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## Graduation Address

*Delivered by Dr. T. A. Sherwin to the 1931 Graduating Class of Sydney Sanitarium Nurses, Tuesday Evening, March 17.*

GRADUATES, I have selected as the text of my address to you this evening, the motto of your choice, "TO DO HIS WILL," and I would remind you that this same motto, nearly two thousand years ago, was the inspiration of Him who lived on earth to show us how to live, then died to make its performance possible. Let me read this motto in the words of our Lord in John 6 : 38 : " For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."

To His life, then, let me direct your attention for an exposition of the significance and import of His motto and yours.

*To do His will.* Each word is pregnant with meaning. To do, suggests at once a life of activity and service; and this, you will remember, is exemplified in the life of Him whose will you have set out to do; for in Matthew 20 : 28 we read, " Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." In other words, our Lord came not to be served, but to serve.

Service, according to Edward Bok, retired proprietor and editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, is the greatest word in the English language. He says :

" The greatest word in the English language is service; not the service that serves self, for like lip-service, that accomplishes naught. But service in the true and intended meaning of the word—the service that labours for the interest of others, that confers an advantage, that benefits, that avails. Then we give the greatest, highest, and most directly profitable service to ourselves.

" The realist immediately says, ' Idealistic ! ' Not at all. On the contrary, directly realistic. . . . Take a man in the humblest position, let him fill the needs of that position simply with an eye on the clock and to his wage, and how far does he go in the final analysis? But let him serve that position with an idea single to what can be done with that position and for his employer, irrespective of the clock and wage, and almost from the moment he begins such service his head rises above those of his fellow men. It is always the em-

ployee who works for his employer, rather than for himself, who becomes in the end the employer himself. Service pays in actual dollars and cents. It is the most profitable word in the language, as well as the greatest. . . . The whole question of service simmers down to this: Not ' all for one,' but ' one for all.' "

In the days to come, as you go forth to do, many will be the humble, insignificant, trying, and even objectionable duties; and very few will be the great, attractive, and pleasant ones. And this you must expect, for " the servant is not greater than his Lord." Most of His earth life was spent in humble duties and service, but the faithful, loving performance of these made Him grow " in favour with God and man."

A working-man poet visioned the right attitude when he wrote the following lines upon the doors of a railway workshop :

" Do what you can,  
Being what you are;  
Shine like a glow-worm,  
If you can't like a star;  
Work like a pulley,  
If you can't like a chain;  
Grease the wheels thoroughly,  
If you can't drive the train."

*To do HIS will.* How much is wrapped up in that word " His " ! To do His will means a life of surrender—a yielding of your will to the control of the divine will. And this is as it should be, for no other course offers hope of success in this life with the promise of the life to come.

Let me again summon a poet's aid to clearly and beautifully express the significance of a life surrendered to the divine will. I quote Dr. Matheson :

" Make me a captive, Lord,  
And then I shall be free;  
Force me to render up my sword,  
And I shall conqueror be.  
I sink in life's alarms,  
When by myself I stand;  
Imprison me within Thine arms,  
And strong shall be my hand."

My will is not mine own  
Till Thou hast made it Thine;  
If it would reach the monarch's throne  
It must its crown resign.  
It only stands unbent  
Amid the clashing strife,  
When on Thy bosom it has leant  
And found in Thee its life."

The Lord Jesus recognised this principle when He stated in John 5:30, "I can of Mine own self do nothing."

And the apostle Paul, next to Christ the world's greatest teacher and missionary, expresses the same truth in Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Again in his epistles to the Romans, to the Philipians, and to Titus, he defines himself as the servant—the bondsman—of Jesus Christ.

Remember, then, dear graduates, that with your hearts and lives fully surrendered to your Lord—His will yours—His grace will be sufficient for all your needs; for His strength is made perfect in human weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9.

*To do His WILL.* We must come now to the consideration of the thoughts expressed in the last word of your motto. To do His will, His purpose, His commands, is the evidence of your love for Him. In John 14:21 we read, "He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me;" and again in the 23rd verse, "If a man love Me, He will keep My words." And this means more than the outward observance of the decalogue.

Doing His will requires the attitude of mind and heart suggested by David in Psalm 123:1, 2: "Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God." Here is depicted the attitude of the willing and faithful servant, on the alert to quickly detect the will of his master.

The prophet Isaiah recognises this same attitude. "Thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 30:20, 21.

In every experience of life, then, you will ask, as did the apostle Paul, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6.

You will remember that the obedience of the Lord Jesus to the will of His Father was a very real thing, for He neither spoke His own words nor did His own works. John 5:26; 8:26, 28; 14:10. He sums up His attitude in John 4:34: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

And so, graduates, your motto holds up before you a very high standard of life, even the life of Christ, "who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Acts 10:38. Of Him even His

enemies said when He was on the cross, "He saved others," and equally true also was their taunt, "Himself He cannot save;" for He could not save others and save Himself.

I commend to you the beautiful prayer by Charles D. Meigs:

"Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for others.

"Help me in all the work I do,  
To ever be sincere and true,  
And know that all I'd do for You  
Must needs be done for others.

"Let self be crucified and slain,  
And buried deep; nor rise again;  
And may all efforts be in vain,  
Unless they be for others.

"And when my work on earth is done  
And my new work in heav'n's begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won,  
While thinking still of others.

"Others, Lord, yes, others,  
Let this my motto be.  
Help me to live for others,  
That I may live like Thee."

And now, graduates, as you go forth with your grand motto, "TO DO HIS WILL," in a wider and more skilled service, our prayer is that the blessing of God, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it, may be yours in ever increasing measure.

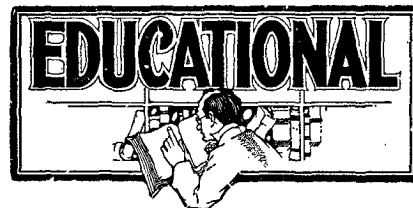
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## Two Ingathering Experiences in Poland

"NEITHER age, incapacity, nor other difficulties can deter the enthusiastic Ingatherer. Brother Oswald tells of a sister in Poland, seventy-two years of age, who was anxious to get her goal but did not know what she could do. She was not able to read, and she felt she could not go from house to house, for she was no talker. It was suggested that she stay at home and pray for those who could go out, but this did not satisfy our sister. She wanted to get her goal the same as the other members. At last she suggested that if some one would teach her two verses of a suitable hymn she would go out and sing; then she could distribute the papers and say why she was singing. So the choir master was called, and in just fifteen minutes this sister had learned the two verses. She set out next day with a prayer in her heart and a song on her lips, and in a few hours she returned with her goal. She did what she could and the Lord blessed her efforts with success. A brother who had lost both his legs also wished to do his share. He was taken to a certain district and left at a corner of a street. As the people passed by he

offered his papers and he, too, returned home rejoicing because he had reached his goal."



## Advanced Education in Victoria

RECOGNISING that a very definite need existed in our educational work in Victoria, very earnest efforts have been made to meet it. The world today is demanding the attainment of higher educational standards, and as long as our young people have to earn their living in open competition in the world, so long will the need exist for them to be fully equipped to meet this need.

While the completion of a primary course was once considered sufficient for the average man or woman, today it can no longer be so regarded. Most trades today, not to mention professions, are demanding of their apprentices and juniors at least the equivalent of the school Intermediate or the Junior Technical Certificate. While we must not be tied "by so much as a thread" to the educational policies of the world, we must plan that the intellectual and physical as well as the spiritual development of our children be not impaired by our failure to meet the demands of the times.

Personally, I am persuaded that we can have a system of education entirely untrammelled by any undesirable external influences, and yet at the same time thoroughly equip our students to meet the standard of the times. We believe that what God has done for us in Victoria is an evidence of this.

Two years ago about a dozen children began to do secondary work in our Victorian school; today there are eighty working on advanced courses in our Warburton and Hawthorn schools. Our results, too, have been decidedly encouraging. In the December public examinations our students obtained 73 per cent of passes, which compares very favourably with the State average of 50 per cent. Though only six subjects are necessary to pass, half of our candidates obtained the highest possible, a pass in eight out of eight subjects.

Surely these results demonstrate that it is possible for us to operate schools that are highly efficient. But this is not all, for every student over fifteen years of age with one exception, has come forward, not in groups, but individually, to request baptism; and at the time of writing these have all gone forward in this ordinance. Time and time again our Bible lesson has been extended as the Spirit of the Lord came near to bless.

For what has been accomplished we praise our heavenly Father; and we pray that His rich blessing may be upon the teachers as they labour from day to day, carrying forward and continuing this same good work.

W. J. GILSON.



## The Sydney Sanitarium

### Twenty-seventh Graduation Exercises

ON the evening of March 17, the gymnasium was well filled with a happy and sympathetic audience, consisting of relatives, friends, and fellow workers of the thirteen young people who had completed their course and were about to receive their diplomas.

The members of the class graduating in 1932 had given glad and loving service in decorating the hall for the occasion. A piece of scenery, skilfully painted by Brother M. Skinner of the A. M. College, formed the base of the decorations, which took the form of a rustic garden. The graduates sat with becoming modesty under a rustic arbour on the right of the platform, facing the manager and their senior physicians on the left. Rock-edged paths and grassy lawns intervened. The scheme was very effective, and called forth expressions of admiration and congratulation from all who had the privilege of enjoying its beauty.

Brother A. G. Minchin, the manager, was chairman, and in his opening remarks he called attention to the following interesting and encouraging facts. Since its official opening in 1903, the Sanitarium has graduated 245 nurses. Many of these are labouring today in various countries, in our island field, and in the homeland. The efficiency of the Sanitarium training is amply proved by the fact that on five successive occasions our trainees have sat for examinations under the New South Wales Nurses' Registration Board, and the passes have been 100 per cent. This sets before present and future classes a very high standard and ideal, which we trust will be fully maintained.

After a Scripture reading by Pastor A. W. Anderson, and prayer by Pastor W. G. Turner, Dr. T. A. Sherwin delivered the address to the graduates, basing his remarks on the class motto, "To Do His Will."

The graduating class then sang very sweetly a hymn with the same title as their motto, and the presentation of diplomas followed.

Dr. C. W. Harrison, after a few suitable remarks and words of counsel, presented the diplomas to each of the graduates in turn, amid applause from the audience.

Nurse J. McKean, who during her course has so often cheerfully ministered in song to patients and fellow workers, sang "O Light of the World." We could not help feeling regret that we are so soon to lose her aid in this ministry of music.

Dr. M. M. Freeman's words of parting advice were as usual very much to the point, and were equally helpful to graduates and audience.

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" was the closing hymn. Its appealing words made a fitting close to a happy and profitable hour. In a few words of prayer the graduates, with whom we have been privi-

leged to study and to join hands in service, were committed to God's care as they go afield; and the exercises closed.

C. H. PRETYMAN,  
*Chaplain.*

## Parting Advice to the Graduates

I WISH to make a few remarks to you tonight on the spirit of service. Service being work which in some way ministers to the needs of others, it follows that the spirit of service must enter more or less into almost all labour, though not always is the labourer fully conscious of it. But even so, though unknown to themselves, that spirit exerts an ennobling influence on the character of the workers whose daily tasks are in some way connected

the treating and easing of physical infirmities.

Doing all these things well, she may be termed a capable and efficient nurse, yet to do these things at their best—a nurse who is beloved by all her patients, treated by them as one on whom in their weakness they can lean, to whom in their pain they can turn as a child turns to its mother—all her capabilities, all her qualifications, must be imbued with the spirit of service. This spirit must inform her understanding and direct her speech, guide her hands and permeate her actions.

The spirit of service may enter into dealings with merely insensate things, may animate the craftsman as he fashions articles of utility or beauty, or the cobbler as he mends boots and shoes; but in nothing can it be so clearly manifest as in personal ministrations and contact. Nor in



Sydney Sanitarium Graduates

Back row, from left: Nurses Laura Brumby, Myrtle Brandstater, Jean McKean, Melita Budd, Marjorie Mills, Reinetha Van Wyk, Viola Eardley. Front row: Nurses Edna Wadman, Gladys Tiedeman, Alfred Younger, Herbert Brown, Dorothy Martin, Doris Felsch.

with the public good, making them quick and willing to aid others in so far as they can apprehend and meet their needs.

Service is labour transformed, irradiated, uplifted. Service transcends labour. Labour may be wrung from one by necessity, it may be coerced, it may be performed reluctantly, and yield no joy. Labour is for time only, but service is for eternity. Service purges labour of all that is hard, distasteful, painful, and by its alchemy little leaden tasks and daily drudgery are transmuted into glowing, golden works of love, sympathy, and mercy. Service may be labour indeed, but it is labour bestowed freely, ungrudgingly, unwillingly. It is labour performed with joy and thankfulness because one wants to do it. To be conscious of the spirit of service in one's work is to possess an abiding joy.

In nursing, this spirit can and should be manifested in one of its highest aspects. To minister to the stricken body, to raise it if possible from disease to health, is surely only a degree lower than ministering to a stricken soul. A nurse's ministry comprises service in many aspects. There is first and foremost that care for the body in sickness to which she is trained. She must learn to use her hands deftly; to perform her duties with accuracy, dispatch, and orderliness; to be conversant with the remedies and appliances necessary for

nursing are such ministrations solely confined to the physical; they need to be more than that. There is a psychological as well as a physical side to disease; and therefore it is necessary for treatment to be administered on both these planes. Skilful handling, expert bandaging, ready anticipation of his wants, will do much for the comfort of the patient; but the kindly smile, the sympathetic and encouraging word, the cheerful mien, and an atmosphere of hope and confidence will do even more and will often prove of inestimable aid toward his recovery. Comfort of mind, brought about by the calming of fears and the allaying of doubts, will react on the body and set to work healthful and life-giving forces within it.

Reaching beyond the physical and mental, a nurse's work and influence should extend to the spiritual plane. There are times when it happens that all hope of recovery is vain, and the patient, as well as the nurse, is well aware that this is so; then perhaps it may fall to the lot of the nurse to communicate something that is even greater than courage and hope,—faith. To do this her own faith must be strong and unwavering, and in this as well as her other ministrations, the spirit of service must enlighten her.

"Service—not self." In that spirit how many miracles have been accomplished! It is the motive power from which all

good done in the world springs, or has sprung, or must spring in the future. Pre-eminently it is the motive which should inspire the nurse. The more she yields herself to the spirit of service, the more will she and her work be sanctified, and brought nearer to God and into closer union with His will.

I wish you all Godspeed, and I believe that if you will make the following prayer the keynote of your daily service, success will always attend you.

"Lord, give me strength, I pray,  
To do my work today;  
To do it right,  
With all my might,  
Without mistake,  
As for Thy sake."

MARGHERITA M. FREEMAN,  
M.B., Cb. M. (Syd.)

### TASMANIA

PRESIDENT : F. G. RAMPTON  
SECRETARY : F. J. BUTLER

### The Tasmanian Camp-Meeting

FOR several years now the Tasmanian camp-meeting and annual conference have been held in the Glenorchy Show Grounds, owing to the facilities there provided. However, it was deemed wise by the committee this year to conduct the camp-meeting upon an open park situated near the Hobart-Glenorchy tram line, and about one mile from the Hobart G.P.O.

While the camp-meeting pitched in a park means more preparation than one conducted on a show ground, there are advantages which are very apparent. This park is situated in a good residential section of the metropolitan area of Hobart, and thus gave the opportunity of good attendances at the meetings. On this occasion we were delighted to see many visitors in attendance each evening, and a fair number in some of the afternoon services. So great was the interest created during the period of the camp-meeting that it was decided to commence a mission in that locality immediately following the camp.

We were favoured with reasonably good weather throughout the period of the encampment, though heavy rains set in the day we closed, which delayed a little the work of dismantling. There were fifty-two tents in all pitched on the ground, and the attendance at the services for the week-end numbered about 330.

Good publicity was given to the camp-meeting and particularly the night services through the columns of the leading Hobart daily paper. One of these reports covered an interview with Pastor Spicer, and has already been published in the columns of the RECORD, with the two illustrations that accompanied it. Our brethren in Tasmania remarked that they had never before had such good publicity given to their camp-meeting.

Needless to say, Brother Spicer's visit was greatly appreciated by all of our people, and his inspiring messages of God's providences in this world-wide work further established all God's people in the truths which we proclaim.

The consecration services held each Sabbath were very well attended and met with a splendid response on the part of the majority of those in attendance. A large number of young people definitely consecrated their lives to God's service, and some who had been in a backsliding condition received special help. Among these were a brother and sister who were many years ago earnest workers in the cause, but who through disappointment had for years been doing missionary work for another body. The truth, however, had never faded from their minds, and they seemed to be impressed this year to attend the camp-meeting, though living a number of miles away. They were in attendance at all the meetings for the last week-end, and with others took a definite stand for the faith. This brother's work was highly appreciated by another church, and he was really a candidate for ordination, but he with his wife took a fresh stand for the truth and resigned immediately. They do not know what their prospects are, but they have fully determined to do what is right at all costs. Let us earnestly pray for this brother and sister, that the Lord will greatly bless them and definitely lead them in their plans.

A happy feature of the camp-meeting was the Sabbath school conducted each Sabbath morning with a good attendance, and their offerings this year totalled £28, being £11 more than last year. Our people also responded well to the annual appeal for help in our foreign mission work, over £200 being received in cash and pledges. This year's amount was not quite so large as last year's, but when we consider that a local call was made for help to provide the conference with a preaching tent, and to which our people pledged the sum of about £50, we can easily see that more money was given this year than last.

The Signs Publishing Company was represented at the camp-meeting by Brother R. E. G. Blair, and the sales of literature were very gratifying.

The usual collections amounted to nearly £30, which will go a long way toward covering the expenses of the camp-meeting. The presence of Dr. T. A. Sherwin was a marked feature of the programme, and he was kept busy most of the time. His public addresses were very well attended and much appreciated, and many availed themselves of the opportunity of consulting him.

Pastor Rampton, the newly elected president for that conference, enjoys the confidence of the people and seems very happy in his work. In addition to his regular conference work, Pastor Rampton is carrying a burden for the mission being conducted in that vicinity, and takes a leading part in the preaching services. The workers in that field have been encouraged during the past year by seeing at least twenty-four persons baptised, and the prospects for the coming year are good. Immediately following the camp-meeting it was arranged for Brother J. T. Young, from the North N.S.W. Conference, to be stationed in Tasmania to give leadership to the colporteur work in that field. We believe that Brother Young's work, in conjunction with the few young active men who are already engaged in

the colporteur work there, will be the means of lifting the book work in Tasmania.

Altogether the camp-meeting in Tasmania was a very happy one, and our people have returned home with strong courage and determination to continue to be faithful in witnessing for their Master. Let us pray that God will bless this island conference in all its operations.

A. G. STEWART.

### NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT : E. H. GUILLIARD  
SECRETARY : H. S. STREETER

### A Visit to Lighthouses and Beacons on the North Coast

ON January 15 the writer, accompanied by Brother J. L. Smith, Home Missions Secretary, left Newcastle on a tour of the North Coast, visiting churches, companies, and isolated Sabbath-keepers.

Our first stop was at Taree, where Brother and Sister C. R. Farrell are living while he is engaged in colporteur work in that district. From Taree we went to Kendall, where we spent the night at the home of Brother and Sister Lee, arriving at Port Macquarie the next day.

In this historic town there is a tent mission conducted by Brother H. A. Kent, assisted by Brother H. Kerr. We spent the Sabbath morning with the Wauchope church, twelve miles away, returning to Port for the services in the tent with the new believers in the afternoon. In the evening two young people from this effort were united in marriage, the tent being crowded. It was a unique occasion for that part of the country. Sixteen have since been baptised from this and the Wauchope mission which preceded it, and others have accepted the truth and will go forward later.

Monday was spent in visiting the Wauchope members, and then we left for Kempsey, calling at Pembroke and Telegraph Point en route. At Kempsey we were pained to see the church building, in which the praises of our God had been sung, His name invoked, and His truth preached, now being used as a wheelwright's shop. The members had moved to other places, and the three families remaining were apparently unable to carry the burden.

Bellbrook is thirty-eight miles from Kempsey, and there we visited the Aboriginal Reserve. Brother and Sister E. V. Walker and Sister Alice Higgins are doing all they can to help these coloured people, but they sadly need some continuous shepherding. Many of them realise their need, and, like the Ethiopians of old, are reaching out their hands to God. The same evening saw us at Nambucca Heads at the hospitable home of Brother F. H. Ward.

Next day, after a call at the silver mine which is being worked by Brother Ward and his sons, we pressed on to Bowraville to call on Sister Fuller and her family, travelling from there to Coff's Harbour, where Brother J. S. Jackson is conducting a mission. To some extent he is handi-

capped by the town being divided into two sections, known respectively as the "Top Town" and "The Jetty," necessitating the division of his public effort. However, he is confident of winning some souls.

We reached Grafton on the 23rd, after calling on Brother and Sister Wilcox at Nana Glen. Brother W. J. Richards has a tent mission in a fine location in Grafton, and is assisted by Brother T. Rutter. There appears to be a growing interest in the services. Brother and Sister J. T. Young are engaged in colporteur work in this district.

Sabbath morning was spent with the Grafton church, and in the afternoon we met with the company at Ramornie, eleven miles away.

Leaving Grafton, we passed through Brushgrove, South Woodburn (where there are three Sabbath-keepers), and Coraki, and reached Lismore on Monday night. Pastor C. J. Reynolds is in charge of the work in this large district, where we have a growing church. On the following day he went with us to Kyogle, where we visited the folk brought out by the labours of Pastor Whittaker, Brother Richards, and others. Brother James Hill is doing what he can to hold this church together. Visits to Naughton's Gap, McKee's Hill, Jiggi, and Blakebrook used up the remainder of the week, and Sabbath was spent with the Lismore church, Brother Smith meeting with the church at Corndale.

Murwillumbah was the next town visited. In this northern outpost we have a good church building, but the company who once worshipped in it have gradually moved to other centres till but a handful remains, and something will need to be done to put Murwillumbah again upon the map.

By this time rain had begun to fall in earnest, and while visiting Sister Watson at Tweed Heads, the "far north" of our field, it became evident that floods were imminent, and so we commenced the return journey to Byron Bay, where we stayed at the home of Brother C. J. Griffin. Torrential rains made local visiting impossible, and we had to reach Bangalow before the week-end. This we did by passing through some long stretches of flood waters. Brethren Griffin and Bullas have done considerable work at Bangalow, and on Sabbath, February 7, thirteen persons were baptised, and a church of twenty-one members organised. Thus another lighthouse is sending out its life-saving rays.

We found Lismore in flood on our return journey, and though the floor of our church is about twelve feet above the ground there was two feet eight inches of water inside, and the seats were floating around. The organ was saved by being placed on benzine cases on the rostrum.

By going through Casino and Lawrence we were able to reach Grafton. The floods had not affected the Clarence River district. A call was made at Burnt Bridge, where we have a church building for the use of the Aboriginal believers. Since Brother and Sister P. B. Rudge left this work, nothing has been done for these people, yet some of them are very faithful and love the truth.

Krambach was the last place visited, where we met the family of Brother and

Sister Russell Smith. As we searched out these isolated folk, and remembered how faithfully they are living the truth, we praised God for "beacons" as well as for the "lighthouses" on the rock-strewn shores of this sin-cursed old world, and rejoiced that God has His witnesses whose testimony will eventually leave the unbelievers without excuse in the final reckoning day.

E. H. GUILLIARD.



### The Privilege of Prayer

A PRIVILEGE is defined by Webster to be, "A right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favour; a peculiar or personal advantage or right." Jesus taught His disciples to exercise this special right to talk to their heavenly Father. He taught His disciples to pray, saying, "Our Father which art in heaven," presenting to Him their daily needs. The human heart longs for friendship, or companionship, to talk to one in whom it can confide. Such a privilege has been bestowed upon a fallen race by a kind heavenly Father.

#### Why We Should Pray

We are in an enemy's land, "Because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Prayer is an absolute necessity to the child of God. "The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice to sin." The present troubled condition of our country should impress upon our minds the necessity of exercising the great privilege God has bestowed upon us. As we near the close of time, the enemy will make special attempts to deceive and destroy the people of God, but we are not ignorant of his devices, and daily we must talk to our heavenly Father. In the morning we should commit our ways to Him, and ask Him to keep us and to have a special care over His people in this time of stress. Not only is it our privilege to commit ourselves to His keeping in the morning, but we can lift up our hearts to Him during our daily labour, as we walk the crowded streets, as we engage in business transactions. Continually we can offer up our petitions to God to keep us and save us from sin, and we are assured that He will hear us. The enemy who is "seeking whom he may devour" cannot overcome the soul whose heart is thus stayed on God.

#### Help in Time of Need

We have a compassionate Saviour, one who commends His love toward us in that when we were yet in sin Christ died for the ungodly. He has walked among men and by experience is acquainted with the sorrows and temptations of the human heart.

"Is there any one can help us,  
One who understands our hearts?"  
"Yes, there's One, only One,  
The blessed, blessed Jesus, He's the One."

Because He has been "tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin," He bids you, dear reader, to "come boldly to the throne of grace," "to find grace to help in time of need." At such a time as this, as we see the evidences of His return multiplying before our eyes, should we not exercise more than we do the special right He has committed to us of talking to our Saviour as a special friend? Should we not pray more earnestly for Him to keep us from the enemy's power? for Satan desires to have us that he may sift us as wheat. Should we not pray more earnestly for the salvation of our children and our loved ones and friends and neighbours? Our colporteurs need our prayers; our missionaries, our ministers and Bible workers, our institutional workers, our people who are out of work—the whole cause of God demands our earnest prayers. As we see sin increasing on every hand, should we not exercise this blessed privilege more frequently that God will stay its power? It is those "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done" in the land who will be ready to meet the Saviour when He returns. May God help each one of us to be more faithful in the exercise of this special personal advantage or right.

"Watch, for the time is short;  
Watch while 'tis called today;  
Watch, lest the world prevail;  
Watch, Christian, watch and pray.  
Watch, for the flesh is weak;  
Watch, for the foe is strong;  
Watch, lest the Bridegroom come;  
Watch, though He tarry long.

"Chase slumber from thine eyes;  
Chase doubting from thy breast;  
Thine is the promised prize  
Of heav'n's eternal rest.  
Watch, Christian, watch and pray;  
Thy Saviour watched for thee  
Till from His brow there poured  
Great drops of agony."

W. J. WESTERMAN.

### WEDDING BELLS

Allsopp-Playford.—Quite unique was the experience of Brother John Allsopp and Sister Laurie A. Playford of Sydney. Having recently severed their connections with one of the largest business firms in Sydney that they might step out to serve the Lord, they were baptised in the Wahroonga church on the morning of February 25, married in the afternoon of the same day in the home of Brother W. H. Hopkin, Secretary of the South N.S.W. Conference, and taken into church fellowship at the Wahroonga church in the evening of the same day. It certainly was a happy day for them and for their closest friends, who witnessed all three events. As they start out unitedly in the Master's service, we wish them Heaven's choicest blessings, and every success in all their undertakings for Him.

A. W. KNIGHT.



## OBITUARIES

**McMurtrie.**—Sister Jacobina McMurtrie fell peacefully asleep in Jesus on March 14. Born on July 23, 1834, the deceased was in her ninety-seventh year. This dear old soul accompanied her late husband from their home in Scotland to Australia in 1883. Some thirty-seven years ago Brother and Sister McMurtrie accepted the truth of the Advent message in Rockhampton during the mission held under the leadership of Pastor G. B. Starr. Of their ten children, seven are living, also forty-three grandchildren, and forty-seven great-grandchildren. For many years this dear one had been unable to attend the house of worship; nevertheless she held fast her integrity. Services were held at the home of a son-in-law, Mr. William Harris, Rose Bay, and at the Waverley cemetery, where words of comfort were spoken by the writer. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." A. H. WHITE.

**Rabe.**—On February 25 little Ivan Otto Rabe fell asleep in Jesus. Our young brother, who had only reached his fourteenth year, had passed through a time of physical distress and had ailed for more than two years. Through all his affliction a kind and patient spirit characterised his life, and those who knew him best testify to the sweetness of his disposition both in the home and at school. With Ivan's parents, Brother and Sister Rabe, who have long rejoiced in the blessed hope of the coming of Jesus, we sincerely sympathise, also with his three brothers and two sisters. Brother C. E. Bird, assisted by the writer, conducted the services in the home and by the grave. W. D. SMITH.

**Evason.**—Albert B. O. Evason was born in England sixty-three years ago, where he first heard the message. In 1918 he connected with our church in Adelaide. At the time of his death his name was on the membership roll of our Auburn church, Victoria. He died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Edwards, Bourke Rd., Glen Iris, Melbourne, on March 8, and was laid to rest in the Spring Vale cemetery, March 9, until the Archangel's voice shall awake the death slumberers. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn their loss. To them we extend our Christian sympathy. THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

**Hoy.**—After some months of illness Sister Harriett Hoy fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Wallerawang, N.S.W., March 20. Our late beloved sister was born at Derbyshire, England, Sept. 23, 1851. She spent all but two years of her devoted, self-sacrificing, cheerful Christian life in Wallerawang district. As a nurse she endeared herself to sufferers far and near, faithfully following the steps of Him who went about doing good. It was ever an inspiration to visit her quiet little home, and behold her devotion to the message, which she embraced thirteen years ago. The Rev. Hughes, who assisted in the service, said, "Mrs. Hoy lived in the Book, and the Book lived in Mrs. Hoy. The Adventists in Wallerawang have lost a leader." That testimony thrilled my heart. The love and esteem with which

Sister Hoy was regarded was evidenced by the large gathering at the home and the graveside. Four sisters, one brother, four sons, one daughter, seventeen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren deeply mourn their loss.

W. H. STEVENS

## Appeal for Missions

### Experiences in Victoria

DURING my visit to Bairnsdale, when I called at one house and solicited help, the woman said she was a staunch Roman Catholic, but added, "There is one thing I do admire about the Seventh-day Adventists, and that is your health work." She was anxious to know where there was one of our Sanitariums so that she could go herself. While deeply impressed with our health work she wondered why we were so particular to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath. I had quite a long talk with her, giving her our reasons, and also left with her the address of the Warburton Sanitarium.

At another place when I canvassed a woman at the door she informed me that I would have to see her father. When I went inside, her father was lying down. All his limbs and joints were terribly distorted by rheumatism. Several friends were visiting him. After a short talk I introduced my business, and he appeared rather unfriendly to our work. But after a ten-minute talk in which I told him of a home in which there will be no sorrow, no sickness, no pain, and no death, and also pointed him to the Saviour who ministers in the heavenly sanctuary to the suffering and sorrowing, without my mentioning a donation he called his daughter-in-law to bring his purse, and gave me five shillings and wished me Godspeed in my work.

I was canvassing in rather a poor locality out from Geelong. After I had talked to one person concerning our work, she told me there was no hope of getting any donations, as all the people in the village were out of work. I asked if there was anybody in the next house, and she said they had a large family and all the older ones were out of employment, and the mother had just returned from the hospital. She told me it was no use my going down there. I was tempted not to go, but on second thoughts I determined not to miss one home. I found there a woman who was longing to see a Seventh-day Adventist. A relative had been posting her some of our literature and had counselled her to go to the camp-meeting in Geelong and also to the church; but she had been unable through illness. Out of her poverty she freely gave me a small donation. I told her one of our workers would visit her, and have given the address to Pastor Were.

While I was visiting Geelong on the Appeal work, about twenty of our Geelong brethren and sisters joined in an outing to Point Lonsdale on the Sunday. After working for two or three hours, we found our band was six shillings short of three pounds. I invited one sister to go

with me and we would endeavour to make up the six shillings. There were only a very few houses left. At the first house I visited I was invited inside, and after a long talk with the lady she said, "Yes, I will give you a little help for your work," and she handed me a one-pound note.

Working in Benalla, I called at a draper's shop. When the manager saw my magazine he apparently recognised it, and did not desire to have anything to do with us. He looked at me in a very unfriendly way. He was a leading worker in the Methodist church. I told him that the magazine was printed by the Seventh-day Adventist people. He said, "Yes, I know that." I told him we were really doing a work that the world needed at the present time, as lawlessness was increasing in the land, and many had very little regard for the rights of others. I pointed out to him that God's law needed to be exalted to rebuke the iniquity of today. He changed his attitude entirely and gave me three shillings and wished me every success.

At Queenscliff I was canvassing a woman at the door, when she began to talk very critically concerning ministers, so after a little I informed her that I was a minister. She looked somewhat embarrassed, but I encouraged her to say all she desired to about ministers as I said, "It may do me some good." After she had talked at length, I told her I agreed with what she said, but that I was not that kind of minister, I was a Seventh-day Adventist minister. "Oh," she said, "I believe in those people. I will give you a donation for their work."

An elderly gentleman told me, when I began to introduce my mission, that he was nearly blind and could not read anything, and had no desire to hear me. After a few brief words I told him I was a Seventh-day Adventist. "Oh," he said, "I believe in those people. I will give you something for your work. I always have my meals at the vegetarian café in Melbourne, and in Brisbane also when I am there." W. J. WESTERMAN.

TWO sisters of the Windsor church, Melbourne, both over ninety, have been out collecting. One reported £2 and the other £1 16s. 3d.

**Information Wanted.**—Will any person knowing the whereabouts of Bob Fayers, kindly communicate with CHARLIE or ARTHUR MORGAN, P.O., Monto, Queensland.

**For Sale.**—Two ¼ acre, water-frontage blocks on Dora Creek. £40 each, or offer. H. Brandstater. Apply MISS HUGHES, c/o Avondale Industries, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

**For Sale.**—Property, about an acre, in perfect cultivation; 26 assorted fruit trees, bearing. Five-roomed house, completely renovated, front and back verandah, bathroom with porcelain bath. Electric light. Underground cistern; five 1,000-gallon tanks. Fully equipped wash-house. New cyclone fence, lawn and garden frontage. Fowl houses and run for 200 poultry. Situated on Maitland Road, opposite Avondale church and college entrance; close to stores. Open one month. For price and particulars apply F. NEUMANN, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

# FOURTEENTH APPEAL FOR MISSIONS-1931

UNION £14,000

## Reports from Conferences to March 21

Conference	Goal	Latest Report	Total	Per Cent of Goal
Sth. N.Z.	£1,050	£137	£1,100	105
Tasmania	550	113	388	71
Victoria	2,450		1,620	66
Sth. N.S.W.	2,650	202	1,528	57
Nth. N.S.W.	1,200	122	302	25
Missions	650	11	11	
		£585	£4,949	35

WE are pleased to be able to tell you that South New Zealand has exceeded the goal set for it by the Union Conference and has attained its own aim, which is £50 higher. That conference now has a total in hand of £1,100, and Brother Shirley reports that they are still working.

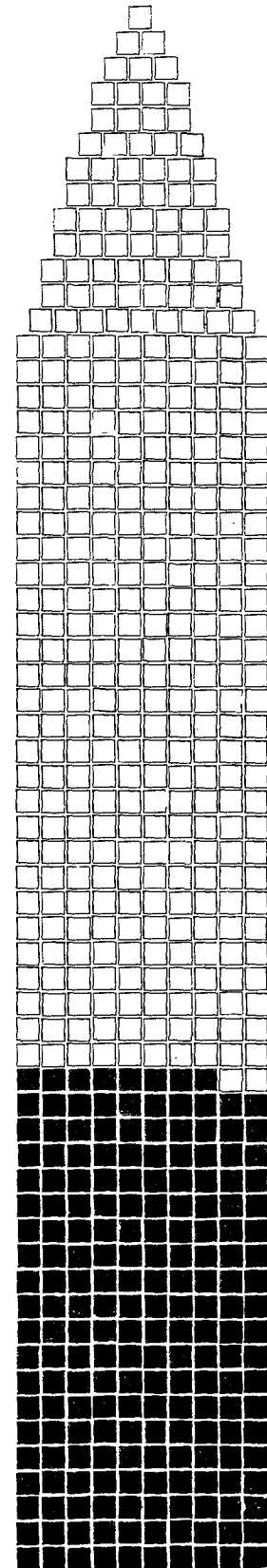
Victoria's wire this week read: "No report this week. Heavy rain, boisterous weather preventing church attendances. (Signed) Renn." In a letter Brother Renn wrote on Thursday, March 19, he stated that they should have a good report for the week. He estimated £500. It is unfortunate that the reports could not be taken up on Sabbath. However, we look for a double report next week.

North New South Wales reports as follows: "Going strong. Collected £302. College appealing this week. (Signed) Smith." Both these

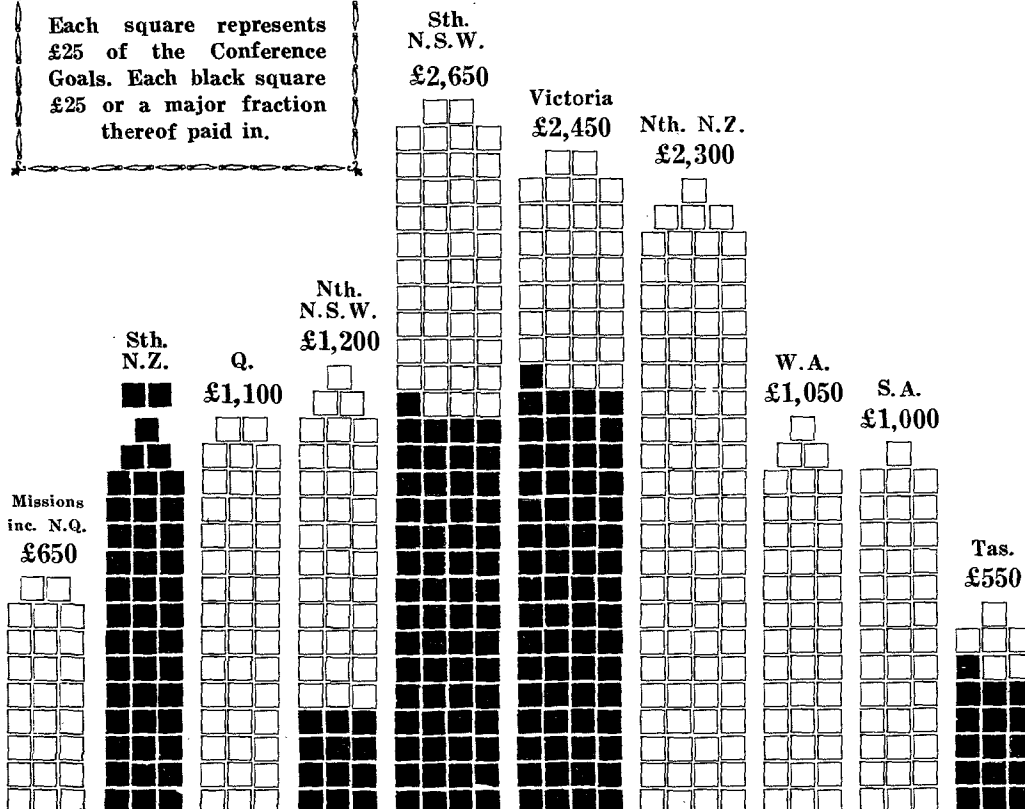
conference and Tasmania have been working only two weeks.

Next week we shall have the first report from North New Zealand. In a foreword, sent before the effort was really launched, Brother C. S. Palmer, the Home Missions Secretary, gives this encouraging news: "Last week Brother W. A. Harvey, Brother Gilbert and I took a motor trip through the Hauraki plains. Five days' work brought in £55. Though we found the work harder owing to the earthquake appeal added to the financial depression, yet almost all who gave last year again responded with a smaller sum. General appreciation of the work our missionaries are doing was freely expressed. In Auckland the business men are responding very encouragingly. One gentleman who gave a guinea last year sent in two guineas yesterday. We are all of good courage and feel confident the Lord will give us success."

The first island field has passed its 1931 aim. As usual the distinction belongs to Lord Howe Island. Writing on March 21, Sister A. H. Ferris says: "The children did well among the tourists. It was interesting to see the young people bringing in their cards and the money and laying it on the table at the Missionary Volunteer meeting this afternoon. We were all surprised to see it mount up to £11 is.,—a guinea over our aim. Most of it came in in small coins, but we had a one-pound gift, and one man gave a guinea to Sister Lily King and says he is going to visit the Sanitarium. We were almost afraid to start our Appeal work this time. There has been such a demand for money since the new year began. And yet this amount came in seemingly without any trouble at all."



Each square represents £25 of the Conference Goals. Each black square £25 or a major fraction thereof paid in.



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SINCE sending last week's RECORD to press, £107 14s. 8d. has been received for the Buresala Disaster Memorial Fund, from donors through the South Australian, Tasmanian, Queensland, and South New Zealand Conference offices, and from Pitcairn Island. This brings the total to date up to £576 18s. 3d.

OVER the radio on Easter Sunday night Pastor M. H. Whittaker will speak from Toowoomba Town Hall, Queensland. Service from 7.15 to 9.45. Listeners-in will tune in to 4 G R, 294 metres.

FROM the South Australian camp-ground two days before the meeting opened, Pastor Foster, the president, wrote: "You will be interested to know that even now we have a record number of tents ordered. We expected only a small camp this year on account of the financial depression, for tent orders came in very slowly at first, but lately there has been a steady flow until now we have 107 ordered. For this we praise the Lord. I am confident that we will have a good camp, too. Every conference male worker is assisting in the preparation of the grounds, the cooking is done by wives volunteering, and never have I seen a better spirit manifested by a team of workers."

MISS EVA EDWARDS writes from Fiji: "The Fiji Mission Committee decided that for the present I connect with the Buresala Training School. Pastor G. Branster will fill temporarily the position of principal until Brother C. S. Palmer arrives from New Zealand. For a few days after my arrival at Suva I stayed with Brother and Sister George Masters at the Samabula mission. The Indian school was having its first week of study after the holidays. The boys numbered forty and the girls thirteen. Of the former some are boarding students. All the girls are day students. One day I spent a little time in the boys' school, and they impress one as being very attentive and eager to learn. My address for a time will be Buresala Training School, P. O. Waidow, Ovalau, Fiji."

BROTHER A. H. WEIL wrote on a recent mail from Big Bay, Santo, New Hebrides: "We have a class of fifteen preparing for baptism, and hope that in the near future some will be ready for this sacred ordinance. We have had some good talks of late with white people here who came to visit us, or whom we have visited. The proposed calendar reform gives a real good opening for a spiritual talk with the people whom one could not

otherwise approach on divine topics. We believe that this is indeed a great opportunity for all who believe in Christ's soon coming to present the truth to the people. Reports have come to us of severe drought in other parts of this group, where the natives are starving, and offer themselves to the traders to work for their food in order to keep themselves alive. So far the drought has not affected us much at Big Bay. The Lord has been very good to us here. The native gardens look fine, and there is an abundant supply of fruit on the mission property. Our trees bore exceptionally well this season, for which we thank the Giver of all good gifts."

### Baptism at Wauchope

"AND on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down."

This scene was again enacted on March 7 when the Wauchope and Port Macquarie believers gathered on the banks of the Hastings River, near Bains Bridge, Wauchope. The services for the day were held under the canopy of heaven in exceptionally pleasant surroundings.

A gentle grassy slope under shady trees afforded an ideal meeting place. The Sabbath school, under the direction of Pastor F. A. Allum, was much enjoyed by all, and was followed by church service, when the necessity and significance of Christian baptism was stressed, and made a deep impression on the many visitors present. At the conclusion of this service, fourteen converts followed their Lord to the watery grave, and rose to walk (by His strength) in newness of life. On the following day two others, both physically infirm, were baptised privately at Port Macquarie. Brethren H. Kent and H. Kerr have been working in this district for some time, and this was the first fruits of their labours. Brother Kent will later report the work in detail.

E. H. GULLIARD.

### From Lord Howe Island

From a Letter

I HAVE been holding some cooking classes, by invitation, and have had a very interesting time. At one place we gave different ones special dishes to prepare themselves. When we had finished there was quite an array of good things, so they decided to call in their neighbours for dinner. They borrowed a great long table and had it put on the lawn, and about twenty-seven persons sat down. They said they enjoyed the food that was all prepared according to health principles. They were surprised to see beautifully light spongy cakes and well risen gems made without the use of any soda or baking powder. There was a big marrow, over two feet long, stuffed and baked to look like a goose, with huge baked sweet potatoes around it. All the pastry was made with cream and was delicious. This pastry, wrapped around a big ripe skinned banana and then baked, makes a fine desert. Have you tried it?

I thought you would be interested to hear of the good spirit manifested in our M.V. Society last Sabbath afternoon. Mr. Ferris had been speaking the Sabbath be-

fore of the value of our literature as a means of giving the knowledge of truth to others. Brother Norman Fenton told of how they do in some societies on the mainland, where different ones subscribe for the Signs to be posted direct to individuals whose addresses have been supplied by colporteurs, and each would have the name and address to write personally to them. It was suggested that the young people here think and pray over the matter during the week and let it be known what they thought about it. The following week eleven subscriptions were given. It was wonderful to see the real enthusiasm manifested, and the money so freely given, and this just after good offerings had been made for hospital needs and the Fiji Memorial Fund. It is a fulfilment of the verse, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power."

JESSIE FERRIS.

### A Unique Ingathering Donation

"IT may be human weakness, but, being humans, we are naturally weak and we must confess that we are pleased when the 'powers that be' give us their commendation, especially when this commendation takes tangible form," writes the editor of the *Advent Survey*. "While we express our joy, however, we give all the glory to Him who moves upon the hearts of men to fulfil His own purpose. Recently we received the following cablegram regarding one of the ruling chiefs of Abyssinia:

"Djasmach gives one thousand thalers (£50) and also helps to feed hospital patients for Harvest Ingathering. We are truly thankful."

"It will be remembered that it was the King of Abyssinia who gave land and money for our hospital at Dessie, in the northern part of Abyssinia. Dr. Bergman, the superintendent of this hospital, was instrumental in helping Chief Djasmach after he had been wounded in one of the tribal skirmishes.

"Some unique gifts have been received during the Ingathering campaign. We are getting accustomed to such gifts as eggs, corn, roosters, goats, and occasionally a cow, but this is the first time any one has donated a mountain! Adjoining our mission station in Asmara [the capital of Eritrea, north-east Africa], is a small mountain belonging to the Government. When Pastor Sabatino approached the Governor with a request for a donation to the Harvest Ingathering fund he responded by giving this mountain. He did not want this piece of land to go to any one else, for he wishes to see a Seventh-day Adventist church built there. The Eritrean Government is very friendly to our mission there, and came to our aid quite generously at the time of the locust devastation."

WE acknowledge with thanks the sum of £2 tithe received from "R.S."

### STOP PRESS NEWS

#### A TELEGRAM FROM ADELAIDE

South Australia's largest camp just concluded. Weather excellent. Attendance good. A time of great blessing. Total mission offering £735.

(Signed) Piper.