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JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE



WHY do you not cease from sin? You may overcome if you will co-operate with God. Christ's promise is sure. He pledges Himself to fill the office of personal intercessor, saying, "I will pray the Father." He who could not see human beings exposed to destruction without pouring out His soul unto death to save them from eternal ruin, will look with pity and compassion upon every soul who realises that he cannot save himself. He will see no trembling suppliant without raising him up. He who through His own atonement provided for them an infinite fund of moral power, will not fail to employ this power in their behalf. He will impute to them His own righteousness.

Christ accepts the surrender of the soul. He has pledged Himself to be our substitute and surety, and He neglects no one. There is an inexhaustible fund of perfect obedience accruing from His obedience. How is it that such an infinite treasure is not appreciated? In heaven the merits of Christ, His self-denial and self-sacrifice, are treasured up as incense, to be offered up with the prayers of His people. As sincere, humble prayers ascend to the throne of God, Christ mingles with them the merits of His life of perfect obedience. Our prayers are made fragrant by this incense. Christ has pledged Himself to intercede in our behalf, and the Father always hears His Son. Pray, then. Pray without ceasing, an answer is sure to come. But let me speak in warning: If any man regard iniquity in his heart, the Lord will not hear him.

It is our privilege to avail ourselves of Christ's mediatorial influence. Let us, then, increase in wisdom and knowledge by praying much, being instant in prayer at all times, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. The name of Jesus must be in our hearts and fall from our lips. The eye of faith must behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

ELLEN G. WHITE

In General Conference Bulletin, 1899, pp. 101, 102.

The Work of Overcoming

WHAT is it to be a Christian?—It is to be Christlike; it is to do the works of Christ. Some fail on one point, some on another. Some are naturally impatient. Satan understands their weakness, and manages to overcome them again and again. But let none be discouraged by this. Whenever little annoyances and trials arise, ask God in silent prayer to give you strength and grace to bear them patiently. There is a power in silence; do not speak a word until you have sent up your petition to the God of heaven. If you will always do this, you will soon overcome your hasty temper, and you will have a little heaven here to go to heaven in.

God wants His people to cleanse their hands and purify their hearts. Will it make them unhappy to do this? Will it bring unhappiness into their families if they are kind and patient, courteous and forbearing?—Far from it. The kindness they manifest toward their families will be reflected upon themselves. This is the work that should be carried forward in the home. If the members of a family are not prepared to dwell in peace here, they are not prepared to dwell in the family that shall gather around the great white throne. Sin always brings darkness and bondage; but right-doing will bring peace and holy joy.

The work of overcoming is a great work. Shall we take hold of it with energy and perseverance? Unless we do, our "filthy garments" will not be taken from us. We need never expect that these will be torn from us violently; we must first show a desire to rid ourselves of them. We must seek to separate sin from us, relying upon the merits of the blood of Christ; and then in the day of affliction, when the enemy presses us, we shall walk among the angels. They will be like a wall of fire about us; and we shall one day walk with them into the city of God.

When tempted to sin, let us remember that Jesus is pleading for us in the heavenly sanctuary. When we put away our sins and come to Him in faith, He takes our names on His lips, and presents them to His Father, saying, "I have graven them upon the palms of My hands; I know them by name." And the command goes forth to the angels to protect them. . . .

There has never been a time when the people of God have had greater need to claim His promises than now. Let the hand of faith pass through the darkness, and grasp the arm of infinite power.

While we speak of the necessity of separating from sin, remember that Christ came to our world to save sinners, and that "He is able also to save them to the

utmost that come unto God by Him." It is our privilege to believe that His blood is able to cleanse us from every spot and stain of sin. We must not limit the power of the Holy One of Israel. He wants us to come to Him just as we are, sinful and polluted; His blood is efficacious. . . .

Let us gather up these precious jewels of promise, and when Satan accuses us of our great sinfulness, and tempts us to doubt the power of God to save, let us repeat the words of Christ, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

ELLEN G. WHITE.



Why Have a Young People's Department?

"To save from sin and guide in service" is not merely a slogan. It is rather a concise statement of the purpose and ideal which led to the formation of the young people's department. This purpose found expression first in the inspired messages from the servant of the Lord when calling for the organisation of young people's societies. Notice the clear outline of the work for and by the young people in the first message which came from Sister White regarding it:

"We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well organised plans for helping other youth. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honouring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labour."—*General Conference Bulletin, January 29, 30, 1893, p. 24, quoted in "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," p. 11.*

In later messages the youth in every church were definitely called to "form companies" to endeavour to "save souls from ruin," and to "organise themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but for those who are not of our faith."

With such instruction as this, the church has developed a society which offers a broad general training to our young people. The young people's society draws the young people together in Christian fellowship and study, thus affording opportunity for the exercise of influences leading to the conversion of the immature and wayward.

The society seeks to encourage the life of the young people in four principal phases of experience. The first of these is the devotional life. A Christian experience is impossible without a knowledge of God and communion with Him. The

religion that comes from God is the only religion that can save the soul. Through such helps as the Morning Watch Calendar and the Bible Year, youth are encouraged to come in touch with God through prayer, His Word, and meditation upon their own experience as related to His revealed will.

Another phase of life is developed by what are known as educational features of society work. To be a good church member and missionary one must be intelligent regarding his faith and church. To be prepared to win others, the believer should be familiar with Bible doctrine and able to set forth the message in outlined study. "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15. The training in Bible doctrines and denominational history, given in the Standard of Attainment, is intended to prepare the inexperienced to become able defenders of the faith.

Other educational features, like the Reading Courses, are a great help in giving information that broadens the vision of life's work and opportunities. Many of the books discuss the problems that perplex youth and give clear light on how to meet them.

The society is largely concerned with giving a training in missionary service. Plans are laid or adapted which give opportunity for Christian work to the juniors as well as the older youth. The young people who are active in society work are prepared when they become mature to carry the responsibilities of church work. This missionary purpose of the Missionary Volunteer Society is the heart of its life. It finds expression in its name, Missionary Volunteer. It is expressed in its aim, "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation." It arises like sweet fragrance from its motto, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." And it throbs like a strong heart in the society pledge, "Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world." With such an aim, motto, and pledge, there is no limit to what may be accomplished by the society of consecrated Christian youth in helping to forward the work of the Advent message.

Aside from these things the society gives guidance in social life. It should not, of course, become a mere entertainment organisation. The happiest social life is not that which is sought as such, but rather that which arises out of fellowship in the execution of high spiritual endeavours. The society meeting is a place of excellent social intercourse on a spiritual plane. But the society should also attempt to set ideals in social affairs by leading out occasionally in the holding of a social gathering.

In fact, whatever contributes to building up the Christian experience of juniors and young people is of interest to the Missionary Volunteer Society.

"To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to man," wrote Sister White in "Counsels to

Teachers," page 166. And that, in brief is the reason why the Seventh-day Adventist Church has organised its youth throughout the world field in Sabbath schools, in church schools, and in Missionary Volunteer Societies.

H. T. ELLIOTT,
Gen. Conf. M.V. Sec.

J.M.V. Camp Report

Victorian Boys

TWENTY-FIVE hearty boys, ranging from ten to sixteen, found their way to the J.M.V. Camp at Bonbeach, on the morning of December 21. The afternoon found all settled, and at evening vespers a few words regarding the programme and right relation to camp discipline were spoken to these lusty juniors.

Dividing into bands and other necessary arrangements occupied what time was at our disposal, and in order for the twenty-five sleepless heads to gain some rest, bed was sought at 8.45 p.m. We older ones like to think that it was strange beds and the excitement of the day that drove sleep away from these lads, for it did take them the best part of an hour to hush their active spirits into dreamland. The refreshment, however, must have compensated for the loss of time, for at 5 a.m. most of the sleepers were anxious to face a day filled with worship, instruction, play, recreation, eating, reading, and rest.

Perhaps the chief item in routine most looked for, was the raising of the J.M.V. flag, for the band that was tidiest, best behaved, reverent, and displayed most personal cleanliness, was awarded the honours of the day. To ensure that the second night in camp would be a restful one, a five-mile paper chase was instituted. It took some grit for the younger ones to keep up, but that is what we come to camp for. A well-earned tea, a hearty sing, some helpful stories, and then—bed and SLEEP for sure. One was really impressed by the successful effort made, for scarcely a whisper was heard after silence whistle. A mental reverie also was indulged in as to what parents would say could they see their boys doing such justice to discipline.

Friday brought a slight adjustment to the programme in preparation for Sabbath. When these hours of hallowed rest were silently making room for heaven's blessing in human hearts, a band of boys was welcoming the day by prayer and praise.

Although wet and dismal, the Sabbath day was spent in Sabbath school, service, and M.V. meeting; then as heaven favoured us with some opportunity in God's out-of-doors, we were able to take a walk by the sea and in the forest.

Thus the time passed all too soon. Days find no waiting, and with the memory of a happy, helpful time, filled with lessons for all, these lads of the Victorian J.M.V. family turned homeward after five days in camp.

Two little fellows had been given sixpence for offerings. No pocket money was their lot, doubtless because of hard times. Other boys were spending some pennies on the things that boys like so much when away from home, but one

of these boys came along and putting his hand into that of the leader, said with a struggle in his voice, "My mother gave me sixpence for offerings, and as the Sabbath is tomorrow, I have kept it so that I would not rob the offering." Well, reader, perhaps in our advanced way of thinking, we may not be able to appreciate all that it meant for that purpose to be carried out, but I think the Christ who once walked the earth as a lad understands it fully, and in the "book of remembrance" surely it has found a place.

The 1932 camp is over. Leaders have certainly learned lessons, and we who are confident that God can make this Junior work one of salvation to our boys and girls, face another year of Junior activity with determination and a prayer that God will call from the ranks of the older consecrated young people, some hearts who will develop into leaders for our Junior work. Pray for us that this may be so.

H. J. MEYERS,
Vic. Conf. M.V. Sec.

"Ministry of Healing"

INTO a world filled with men and women who are suffering, worn, and weary; sick in body, and more often in mind; with none to pity, and few to care; there came a great Healer, unwanted, despised, and often rejected by those whom He pitied the most. This lover of mankind walked alone, but of Him we read, "The common people heard Him gladly." Not one human being sought His help in vain, no matter how wicked or forlorn or helpless or sick. The lepers were cleansed, the blind made to see, the lame leaped for joy; and none were too sick or needy or wretched to find healing and peace at His word.

But that was two thousand years ago, and no more by the sea, in the busy walks of men, or on the lonely mountain side do we find the footprints of the lowly Jesus. The mighty Healer has gone back to His Father's dwelling. Have sin and suffering ceased? Does earth no longer need a healer?

I once heard Dr. A. W. Truman ask this question, "If you should hear that in the counsels of heaven it was decreed that there should be prepared a health book to help this needy world, and guide the sufferers of earth in the path of health, and that somewhere it was to be dropped down, would you search to find it? Would you read it?" Listen while I quote from "Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 71: "The book 'Ministry of Healing' contains the wisdom of the Great Physician." Again I quote, "The messages contained in this book contain the light that God has revealed to me to give to the world" (page 77). To us as a people God has entrusted a great work. Are we doing it? In how many ways the dear Lord shows that He loves us—loves us still.

I am wondering how many homes contain this wonderful book. One day I was talking with a good sister about the value of this book, urging her to get a copy, when all at once she said, "Wait a minute. It seems to me I have a copy." Searching among her books, she found it. "Has it helped you?" I asked. Quite slowly she replied, "Well, to tell you the

truth, I have never read much of it; just a little here and there." Again I asked, "Have you never felt the need of more wisdom in your home life, with your children, with the many perplexities of illness, home-making, and questions to answer? To feel that you were leading your family in the pathway to heaven?" She answered, "I have greatly needed help in all these ways many times." With heavenly light right at hand, she had never read it.

One day in a class where the book was being studied, the question was asked, "What truths has the study of this book, 'Ministry of Healing,' given to you?" An answer among many others was as follows:

"'Ministry of Healing' has helped me to understand the principles of healthful living, treatments for the sick, and my obligations to others who have not been enlightened in these ways. It has taught me how to regard drugs, and the benefits of the natural remedies,—'pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power.' It has taught me that Jesus is greatly interested in the physical welfare of His people, and that He was so kind to give us this wonderful instruction with regard to the care of our bodies. How foolish man must often appear in the sight of God's great wisdom and understanding. With all the scientific reasoning that man has made in all the ages, God's wisdom in this one little book far exceeds it all. I am confident that if we work in harmony with Christ, He will help us to overcome problems that we face in the care of the sick, that we would never be able to solve otherwise."

Another answer was impressive:

"It has helped me to be a better Christian, a better worker for God, and to treat rich and poor alike, so I will not slight sinners. It has taught me better ways of living,—to be kind and sympathetic, and, above all, it created in me a desire to win souls for Jesus."

The following is a quotation from "Ministry of Healing" found on page 37:

"Christ came to the earth and stood before the children of men with the hoarded love of eternity, and this is the treasure that, through our connection with Him, we are to receive, to reveal, and to impart."

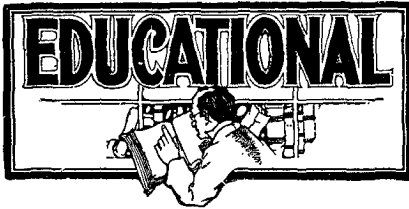
JENNIE BATES-RUSSELL,
In Medical Evangelist.

The Highest Interests Demand Attention

WE must turn away from a thousand topics that invite attention. There are matters that consume time and arouse inquiry, but end in nothing. The highest interests demand the close attention and energy that are too often given to comparatively insignificant things.

Accepting new theories does not bring new life to the soul. Even an acquaintance with facts and theories important in themselves is of little value unless put to a practical use. We need to feel our responsibility to give our souls food that will nourish and stimulate spiritual life.

ELLEN G. WHITE.



A. M. C. News Notes

WE are glad that this has been a record vacation, as regards the number of students at Avondale; we have a large number employed at the Industries and college departments. Students in the dormitories number almost twice as many as for any previous vacation. On the other hand, the students remaining at the college during the Christmas and New Year holidays were the smallest number for at least seven years.

Applications for 1933 are still coming in daily, and the prospects for the coming year are very bright.

During the year 1932 the following students from the Australasian Missionary College were successful in passing public examinations:

London College of Music:

Miss Ruby Thomson, Elementary section, Singing, pass with honours.

Miss Ruth Ball, Intermediate section, Singing.

Miss Grace Sprengel, Intermediate section, Singing, 1st class pass.

Miss Thelma Hough, Senior section, Pianoforte, 1st class pass.

Trinity College of Music:

Master Clive Liston, Junior division, Pianoforte.

Mr. William de la Mothe, Intermediate division, Pianoforte.

Mr. Ronald Brown, Intermediate division, Pianoforte.

London College of Music:

Miss Ruby Thomson, Senior section, Singing, 1st class pass.

Miss Grace Sprengel, Advanced Senior section, Singing, pass with honours.

Australian Music Examinations Board:

Mr. Eric Clapham, Grade II, Pianoforte, pass with credit.

Mr. Eric Clapham, Grade IV, Theory, pass with honours.

Many of the teachers are out in the conferences visiting in the interest of securing students. Pastor Kranz is in South New South Wales, Brother C. H. Schowe is spending the vacation months in Victoria, while Brother G. H. Greenaway is dividing his time between South Australia and Tasmania. Brother R. B. Watts has been acting as preceptor during Brother A. W. Martin's absence in Victoria on business. The former is now visiting churches in the Newcastle district.

Pastor A. E. Speck and Miss E. Durrant have arrived, and we were glad to welcome them to Avondale. We trust that the coming year will be the best the college has experienced.

The few who were here during the Christmas holidays had an enjoyable time

at Cave's Beach on December 28. The day was ideal and the surf good.

The farm boys have had a busy time making hay. We are glad to report that the paddocks in which many varieties of summer grasses were sown last year have done well. The experiment appears a success, especially in view of the prolonged dry spell we are experiencing.

The vegetable garden is having a profitable season, and Mr. Trevor Collett, who is in charge of it, has started a vegetable round through the village.

The campus is a picture, and is admired by hundreds of visitors when they see such beautiful lawns and flowers of every description in perfect condition during this dry season. Thanks to Brother A. W. Martin's constant care and interest.

Education

Mark Hopkins sat on one end of a log,
And a farm boy sat on the other.

Mark Hopkins came as a pedagogue
And taught as an elder brother.

I don't care what Mark Hopkins taught—
If his Latin was small and his Greek
was naught,

For the farmer's boy he thought, thought
he,

All through the lecture time and quiz,
"The kind of man I mean to be,
Is the kind of man Mark Hopkins is!"

Philosophy, language, medicine, law
Are peacock feathers to deck the daw,
If the boys who come from your splendid schools
Are well trained sharpers or flippant
fools.

You may brag of your age and your
ivied walls,

Your great endowments, your noble halls,
And all your modern features,

Your vast curriculum's scope and reach
And the multifarious things you teach—
But how about the teachers?

Are they men who will stand in a father's
place,

Who are paid, best paid, by the ardent
face

When boyhood gives, as boyhood can,
Its love and faith to a fine, true man?

No printed page nor spoken plea
May teach young hearts what men should
be;

Not all the books on all the shelves,
But what the teachers are themselves.

For education is, *making men*.
So it is now, so was it, when

Mark Hopkins sat on one end of a log
And a farm boy sat on the other.

—Arthur Guiterman.

WHEN we come to ask mercy and blessing from God we should have a spirit of love and forgiveness in our own hearts. How can we pray, 'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,' and yet indulge an unforgiving spirit? If we expect our own prayer to be heard, we must forgive others in the same manner, and to the same extent, as we hope to be forgiven.—"Steps to Christ," p. 101.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT: H. E. PIPER
SECRETARY: P. GLOCKLER

After Three Years

THE following is an excerpt from a letter written me from Hastings, N.Z., by Brother J. Jones. Such experiences are a great help to our workers when encouraging others to keep the Sabbath.

"God has richly blessed me in the business, and this has enabled me to further His work. As you know, I have the shop that Mr. J. used to have, only we have made it much larger. I took it on after Mr. J. died, and of course the first thing with which I was faced was the Sabbath. God says, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' so I decided to close and to leave to God the rest. My fellow traders came to see me, saying that if I closed I would go bankrupt. My banker offered me the same advice. I can tell you it was a trying week, that first week, as 40 per cent of the receipts had formerly been taken on the Saturday, and if my takings fell 20 per cent I would become bankrupt as my friends had told me.

"Well, Monday's takings were a few pounds better than the week before, Tuesday's were also, and so on through the week. When I came to Saturday I was only a few pounds short to hold my figures up for the first week! And, brother, I have never looked back.

"And so God continued to bless us right up to the time of the earthquake. On that memorable day when the crash came, my shop, like all the others, went down, and our little shop boy was killed. Then followed the fire. The whole block in front was blazing. My! what a sight! Hell let loose. The ground shaking under our feet. Four times the shop block caught fire; four times it went out.

"I stood there and prayed to God that if it was His will for me to keep in business He would save my stock; if not, 'Thy will be done.' The shop was saved from the fire. The next day the superintendent of the fire brigade said to me, 'Mr. Jones, I cannot make out how this block was saved.' I said promptly, 'My prayer saved this block.'

"We saved our stock, and in spite of heavy losses through damage, etc., we had the best year the shop has ever had. What a wonderful God we have! I pray each day that He will forgive me when I do not fulfil my part. I have been able to do a lot for the cause this year, and I do hope that God will continue to use me in His work. We are all approaching the end. Signs are being fulfilled very fast. In the last few months business has been going from bad to worse. The business men's hearts are failing them for fear. In spite of this I believe I am feeling the pinch less than my fellow traders. I have forty-two feet of shop frontage of the dearest rentage in Hastings, or about that, any way. Still God is preaching to the people of Hastings through the forty-two feet shut down every Sabbath. I praise His name that He has thought fit to use me with which to do this."

I know Brother Jones well. He was a member of the North New Zealand Con-

ference Executive Committee four years ago when I was in Auckland. Surely God can bless the faithful business with its shop closed on the Lord's day.

W. M. R. SCRAGG.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT: P. G. FOSTER
SECRETARY: F. J. BUTLER

Organisation of Church at Port Augusta

SABBATH, December 24, 1932, will long be remembered by the believers at Port Augusta, S. A. Up to that time the little company had been holding regular meetings in the Davenport Memorial Hall, but as they had been working in the interests of others, they had the joy of seeing five prepared to go forward in the ordinance of baptism and join up with God's remnant people. Arrangements were therefore made to hold a baptismal service and organise the company into a church.

At 7.30 a.m. Brother Langstaff, the elder of the Port Pirie church, motored up to the home of Brethren Watts and Burzacott, bringing with him four others. Three cars were soon despatched to Davenport to bring the candidates and some others who desired to be in attendance at the meetings. We were also glad to welcome Brother and Sister W. T. Hooper and friend to the service at 10.30 a.m. Brother Hooper has been connected with the Berri mission, but is at present at Willochra, owing to the serious illness of his father, and took this opportunity of visiting some old friends who live near where the services of the day were to be held.

Brother Hooper addressed the candidates and visitors on the significance of baptism. Seven persons then followed their Saviour in this sacred rite.

The day previous was one of the coldest and most stormy on record for the month of December, but throughout this blessed Sabbath the Lord gave us such glorious weather that we were able to hold our entire meetings out of doors near Bobbie's Creek.

After partaking of lunch, we organised the believers into a church, to be known as the S. D. A. Church of Port Augusta. From among the thirteen believers of the district that were received in as members of the newly formed church, we were happy in the thought that no difficulty whatever was experienced in selecting what we believed to be good leaders and officers for the different positions of responsibility. Tear-filled eyes could be seen among those present as we arose after the setting apart according to the Scriptures, of the two brethren who had been chosen respectively as elder and deacon. After exhorting the members ever to continue in the same good spirit of love and unity that at present exists among them, it was pointed out that there was one thing for them to do that would maintain this, and it was good to hear from one of the older members, before we had time to answer—"Work for others." There was a very hearty show of hands expressing the intention of all to do all in their power to add to their numbers. Under the good leadership of Brother Burzacott as elder,

and with Sister Josephs as church missionary secretary, it is felt that the church will be kept well at work. Sister Dienhoff, too, as leader of the M. V. Society, will do all in her power to lead the younger members into active service.

The next hour was set aside for Sabbath school, which was conducted under the leadership of the newly appointed superintendent, Sister Harley. We appreciated the very helpful thoughts expressed by our visitor from Port Pirie, Brother Langstaff, as he reviewed us on the first six lessons studied during the quarter, while Sister Dienhoff gave attention to the children's division.

A very fitting close to the day's programme would have been the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house, and for this we had made plans, but as some had many miles to travel to their homes, and as the hour was growing late, Brother Hooper very kindly volunteered to visit Port Augusta the following Sabbath, to assist in that service, which will be the first time that some, even of those who had been in the message for many years, ever had the opportunity of taking part in the ordinance of humility.

When the time came for the usual good-byes, we were all loath to leave the spot which we felt had been hallowed by the services of the day, and which will long be remembered by the twenty-eight present.

We are happy to know that another monument has been raised to the glory of God, and would ask you to join us in prayer that God will keep it through the trials and difficulties which will arise from time to time, and that the believers from Port Augusta may be among that great company which will one day stand on the sea of glass.

P. G. FOSTER.

No Looking Back

No looking back! It might but mean disaster!

No sad regrets o'er costly choices made!

The costlier path was chosen for the Master,—

It was for Him the sacrifice was paid.

No looking back on what may seem lost treasure,—

At gilded joys, which, seen, were yet not known;

Joys more abiding, and in fuller measure,
Will yet be thine, when earth-born joys have flown.

No looking back, save on the way He led thee;

Beholding, now, His goodness more and more;

Reviewing all the means by which He led thee,

The hearts, the loves, the lives that were His store.

No looking back! Just forward to the glory;

With joyous hope, with glad, expectant face;

To find, when He unfolds life's finished story,

Wealth,—wealth unfading,—and an honoured place.

—J. Danson Smith.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT: A. H. WHITE
SECRETARY: E. L. PENGILLEY

Baptism of Six

ON a bright, hot day, Sunday, December 18, in a tributary of the Hunter River seventeen miles from Singleton, a baptismal service was conducted by the writer in company with Brother J. S. Jackson, who had previously laboured in the district. Quite a number of the members of the Singleton church, with some friends and children, travelled out by motor lorry to the place of baptism, Fordwich, near Broke. After a short service under the shade of a tree, six souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave of baptism. There were a husband and wife, and a father and son, who have all been living in the district some years; a young man, formerly of Quirindi; and a young married woman of the Singleton believers. Some time ago Brother Jackson went out to Fordwich on the Appeal for Missions, and discovering some interested souls, he studied with them the fundamentals of the Advent message till they were prepared to take the important step of baptism.

A very pleasant time was spent by old and young upon this occasion. It is good to see men and women taking a very definite stand for Jesus Christ and His truth for these last days. We desire that all these dear souls persevere to the end and be eternally saved in the kingdom of God.

R. A. SALTON.

Saved from the Destroyer

IN parts of the North N. S. W. Conference Wednesday, January 11, was a day of heat and trouble. The fire brigade at Newcastle had fifty-seven calls to different parts of the city and country.

Passing up in the train from Gosford to Newcastle, all along the line we beheld a scene of smoking ruins that eclipsed all the beauty of the forest. The railway station and signal box at Fassifern were destroyed, and presented a scene of desolation.

But the saddest part of the story centres around the homes of two of our brethren at Boolaroo, J. Bowen, the church elder, and F. E. Harrogon, deacon and Sabbath school superintendent. These two homes were situated on rising ground in the forest. The woods were all around, and the fires came up quickly on all sides at once. Being isolated, there was no hope of assistance, and the two women with six children were soon compassed by the flames that leaped from tree to tree. The husbands were at work in the mines, and had no knowledge of the danger. A young man, Mr. Houlahan, living a mile distant, saw the fire and knew the homes must be in danger. Catching a horse, he rode through the burning and smoking forest to be just in time to save the women and children who knew not where to flee.

Some of the children were placed on the horse, and a path chosen through the still burning and blackened forest. One house was all in flames and the other was well alight when the rescuer appeared.

Nothing was saved. Pastor A. H. White and the conference secretary were soon in touch with the distressed and ministered to their needs. Neighbours also offered homes, clothing, and food. The kindness shown was wonderful indeed.

The following day we passed by the scene of smoking ruins. It was heart touching. The twisted frame of a piano, shapeless bedsteads, the wheels of a baby's perambulator, with a little cot, lamps, dishes, stoves—and all in ruins! Brother Bowen lost his library, valued at £50, and there was no insurance on the buildings.

When we look at a disaster of this kind, it seems hard to understand. But the joy of having the families saved shows the kind hand of a Providence behind it all. It requires heroic courage to face these things, but there comes the promise, "Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." I Cor. 10:13.

May the Lord bless those dear hearts who have passed through this disaster and the heroic young man who came to help in their time of need.

R. HARE.

Visiting in the North Conference

JOURNEYING north on January 13, I was met at Broadmeadow station by Pastor A. H. White and Brother E. L. Pengilley. Our first move was a visit to the desolate region where the fire had just left two families homeless.

On Sabbath the privilege was afforded of attending the Hamilton church. The Sabbath school presented a beautiful appearance. Smiling children and eager adults filled the seats. Pastor White took the lesson. Everything about the school was inspiring. In the after service the church was crowded.

When the afternoon came we visited the Boolaroo church, located in a mining district some ten miles south of Newcastle. Here an earnest company of worshippers had gathered, and a pleasant hour was spent in study. Among those present were the two families who had recently lost all in the fire of the forest. But in spite of the loss, all were smiling and glad over the deliverance that God had wrought.

On Sunday afternoon the Wallsend church was visited. This church was built far back in the early days when Pastor S. N. Haskell was in Australia. There we found a warm-hearted gathering. A severe storm of rain and thunder had just passed, yet we had a good meeting. Here I met a friend of long ago, Brother Heaton, of my Avondale class of fifteen years before. With his wife and family he is active in the work. It is a great pleasure to meet them again.

On Sunday night a service was held in the hall at Shortland, some six miles from Newcastle. There a laymen's movement is being carried forward. I had the privilege of talking to the people attending. Pastor Salton accompanied, and Brother Pengilley kindly took us out in his car. Here also I met an old friend, Brother Godfrey, known twenty years ago in New Zealand. He is farming in that district. It is wonderful how we thus meet kindly spirits all along the way.

Newcastle is a city about one hundred miles north of Sydney. It is a coal mining district, and the slackness of that in-

dustry has hindered financially, but there is evidence of improvement. The town has 16,000 people, but with the suburbs it rises to 104,000 in population. Thirty-two miles of streets and 3,145 houses are comprised in the city area.

The conference office is situated on Gordon Avenue, Hamilton. It is a fine location, and has a large building at the back for camp meeting equipment.

Pastor Salton, assisted by Brother J. S. Jackson, has just started a new mission at Broadmeadow. There is a good prospect before the work. During the three days spent in the Newcastle district I passed the time with Brother White, and at Brother Pengilley's quiet home. May the Lord bless all for their great kindness by the way.

R. HARE.



Hurstville Sabbath School

THIS report came as a letter from Brother W. D. Podmore, the superintendent of the Hurstville Sabbath school last quarter. The Hurstville company has been very adversely affected financially by the depression, a greater proportion of its members being out of employment than any other church in the conference; yet their love, loyalty, and liberality to God and His cause radiate from every paragraph of this report.

"We have had such wonderful blessings during this quarter that I must tell you of them. The Sabbath school set its aim at twenty-five pounds, which was the same as the previous quarter's, but owing to the two Sabbaths of camp we had only twelve weeks in which to reach our aim.

"Keeping in mind the Christmas season coming at the quarter-end, and that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive,' the superintendent got in early, as it were. The missionary exercises have been bringing before our minds the need of the fields, and the fact that the best way to give is to missions.

"This is how we did it. Some suggestions were given regarding the Investment Plan, and God impressed others with ways of working. One sister in poor circumstances sold flowers from her garden, and made sweets and sold them. Another family sold vegetables. Two girls bought certain articles, divided them up, and sold at a good profit. The Investment Plan yielded £3 0s. 4d.

"The self-denial boxes realised £5. One sister not only denied herself, but also went to her neighbours each week with her box and brought the box in full. One little lad of four years brought in 3s. 4d. as his self-denial money.

"An appeal was made during the quarter for donations of jewellery and gold, and the sale of these yielded £3 19s. 9d. As one viewed the gifts of jewellery, here an engagement ring, there a brooch that was a keepsake from a mother long since laid to rest, one realised just how much this message meant to the givers.

"Besides these amounts, on the Thirtieth Sabbath £2 15s. was given, so the total special offering was £14 15s. 1d.

"The offerings on the other Sabbaths of the quarter amounted to £15 1s. 5d., making a total of £29 16s. 6d., which was £4 16s. 6d. over the aim. We realise that it is not man behind this movement, but a God who impresses men to give first their hearts and then their means to proclaim this message to all the world.

"Our chart illustrated what is being done for and by the missions. We have to thank one of our young people for donating the chart, and another of our members for painting it. On one side was a scene depicting our college; on the other, an island view; and between the two was a deep valley with "Difficulties" written across, showing that there are great difficulties to be bridged before the message reaches the waiting natives. Week by week the Sabbath school erected a bridge across the chasm. When our aim was reached, a missionary was seen to walk out from somewhere round the college, approach the bridge which the school had erected, and cross it, and as he came in contact with the heathen they completely turned about, and lo! instead of the dirty savage was seen a clean, transformed child of God. Truly it was a vivid picture of the work which the Sabbath schools are doing.

"We believe that all this has been possible only because the members studied each day the message God had for us for that week, and then came to the school on time for Him to deliver that message to us.

"On an average, 77 per cent of the school had daily study, and 42 per cent—nearly half—maintained a perfect record for the quarter. One of our young people completed fourteen years of perfect attendance and daily study.

"God has richly blessed the Hurstville Sabbath school, and I believe He will continue to do so. We can see an upward trend in the experience of our young people, some of whom have taken a definite stand for the Master during the quarter that has passed."

Souls Won Through the Sabbath School

A MAN and his wife with whom some of our Tamworth members have been studying the Sabbath school lessons for some time, have accepted the message, and are now faithful members of the Sabbath school. They were won solely by the efforts of these believers, who gained their interest in the Sabbath school lessons.

In the same company is a young woman who is a Sabbath-keeper today. A friend of hers, another young woman in the same line of work, invited her along to the Sabbath school.

Many of our members, both old and young, have responded enthusiastically to the Investment Plan. Besides growing fruit, flowers, wheat, corn, vegetables, etc., many novel ways have been found for earning money. One brother gives sixpence on every cheque he receives, and another brother gives the fruit of certain orange trees. A mother of six did a day's washing, and although her husband has been unemployed for years, the whole of the amount was put into the Investment Fund. One of her little girls sold

magazines and was thus enabled to add 5s. 6d.

Our members are still striving for the 'one shilling' per week per church member' goal, and sixteen schools have reached it. Tenterfield is still leading, with an average offering of 5s. 11½d. per week per church member. Attending this school we have a Chinese lady and her eight bright children. The younger members of the family each receive £1 every birthday, and the whole of this money is given to the Sabbath school offerings. The other members of that school are also earnest workers. Although some schools have not as high an average as others, we know that all are deeply interested in the mission fields, and in every school we find members sacrificing to help.

ANNIE E. DOUGLASS,
Nth. N.S.W. Sabbath School Sec.

Climbing

FROM Monamona Mission on January 8 Sister H. E. Mills wrote: "After our quarter's report had been given in Sabbath school yesterday, the whole congregation stood and sang, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' We know you will be as pleased as we are about the steady advancement made, so I will give you the averages for the four quarters of 1932.

	Av'r'ge Mem.	Av'r'ge Atten'ce	Daily Study	Perfect Records
1st	128	123	96	74
2nd	140	136	98	66
3rd	145	139	103	84
4th	160	153	114	92

The offering last quarter, sixteen guineas, was a record for the year."

Letter from Pastor Farnsworth

WE know that a large circle of friends will be eager to hear from Pastor E. W. Farnsworth. It was partly with them in mind that he wrote the following letter to us from Glendale, California:

"You have heard of the death of my dear wife. She died on July 31, and since that time I have been alone so far as her companionship is concerned. It is a lonely road to travel, and I have as yet just entered the road.

"I must tell you some of the experiences that have come to us. Vesta was sick about a week. At first we did not think it would prove to be serious. Before this whenever she was sick she was always able to rise above it in a short time. However, I took her to the Sanitarium and she had two of our best doctors and two good nurses in almost constant attendance.

"Her heart was full of the work of the blessed Master, and she was continually thinking how she could do something to advance its interests. One little incident will illustrate this point. The day before she died was the Sabbath, and I said to her, 'I think that I would like to step over to the Sabbath school for a few moments.' 'Yes,' she said, 'the nurses are both here and they will do all that can be done, and you can go just as well as not.' When I was about to go she quietly said to me, 'Eugene, have you your cheque all ready?' For the last five years we have been in the habit of dropping a five dollar cheque into the Sabbath school offering,

and when she saw that I was about ready to go this was what she thought of first. Her heart was full of love for lost souls in heathen lands, and for the good missionaries that we have sent into those fields.

"While it is true that I have been very lonely, I have no disposition to give up to discouragement and gloom. No, indeed! I cannot express in words the loss I have had, and yet I will not murmur, nor will I complain at the dealings of the blessed Lord. God is good, and He loves us, and will continue to love us to the end. I know that He is doing all that a God of infinite love and wisdom can possibly do to save us. I propose to work with and for Him to the very end. As I have given myself to Him and prayed to Him for help, He has given me great hope and courage, and I feel that I can go and do what He may have for me to do. I find great comfort in looking up and not in. I shall meet my loved one in the kingdom, for she will be there without doubt.

"Tell my friends that I am still on the way, and will meet them in a little while. When they are ready to go up to the gates of the city that hath foundations, tell them to look for me, for I shall not fail to be there."

HOW continually the Spirit of Prophecy emphasises the colporteur work as a feature in education! Into all lands now has spread the method of scholarship colporteur work by which so many young people gain means to battle their way through a course of Christian education. . . . And when this education is finished to the point of graduation, still the colporteur work is ordained of God as one of the finest postgraduate courses of training.

Would that more and more this post-graduate work to be found in soul-winning colporteur evangelism might appeal to our young people.

W. A. SPICER,
General Conf. Field Sec.

WEDDING BELLS

Neumann-Simmonds.—A nice little wedding was celebrated in the home of Mr. Binns at Dora Creek on Dec. 28, 1932, when Brother Felix F. Neumann and Sister Tammesin A. Simmonds, both of Avondale, were united in marriage. From the many relatives and friends assembled Brother and Sister Neumann received hearty congratulations as they entered upon life's pathway together. We pray that God's blessing may rest upon them in their united life as they walk the Christian pathway in fellowship with Jesus.

W. H. PASCOE.

Askin-Ibbetson.—The Timaru church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on December 23, when Murray Samuel Askin and Frances Mary Ibbetson were joined together in the sacred bonds of matrimony. The bride, who is a graduate of the N. Z. Missionary College, is the daughter of Sister S. Ibbetson of Timaru. The bride-

groom is the son of Brother S. Askin, late of Christchurch. Both these young people have served the cause as colporteurs. After the ceremony there was a happy gathering at the home of the bride's parents, when relatives and friends offered their congratulations and hearty good wishes.

D. SIBLEY.

OBITUARIES

Brandstater.—Miss Lena Brandstater one of the old pioneers of the message at, Collinsvale, Tas., passed to rest on Dec. 24, 1932, aged sixty-seven years. She was one of the charter members forty-three years ago of the Collinsvale church, our oldest church in the Commonwealth. Sister Brandstater was not strong, being an invalid most of her life, yet she waited with patience the call to rest. Four brothers survive her, two being in this message, one of whom is G. A. Brandstater, well known as manager of the Christchurch Sanitarium and later of the Sydney Sanitarium. Her relatives and friends take comfort in the thought that she will greet with joy the resurrection morning when there will be no more pain.

H. W. ADRIAN.

Stonehouse.—On December 21, after some months of failing health, Sister Annie Stonehouse passed to her rest in her eightieth year, at the home of her daughter. About twelve years ago under the labours of Pastor B. Cormack our sister heard and accepted the message of present truth, and became one of the first members of the Warrnambool church. Through the years her life was a faithful testimony for the message. Just before her death Sister Stonehouse testified to the fact that her faith and courage were still strong in the Lord. She leaves a large family, none of whom are in the faith, to mourn the loss of a dear mother. We believe that our sister will be among those who will be raised to life and immortality at the call of the great Life-giver. The services in the home and at the graveside in the Warrnambool cemetery were conducted by Pastor Craddock. D. M. RITCHIE.

Appreciation

BROTHER R. CORDINGLY, of Queensland, writes: "I wish to thank all, both near and far, who in many and varied ways offered solace to myself and children, and assisted us over the heartache of the past few months. The kindness of Pastor Guilliard and Brother C. W. Tinworth and many others will never be forgotten."

Important Dates

Camp Meetings:

South New Zealand: Jan. 24-Feb. 5.
Tasmania: Feb. 14-26.
South Australia: Feb. 14-26.
West Australia: March 7-19.

A. M. College opens: Feb. 15.
N. Z. Missionary College opens: Feb. 15.
W. A. Missionary College opens: March 22.
Appeal for Missions: Feb. 18—
Week of Prayer: May 27-June 3.
Union Conference Council: Aug. 29-Sept. 7.

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PASTOR H. K. MARTIN, the late principal of the Australasian Missionary College, and his wife sail from Sydney for U. S. A. via England on January 28, by the *Moldavia*. They will break their voyage at Bombay and spend a month in India, where Brother Martin lived for many years. Pastor and Mrs Martin will be missed from this field, and their many warm friends wish them a pleasant voyage and trust that they will be blessed in their future labours.

BROTHER STANLEY FAULL, of the Union Conference Audit department, has been invited to connect with the business office of the Avondale Industries. Brother Alan Pollock, also a graduate of the A. M. College, has been called from the colporteur work to fill the vacancy in the Audit Department made by Brother Faull's transfer.

THE new class of nurses that entered upon the course of training at the Sydney Sanitarium at the beginning of the year, comprises ten young ladies and three young men. They have come to the Sanitarium from Western Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales.

PATIENTS and visitors to the Sydney Sanitarium and residents of the district are grateful for the change in the motor 'bus service that was made on January 16. The new proprietor has substituted another 'bus that presents a contrast to the old one that plied its way to and from the Warrawee railway station for so many years.

MISS C. M. BOURNE has been spending a few weeks' holiday at the Sydney Sanitarium among old friends, having motored to Wabroonga from Williamstown, Victoria, where she is engaged in State school teaching. After a happy and profitable time Miss Bourne began the return journey on January 22.

PASTOR W. G. TURNER wrote from Melbourne on January 18: "The camp opened on Tuesday night, January 10, following a stormy day, the north-westerly gale at times rising to fifty miles an hour, damaging much property in Melbourne and the suburbs. The Lord put His hand over the camp, for while we are pitched on an open paddock with no protection, only two family tents were slightly torn, much to the surprise of newspaper reporters who came to the ground expecting to write up damaged canvas and a disorganised camp. Since the opening storm the weather has been delightful, and promises to remain so to the end. The camp is a large one, and the meetings have been splendidly attended by our own people during the day and by an increasing number of the public during the

evenings. The business has proceeded expeditiously and harmoniously, and a fine spirit prevails. The first Sabbath school offering was considerably more than that of last year, and the aim of £100 for the two Sabbaths of camp promises to be well exceeded. With the continued blessing of the Lord we anticipate a progressively helpful gathering with many of our people, both young and old, receiving definite spiritual help."

PASTOR J. E. FULTON wrote from his home in Oregon, U.S.A., on December 10: "I have thought of writing a letter to my old friends through the RECORD, but I have been so busy that I have not done so. My hope in this message was never more bright. The message is sure and true, and soon it will triumph gloriously. My face is set to keep pace with it and to be a victor in that day. It was divinely conceived, and wonderful has been its growth. How it is spreading to every land! The message is a missionary message, and I for one am standing by the movement that has the missionary charter back of it. The Pacific Union Conference would have given me a year's leave, but three doctors told me I should have at least two years; so I have taken to the land, where I can have occupation of mind and body. Mrs. Fulton and I are both benefiting, and I think the change will build us up. Some day I hope to be back in harness again, the Lord willing. We are always glad to get Australasian news. Please send our RECORD to the new address."

FROM a letter from Sister Brorsen, the sister of the editor of this paper, written from Oakland, California, we learn of the safe arrival of Sister W. H. Stevens in San Francisco on December 23, by the *Maunganui* from Australia. The first day after her arrival was spent in the home of Pastor and Mrs. Brorsen. Sister Stevens will be going east to be with her aged parents, and Brother Stevens, a worker in the South N.S.W. Conference, plans to leave Sydney on February 2 to join her. Sister Stevens laboured for many years in India, and it was there that Brother Stevens first met her.

An Awakening in Samoa

THE fruitage of years of hard toil and many disappointments on the part of many brethren and sisters in this message, is beginning to appear. There is a rapidly growing interest in old Samoa at the present time.

Several months ago Sunday evening meetings were commenced in our Apia church with the object of reaching some of the European population of Apia. Accordingly the meetings were conducted in English by Brother R. Reye and the writer. The attendance was very encouraging, but it soon became evident that the English language was inadequate, for the Samoan attendance predominated. Some six weeks ago Brother Reye made the change over to the Samoan language. Several interesting lantern lectures were given, depicting the wonderful prophecies of the Word, and also the world-wide extent of this movement. These lectures proved a great attraction. For several weeks now the seating accommodation of the church has been totally insufficient for the crowds that attend. On a recent night there were one hundred that could not get

standing room in the church. The way has now been prepared for the testing truths of this message to be presented.

Such an awakening, however, cannot occur without attendant oppositon. For many weeks the *Aso Fitu* (Seventh Day) Church has been the subject of much adverse criticism by the leading Protestant church here. Many sermons have been preached against us. Dire punishment has been threatened by one native pastor to his flock if they persist in attending our meetings. The Samoans refuse to be intimidated by their pastor, for they have discovered that this church has a message.

We are planning to hold a baptismal service tomorrow, when eight will follow their Lord. Our membership has almost doubled this year. We thank God for these tokens of a harvest of souls from Samoa.

Many have expressed their desire to unite with us, but custom binds these people hard. Only the outpouring of the latter rain can break the hold of sin and cause the true gospel to germinate in the hearts of these formal worshippers. Brethren, pray for the unction of His Spirit in a mighty measure upon His workers and believers in Samoa that a rich harvest might be garnered in ere the night falls when man can work no more.

S. T. LEEDER.

New Year's Greeting

THE following was written to the RECORD family by Sister A. E. Geiss and Brother and Sister F. D. Buckle, of "Claremont," Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, England:

"Greetings to the RECORD family. We do highly appreciate the news and reports that come so regularly to us through the medium of this our blessed paper. It is so lovingly all-embracing that we sometimes learn first through its sympathetic comments, of matters concerning our own field here. We thank God we are spared to praise Him for the mercies of another year, and pray that the new year may bring us all into a closer walk with Him and more fruitfulness to His praise."

Farewell

AS we leave the shores of Australia we wish to express our appreciation for having had the opportunity of working in this Division, and for being connected with the work at Avondale, an institution that has been established under the direct guidance of the servant of God. We are happy to have had the privilege of labouring with and for our Australasian young people, who have a wonderful school, and we hope our youth will avail themselves of the privileges that are theirs of receiving a training in this college.

It has been over six years since we came to Australia, and we regret that it has been found necessary to leave this field. We thank you for your friendship and kindness as we have laboured together.

We shall always remember with pleasure our associations with the young people at Avondale, and shall watch their future progress with interest.

Our parting will not be for long, and let us pray for each other until the day when we meet on the other shore when there will be no more farewells.

HUBERT K. AND GLADYS MARTIN.