Start for the manger, as I do every year. Join the shepherds and once again kneel before that wonderful Love born in a stable, born to pardon, heal, and save sinners. He never discourages any one. He will receive you and make you more than conqueror.

## Important Dates

### CAMP MEETINGS

South New Zealand: Jan. 5-16.  
North New Zealand: Jan. 18-30.  
Tasmania: Feb. 10-20.  
West Australia: Feb. 22-March 6.  
South Australia: March 16-27.  
North Queensland: May 10-22.