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## Building on the Rock

IT fell not; for it was founded upon the Rock." Matt. 7:25. The people had been deeply moved by the words of Christ. The divine beauty of the principles of truth attracted them; and Christ's solemn warnings had come to them as the voice of the heart-searching God. His words had struck at the very root of their former ideas and opinions; to obey His teaching would require a change in all their habits of thought and action. It would bring them into collision with their religious teachers; for it would involve the overthrow of the whole structure which for generations the rabbis had been rearing. Therefore, while the hearts of the people responded to His words, few were ready to accept them as the guide of life.

Jesus ended His teaching on the mount with an illustration that presented with startling vividness the importance of putting into practice the words He had spoken. Among the crowds that thronged about the Saviour, were many who had spent their lives about the Sea of Galilee. As they sat upon the hillside, listening to the words of Christ, they could see valleys and ravines through which the mountain streams found their way to the sea. In summer these streams often wholly disappeared, leaving only a dry and dusty channel. But when the wintry storms burst upon the hills, the rivers became fierce, raging torrents, at times overspreading the valleys, and bearing everything away on their resistless flood. Often, then, the hovels reared by the peasants on the grassy plain, apparently beyond the reach of danger, were swept away.

But high upon the hills were houses built upon the rock. In some parts of the land were dwellings built wholly of rock, and many of them had withstood the tempests of a thousand years. These houses were reared with toil and difficulty. They were not easy of access, and their location appeared less inviting than the grassy plain. But they were founded upon the rock; and wind and flood and tempest beat upon them in vain.

Like the builders of these houses on the rock, said Jesus, is he who shall receive the words that I have spoken to you, and make them the foundation of his character and life. Centuries before, the prophet Isaiah had written, "The word of our God shall stand for-

ever;" and Peter, long after the sermon on the mount was given, quoting these words of Isaiah, added, "This is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." The Word of God is the only steadfast thing our world knows. It is the sure foundation. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," said Jesus, "but My words shall not pass away."

The great principles of the law, of the very nature of God, are embodied in the words of Christ on the mount. Whoever builds upon them is building upon Christ, the Rock of Ages. In receiving the Word, we receive Christ. And only those who thus receive His words are building upon Him. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Christ, the Word, the revelation of God,—the manifestation of His character, His law, His love, His life,—is the only foundation upon which we can build a character that will endure.

We build on Christ by obeying His Word. It is not he who merely enjoys righteousness, that is righteous, but he who does righteousness. Holiness is not rapture; it is the result of surrendering all to God; it is doing the will of our heavenly Father. When the children of Israel were encamped on the borders of the Promised Land, it was not enough for them to have a knowledge of Canaan, or to sing the songs of Canaan. This alone would not bring them into possession of the vineyards and olive groves of the goodly land. They could make it theirs in truth only by occupation, by complying with the conditions, by exercising living faith in God, by appropriating His promises to themselves, while they obeyed His instruction.

Religion consists in doing the words of Christ; not doing to earn God's favour, but because, all undeserving, we have received the gift of His love. Christ places the salvation of man, not upon profession merely, but upon faith that is made manifest in works of righteousness. Doing, not saying merely, is expected of the followers of Christ. It is through action that character is built. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Not those whose hearts are touched by the Spirit, not those who now and then yield to its

power, but they that are led by the Spirit, are the sons of God.

Do you desire to become a follower of Christ, yet know not how to begin? Are you in darkness, and know not how to find the light? Follow the light you have. Set your heart to obey what you do know of the Word of God. His power, His very life, dwells in His Word. As you receive the Word in faith, it will give you power to obey. As you give heed to the light you have, greater light will come. You are building on God's Word, and your character will be builded after the similitude of the character of Christ.

Christ, the true foundation, is a living stone; His life is imparted to all that are built upon Him. "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house." 1 Peter 2:5, R.V. "Each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord." Eph. 2:21, R.V. The stones become one with the foundation; for a common life dwells in all. That building no tempest can overthrow; for—

"That which shares the life of God,  
With Him surviveth all."

But every building erected on other foundation than God's Word will fail. He who, like the Jews in Christ's day, builds on the foundation of human ideas and opinions, of forms and ceremonies of man's invention, or on any works that he can do independently of the grace of Christ, is erecting his structure of character upon the shifting sand. The fierce tempests of temptation will sweep away the sandy foundation, and leave his house a wreck on the shores of time.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, . . . Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." Isa. 28:16, 17.

But today mercy pleads with the sinner. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" Eze. 33:11. The voice that speaks to the impenitent today is the voice of Him who in heart anguish exclaimed as He beheld the city of His love: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her own brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Luke 13:34, 35, R.V.

In Jerusalem Jesus beheld a symbol of the world that had rejected and despised His grace. He was weeping, O stubborn heart, for you! Even when Jesus' tears were shed upon the mount, Jerusalem might yet have repented, and escaped her doom. For a little space the Gift of heaven still waited her acceptance. So, O heart, to you Christ is still speaking in accents of love: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3:20. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!" 2 Cor. 6:2.

You who are resting your hope on self, are building on the sand. But it is not yet too late to escape the impending ruin. Before the tempest breaks flee to the sure foundation. "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone of sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." Isa. 28:16, R.V. "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." Isa. 41:10. "Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end." Isa. 45:17.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

*In "Mount of Blessing,"  
pp. 211-218.*

### An Experience in France and Its Sequel

(Pastor A. W. Anderson spoke as follows in the five minutes allotted to him at the Sabbath afternoon meeting in the Wahroonga church during the time of the Council.)

WE are living in the most interesting time in this world's history. It is not my good fortune to spend all my time in evangelistic work, for I am very largely tied to my desk; but occasionally I do have opportunity of preaching to audiences not of our faith. During the last few months we have found a response in people's hearts that is something new. People are now much more responsive to the teaching of the gospel than they were for many years, or perhaps ever at all during my ministry.

I shall relate briefly one of the most interesting experiences that have come to me in recent days. A lady was baptised at the London Advent Mission a few weeks ago, who had a remarkable story to relate, which I will briefly summarise. This lady who was a Roman Catholic, had once been manageress of one of the largest hotels in Paris, a hotel at which visiting members of royal families reside. Ex-King Alfonso of Spain has been residing there ever since his abdication.

At the time of the war, this hotel was taken over by the British Government as a residence for British officers on leave. In January, 1918, my son Bert was sent across the Channel to France in an aeroplane, and on his arrival was instructed to go to that hotel for a few days. During that time he became acquainted with this lady, and in course of conversation with her the question of religion was introduced. Bert gave her some studies on the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. During the four days he was in Paris, he evidently taught this lady a great deal concerning the message.

The night before he was killed, a telegram came from the front, calling him to Bethune. He was out that evening, but on his return the lady banded him the telegram, and he left Paris by train at midnight. She said she always regretted giving him that telegram that night, because word came back the next morning that he was killed in an aeroplane accident.

However, the truths that he imparted to this lady never left her. After the war she married, and went to London. At that time our central church in North London was being opened. The lady attended two meetings at the church. Later she and her husband went back to France, and in 1929 they returned to London. She again visited our church at Holloway Road, when an announcement was made of a meeting in a theatre the following Sunday night. She decided to attend that meeting, and when she saw my son Roy on the platform, she said to herself, "I have seen that man in a dream."

She continued to attend the Sunday night meetings, until one night my son, while preaching on Armageddon, incidentally mentioned the death of his brother Bert. She at once associated the names of the two men, Anderson, and thought, "This preacher must be the brother of the Anderson who was killed."

A few days later she wrote to my son, and said she would like to see him. She then told him a wonderful story of how this message had been following her ever since 1918. The impressions made by those Bible studies away back in 1918 had never left her. She is now baptised, and is a member of our Central London church.

This of course is a wonderfully thrilling story to me, because two of my own sons were concerned. Naturally this lady was amazed that she should go right into an evangelical meeting in London, and have the thread of the story taken up by the brother of the man who first gave her the message.

This story is an illustration of the scripture: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

May God help us all to sow the gospel seed!

### The Lord's Keepsake

Blest gift of God, O rest day sweet!  
When His creation was complete,

To man 'twas given,  
Reminder of Jehovah's rest,  
For man 'twas sanctified and blest,  
To be of all the week the best,  
A type of heaven.

Here man shall, in communion sweet,  
Bow at the great Creator's feet  
With raptured praise,  
When seeing all that Love has bought  
For men estranged in deed and thought.  
'Twas He for us the battle fought  
In earth's dark ways.

A higher note of praise we'll sing  
To our Redeemer and our King,  
Whose blood was spilt,  
That man to his lost state restored,  
Cleansed from the sin his soul deplored,  
Might ever serve his gracious Lord,  
Free from all guilt.

Sweet gift that tells of earthly peace  
When sorrow and when weeping cease,  
We hold it dear,  
And would from every spot and stain  
Keep it, that holy it remain,  
The rest of spirit, body, brain,  
God's keepsake here.

W. R. CARSWELL.



## Close of the 1933 School Year at Batuna, Solomon Islands

LAST Thursday was our last day of school in our old schoolhouse. It was one of the first buildings erected at Batuna, and has served as schoolhouse and church for the past nine years. Many students have studied in it and have passed out as teachers to this and other fields. As we closed school on Thursday morning, all waited a few minutes while we knelt and Rangoso asked God's blessing on all who had received their training in this building and gone out as teachers and missionaries to other places.

When the work bell rang, all the boys had the task of pulling down the building, which did not take long. Amidst shouts and laughter the leaf slid to the ground and was soon carried away to burn. Then a rope was tied to the building and with more shouts and pulls the whole framework came to the ground. Today Brother N. A. Ferris and the boys have gone for logs, and we hope soon to have the framework up for a new schoolhouse in almost the same spot where the old one stood.

Pastor L. A. Borgas has sixty Choiseul men in for a month at present. They are busy getting stone and timber to build a slip for our boats.

Almost all the weatherboards are on our new hospital now, replacing the leaf. We are busy again in hospital, giving up to seventy or more treatments a day.

Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Anderson are here

## Closing Exercises at Batuna School Oct. 19, 1933

[We are indebted to Nurse Totenhofer for a copy of the programme of the concert which marked the close of the school year at Batuna, Solomon Islands. We congratulate them on their good programme, the practice for which would be a blessing to those who took part, and the rendition, an uplift to all their hearers.—ED.]

VOLUNTARY	...	Selected	...	Mr. Ferris
ANTHEM	...	"Our God Shall Come"	...	School
SOLO	...	"Love's Old Sweet Song"	...	Mrs Anderson
CHORUS	...	Lullaby	...	Children
DUET	...	"David and Goliath"	...	Pastor Borgas and Mr. Barrett
QUARTETTE	...	"The Three Messages"	...	Four Boys
SONG	...	"Just a Little Pansy"	...	Beryl Borgas and Myrtle Anderson
SONG	...	"Who Could It Be?"	...	Eight Girls
SOLO	...	"No Room for Jesus"	...	Pastor Borgas
RECITATION	...	"Jerry Joy"	...	Cyril Anderson
DUET	...	"He Loved Me So"	...	Riringi and Posala
ROUND	...	Selected	...	Six Boys
SOLO	...	"My Love for Him"	...	Mr Barrett
DUET AND CHORUS	...	"Why Not Say Yes Tonight?"	...	Boys and Girls
RECITATION	...	"Love Lightens Labour"	...	Mrs Ferris
FLUTE SOLO	...	Selected	...	Pastor Borgas
SOLO	...	"Is He Yours?"	...	Miti
DUET	...	"Some Day"	...	Mr. and Mrs. Ferris
RECITATION	...	"A Little Bird Told"	...	Myrtle Anderson
SOLO OBLIGATO	...	"Shall We Meet?"	...	Four Boys
QUARTETTE	...	"There Shall No Evil"	...	White Workers
SOLO	...	"Christ the Rock"	...	Mr. Ferris
DOUBLE QUARTETTE	...	"He Is Mine"	...	Eight Boys
SONG	...	Handsaw	...	Pastor Borgas
CHORUS	...	"Volunteers"	...	School

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

at present. He is helping in the sawmill for a month. Brother and Sister Campbell are coming next month. So we hope to have some of our buildings finished by degrees.

For the past few weeks at Batuna we have been reviewing classes and holding examinations, and the results are very pleasing indeed. Some students have done especially well.

The morning of our closing day, Thursday, October 19, was spent in decorating the church. At 3 p.m. it was filled to overflowing to witness a double wedding, when two students and two local young people were united in matrimony. Rini, one of the bridegrooms, has been a student and assistant teacher here, and has spent about eight years in our printing press at Batuna. He is now under appointment to our school on Bougainville. We pray that God will bless him and his wife as they leave us to be missionaries for Him.

At 7.30 the same evening, all gathered to enjoy the sacred concert for which we had been practising with the natives for the past six weeks. We had a good programme of twenty-five items, in which both natives and white people took part.

The opening anthem rendered by the school students, was especially good. Four children from the primary school surprised us all by sweetly singing and acting a "Lullaby" while they hushed their dollies to sleep. Goliath with his monstrous spear and club, faced David with his bag of five stones, while they bravely sang the parts they represented. All did their part very well, and every item was enjoyed. We were especially asked to keep quiet while the next to the last item was rendered, when Pastor Borgas took his seat on the platform, holding a common handsaw. All listened with expectancy, and recognised the tune of "Lead, Kindly Light," as it was tapped out and vibrated on the saw. This was a great novelty for the natives, and caused no little excitement.

We were pleased to have several white visitors for the evening. One man, a visitor from Colombo, was especially delighted with the vocal items by the natives, and said he never would have believed they could sing in parts and do so well if he had not heard them. A trader who has been out here for twenty-eight years said it is the first concert he has ever attended out here, and he was surprised by what he heard.

We are sorry to lose Brother and Sister Ferris and family, who are leaving us tonight for their home on Guadalcanar, to carry on the good

work they so cheerfully left to fill the vacancy here for a few months.

We are now looking forward to the arrival of our new headmaster and his wife, and I am sure they will be royally welcomed.

A school picnic is planned for tomorrow, after which the Gizo district students leave for six weeks' vacation. On their return the Marovo students have their holidays. We pray that God's blessing may go with them all, and bring them safely back again next year.

EVELYN R. TOTENHOFFER.

## Opening a New Mission Station Among the Big Nambus People

"AND the lord said unto the servant, Go out in the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." Luke 14:23.

The people of the Big Nambus, New Hebrides, do not seem to realise that the invitation of the gospel is for them, or that it is possible to break the bands of heathenism that bind them. Surely they are enveloped in a darkness that can be felt, for they practise customs natural to hearts that are full of the deadly power of Satan. Truly they are murderers and cannibals, but even these vile habits fall into insignificance when compared with other customs of theirs which are embedded in their social and religious laws, holding them in darkness and ruining them spiritually and physically.

But the Saviour Himself said that the saved would come from "every nation, kindred, tongue and people," and that the gospel must be preached to all the world as a witness. So with the permission of the chiefs of the Levimbus tribe of the Big Nambus, another school was recently started for that people. Pastor C. H. Parker, who has laboured faithfully and long for this people, was indeed pleased that he was able at least to open up another mission station among these people before retiring from the work in the New Hebrides.

One morning we left Malua Bay, the head station for our work on Malekula, after taking on board a native worker and his wife, and about a score of helpers to clear the ground and build. We also carried with us leaf and other material for the construction of two native houses. These boys from four of our stations on Malekula came to assist in starting the mission, and freely gave their time and labour, bringing their own food with them. They were glad of the opportunity to do something to help the less fortunate to hear the Word of God.

The courage of the teacher and his wife, Masig and Dorcas, was admirable. Although it meant leaving a long established mission where serious trouble was unknown, and leaving a new house they had built, as well as their extensive and prolific garden, the source of their food supply, they answered the call without one question, and went to labour among a people where they might be called upon to offer the supreme sacrifice,—life itself. They realised that it was their duty to go and trust in Him who is able to keep them in all circumstances.

This new station is in a strategic position. It is our first on the west coast of Malekula, and is important in that the new tribe is a gateway to the largest tribe of

the Big Nambus, known as the Amok tribe. It will require a strong work, many prayers, and the right representation of the Master while the seed is being sown, in order that there may be a good harvest.

"All who commune with God will find abundance of work to do for Him. Those who go forth in the Spirit of the Master, seeking to reach souls with the truth, will not find the work of drawing souls to Christ dull and uninteresting drudgery. They are charged with a work as God's husbandmen, and they will become more and more vitalised as they give themselves to the service of God." G. PEACOCK.

## NORTH QUEENSLAND MISSION

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

### North Queensland Appeal Work

ABOUT three weeks ago I returned from a visit to North Queensland, where I spent several weeks in the interests of the Appeal work, which was commenced the latter part of September. I visited the majority of our churches, encouraging and leading our brethren and sisters in the Appeal endeavour. The believers responded readily, for they "had a mind to work," and the prospects appeared to be very bright for a quick and successful Appeal campaign.

Just recently word has come from Pastor Thrift, stating they have reached their aim of £275, and have every hope of attaining the £300 mark. Brother Thrift writes that the members feel that the work has been much easier and quicker than it was the previous year. In a letter received from the secretary of the North Queensland Mission, Brother Magnusson states: "We have appreciated the co-operation that our members have given us in the Appeal this year. Everywhere the work has been taken hold of in earnest, and in many instances we have done better than last year."

We are pleased to receive this good word from the North Queensland field, and we appreciate the earnest and faithful efforts put forth by our brethren and sisters to bring in the means to assist in sustaining our work in the South Sea Islands. We trust that they will not only have the joy of helping our foreign work, but that through the seed sown in these magazines they will see a number of souls led into the light of God's last message. Our earnest prayer is that God will greatly bless the work and workers in the North Queensland Mission.

W. J. WESTERMAN,  
A.U.C. Home Missions Sec.

ALL that is withheld of that which God claims, the tenth of the increase, is recorded in the books of heaven as robbery against Him. Such defraud their Creator; and when this sin of neglect is brought before them, it is not enough for them to change their course and begin to work from that time upon the right principle. This will not correct the figures made in the heavenly record for embezzling the property committed to them in trust to be returned to the Lender. Repentance for unfaithful dealing with God, and for base ingratitude, is required.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 3, p. 394.

## SOUTH NEW SOUTH WALES

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

### South New South Wales Annual Conference

THE thirty-eighth annual conference session in New South Wales, and the thirteenth session since its division into two, North and South, was held in Parramatta Park, October 3-15, 1933. The weather was ideal throughout, and all the meetings were well attended. The Parramatta Park proved an ideal situation for a camp meeting, and the quietness of the surroundings reminded one of the words of Matthew Arnold,

"Calm soul of all things, make it mine to feel,  
Amid the city's jars,  
That there abides a peace of Thine  
Man did not make, and cannot mar."

An excellent spirit was shown throughout the meeting, and the consensus of opinion was that it was the best camp meeting that has ever been held in this conference. A keen interest was manifested in all the business sessions of the conference, and the various items of business went through unanimously. The Union Conference was represented by a strong delegation. General workers present were Brethren W. G. Turner, A. H. Piper, A. W. Anderson, A. G. Stewart, J. J. Potter, and S. V. Stratford. We were also glad to welcome Pastor C. H. Davis from China, and Pastor Tutty, of the Solomon Island Mission, was also able to spend a few days at the meeting.

### A Year's Progress

The president's report revealed the following interesting information: Membership at Dec. 31, 1932, 2,304; membership at June 30, 1933, 2,367; baptisms for the year 1932, 210; baptisms for the nine months 1933, 96.

During the year a church has been organised at Narrandera with a membership of 13.

### Workers and Staff

Credentials were issued to 16, ministerial licenses to 16, missionary licenses to 11, medical missionary licenses to 2, teacher's licences to 9. Our total staff numbers 60, all of whom, with the exception of 11 whose licenses were of an honorary nature, have been on duty during the year. The average number of colporteurs through the year was 18.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for the year revealed steady progress in face of difficulties. The tithe for the year totalled £13,221; Sabbath school offerings £2,875; Appeal for Missions £2,309; Annual offering £444; camp offering £671; M.V. offerings £340; Big Week £80; free literature £96; special foreign missions offering £56.

The net loss sustained by the Tract Society for the year was £180. For the six months ended June 30, 1933, this loss was turned into a gain of £106. Our subscription book sales for 1932 were £2,243, an increase of £405 over the sales of 1931. The tithe for the six months

ended June 30, 1933, amounted to £6,768, and the Sabbath school offerings to £1,356.

The present worth of the conference stands at £5,845, an increase of £86 for the year. The finances of the conference are steadily improving. In this we see the prospering hand of God. As we look back over the year and see the provision God has made for the carrying forward of His work, we can only say, "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name, be the glory." We can certainly face the year which is before us with renewed confidence, believing that the One who has guided us thus far along the way will continue with us even unto the end.

### Officers Elected

PRESIDENT: R. E. Hare.  
SECRETARY-TREASURER: W. H. Hopkin.

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: W. H. Hopkin.

ASSISTANT TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: Miss A. S. Petterson.

HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY: C. Head.  
SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY: Mrs. M. E. Tank.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: E. L. Minchin.

ASSISTANT MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: Miss D. Phillips.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: R. E. Hare.

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY: T. A. Mitchell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: R. E. Hare, J. S. Stewart, C. Head, B. Hart, A. H. White, C. C. Forsyth, V. Williams.

### Credentials and Licenses

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: R. E. Hare, Robert Hare, H. Mitchell, A. Smart, W. M. R. Scragg, J. W. Kent, F. H. Letts, H. C. Harker, E. Behrens, C. Head, J. S. Stewart, J. Thompson, E. R. Whitehead, R. Govett, T. J. Bradley, P. B. Rudge, J. E. Steed.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE: J. Eggins, W. H. Hopkin, L. L. Jones, J. Lawson, T. A. Mitchell, E. H. Parsons, A. L. Pascoe, R. H. Powrie, E. L. Minchin, J. Hindson, W. R. Carswell, J. Todd.

MISSIONARY LICENSE: Mrs. M. E. Tank, Miss D. Phillips, Miss E. M. Moran, Miss H. M. Osmond, Alfred Parker, H. Hollingsworth, Forrest Black, Mrs. H. Bridgett, Mrs. G. E. Chapman, Miss S. Read, Miss A. E. Pearce, Miss E. Westerman, Mrs. E. Meyers.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY LICENSE: Dr. G. A. Hardwicke, A. Carrick, Miss F. Kringle, Miss E. Scarfe.

COLPORTEUR'S CREDENTIALS: D. Sutherland, B. Waldrom, P. J. Hardyment, A. Broadfoot, A. Mackley, W. L. Gill, W. J. Hower, J. S. Trim, A. Peach.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: J. C. Dever, W. J. Kemp, C. Watts, T. A. Augustinon, W. J. Murray, A. Edwards, E. G. Foster, E. Ward, Mrs. Garbutt, S. Parfitt, R. H. Earles, S. H. Wood, William Hawken, Fred L. Taylor, R. W. Richardson, E. F. Giblett, Jr., J. E. Martin.

TEACHER'S LICENSE: E. J. Felsch, V. H. Pascoe, H. Millist, Miss Edith T. Smith, Miss V. G. Camp, Miss Sybil Pratt, Miss Rita Vetter, Miss M. Dawkins, Miss Lilian Cleeve, Miss Hazel M. Todd.

### Conclusion

The camp meeting will long be remembered by those who were privileged to at-

tend. A spirit of co-operation was manifested throughout the meeting. The meeting emphasised the fact of the loyalty of our people to the cause of God. On the first Sabbath afternoon Brother A. H. Weil of the New Hebrides was ordained to the gospel ministry. On the last Sabbath afternoon the amount given to missions in cash and pledges was £735. Pastor Anderson spoke at the last Sunday evening service, and at the conclusion of the meeting the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung.

We feel sure that God's people left the camp ground greatly blessed, and with a determination to stand loyally to the mes-

sage and finally to triumph with it. As we face again the responsibilities of another year let us keep in mind the thought that hitherto hath the Lord led us. With a fresh surrender to Him and a determination to win through, let us face the future with confidence. As we review the past and see the definite leadership of God in this work, we know we are connected with a work which is marching on to victory; let us be sure that we keep in step with it. We trust that God will bless His people during the coming year, strengthening their hearts for the strenuous days which lie ahead.

W. H. HOPKIN,  
Secretary.

the various musical numbers, Brother Evan Tucker spoke of the Master's experience in Gethsemane, His betrayal and condemnation at the hands of wicked men, His death and resurrection, and His triumphal entry into heaven. The final chorus, "O word of words the sweetest," echoing the invitation, "Come unto Me," breathed the keynote of the whole cantata that, as the choir sang earlier, "His love can ne'er be told."

At the conclusion of the service Pastor A. E. Speck, Principal of the A. M. College, speaking on behalf of the band, stated that the musical activities of the college were fostered for the express purpose of developing in the students a love and appreciation for music that would uplift and draw out the soul toward God. In fact, "Soul-saving Music That Will Uplift, Inspire, and Bless," is the motto of the band.

In addition to giving the concert, the A.M.C. Band spent a strenuous but happy time in rendering special music between meetings, and in accompanying the singing during most of the services. On Sabbath and Sunday mornings, almost immediately the rising bell had pealed out its summons to awake, the band commenced its activity for the day. At the same time, in the young people's tent at least, prayer bands were being held, and the mingling of prayer and praise appealed to the writer as being very beautiful indeed.

On Sunday morning the band played at the Maitland hospital. At the close of the recital, personal visits were made in the hospital wards by members of the band. The same afternoon an open-air service was conducted in the West Maitland park. Owing to the somewhat inclement state of the weather, only a few visitors gathered to listen. However, the interest displayed by these was keen, and we have confidence to believe that in some heart possibly a seed of truth was sown that will spring up and bear fruit unto life eternal.

This report would be incomplete if it did not contain some word of appreciation of the excellent service rendered to the A.M.C. Band by its conductor, Brother R. W. Johnson. Commencing with much that might well be called raw material, Brother Johnson has developed the band until at the present time it calls forth the unstinted praise of those who are competent to express an opinion. To accomplish this, Brother Johnson has given generously of his time and thought and labour, and today the reality of his dreams stands as a testimony to his persevering effort and courageous faith.

ALFRED S. JORGENSEN.

"WITHOUT a shadow of doubt the vitality of the church depends on its being missionary. 'It seems to be an indisputable fact,' said Bishop Selwyn in his first episcopal charge, 'that however inadequate a church may be to its own internal wants, it must on no account suspend its missionary duties; that this is in fact the circulation of its life's blood, which would lose its vital power if it never flowed forth to the extremities, but curdled at the heart.' This explains why some churches are suffering atrophy, while others have an expanding and abounding spiritual life. The spiritual life is the life of Christ. The life of Christ cannot be pent up."—  
"The Pastoral and Modern Missions," pp. 62, 63.

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G. H. GREENAWAY.

### The A.M.C. Band Visits Maitland

THE visit of the A.M.C. Band was a special feature of the North New South Wales camp during the last week-end of the encampment.

On Saturday evening, November 4, the band rendered a sacred concert in the large pavilion. The concert took the form of a cantata, "Death unto Life" (arranged specially by Brother R. Will Johnson, musical director of the A. M. College), in which the band was assisted by a choir consisting chiefly of students from the college. In hymns and songs, solos, choruses, and selections of descriptive music by the band, the closing scenes of the Saviour's life were depicted. Between



South Australians and Tasmanians at the A. M. College

## NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES

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

### An Excellent Camp Meeting on Stockade Hill, East Maitland

THE general assembly of the believers in the North N.S.W. Conference convened from October 24 to November 5, on the old Stockade Hill, commanding a fine view of East Maitland and district, and proved to be an excellent meeting in almost every feature.

The weather, as already reported in the RECORD, was wet for the first two or three days, but the remaining portion of the time was pleasant. The damp weather, however, did not dampen the spirit of the campers who resorted to prayer and praise for the spiritual showers that were falling.

The attendance on the part of our people was good, and about 140 tents were occupied. The public attendance was also encouraging, and on certain evenings when illustrated services were held, a large crowd could not find seating accommodation in the pavilion. On the last Thursday evening, when the illustrated programme on our island mission field was presented, the Mayor, Mayoress, and several of the aldermen of East Maitland were present, and expressed themselves as being much impressed by the vivid presentation of such a fine missionary enterprise.

The publicity given to the reports of each day's proceedings through the columns of the local paper left nothing to be desired. From one to three columns in the most conspicuous portion of the paper were daily devoted to camp meeting news and reports.

In addition to the full camp programme, each evening preceding the preaching service a series of lectures was given by Nurse Helen Burroughs from the Sydney Sanitarium, as well as other full period lectures and discussions on dietetics. These timely addresses were very much appreciated by both the campers and visitors from the community, and contributed much to the interest of the camp and in helpful counsel to all. The visit and medical help of Doctors E. S. Richards, C. W. Harrison, W. G. Harding, and H. McMahon also contributed to the success of the meeting and the physical help of the campers. We wish their visits could have been longer.

The departmental meetings were well attended, and keen interest was displayed in the progress of the work, past, present, and future. Each day was well filled with a varied programme.

Each Sabbath of the camp proved to be indeed a high day, when many sincerely and freely responded to the call for a deeper and more complete consecration of life. Many of the youth and children received definite help and took a decided stand, which was of great encouragement to those working for them and also to the parents of these young people.

The Sabbath schools proved to be very happy and helpful occasions. The fine "overflow" device, which was a miniature representation of the large water tower at the A. M. College, overflowed its highest mark when the indicator recorded an

offering of £57 6s., which was more than £2 over the aim.

On the last Sabbath afternoon cash and pledges, including the amount given at the Northern Rivers camp and at Avondale, resulted in almost £450 for missions, which we consider a very good offering, especially in view of the number of our brethren out of employment in the industrial centres.

During the last week-end the A. M. C. Brass Band, conducted by Brother R. W. Johnson, was present and rendered several musical programmes, which were much enjoyed by both the campers and community.

After eight years of faithful service in the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Departments of the conference, Miss A. E. Douglass has responded to a call to South New Zealand for departmental work. During the camp meeting opportunity was taken to express to Miss Douglass sincere appreciation of the good service she has rendered, and of the high esteem in which she is held by those for whom she has laboured so successfully. Miss Douglass is being succeeded by Miss M. Hay, who has been engaged in Bible work in the North N.S.W. Conference.

Several brethren from the Union Conference and college greatly enjoyed the happy associations with the workers and laity in the North Conference during part or all of the time of this excellent camp meeting, the inspiration and memory of which must remain as a benediction in the lives of many, and perhaps all, who were privileged to attend. We earnestly pray God's signal blessing upon the work of this conference as they commence another year of life and service.

A. G. STEWART.

### In the Northern Rivers District

A VERY interesting and encouraging feature of our work on the Tweed is the fact that within a little more than a year three new companies have been raised up, one at Kunghur, one at Tweed Heads, and the other at Burringbar.

None of these companies is organised into a church, but the three are strong Sabbath schools. At Tweed Heads an isolated family of Sabbath-keepers has lived for several years, but now we have a bright Sabbath school there of more than twenty members.

On the Richmond River there are four organised companies, making in this north-eastern quarter eight companies. There is a strong probability of having eight organised churches here within a short time. The two extreme points in the location of these eight companies are approximately seventy miles apart. I suppose there is not another rural district in Australia where we have so many companies in such a small area.

On the Tweed River also the work is onward, and we view the future with optimism. Judging by the interest we have, it appears that there will be a constant growth in our numbers. The church, too, is becoming more active. Several of the young men are constantly conducting Bible studies.

While the tent mission was in session, a young man, a new arrival in the district, motored to town one Sunday evening with the object of attending a place of worship. As he was passing the tent, his

machine stopped right in front of the tent door. Seeing the brilliant light and hearing the cheerful singing, he thought he would look in. He came in, heard the service, was interested, came again, and thus accepted the message. For no apparent reason that motor stopped in front of the tent. When the meeting was over it started without difficulty.

Recently a gentleman in the district, after a great effort on the part of two clergymen to turn him from the message, and the reading of D. M. Canright's book, found the call and the claims of this message to be irresistible. He now rejoices with us.

C. J. GRIFFIN.

### "God Is Able"

IT was recently my privilege to stay for a time at one of our Sanitariums for rest and treatment. I had never been to one previously. My first Sabbath morning I sat on the balcony with some patients who were discussing world conditions, and the opportunity came for me to outline Daniel 2. One young gentleman, a Jew, was interested and asked, "Where do you get that from?" I said, "From one of your own books."

We all went off to church, and while walking along Mr. C. said, "This is our day of atonement, our day of fast. Of course, your people do not believe in the atonement." I told him, "We do believe in it, and I would like to show you why we believe it." Mr. C. said, "This is interesting. I would very much like to know about your belief. I like this people. I have been up here before. I believe you have something you seem sure about. My mother went to America a year ago and met several of your people, and ever since has had literature in Hebrew sent her, but my mother was not educated in Hebrew much."

We had studies each morning at 11 a.m. I procured a blackboard and sent for my kindergarten sanctuary. A series of eight studies was all the time would allow. We started with Daniel 8, then took up the promise made to Abraham and his seed, down to the captivity in Babylon. Next we studied the setting up of the sanctuary and its sacrificial service, to the time of the Babylonian captivity. Many times Mr. C. would ask, "Where do you get all this from?" The answer was, "From the book of Moses." "Then I must get these books for myself," said he.

Just about this time there came another Jew, who was of a radical mind. Mr. C. had several talks with him. Among other things he told Mr. C., "There is not much difference between our teaching and those of Seventh-day Adventists. They do not come direct to God. Jews never have a priest between them and God." This gave a new thought to Mr. C. My next lesson was on the priesthood in the earthly sanctuary up till A.D. 31. The interest was a pleasure to see. After that we presented the 2,300 years, with the wonderful event which took place in the midst of the seven years, and which caused the sacrifice and oblation to cease, then across to A.D. 70, when the temple was destroyed and the Jews were scattered.

Mr. C. said, "It's all too wonderful for me. I must look into this for myself. I must get a Bible."

Then we went from A.D. 70 to 1844.

showing the heavenly sanctuary and the High Priest putting away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. A great joy was always mine in giving this message to a Roman Catholic; but to this clean living Jew with his earnest, anxious inquiry, I could understand a little of the feeling Paul had when he spoke of his "kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, . . . and the promises, . . . and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came." As that Christ was lifted up, to whom all their sacrificial services pointed, the one central figure through whom the promises to Abraham were fulfilled, and as our thoughts swept down through the ages, past the great antitypical years of the scapegoat to the New Jerusalem, to the fulfilment of the promise to David of the establishment of the throne in the earth made new, our thanks went out to God for such a wonderful message.

Brother A. L. King gave Mr. C. a little talk on the change of the calendar, and also repeated the 23rd Psalm in Hebrew, which was like an inspiration to Mr. C., for the radical-minded Jew had told Mr. C. that the Bible we use was not translated from the Hebrew. Mr. C. has ordered the *Signs of the Times* and has promised to come to camp.

It was indeed a privilege for me to be at a Sanitarium, and I pray that God will bless our institutions.

M. McDOWELL.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

### Prospect, South Australia

"THERE is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." That is the testimony of Jesus, the fountain of all life and light. On Sabbath morning, October 21, the Prospect church was packed, and all present shared in the heavenly joy when six persons were baptised by the writer. Two others, because of sickness, could not go forward in this ordinance. However, these two and still others will be baptised at another service which will take place at an early date.

On Sunday night October 15, the writer, assisted by Sister R. V. Stafford, opened a new tent mission right on the main street in the centre of Prospect. The interest is increasing. Last Sunday night the tent was well filled by a deeply interested congregation. Homes are already opening for studies. We are much encouraged by the prospects of this new mission and feel that it is a good beginning for this conservative suburb.

We highly appreciate the presence of a number of our loyal, warm-hearted people in our meetings. They are a wonderful help even by their presence, which brings inspiration to the preacher and assists greatly in the singing. They in turn receive a blessing.

We are happy in our work and our confidence is ever in the God of Israel.

W. GILLIS.

We thank "Well Wisher" for the remittance of £2 10s. tithe received at the Union office on November 7. This has been placed in the tithe fund.

## WEDDING BELLS

**Woolfe-Sweetman.**—On August 29 the marriage of Miss Jean Sweetman and Mr. Harry C. Woolfe of Adelaide was celebrated in the Prospect church, S.A., in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. Miss Sweetman was a member of the staff of the Sanitarium Health Food Department for a number of years, and as she takes up the responsibilities of married life we wish her and her husband God's richest blessings.

A. W. KNIGHT.

**Sibley-Hennig.**—On the evening of October 14 in the old Advent Hall, 116 Grote St., Adelaide, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives, Miss Lillian M. Hennig, daughter of Brother and Sister H. Hennig of Adelaide, was united in the sacred bonds of matrimony with Brother Paul Sibley, also of Adelaide. The parents of both the bride and bridegroom are old Seventh-day Adventist identities, and this of itself created much interest in the marriage of these young people. We wish Brother and Sister Sibley much of God's blessings in their united lives in service for Him.

A. W. KNIGHT.

## OBITUARY

**Holmes.**—In His providence, God has laid aside a young life from the fierce trials of the last days. Arthur Albert Holmes, aged twelve years, the elder of two sons of Brother and Sister Holmes of East Devonport, Tas., passed away on October 28, as the result of an accident which developed into lobar pneumonia. A large number of wreaths expressed the widespread sympathy of the district. Schoolmates were the pallbearers, and the school children formed a guard of honour from the home and at the cemetery. Arthur was a good lad, and his loved ones find their consolation in the blessed hope.

D. A. BRENNAN.

**Phipps.**—Sarah Phipps of Burnie, Tas., was eighty years old when she fell asleep in Jesus. With her husband, who predeceased her by eight years, she accepted the Sabbath truth some twenty years ago and, like him, manifested a robust faith till death. Although in advanced years, Sister Phipps was always a help to those around her, and was endeared to all by her courageous outlook on life. Knowing it would have been her wish, her grandson, with the consent of other relatives, although not professing our faith, had the casket placed in the Seventh-day Adventist church. We laid her to rest to await the coming of the Life-giver. Services were conducted at the church and the graveside by the writer. To the relatives and friends we extend sympathy.

D. A. BRENNAN.

**Dayhew.**—Sister Daisy Dayhew, relict of the late Samuel Dayhew of Auburn, N.S.W., fell asleep in Christ on October 31, at the age of fifty-one, leaving seven sons and three daughters to mourn their loss, some still of tender years. Our sister had been an invalid for a considerable time, and thus was deprived of meeting regularly with her fellow members of the

Auburn church. The Dayhew family circle is a large one in the district, our aged and highly esteemed Nurse Dayhew, mother-in-law of deceased, being the living head of the group of that name. Our late sister was laid to rest in the Rookwood cemetery, where her husband was buried four years ago. Pastor J. W. Kent conducted the last sad rite at the graveside, assisted by the writer. Our sincerest sympathies go out to the ten sorrowing children. We trust that these dear people may so live that in that blessed day soon to dawn there may be a glad reunion of living hearts now bereft of that parental affection and companionship that only a father and mother can bestow.

H. MITCHELL.

**Fisher.**—Sister May Elizabeth Fisher, of Mona Bush, Kennington, N.Z., passed away suddenly at Invercargill on October 10, aged forty-four years. Sister Fisher accepted the third angel's message some years ago under the labours of Pastor James Pascoe, and remained faithful. She leaves her husband and six children, three girls and three boys, to mourn their sad loss. A service was conducted in the home of the sister-in-law, and again at the graveside, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. May the God of all comfort sustain these sorrowing ones in the knowledge of an all-wise Providence, who so often sees best to take the righteous away "from the evil to come," and who will awake them on that glad morn when sorrow and death shall flee away.

AUBREY R. MITCHELL.

**Crichton.**—Robert George Crichton, aged sixty-three, passed away at the Palmerston North Hospital, N.Z., on October 13, and was laid to rest in the new Seventh-day Adventist section of the Kelvin Grove cemetery on October 15. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters to mourn their great loss. Sister Crichton and one daughter are in the message, and we have reason to believe that as far as Mr. Crichton knew he accepted present truth before he was called away. He was a great but patient sufferer, and as we laid him to rest we felt that God would soon call him to receive his eternal reward.

C. A. WRIGLEY.

**Return Thanks.**—Miss Evans and Mrs. A. W. Phillips and family desire to thank the conference officers and church members for the beautiful floral tributes, cards, telegrams, and kind letters received in their recent bereavement.

**Found.**—A pair of glasses, found on the Parramatta camp ground, may be secured by the owner on application to the South N.S.W. Conference office, 72 The Boulevard, Strathfield.

**Seaside Accommodation Offered.**—S.D.A. young lady with little girl will take several boarders, adult or children, at seaside. Reasonable. Further particulars from the EDITOR, "Mizpah," Wahroonga, or by ringing JX1668.

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The graduation exercises of the A. M. College take place on Monday evening, November 13. A report of the closing events of the college year will be given later.

BROTHER AND SISTER H. E. BARHAM and their little daughter Vella, from the Solomon Islands, are spending a short time in Wahroonga. Brisbane being their first port of call after leaving the Solomons, they spent the first few weeks of their furlough with relatives there before journeying south. They were able to attend most of the Queensland camp meeting, and hope to be in Victoria at the time of the camp there.

FOLLOWING the invitation from the Queensland Government that we extend our mission work among the aborigines, Brother J. L. Branford, a veteran worker among the Australian natives, sailed from Sydney for Cairns, North Queensland, on November 7. Brother Branford has gone to confer with the Government officials, and inspect the territory that has been offered to us. He will be accompanied by Brother W. O. Broad, Superintendent of the Monamona Mission. Returning to Sydney early next month, Brother Branford will submit his report on the matter to the Union Conference Committee.

PASTOR F. E. LYNDON, who is now connected with the Western Australian Conference, after spending more than a score of years in the Cook and Society Islands, writes: "Since coming to the West we have been very busy, which has kept our minds off the island fields and from getting homesick. At first I wondered how I was ever going to get rid of my feelings, but here we find our minds fully occupied with the many openings for service by which we are surrounded." Sister Lyndon, who is also an active missionary wherever she is, writes thus of her work: "I am working up a *Signs* round. Before leaving Geraldton I had five dozen weekly subscribers. I thoroughly enjoy this kind of work, for it gives me an opportunity to talk personally with the people about the truth which is so dear to us. In this house-to-house work I often find those who desire to have Bible studies, and then Mr. Lyndon and I go along together. I find the *Interpreter of the Times*, followed by the *Signs*, an excellent way to gain access to the people. It will not be long now till we shall see our blessed Saviour coming to gather His faithful children home. I do want to be ready when that time comes, and oh, I do want to help others to be ready also."

"I HAVE just returned from a trip inland to visit the old Tui [king] of Nadrau," Brother R. W. Lane wrote on a recent mail from Fiji. "I wish the church members of the homeland could have the privilege of meeting the old gentleman. He is a fine specimen of chiefly native. He stands over six feet high, and is powerfully built in proportion. Another church has performed to him all the chiefly customs possible in order to persuade him to unite with them, but he is firmer in the message now than ever before. We had most encouraging meetings in his town. A number whose condition had seemed hopeless gave their hearts to God, and several young people made their first public confession of faith."

WRITING from Pitcairn Island soon after sending the letter published two weeks ago, Brother Roy Clark tells with what degree of success the islanders met in their first attempt in the Investment Plan: "The first ship that was set aside for this purpose gave us an offering of more than three pounds. We think that is a very good beginning. It is just wonderful to me how easily the people here joined in with our other schools in this way of earning more for missions. Some made and sold fancy baskets; others sold painted leaves; one sold a ship's model; some, walking canes; and one woman gathered some oranges that are scarce and sold them. Yesterday in Sabbath school a list of the different ways was given on the blackboard. Most of the members are earnestly preparing for their next Thirteenth Sabbath offering. I think this is the most interesting offering we have ever taken in our Sabbath school."

### "In Perils by Sea"

WE left Batuna, our head station in the Solomons, one Sunday morning, bound for Guadalcanar and Malaita, with four families and two single boys on board, all going out as new teachers. Every available bit of space on the little mission vessel was full, as there were also about twelve boys returning to their homes, and our six boys as boat's crew.

After two hours' run through the Marovo Lagoon, we passed out into the open ocean, where we soon ran into a heavy sea; but as the wind was favourable we were able to put on all sail, which steadied the boat. About midday the wind changed, and from then on we battled for our lives. Hour after hour passed, and we had to watch every wave. It took us twenty-three hours to cover a distance that usually takes eleven or twelve hours. Then for two hours we dropped anchor in quiet waters at Cape March. In the afternoon we steamed out into the open sea again, and soon found ourselves in the midst of troubled waters. It was all we could do to keep afloat. Then at last we changed our course and ran before the wind. For two days we kept on, till finally we ran into the sheltered bay at Rere, and stayed there for nearly two days.

### Placing New Teachers

After a week's travel we finally reached home on Guadalcanar. The boys had taken good care of everything in our absence. The mission work is still advanc-

ing. We put down two new teachers, and almost before they landed we heard of urgent calls from both sides of the coast, and from a place sixty miles away.

From Guadalcanar we went to the island of Malaita, where we placed two teachers and their families. Here, too, the work of God is onward. It does seem that the Spirit of God is working in a quick way to hasten the coming of the Lord. From unexpected places new calls are coming, and Simi, who is looking after the field while Brother Parker is away, does not know just how to place new teachers; so many want them to come to different villages.

### Fresh Dangers on the Homeward Way

Leaving Malaita, we encountered the worst seas I have ever experienced, but our good ship battled on. Then one night when we had reached the Florida Group and were passing through the famous Boli Pass, suddenly our boat refused to go any farther. We had run into a mud bank. There was no grating or bumping as on reefs, but the boat simply ploughed through the mud till it stopped. We were in perplexity. None of us felt very strong; we had been so long on rough seas, with very little sleep and food. We emptied the ship of all we could, and all got out to push, with the engine going full astern. But the more we tried, the firmer it seemed to fasten itself in the mud, until we were nearly exhausted. We prayed that the Lord would help us to move the ship, for it was necessary to speed on our way. We had important mail for the steamer going south, and at best we would reach there only just in time. Suddenly, with very little energy on our part, the ship slid back into deep water, in spite of a falling tide. We thanked the Lord, and went on our way. From that time we had wonderfully calm seas. Your hearts would have revelled in the beautiful scenery through which we passed. The moon was full, and every bend in the pass revealed some new grandeur. On we went, and at daylight we tied up at Tulagi wharf.

### The Last of the Voyage

After spending some hours there, attending to mission business, we left again for the 125 miles' return journey to Batuna. How glad we were, as hour after hour passed and we were still running over perfectly calm waters, where but a fortnight before they were a seething foam, every billow a power to be contended with. All the way to Batuna the sea was calm. We arrived just two hours before the Sabbath.

We could see the missionaries wending their way by different paths to the wharf, as well as a great gathering of natives; for they had all been praying for our safety, and wondering how we had fared.

N. A. FERRIS.

### Important Dates

Camp Meetings:

Victoria: December 21-31.  
North N.Z.: January 9-21.  
South N.Z.: January 23-February 4.  
Tasmania: February 13-25.  
South Australia: February 20-March 4.  
West Australia: March 6-18.  
North Queensland: May 10-20.

Big Week: November 11-18.

Appeal for Missions: February 24-

Week of Prayer: May 19-26.

Annual Home Missions Effort: June 23-