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"Be strong all ye people, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you."

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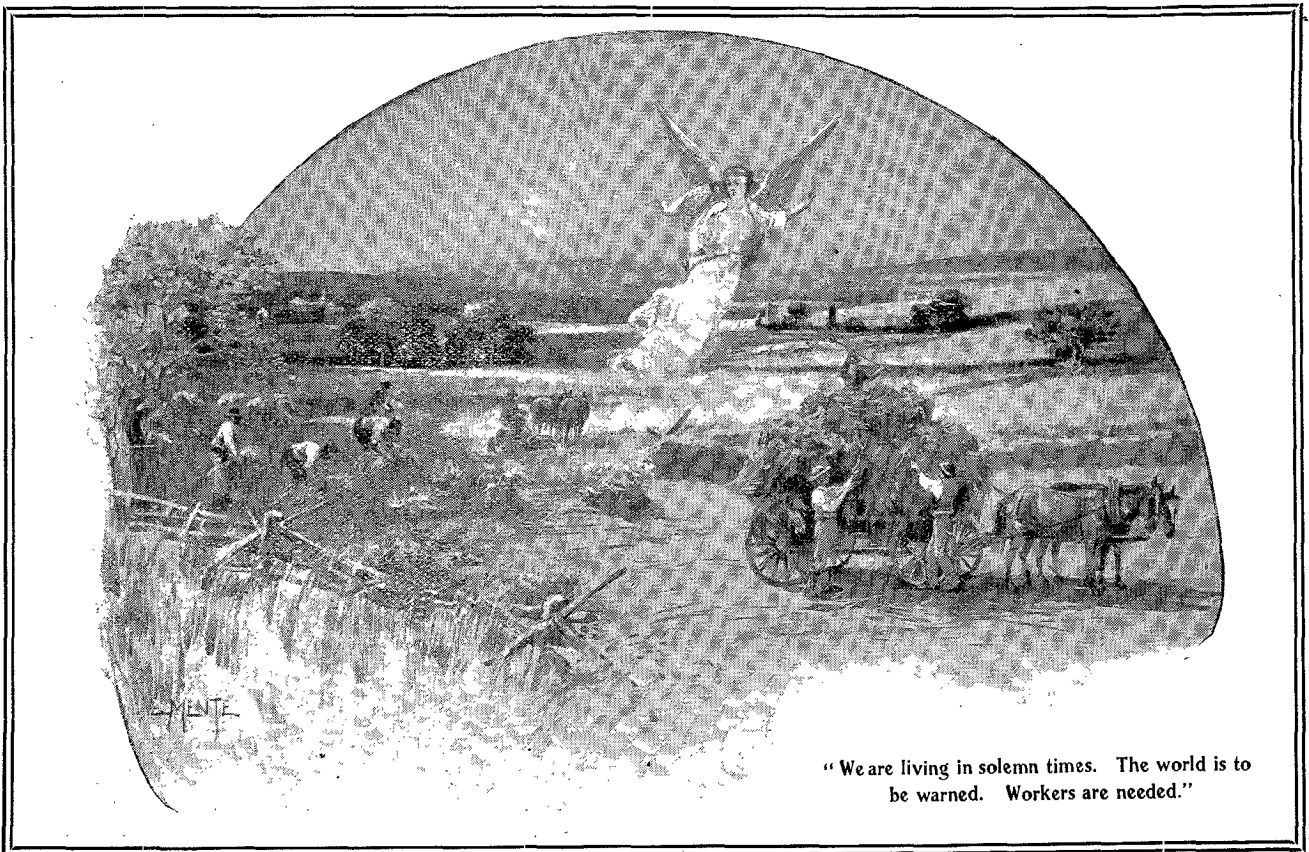
The Work of Soul Saving.

I.

THE one work more precious than any other is the work of soul-saving. The same intensity of desire for the saving of souls that marked the life of the Saviour marks the life of His true followers. The Christian has no desire to live for self. He delights to consecrate all

possible. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Refuse to admit the worldly interests that strive for supremacy in your life. Regard yourself as pledged to Christ's service for time and for eternity. Enter into no business that will make you indifferent to His claims.



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he has and is to the Master's service. He is moved with an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ. Those who have nothing of this desire might better be concerned for their own salvation. Let them pray for the spirit of service.

To secure your present and future good, Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice. Will you draw back from making a covenant with God by sacrifice? Christ died on the cross to save the world from perishing in sin. He asks your co-operation in His work of soul-saving. You are to be His helping hand, to do in the world the work that needs to be done to place the truth before as many as

Say to those who seek to draw you from His work, "I am not my own; Jesus has bought me. I belong to Him. Every particle of my influence is to be used to magnify the principles of His law. God is mine, and I am His, united to Him by a perpetual covenant of service. I must devote myself wholly to the service of the Lord God of hosts. He has put it out of my power to give Him anything that is not already His. Every part of my being, every talent, every faculty belongs to Him. If I had more than one life, I would give it to Him; for it would be His. My children belong to God. From their birth I must do all in my power to train them

for Him, that in their lives He may be glorified."

I have a message for our people. They must awake, spread their tents, and enlarge their borders. Men and women must act an earnest part in saving souls. The present state of things must be changed. Our church members must awake to the situation, and begin work where they are. Everywhere are souls who know not the truth.

We are living in solemn times. The world is to be warned. Workers are needed. The truth is to be taken to men of the world, that they may see the duty the Lord has placed on them. Those belonging to the class called monied men, have been neglected. God says, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

The Lord calls for self-sacrificing workers, those who will labor quietly and unobtrusively, living so close to the Lord that they continually receive grace to impart.

Let not church members wait for a verbal command to enter God's service. They know their duty. Let them do it in humility and quietness. There are hundreds who should be at work, who need to be encouraged to make a beginning.

You are to hold every new-found power as a precious trust, for use in God's service. Remember that it is your sins that made the cross necessary. When you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, you pledged yourself to unite with Him in bearing the cross. You are to unite with Him in carrying out the great plan of redemption. For life and for death you are bound up with the Saviour. You are part of His great scheme of mercy and love. Your knowledge and wisdom will increase as you seek to grasp the great science of salvation. Before the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds and before fallen human beings you are to live the life of Christ, that unbelievers may be constrained to acknowledge, "He has been with Christ, and has learned of Him." The purity of your language and the unselfishness of your actions are to bear witness to the power of Christ's grace.

II.

Those who receive the truth must communicate it to others. As they take up this work in earnestness and sincerity, asking the Lord to give them tact and skill, hearts will be reached by their efforts. The transforming power of Christ's grace molds the one who yields himself to the Saviour. Imbued with the spirit of the Redeemer, he is ready to deny self, ready to take up the cross, ready to make any sacrifice in the service of the Master. No longer can he be indifferent to the souls perishing around him. He is lifted above self-serving. He has been created anew in Christ Jesus, and self-serving has no part in his life. He realises that every part of his being belongs to Christ, who has redeemed him from the slavery of sin; that every moment of his future has been bought with the precious life-blood of God's only begotten Son.

God opens ways whereby such ones can work for Him. Let them look ever to Him, that they may know what He wants them to do. Let them do what they can; even though it be little, it may result in great good.

How many have a sufficient understanding of the plan of redemption to appreciate the value of human beings? How many have so deep an appreciation of the sacrifice made on Calvary that they are willing to make every other interest subordinate to the work of saving souls? Why is it that those who have been purchased

by the blood of Christ have not a deeper sense of their obligation to serve their Redeemer?

How can I best glorify Him whose I am by creation and by redemption? This is to be the question we are to ask ourselves. With anxious solicitude the one who is truly converted seeks to rescue those who are still in Satan's power. He refuses to do anything that would hinder him in this work. If he has children, he realises that his work must begin in his own family. His children are exceedingly precious to him. Remembering that they are the younger members of the Lord's family, he strives with all his power to place them where they will stand on the Lord's side. He has pledged himself to serve, honor, and obey Christ, and he puts forth patient, untiring effort so to train his children that they will never be hostile to the Saviour.

On fathers and mothers God has placed the responsibility of saving their children from the power of the enemy. This is their work,—a work that they should on no account neglect. Those who have a living connection with Christ will labor for their children. They will not rest until they see them safe in the fold. They will make this the burden of their life.

Parents, why do you neglect the work waiting for you in the little church in your own family? The home is your first field of missionary effort. The most important work you can do is to place your children on the Lord's side. When they err, deal with them tenderly, yet firmly. Let them unite with you in opposing the evil by which Satan seeks to destroy the souls and bodies of human beings. As you take them with you into the service of the Lord, what a victory you gain! Share with them the secret of the cross, the secret that to you means sanctification, redemption, and eternal victory.

If the families around you are opposed to the truth, strive to lead them to yield to the claims of Christ. Work patiently, wisely, considerately, winning your way by the tender ministry of love. Present the truth in such a way that it will be seen in all its beauty, exerting an influence that cannot be resisted. Thus the walls of prejudice will be broken down.

If this work were faithfully done, if fathers and mothers worked for the members of their own families, and then for those around them, uplifting Christ by a godly life, thousands of souls would be saved. When God's people are truly converted, when they realise the obligation resting on them to labor for those within their reach, when they leave no means untried to rescue sinners from the power of the enemy, the reproach will be removed from our churches.

The Lord has presented before me the work that must be done in our cities. The believers in these cities can work for God in the neighborhood of their homes. They are to work quietly and in humility, carrying with them wherever they go the atmosphere of heaven. If they keep self out of sight, pointing always to Christ, the power of their influence will be felt on the side of truth.

As the human agent gives himself unreservedly to the work of the Lord, he gains an experience that enables him to work more and more successfully for his Master. The influence that drew him to Christ helps him to draw others to Christ. He may never have laid on him the work of a public speaker, but he is none the less a minister for God; and his work testifies that he is born of God.

Why do not believers feel a deeper, more earnest concern for those who are out of Christ? Why do not

two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of some special one, and then for still another? In our churches let companies be formed for service. In the Lord's work there are to be no idlers. Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men. Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love.

The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who can not err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers also. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining encouragement and strength from the assistance of the others. Let them reveal Christlike forbearance and patience, speaking no hasty words, using the talent of speech to build up one another in the most holy faith. Let them labor in Christlike love for those outside the fold, forgetting self in the endeavor to help others. As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase; for the Saviour says, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask in My name, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."

Let us never forget that we are not our own, that we have been bought with a price. Our powers are to be regarded as sacred trusts, to be used to the glory of God and for the good of our fellow-men. With earnest, unwearied fidelity, we are to seek to save the lost. The Lord has put it out of our power to give Him anything that does not already belong to Him. He gave His life for us. We are His, bought with an infinite price. His sacrifice on Calvary has made it possible for us to live a new, transformed life. For life and for death we are bound up with His mercy and His love. We are included in His great plan for the saving of souls. We are to be laborers together with Him, drawing others within the circle of His love. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

CANVASS FOR "Christ's Object Lessons."

Comprising Helpful Suggestions for Workers with "Christ's Object Lessons."

I HAVE called to talk to you about the Avondale School for Christian Workers. This school was established to train young men and women in Bible principles so that they might develop into workers for missionary fields. Our plan is to bring young people from the islands and fit them for work in their home fields. This requires an all-round education, so every student has work assigned him in addition to his regular studies. We have found this combination of labor and study very beneficial to both English and native students, and are now planning for an extension of the principle. The work of the school, however, is crippled by a debt which was incurred at the time of the erection of the buildings. We hope to pay this debt by a plan which has been devised. A friend has written a valuable book and donated it to the school. The publishers have volunteered to

donate the labor of manufacture, and some Christian friends have donated money to purchase the paper and material for the book, and we have volunteered to obtain a few subscribers. Thus all the money from the sale of the book will go direct to the school.

This is the work. It is entitled "Christ's Object Lessons," and is the only book in the world that explains all the parables in the New Testament in this manner. There are nearly 100 engravings. This is the first,— "The Mirror of Divinity." This beautiful picture shows that when rightly understood Nature speaks of her Creator. Christ pointed to nature and taught the people in parables so that men could learn—to—earthly (page 17). In this way they learned truths they could not otherwise learn. He taught His disciples by the lake, on the mountain side, in the field, etc., and the author says we should study, etc., (page 25)—to—flowers, and also that everything which our eyes (page 25)—to—character building. If we do this, then the thought (page 27)—to—abide with God. The book is written in sections. This one is entitled, "Seed Sowing." In each section the parables are grouped according to their subjects.

The Saviour frequently taught the people in a boat on the Sea of Galilee, and it was here that many of the parables were spoken. This chapter is entitled, "The Sower Went Forth to Sow." The true seed is the Word of God. A sower from a higher world—to—principles of truth (page 38). That is true education, and in this chapter the author contrasts the principles of true and false education, and shows that there is nothing (page 42)—to—strong in the effort. But in the schools to-day the Word of God is set aside, etc. The author says (page 41), Other subjects occupy—to—spring up. And—to this cause—to—to-day. Some seed fell by way-side (page 42); some stony places (page 45); some thorns (page 49); some good ground (page 57); read. At the very outset—to—character. The author shows that we should grow spiritually like a plant. First the blade, then the ear. Read (page 65), The germination of the seed—to—growth.

"Tares and How they Grow" is the subject of the next chapter. Neither God nor (page 71)—to—man. Other lessons are taught from seed sowing (page 80), such as lessons in child-training, liberality, diligence, etc. The things of nature (page 87)—to—of the soul.

The next section is entitled, "In Common Paths." The disciples were mostly fishermen (page 94), and it was from this occupation that they were called to be fishers of men. They were to labor amongst all classes, the poor (page 96), the illiterate (page 97), the robber with the seal of guilt, etc. (page 98), the maimed, the merchant, and the rich. None have fallen so low as to be beyond the power of the Holy Spirit, for the love of truth would make a change in the whole man.

"Hidden Treasure." The hidden treasure of the parable represents the truths of the gospel. These were not hidden by God, for "God does not conceal His truths from men" (page 105). The God of this world blinds men so that they do not see the value of the gospel (page 106)—read headings—value of, etc., results of, reward of searching. The pearl of great price, Christ is the precious—to—dwell (page 118). The merchantman, etc., (read headings). Things new and old. "The religion of Christ" is like a mountain stream, etc., (page 131). The next chapter is entitled, "Prayer." Explain the picture. The author shows the value of prayer, and says (page 142), Christ's lessons—to—answer prayers.

Shall not God avenge? etc. This parable is another lesson on prayer. Explain it. Then read (page 174) Not one sincere—to—is heard.

There are many other topics of interest in the book, but we have no time to speak of them all. Here is a beautiful illustration representing the shepherd seeking the sheep (page 184). He left the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and at the risk of his life went along the precipice looking for the lost sheep. Show application to work of our Saviour. There are nine full-page illustrations like this, and ninety smaller ones. It contains 436 pages and 30 chapters dealing with just such subjects. It is nicely printed and well bound. We are offering it for 5/6. It is a nice book for a present. All the money goes to the school.

ADDITIONAL.

The parable of the Highways and Hedges is a very interesting chapter. The guests were invited to the supper, but many excused themselves. One said (page 220); another (page 223); another (page 225). Then the Lord said, "Go out quickly" (page 227); also, "Go out to Highways and Hedges," etc. (page 231). We are not only to work for the poor; there is work to be done for the wealthy. If a man were drowning—to—soul (page 230). Read headings. At the rich man's gate. This picture illustrates the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus was in great need of help, he was sick and had no friends, no money, and no home, but the rich man did not try to help him. If the poor, etc., (page 242)—to—remain. We ought not to be indifferent to the needs of the suffering poor.

A very interesting chapter is entitled, "Talents." The talents of the church are the gifts of the Holy Spirit (page 327). There are also other talents. It is shown how they should be used. The mental faculties (page 333). God requires—to—well-informed workers. The speech (page 335). Of all gifts—to—this. Influence. Every soul is surrounded—to—love (page 339). Time. Our time—to—glory. Health (page 346). Health is—to—depends. Strength (page 348). We are—to—powers. Money (page 351). Money has great—to—Christ. All these are to be used in the Master's service. And if used will be multiplied by use, for they will be returned to us (page 361). It is the faithfulness—to—commended.

"To Meet the Bridegroom." This chapter takes up the parable of the ten virgins. These young women were waiting for the bridegroom, but his coming was delayed, and they became weary and fell asleep. Presently he came (page 409), and they awoke, when, to their dismay, half of them found their lamps going out. These virgins represent the church in the last days. Their spiritual experience is shown by the lamps burning brightly or going out. The study of these topics cannot fail to give us a better spiritual experience, and in this way fit us to receive the Lord, who, like the bridegroom, is soon coming.

"Is that a S. D. A. book?"—Yes, but it is un-denominational in character, and so suited to all denominations. Have you ever read anything by the author?

"Where is the Avondale School?"—Near Sydney, N. S. W. It was located there because the climate suits the islanders better than the other colonies.

"Who is the author of the book?"—Mrs. E. G. White. Have you ever read any of her works? She is the author of many works which have had a large circulation. One of her works, "Steps to Christ," has had a circulation of 100,000 copies. It is printed in eighteen languages.

A HELPING HAND TO OTHERS.

EACH Sabbath-keeper and each reformer should be stirred to do all in his power to send rays of light to those who are in darkness. God says, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." "For darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but His glory shall be seen upon thee." Then when we have done this, "the gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising, and the wealth of the gentiles shall come unto thee."

By the circulation of health principles we are paving the way for the prosperity of our sanitariums, our treatment rooms and cafés, and our religious work. "Our institutions are to be in the world to-day what Joseph was in Egypt." "When the people cried to Pharaoh for bread, Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith unto you do." So it will be in our day, when men of influence become acquainted with, and reap the benefits of, the principles of health, they will say to the sick, "Go to the sanitarium, or the café; whatsoever they tell you do." This is one of the ways by which the wealth of the gentiles shall come to us. But we must first impart to them the life-giving principles and health before we can expect to reap of their wealth. We are not beggars. "Thou shalt lend to many nations, and not borrow." "The Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail." We give them principles that they will appreciate and recognise as of infinitely greater value than silver or gold. This is a work that we should vigorously take hold of. Now, above all times, is the accepted time to do this work. In doing it you bring a blessing to your neighbors and a blessing and means to our sanitarium to help those who have no means to pay for their treatments. In thee and thy seed shall all the families living in your neighborhood be blest, and men shall arise and call you the seed which the Lord has blest.

The circulation of our health journal lies at the foundation of the success of our Wahroonga Sanitarium and other health institutes. Through these principles God will introduce us to the world. They are the John the Baptist or entering wedge for other good things we desire to share with our neighbors and the world. Send us ten shillings and the names of six whom you think would be blessed by a monthly visit of the *Good Health* for one year, and we will promptly forward the journal. For five shillings we will send it to three addresses; for two shillings to one of your friends. We would also like to improve the appearance of the journal and to illustrate it more fully, but we lack means. If the good Lord impresses you to give toward this, kindly forward it to 283 Pitt Street, Sydney, and it will be gratefully received.

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

THE three lessons that are all the better for knowing: That cheerfulness can change misfortune into love and friends; that in ordering one's self aright, one helps others to do the same; and that the power of finding beauty in the humblest things, makes home happy and life lovely.

"WE must alter for the better always and unceasingly. Nature seems to be at rest only because she is perpetually renewed. The soul enjoys repose on the same terms."—*De Ravignon*.

Sabbath School Quarterly Reports.

For the Quarter Ending June 30, 1902.

New Zealand.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
Aratapu	12	£1 3 10	£1 1 0
Auckland	44	3 0 6	1 4 2
Cambridge	2	1 2 6	18 0
Christchurch	74	6 11 2	3 1 7
Dunedin	13	1 0 0	17 0
Epsom	21	1 7 6	1 3 0
Gisborne	21	2 8 1	1 1 9
Hastings	16	18 1	15 1
Kaeo	39	3 10 7	...
Kaikoura	13	11 0	8 0
Linc'ln-Irwell	8	1 5 0	13 8
Napier	...	...	...
Norsewood	4	9 7	8 0
Ormondville	10	16 6	14 11
Palmerston N	41	3 4 1	2 9 9
Parkhurst	16	13 10	10 4
Petone	17	18 6	9 1
Pungare	13	16 4	12 7
Raglan	9	14 9	10 7
Shannon	8	5 8	3 8
Tokonui	11	3 0	2 3
Tologa Bay	28	10 0	9 0
Wanganui	19	2 15 2	1 13 5
Wellington	19	2 7 8	1 19 0
Westport	7	10 10	6 8
Family Sch.	44	2 16 0	2 9 6
Colonial Class	40	...	1 9 5
Total	549	£40 0 2	£25 11 5

Special Donation to Avondale School Launch, £9 13 2.

Tithes paid by schools, £4 8 4.
MRS. J. BAKER, Sec.

Victoria.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
Bellarat	79	£2 16 1	£1 16 8
Beechworth	10	11 9	6 9
Bendigo	38	4 6 0	2 5 9
Brighton	9	1 9 11	1 0 4
Burtonswick	71	5 4 0	3 6 10
Dandenong	30	1 5 4	...
North Fitzroy	177	10 0 0	6 9 8
Geelong	29	2 16 9	1 2 8
Hawthorn	24	1 17 2	17 6
Windsor	81	5 12 6	1 11 10
Williamstown	41	3 0 9	1 13 3
Yambuk	14	1 3 6	19 2
Lara	10	...	...
Isolated	4	12 0	10 10
Totals	617	£40 14 9	£22 1 1

Special Donation to Avondale School Launch, £5 10 1½.

Tithes paid by schools, £4 9 8½.
MRS. W. A. HENNIG, Sec.

Queensland.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
S. Brisbane	90	£3 3 5	£1 15 9
N. Brisbane	32	1 9 2	17 0
Rockhampton	40	...	...
Toowoomba	32	1 4 9	...
Bundaberg	10	1 8 8	19 8
Grantham	9	16 1	13 0
Maryborough	12	5 11	4 4
State Class	9	1 5 6	18 6
Total	234	£9 13 6	£5 8 3

Special Donation to Avondale School Launch, £1 1 9.

Tithes paid by schools, £0 17 4.
LOUISE TUXEN, Sec.

West Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
Bunbury	23	£2 16 10	£2 5 5
Bokara	29	11 6	4 8
Cookernup	14	1 18 3	1 5 7
Collie	...	8 0	5 1
Capel	22	3 18 11	2 8 4
Harvey	5	17 6	10 11
Perth	54	4 12 2	2 16 6
Plympton	13	2 0 0	1 3 8
Preston	12	4 7 4	3 18 8
Spring Valley	4	0 6 0	5 5
State Class	...	0 12 1	10 10
Total	176	£22 8 7	£15 15 1

Special Donation to Avondale School Launch, £2 1 1.

Tithes paid by schools, £2 4 7½.
SUSIE GURNER, Sec.

South Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
Adelaide	104	£6 4 1	£2 0 0
Prospect	37	1 11 4	10 0
Clela'd's Gilly	13	5 4	2 10
Parneroo	22	19 2	15 2
Gawler	14	3 1 6	1 2 0
Walleroo	7	13 4	6 9
Broken Hill	18	1 1 8	7 11
Kadina	13	8 5	4 3
Queen's Own Town	15	3 7	...
Mt. Gambier	33	1 11 4	10 0
Kangarilla	18	1 0 1	9 11
Pt. Augusta	9	1 4 5	18 6
State Class	2	2 6	1 0
Aldgate	7	2 6	2 3
Total	312	£18 9 3	£7 10 7

Special Donation to Avondale School Launch, £2 8 10.

Tithes paid by schools, £1 16 6.
MRS. E. SEMMENS, Sec.

New South Wales.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
Ashfield	71	£2 3 1	£ 19 0
Auburn	40	2 8 1	10 0
Avondale	177	10 13 5	6 7 6
Cranebrook	4	10 0	...
Cornvale	36	3 10 9	2 5 9
Epping	36	2 3 8	1 10 4
Hamilton	40	3 9 9	2 2 4
Kellyville	22	11 2	3 4
Nullaw	16	0	10 0
Orchard Hill	30	3 16 3	2 8 4
Parramatta	35	2 13 2	1 15 0
Prospect	19	12 3	9 4
Singleton	18	2 9 0	15 7
Stammore	75	3 18 8	15 9
Wentworth	20	3 3 9	1 4 0
Wollongong	20	1 8 10	12 0
Woolahra	14	1 11 6	2 0 0
State Class	25	2 7 0	2 9 0
Totals	713	£50 6 11	£25 12 5

Special Donation to Avondale School Launch, £7 9 10½.

Tithes paid by schools, £4 11 9.
ANNA L. HINDSON, Sec.

Tasmania.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to W. A.
Hobart	85	£5 18 7	£2 18 11
Launceston	38	3 0 1	1 9 3
Bismarck	54	3 7 2	1 15 3
Latrobe	...	...	...
Upper Huon	26	1 3 2	...
Little Hampton	...	3 6 10	2 10 11
Baconsfield	18	10 1	...
St. Marys	27	1 8 3	5 10
Lillydale	...	1 2 9	16 3
State Class	...	15 1	13 6
General Meeting	...	12 0	10 11
Total	265	£21 4 0	£11 0 10

Special Donation for Avondale School Launch, £2 9 8.
Tithes paid by schools, £2 0 11½.

MRS. EMILY ALLEN, Sec.

Total Summary.

Name of Colony.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Avondale School Launch.	Donations to W. A.
N. S. Wales	713	£50 6 11	£4 11 9	£7 9 10	£25 12 5
N. Zealand	549	40 0 2	4 8 4	9 13 2	25 11 5
Queensland	234	9 13 6	17 4	1 1 9	5 8 3
S. Australia	312	18 9 3	1 16 6	2 8 10	7 10 7
Tasmania	265	21 4 0	2 0 11	2 9 8	11 0 10
Victoria	617	40 14 9	4 9 8	5 10 1	22 1 1
W. Australia	176	22 8 7	2 4 7	2 1 1	15 15 1
Grand Total	2866	£202 17 2	£20 9 1	£30 14 5	£112 19 8

MRS. C. W. IRWIN, Sec.

CANVASSERS AND DROUGHTS.

"THE Lord has His way in the whirlwind and the storm," and it is encouraging at this time, when many parts of the country are suffering from the long-continued dry season, to hear from the field that the Lord has His way in the drought, and that it is when His "judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

One of our canvassers writes, "The Lord is blessing us in our work here. With stock perishing all around and no sign of rain,—truly a dry and barren land,—the Lord has aroused an interest, and the people seem to order eagerly. The drought seems to cause an inquiry as to what is going to happen, and I am often asked if I do not think the Lord will soon come. I tell them I am certain He will, and praise the Lord that He has opened the way for me to give the people the truth. Pray for us in the field. The harvest truly is great, but how few are the laborers."

This is a blessed testimony of a living experience in the power of God to cause all things to work together for good, coupled with an earnest desire to see others take hold of this blessed work.

"A great and important work is before us. The enemy of truth realises this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up other lines of work. This order of things must be changed. God calls the canvasser back to his work." Are you one of those who have got weary in well-doing? God is calling you.

"He is calling for volunteers who will put all their enlightenment and energy into the work." He is offering to everyone of us the blessed privilege of learning by actual experience that "All His biddings are enablings." Workers are needed throughout the field. Do not wait, but communicate with your State agent without delay, and join our ranks as aggressive workers and laborers together with Christ.

J. M. J.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SINCE it has been decided to hold the next session of the conference in connection with our State camp-meeting, we thought it would be well to give a brief summary of the work of the conference and tract society for the year ending June 30, 1902.

During the year the deficit has been decreased to the extent of £165. This is net gain for the year. The amount owing to laborers has been reduced from £205 to £98, and over £50 has been paid on loans. At the beginning of the year, a letter was sent to each family in the conference, setting forth the actual conditions as nearly as possible, and calling for free-will offerings to help pay off the legacy of debt. The offerings, however, have been few and far between. We hope that in spite of the drought, many of those not yet heard from have been laying aside a few shillings with the intention of sending it in about this time of the year.

During the year two new churches have been built, and at present there are two other interests developing which bid fair to result in the organisation of churches. Throughout the field our pioneer work has been attended with good results. On account of our laborers being mostly engaged in pioneer work, they have not been able to spend a great deal of time with the churches, for which the churches should thank God, and rejoice that their tithes are not all being used to feed the sheep that are on the inside of the fold. The good Shepherd left the sheep in the fold, to seek after the lost one.

"We've an angel's message, brothers, to be borne abroad to others;

Borne by humans who are servants of the King.

Write it, pray it, sing it, shout it; tell the peopled world about it,
Till the sunny dome above us with it ring."

If we had curtailed the work by cutting down our force of laborers, we would have been able to make a much better financial showing, but this we cannot afford to do. "Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes," is the word. It will not do to strengthen our financial stakes by shortening our spiritual cords, neither is it safe to lengthen the cords too far without strengthening the stakes. The two must go together.

Our tract society work has steadily increased in volume during the year, and the society has considerably reduced its debt to the Echo Company. In round numbers, our canvassers have sold books to the value of about £4,000 during the year. Surely God has greatly blessed our faithful canvassers as they have walked through this "dry and thirsty land," sowing seeds of truth. And now the Lord is calling on all His people to take a walk with Him in selling "Christ's Object Lessons." What a glorious privilege thus to yoke up with Christ!

If we expect to be translated as Enoch was, it is time we all should be taking the kind of a walk he took before his glorious ride. Before the Lord can take us on a flying journey with Enoch to the other planets, we must first take a *walking* journey with him on this old, dusty, drought-stricken planet. If we expect to be saved from the flood of disease and death, as Noah was saved from the deluge, it is time to be busily engaged with him in the work of ark-building and world-warning. None but builders will find their names on the passenger list when sailing day arrives.

It is not possible in this short article to enter into a detailed review of the past year's work. This will be done at the conference session and duly reported in this paper. In the meantime, we shall report in these

columns other interesting items of past work and future plans for our coming camp-meeting and conference. We hope that all will begin to plan at once to attend. It is important that every family should receive the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD regularly, so as to keep in touch not only with our local work but also with the work throughout the entire Australasian field. If you are not already a subscriber, do not fail to subscribe at once, as this paper is the only medium through which you can keep informed.

Yours in the work,

GEO. A. SNYDER.

CANVASSING WORK IN VICTORIA.

WE feel truly grateful to the Lord for His many blessings which He has bestowed upon the work in this part of His vineyard. Truly the work is His, and He is ever ready to bless every effort that is put forth in His service. We have many evidences to the fact that the faithful worker will experience the favor of the Lord as he goes forward.

One canvasser writes as follows:—

It is with feelings of gratitude to God that I write to you to-day. Certainly my delivery has been spread out over three weeks, but it is finished, and with a most satisfactory termination. I have put in every book and an extra one as well. I have, in addition to this, seemed to have left the bulk of the folks I have dealt with in a good humor, judging from the warm receptions I have received, and the cordial invitations to come along again.

Another writes,—

I arrived here this afternoon after a very successful delivery as far as I have done. I lost two orders, but sold two extra ones, so have lost none so far. Considering the drought we have had, I am sure I have ample reason to praise God for His great goodness. Yes, to God be all the praise, for "He crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercy." "He knoweth the way we take." The canvasser who goes into the field because the Lord has need of him there will have many bright experiences in his work which will draw him nearer to his Master while leading others in the way.

One of our workers writes,—

I called on a farmer who invited me to supper and to stay the night. I did so, and he seemed pleased with my company. He inquired into many points of faith, and believes we are right as regards the second coming of Christ, etc., although he has not read much about it. I left him two or three tracts, and will send him a book or two. He is willing to investigate, and is inclined to have a closer walk with God. I trust he will see a brighter light than he has been accustomed to.

Another tells of a visit where a girl, twelve years of age, was nearing the end of life's fitful scene. He was taken into the room, and after placing a copy of "Gospel Primer" in her hand, had quite a good talk with her, while her mother and a friend were weeping close by. They then all bowed in prayer by the child's bed and asked Him "who changes not" to take the sick one to His care. And as he shook hands with the dying child for the last time, he thanked God for His mercy in giving the opportunity of working for Him. Let all workers listen to the Master's voice as He says, "Go forward."

G. HUBBARD, *State Agent.*

THE END HASTENING ON.

WE are told that the plagues of God are already beginning to be poured out, and that we have only a little time left in which to work:

Matt. 24 : 14 says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." When we read the reports from the field, can we not see how this is rapidly being fulfilled? See the number of different

countries the Third Angel's Message has entered, and gone to stay, during this last dozen years, and now the glad news comes of the work being started in Nyassaland, Central Africa. Should not these things cause us to lift up our heads and press forward?

It is truly encouraging to see so many books being placed in the homes, and often to hear the words, "I like that book," "It is a good book," spoken of such books as "Desire of Ages," "Coming King," and others of our publications. We thus know the truth is gradually working its way in.

While the way sometimes looks dark and dreary, yet we know that God is blessing the effort put forth in faith and love, and that souls will be won to Him who died for all. Let us take courage and press the battle to the gate. The printed page is to be the medium through which many will come to learn and know of the truth. "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1: 9.

F. W. REEKIE.

RAP HARDER.

LAST week one of our lady canvassers knocked at a door, and, after waiting a short time and receiving no response, turned to go away. When she reached the gate, the door opened, and she was asked to come in, which she did, and took three orders for her books.

Give the door a good hard rap, and repeat it several times if it is necessary. Do not be in too much of a hurry to leave. If you can get no response to your knocking at the front door, go to the side or back door. Many times the lady is at work in the back part of the house and does not hear the rap at the front door. I have gone to the back door many times, and readily received an order for my book.

We have an important message for the people, and we must do all we can to get it before them. Be persistent, and it will be a blessing to them as well as to you. Perseverance brings success.

S. C. OSBORNE.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" IN N. S. W.

THE work with "Christ's Object Lessons" is moving forward in this State. Nearly 1,000 copies have left the New South Wales Tract Society office already. Of course the churches still have some of these on hand, but it is a good sign that our people are at work.

The brethren and sisters who are isolated, and unable to receive verbal instruction, are anxious to do their part, and are taking hold well. One brother who has recently united with this denomination writes as follows: "I received the four copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons' alright. Those to whom I have delivered the book seem well pleased with it. The Lord is blessing me in this work, and I now know what a privilege it is to have a part in the work of the gospel message. I have taken seven orders up to the present."

One lady outside of our faith sent the following encouraging reply to a letter I had written her. She says, "I am enclosing a postal note for 12/-. Please send me two 'Christ's Object Lessons,' one for myself and one for a neighbor to whom I showed your letter. I have distributed the little leaflets you sent. I am sure it must be a most helpful book. I may get another order or so later on. Different ones have told me they would think about it and let me know. Perhaps I shall do

better when I have a book to show them. I am sure it is a worthy effort, and I will be most happy if I can in any way help even the sale of a few copies." Later, she writes, "Your letter to hand, also the books, for which accept our thanks. They are very helpful. I am sorry I have not been able to get any more orders as yet, but hope to do so now that we have two books amongst us. I am also writing to friends in Victoria to-night and sending leaflets."

As we see the Lord impressing others to work, as well as to buy, it makes us more anxious to be up and doing. We feel like echoing the words of one canvasser who said, "I do not mean to stop when I have sold ten copies, but to keep right on until the school is freed from debt."

ANNIE S. HIGGINS.

FROM FIJI.

WE are, at this writing, with our brethren in the extreme eastern part of Fiji. It is quite a different country. The islands, climate, and people are somewhat different to the western islands of this group. The people of the eastern islands have been, to a more or less extent, under the influence of the Tongans, who formerly lived here in considerable numbers. The Tongans are a people of more self-reliance than the Fijians, and they have had a moulding influence over the natives of this eastern part of the group. They have adopted many Tongan customs and words, and ape the Tongan manner of worship, singing, etc. They build houses in the Tongan style. In some things they certainly are farther advanced than those islands to the westward. The towns are cleaner, their houses neater, and in most cases, cleaner than those on Viti Levu. Food seems more plentiful, and the people are great for feasting, consequently there is a deal of sickness. Foul ulcers on their limbs seem very common. Intestinal troubles are abundant. Coughs, colds, and consumption are also present to some extent.

Our work has now a foot-hold in this part, there being three companies keeping the Sabbath. There has been strong opposition brought to bear against the truth. A few have been frightened thereby and left us, but others remain true, and calls are coming in from other parts. It is an interesting field for labor, and we are hopeful to see a good work done from this centre. Outlying islands, easy of access, are calling for public labor.

We have decided for Brother Parker and wife to settle in this part as soon as possible to oversee the work.

I am sure their labors here will be much appreciated, and productive of great good. The location is, we think, a healthful one, and may God sustain His servants in health so that they may be able to prosecute the work in these parts. Communication between Suva and this place is not very regular, so that Brother and Sister Parker will be somewhat isolated. This, however, they are willing to undergo for the truth's sake.

Brother Pauliasi Bunoa remains in this district. He is a native of this part of Fiji. He has been used of God for the building up of the work here. He has undergone some hard knocks for the cause. Many of his people would be glad to see him transported. They have even taken steps in that direction. But he is not easily daunted, but says he sees that a "prophet has no honor in his own country." For the present, however, he will remain here to do what he can to forward the message among his own countrymen. May the Lord prosper the work in Fiji.

J. E. FULTON.

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"THE inhabitants of the world, their reason perverted, have turned the earth into a lazar-house. But God still lives and reigns, and in Christ He has poured on the world a healing flood."

HAS THE TIME COME TO SELL?

WHEN shall we sell our property to advance the work of God? The following quotation from Sister White seems to make this matter very clear: "The great cities must be warned; and if you have not surplus means, then it is certainly the duty of some of our brethren to sell and invest means in the different branches of our work. Lay up for yourself a treasure in the heavens. *Duty is plain; the selling time has come if means are demanded to advance the cause and work of God, and cannot be raised without selling your land and your extra houses. Awaken, brethren, to the call of duty.*" Is God's cause languishing? Are means demanded at present to advance the work of God? If so, duty is plain.

D. H. KRESS.

IMPART TO OTHERS.

THE little pale potato sprout in the dark cellar reaches out and feels its way along in the darkness toward the few rays of light that may be streaming through a small crack in the wall, or other opening. "Darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people," but let us remember that in the midst of this darkness there are many honest souls, who, like the little potato vine, are groping their way in the darkness, seeking for light, imploringly stretching out their hands.

To those who have light, who have been translated from darkness into light, the Lord says, Arise and shine. Let the rays of light I have given you be communicated to those who are in darkness. Be assured unless this is done, the light you possess becomes darkness, and will not long benefit even you. It is not discouraging work. No doubt there are many who love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil, and they are unwilling to give them up, but in spite of this, "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." If one out of ten is benefited, we have good returns, and reason to be thankful. Light is given not to be placed under a bushel, but on a candle, that it may give light to others. Place a lighted candle under a closed jar, and in a few minutes it is extinguished, and becomes valueless. "It is more blessed [of more benefit] to give than to receive." Not many have as yet learned this lesson. Give and it shall be given you. Imparting is the means of receiving or of trimming the wick and keeping the light aglow. Withholding tends to poverty, physically and

morally. No one can be in possession of the best health who lives to himself, no matter how much knowledge he may have of physical laws, or how well he obeys them. Have you gained a knowledge of the food best adapted to man's physical needs and moral growth? Impart that knowledge to others. "Deal thy bread to the hungry, bring the poor that are cast out to thy house. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine *health* shall spring forth speedily."

OUR HEALTH LITERATURE.

THE following is an extract from a letter just received from Brother Owen of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Brother Owen was quite feeble, not able to walk more than one mile at a time, when he took up the sale of our health journal. He urged others to go out and sell the journal, but says it never dawned upon him that he could sell it himself. He started out, however, and God has certainly greatly blessed the efforts of this tried servant.

He says, "At Palmerston North Camp I was encouraged to double my tithe. It did really seem that the Lord was ready to double His blessing." He took over fifty yearly subscribers during the meetings. One week's work was given toward paying the treatment and board of a poor sister at the Christchurch Sanitarium. He says, "I finished the week, coming home well and happy, with more than enough money gained to pay for a week's treatment, and now I want to tell you how the orders rolled in the next two weeks. In two weeks I took 116 yearly subscriptions, and my health continues good. I spent two weeks canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons," and took fifty orders. Since leaving off the sale of this book I have taken 632 orders for *Good Health*." He has taken over 1,000 yearly subscriptions at Christchurch alone. He pays his expenses almost entirely by the sale of single copies. He closes his letter by saying, "I do not see why many others with a little push could not do as well and better than I am doing at my age, sixty-two, and only a frail man at best." All we can say of Brother Owen's success is, "If these things be in you and about, they make you that ye shall neither be idle nor unfruitful."

In England, from 30,000 to 50,000 copies of *Good Health* are sold every month. One small company at Cardiff, Wales, takes 1,000 copies each month, and sells them from house to house. Shall we not do likewise?

WORTH REMEMBERING.

MINISTERS and people should act nobly and liberally in dealing with our publishing houses. Instead of studying and contriving how they can obtain periodicals, tracts, and books at the lowest figure, they should seek to bring the minds of the people to see the true value of the publications. All these pennies taken from thousands of publications have caused a loss of thousands of pounds to our offices, when a few pennies more from each individual would scarcely have been felt.

The price of our papers should not be made so low that no margin is left to work upon. . . . An effort must be made to place a proper value on our publications and bring them back gradually to a proper basis. . . . Our publications should have a wide circulation, for they are doing a great work. MRS. E. G. WHITE.