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

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Women to be Gospel Workers.

"THE work that has been begun in helping our sisters feel their individual accountability to God, is a good and necessary work. Long has it been neglected. The Lord would have us ever urge the worth of the human soul upon those who do not understand its value. And when this work is laid out in clear, simple, definite lines, we may expect that the home duties, instead of being neglected, will be done much more intelligently."

"The Lord has a work for women as well as men to do. They may accomplish a good work for God if they will first learn in the school of Christ the precious, all-important lesson of meekness. They must not only bear the name of Christ, but possess His Spirit. They must walk even as He walked, purifying their souls from everything that defiles. Then they will be able to benefit others by presenting the all-sufficiency of Jesus."

"Women may take their places in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power which will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their labor is needed."

"A direct necessity is being met by the work of women who have given themselves to the Lord, and are reaching out to help a needy, sin-stricken people. Personal evangelistic work is to be done. The women who take up this work carry the gospel to the homes of the people in the highways and byways. They read and explain the Word to families, praying with them, caring for the sick, relieving their temporal necessities. They present before families and individuals the purifying, trans-

forming influence of the truth. They show that the way to find peace and joy is to follow Jesus."

"All who work for God should have the Martha and Mary attributes blended,—a willingness to minister, and a sincere love of the truth. Self and selfishness must be put out of sight. God calls for earnest women-workers, workers who are prudent, warm-hearted, tender, and true to principle. He calls for persevering women, who will take their minds from self and their personal convenience, and will centre them on Christ, speaking words of truth, praying with the persons to whom they can obtain access, laboring for the conversion of souls."

"O, what is our excuse, my sisters, that we do not devote all the time possible to searching the Scriptures, making the mind a storehouse of precious things, that we may present them to those who are not interested in the truth? Will our sisters arise to the emergency? Will they work for the Master?"

"The wails of a world's sorrow are heard all around us. Sin is pressing its shadow upon us, and our minds must be ready for every good word and work."

To the foregoing paragraphs from the Testimonies we wish to add a portion of an appeal, in behalf of the women of India, from Sister Georgia Burrus, who has spent several years in earnest labor for those who know not Christ in that dark land.

THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

When a Hindu was asked if there was any point upon which all, however sectarian, were agreed, he replied, "Yes, we all believe in the sanctity of the cow, and the depravity of women," and the Vedas declare woman to be the incarnation of sin.

Oftentimes in listening to the "old, old story" from the lips of a missionary, the Hindu women will exclaim, "Your Shastras must have been written by women; they speak so tenderly of us." When Jesus was on this earth, the poor, the downtrodden, the oppressed, the ignorant, and the sorrowful, were those whom He most pitied and helped. He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever; and if He were on earth to-day, ministering to mankind, I think He would turn most pitifully to the women and children of India, as the class most in need of His compassion and help. And



A Child Wife of India.

The great majority of girls of India are married before they are twelve years of age, an immense number before they are ten, and many even at a much earlier age. Sad, indeed, is their lot.

yet at least nine-tenths of the *one hundred and fifty million* women in this dark land, to whom the Saviour's love and pity go out so unceasingly, have never even heard that they have such a Friend, have never even heard the name of Christ. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

The horrors of the famine and the devastation of the plague are written and talked of everywhere; but there is nothing so awful as these *sorrowing millions* living and dying without Christ. If our friends at home could only realise the wretchedness and the sorrow and the suffering of their Indian sisters; if they could only see them groping in the darkness of heathenism, without one ray of light, with none to teach them, no one to care for their souls, I am sure hearts would be touched, and many would be ready to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Calcutta, India.

THE FATHER'S PITY.

THROUGH woof of gloom and sorrow, through warp of pain and tears,
There flashes bright a silver thread amid the flying years;
For as the Father pities the children of His love,
So with compassion failing not, God watches from above;

And sees our need and weakness, and not in vengeful wrath
Sends down the dark calamity that blocks the tangled path;
But ever wise to guide us, and ever full of love,
A Father's tender pity seeks to draw our thoughts above.

Life hath its desert shadow, its interspace of tears;
And yet a sunburst often breaks, and scatters swift our fears,
For as a father pities the children of his love,
So God, our Father, watches us with pity from above.

Our feeble frame He knoweth, remembereth we are dust;
And evermore His face is kind, His ways are ever just.
In evil and in blindness, through darkened maze we rove,
But still our Father leads us home, by strength of mighty love.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

There is Help in God.

God's children have no need to go to Egypt for anything. There may be a famine in the land, and a dearth for water, but God can provide water, even "in the midst of a thirsty and dry land, where no water is." He can spread a table in the wilderness. There is no need to look to Egypt for help. God's message to us is, "Woe unto them that go down to Egypt for help, and stay upon horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord. Now the Egyptians are men and not God, and their horses flesh and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out His hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they all shall fail together."

There was a famine in the land in Abraham's time, "and Abram journeyed and went *down to Egypt*." He left the hillside at Bethel for Egyptian luxuriance. *On the way down* there Abram lied, and caused Sara to lie: as a result, God plagued Pharaoh and his household, and this downward step to Egypt was the beginning of troubles to Abram and his family. But the Lord treated him as He always treats His children. He brought Abram back to the place where his tent had been in the beginning, to the well watered plains of Jordan. Sooner than let His people have dealings with the Egyptians, God would send them bread from heaven.

It is only rebellious children that go down to Egypt for help. "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of Me, and that cover with a covering, but not of My spirit, that they may add sin to sin, that walk to go down into Egypt, and have

not asked at My mouth, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt. Therefore, shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the shadow of Egypt your confusion."

Jeremiah came to that time in his experience when he said, "How long shall the earth mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? The beasts are consumed and the birds, because they said, He shall not see our last end." But he realised that help from Egypt was a vain thing. He said, "If thou hast run with footmen and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of the Jordan?"

The Lord puts this same question to us to-day. If in this land of peace we cannot trust Him, how will we do in the swelling of Jordan? Now is the time to strengthen our connection with God, and to walk in the clear light of heaven. The Lord is constantly demonstrating His power to keep, and to provide food and water for His trusting, and oftentimes mistrustful children. He sends His rain upon the just and the unjust. God is seeking to teach us lessons of strong faith in the Unseen. The trend of human nature is to fasten its faith on those things which are seen. The things of God, oftentimes unseen, are more tangible than all the materiality that earth can offer. Peter walked upon the water which became substance while he beheld "Jesus only." So it is with us to-day. Faith is the channel of communication between God and man. It lays hold upon the things of God, laughs at impossibilities, and cries, "It shall be done." The power of God was never stronger in the earth than at the present time, His grace never more abundant. "Then hear ye, and give ear. Be not proud, for the Lord hath spoken. Give glory to the Lord your God before He cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, He turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness." LILY WILLIAMS.

A Tale of Two Boys.

THE inexcusable folly of allowing young children to be ground through the merciless mill of modern educational methods, regardless of the consequences to them, is well illustrated by the following article from a Western mother in the February *Ladies' Home Journal*. There are teachers who seemingly forget that a child's health is of more value to it than any amount of learning it may acquire. And yet oftentimes the teacher is an unwilling partner in the wrong. The fault lies farther back. It is in the system which the teacher is required to carry through. The article speaks for itself:—

"When I was first married, we lived in a Western city. Another young couple occupied the next house to ours. Both husband and wife taught in a public school. Education, they declared, was almost dead in C—. Certainly they spared no effort to bring it to life again. They set a high standard in their school, and drove, and dragged, and goaded the children on to reach it. It did not matter how dull by nature a boy was, or how sickly, he was given the same tasks as the cleverest pupils in the school. All day long this cramming process went on: commit and recite, commit and recite. There was too much to learn to explain anything to the poor little

wretches. No time for understanding. Commit and recite, day in and day out. When school was over, they carried home a load of books and pored over them half the night.

"They had a boy, Johnnie, just the age of our Godfrey. He was a lean, bloodless child, with a curved back, and weak, light eyes, staring through spectacles. His father determined that he should be an example to the school. He worked him mercilessly. He could read at four, was in algebra at nine, and construing Cicero at eleven. The boy had a big active brain, and loved the work. His father coached him every night. 'Work never hurt any brain,' the father would brag. I don't know about that, but it is certain it hurt the rest of Johnnie's neglected body. Stomach, muscles, heart, and nerves all broke down. He dwindled every year. At fourteen he looked like a boy of ten. But his father drove the harder. 'I mean him to enter the Junior class of Princeton at fifteen,' he would say. 'John never disappointed me. He has been a leader in the school for three years.'

"And poor Johnnie, with his watery eyes and white cheeks, went to work harder than ever. One day he fainted in school. He was ill for months, and then the doctors ordered him to go to a farm, live out of doors, and not open a book for two years. His brain gave way first. He lost his memory, and what grieved his father most, he loathed the sight of a book. At the mention of lessons, he would cry and mutter for hours; and in two years the poor child went to his grave.

"I meant to tell you about our Godfrey. He wasn't bright with books, and we would not urge him. Johnnie's father scolded. But we made a farmer of him, and he is now a big, jolly fellow, with boys of his own, and clever enough to be in the legislature. He knows neither Greek nor mathematics. But *he is here.*"—*Signs of the Times.*

NOBODY CARES.

Do you hear that lament from the highways,
From the joints and cellars a cry,
From the gutters a moan so heartrending?
Ah, it says, "I wish I could die."

'Tis not for the world they are sighing,
For its crime and contention and woe;
They are tired of self and are longing
A better existence to know.

They have found that the world is delusive,
And wish that they never had been;
Just ready to give up the struggle,
Not knowing the Saviour of men.

Salvation they fail to discover,
And Satan still leads them astray;
O where is the friend now to greet them
And kindly to show them the way?

Then hasten! for millions are sinking
And falling far short of the goal,
And many, yes, many are saying
That nobody cares for their soul.

—S. I. Cornish.

A GREAT SIN.—If I were called to point out the most alarming sins of to-day,—those which are the most deceitful in their influence and the most soul-destroying in their ultimate effects,—I would not mention drunkenness, with all its fearful havoc; not gambling, with its crazed victims; not harlotry, with all its hellish orgies; but the love of money on the part of men, and the love of display on the part of women.—*Rev. C. L. Thurgood.*

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE.

THE third annual session of the South Australian Conference was held in Adelaide, from August 1 to 4, 1902. Twenty-seven delegates were present from various parts of the field. G. A. Irwin, E. W. Farnsworth, J. Johanson, and Sister E. M. Graham attended on behalf of the Australasian Union Conference.

J. H. Woods presented a request from the church at Mt. Gambier that they be received into the conference. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following committees were appointed:—

ON NOMINATIONS.—T. Whittle, G. A. Irwin, H. Mitchell, E. M. Graham.

ON LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS.—J. Higgins, W. Bowhey, C. Davey.

ON PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—A. W. Semmens, E. W. Farnsworth, T. H. Craddock, A. McKenzie, J. Johanson, J. E. Steed.

Reports of labor during the past year were given by J. H. Woods, T. H. Craddock, T. Whittle, and A. H. Rogers. God has blessed in the efforts put forth.

Notwithstanding the drought, the Tract Society was able to report a successful year. £1,460 16s 3d worth of subscription and £37 6s 3d worth of trade books had been sold. The net loss was £9 for the year, leaving a balance of £93 10s 6d.

The Sabbath-school Department showed an increase of two schools, with thirty-two additional members. The donations showed a falling off.

The manager of the Adelaide Medical Institute presented an encouraging report, as shown in another column.

The financial report of the Conference showed a loss of £20. This was owing to an increase of laborers, and a falling off in tithes during the year.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:—

FOR PRESIDENT: W. A. Hennig.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: A. W. Semmens.

FOR SECRETARY: A. H. Rogers.

FOR TREASURER: A. W. Semmens.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: W. A. Hennig, A. W. Semmens, T. H. Craddock, W. Bowhey, H. Mitchell.

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. J. Higgins.

GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT: A. G. McKenzie.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. A. W. Semmens.

MEDICAL BOARD: A. W. Semmens, W. A. Hennig, W. Bowhey, H. Mitchell, J. E. Steed.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses brought in the following report, which was adopted:—

FOR MINISTERIAL LICENSES: T. H. Craddock, A. W. Semmens, A. H. Rogers, R. H. Constandt. J. H. Woods was recommended to the Victorian Conference for credentials.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented their report as follows:—

1. *We recommend*, That in view of the great interest at Mt. Gambier, Brother and Sister Craddock return and continue their

labors there. Also that Brother R. H. Constandt be requested to continue his labors at Mt. Gambier until he is relieved.

2. *We recommend*, That as soon as possible, a worker be sent to labor at Broken Hill.

3. *We recommend*, That the South Australian Conference hold a camp-meeting from October 16 to 26.

4. *We recommend*, That this Conference heartily co-operate in the plan for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," as recommended by the Union Conference. That the work be commenced *at once*, and that the Conference workers devote one month to sale of same.

5. *We recommend*, That we express our gratitude to God for His goodness and help in the distribution of our literature in this State, and that, in spite of the hardness of the times, we express our confidence in His ability to help us in our future work and give us the victory, and that we look for great things in and through Him in our work for the year to come.

6. *We recommend*, That this Conference adopt the recommendation of the Union Conference with reference to *Bible Echo* workers.

7. *We recommend*, That each church throughout the Conference encourage one or more of its number to engage in canvassing for our large books under the direction of the State Agent. That these agents furnish their churches with the names and addresses of their subscribers, and that the churches follow up the work by correspondence, tracts, and periodicals.

8. *We recommend*, That this Conference request the medical department of the Union Conference to send a competent person *at once* to open a vegetarian cafe in the city of Adelaide, and so more ably demonstrate the principles of health reform diet.

9. *We recommend*, That this Conference again encourage the Adelaide Church to go forward as rapidly as possible with the erection of a church building. That as this church building will contain offices for the S. A. Tract Society, and will always be a centre for State Conference meetings, we earnestly invite *all* the brothers and sisters to contribute to the erection of this building.

The closing portion of the Conference was spent in listening to some very interesting papers read on Sabbath-school Work: "Importance of Teachers Using Object Lessons," A. G. McKenzie; "Qualifications of Teachers," H. Mitchell; "Possibilities in Sabbath-school Work," Sister Bowhey; "Sabbath-school Influences," T. Whittle; "How to Keep our Boys of Fifteen in our Sabbath-schools," J. H. Woods.

A spirit of harmony and unity prevailed throughout the meetings, and all present manifested a desire to be more aggressive in the future.

Adjourned *sine die*. J. H. WOODS, *President*.

A. H. ROGERS, *Secretary*.

HYDROPATHIC INSTITUTE, ADELAIDE, S. A.

REPORT for year ending June 30, 1902.

Another year has passed, making the third of this institution's life. We can look back with thankfulness to the gracious providence of God in sustaining this member of His family.

Our treatments have increased nearly £50 over the previous year. That shows the institution and its principles are gaining a foothold with the people. It is the principles that make the institution, and not the individuals.

The free work done by the institution has been blessed by God in healing and restoring to health the ones who were sick. The amount donated in that line does not represent the actual amount the individual would have paid, but the actual cost to the institution. £60 2s have been given in this work. The number of treatments is 3,433, 294 of that number being free.

The institution has circulated 1,625 copies of *Australasian Good Health*, also sold a large number of cook books, besides "Home Hand Books," and placed six copies of "Hydrotherapy" in the hands of leading physicians. In addition, we have circulated a considerable amount of other health literature. This year has

been one of keen interest in health lines. The minds of people appear to be stirred to no small degree in regard to healthful living.

The Spirit of God is truly preparing the honest in heart to receive this branch of the Third Angel's Message, the opening wedge for the great spiritual truths of this message that is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. Are we ready to give it? *Now* is the time to work and fill the opportunities that are presenting themselves.

There is much inquiry, and many are anxious that a vegetarian restaurant be started here. It would seem as though this ought to be commenced soon.

We have sold £160 worth of foods, and there is a greater interest being manifested in these foods than during last year. If we could have a café where these preparations and many others could be practically demonstrated, it would enhance the sales to a considerable degree.

Has the interest gone farther than simply to seek physical health? We answer, Yes. There has been a decided interest and inquiry on the spiritual side of this question, and there are some in our midst to-day who can testify to the saving truths of this message to soul and body.

While in the midst of trouble, doubt, perplexity, and men's hearts failing them for fear of things coming on the earth, we are of good courage in the Lord's work and the power of His might, knowing that these principles advocated by this institution will ultimately end in a glorious and triumphant victory.

We trust by faithfulness to these sacred trusts, to be still used as instrumentalities for doing good to sick and suffering humanity. A. W. SEMMENS, *Manager*.

MOUNT KEMBLA AND WOLLONGONG.

It was on Mt. Kembla heights about six miles from Wollongong where we opened hall services in the district. The miners seemed so unimpressible and careless that little interest was aroused. After several adults began the observance of the Sabbath, we discontinued services for cottage meetings, which are held to the present time. The United Church Tent Mission pronounced Kembla a "hard" place.

Two of our brethren were dismissed from this mine when it was known they would not work on the Sabbath. Then others who were interested walked no more with us. For three months our brethren tried to find employment, but without success. On applying finally for re-employment in the Mt. Kembla mine, the men were told they must work on the Sabbath. This they would not do, and finally were forced to leave, but before doing so, Brother Booth says he felt impressed to tell an official that he was working against God, and would have to take the consequences.

After these two families were quietly settled at Corral, eight miles distant, the next report they heard from Mt. Kembla was the explosion. How thankful then were those brethren to God for His kind protection that they had been dismissed from the mine. At times our experiences may be bitter, but "the Branch" always sweetens. *All* work together for good to those who love and trust.

A few hours after the explosion, I arrived at the mine. The sight was indeed distressing, hundreds of people hurrying to and fro, women and children at the

pit's mouth, crying, fainting, almost maddened, waiting for their loved ones. Several were privileged by seeing relations emerge, as it were, from the jaws of death, half dazed, many falling prostrate as they breathed fresh air and saw light. But the majority of watchers waited with aching hearts, hoping against hope, and it was only when the hours had worn long into night that they were persuaded to return to their dismal homes to wait through a long sleepless night. With the first streaks of dawn many were at the pit's mouth again, and every now and then, as the arduous task of getting a body to the surface was accomplished, one of the bearers would whisper a name. A cry of anguish would rend the still morning air, followed by heart-rending sobs of the widow and fatherless. Indeed, my heart ached as such scenes continued throughout the day, made sadder by the ruin on every side where only a few hours before had been peace and happiness. As I gazed on the dead with the ruddy glow of life on their faces, caused by the peculiar effect of afterdamp, I thought how quickly and easily their lives had ceased. How little of the future is ours. We are as the leaf that fadeth, here to-day, gone to-morrow.

The continuous funeral processions of the next few days refreshed the sadness, the victims in rude coffins being conveyed on drays to their last resting-places, amid wide-spread manifestations of sorrow.

An awful gloom settled over the district, which will only be dispelled as time rolls on and the incidents of the overwhelming calamity grow fainter and fainter in the minds of the sufferers left to mourn the loss of their bread-winners and protectors.

The main consideration now is to help the women and children so suddenly deprived of their supporters. Although the miners' accident fund makes provision for those dependent on the men killed, the sum will have to be supplemented by private charity, and if any of my readers will kindly assist these bereaved ones, much or little will be thankfully received, and we promise a careful and faithful disbursement.

This experience has deeply touched my heart with a longing for a closer walk with God, so that in the GREAT judgments as they fall, having learned to make God a protection and help NOW, I will KNOW how to make Him a very present help in time of trouble THEN.

This disaster, although sweeping away over ninety men, is not the only one nor the worst one of the year. The cyclone of Texas destroyed ninety and injured one hundred. The volcanic eruptions of West India sent its thousands into eternity. The mine explosion in Tennessee killed one hundred and fifty, and there is not a daily we read but what tells of some terrible tragedy, horrible murder, or appalling disaster. Indeed, the days are evil, iniquity is abounding. The harbingers of the "day of vengeance" are round about, and, praise the Lord, they remind us that the "year of the redeemed" is near. He that shall come will come and will not tarry THIS TIME, therefore let us not sleep as do OTHERS, but be sober with our loins girt about, and our lamps burning, for BLESSED are those whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.

G. W. TADICH.

August 12, 1902.

PLANS are being laid by the South African Union Council for entering upon a vigorous campaign in behalf of the native races. Financial assistance has been asked for from America.

ENCOURAGING TO CANVASSERS.

IN visiting from house to house in the districts of Creswick, Spring Mount, Newly, Kingston, and Sulkey Gulley, Victoria, we have found copies of our good books scattered here and there which are much appreciated. One old lady, an intelligent, well-to-do person, said, "I have 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' and it is my regular Sunday reading. I never tire of it." One man said he had read "Patriarchs and Prophets" through four times. An intelligent woman said, "I had 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation,' and after reading it, sold it to a local preacher in Gippsland, Victoria." Another bright woman said, "I have the 'Great Controversy between Christ and Satan,' and have long known that the seventh day is the true Sabbath, but have not had the courage to step out alone and keep it." We hope she, with her daughters, will take their stand for the truth. They are attending Bible studies at a neighbor's, and seem deeply interested. Another woman said, "We have 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle,' and we often study it with the Bible." Where the readings are held, the mother and married daughter both have "Patriarchs and Prophets," and one has "Bible Readings" also. The "Home Hand Book" is also making a most excellent impression, and Dr. Kellogg is quoted to us occasionally in conversation as authority on health topics.

When showing the "Christ's Object Lessons" at a farmhouse, a bright girl said, "Oh, we have a book like that. It is the 'Gospel Primer,' and my little sister takes it to Sunday-school with her, and the teacher teaches from it." We find the "Gospel Primer" is liked everywhere.

G. B. STARR.

THE clerk of the Napier, N. Z., Church writes concerning the interest taken in the work in Fiji during the first quarter of this year, when the Sabbath-schools were contributing to the steam launch for that field, as follows:—

We first subscribed £3 15s, and sent a supply of medical appliances, such as antiseptics, bandages, a few necessary surgical instruments, etc. About three weeks later, another subscription was started for the launch and printing work. For this fund £6 14s was raised and sent to Mr. Fulton. One pound of this was donated by the Sunshine Band towards the launch.

Besides these two amounts, £6 was sent to the Palmerston N. Church in reply to a request for £5.

So our church has done very well during the past few months. We are the better for the giving. A giving church is a happy, live church. I trust this giving spirit amongst us will grow and grow.

WE are glad we have the *Australasian Good Health*. There is nothing better to carry on the first visit to every home. Few are the homes where illness of some kind is not causing its suffering and sorrow, and most of the maladies are curable by an observance of the beautiful and simple laws of health. But the people are ignorant, and how shall they learn without a teacher, and how can they teach except they be sent, as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them . . . that bring glad tidings of good things," such as good health, peace of mind, happiness, and joy, and freedom from pain and depression.

We take a club of twenty copies of the *Good Health* monthly, and pay for them by securing annual subscriptions. This leaves us a good number to sell, loan, or give away. We like the new dress, and general make-up of the journal, and want to see it have a very wide circulation. Brother Owen has set us all a good example, which we ought to imitate.

G. B. STARR.

ITEMS FROM WEST AUSTRALIA.

DURING the past few weeks, Brother L. V. Finster has been training our Perth brethren and sisters, preparatory to starting the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign in the city, canvassing classes being conducted each afternoon for the mothers and those unable to attend the evening instruction. A thorough canvass was studied. We hope it will not be long ere our quota, at least, is disposed of. Brother Knight has taken over sixty orders in Newcastle, and reports an interesting time. Our canvassers still continue to do good work with the book.

Brother Pallant has just returned from a tour in the South Western district, where in conjunction with his ministerial work, he has been encouraging the brethren in the "Christ's Object Lessons" enterprise. He reports a hearty and willing response, which has since been verified by large orders coming in, accompanied by the statement, "We are ordering, and believe we will sell."

Our *Bible Echo* seller, besides doing her regular work, took orders for sixty-three books in about ten days. Between 400 and 500 books have already been placed. We thank God for it, and long for the time when the reproach shall be wiped off our school and we can sing a song of freedom from debt.

SUSIE GURNER.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS, VICTORIA, 1902.

THE following offerings were given in the various churches: Williamstown, £9 1s; Windsor, £7 17s 1d; North Fitzroy, £6 1s 3½d; Brunswick, £4 10s 5d; Bendigo, £4 2s 6d; Geelong, £3 17s 2d; Brighton, £2; Ballarat, £1 16s 6d; Hawthorn, £1 15s; Lara, 15s; isolated Sabbath-keepers, £7 12s; making a total of £49 7s 11½d.

A Good Object for a Collection.

THE special collection to be taken in the Sabbath-schools throughout Australasia on the last Sabbath of this quarter is to be applied to assist in the erection of a church building for our native brethren on the island of Rarotonga.

Brethren, this is a most worthy enterprise. The church in Rarotonga was organised by Brother E. H. Gates in 1900. They had been keeping the Sabbath for eight months previous, and during that time and after, the organisation suffered persecution at the hands of their chiefs and others. They were heavily fined and sent to work on the roads with common prisoners.

Immediately after the organisation of the church, we set about to select a piece of land upon which to build a house of worship, but were baffled for over twelve months by those who were opposed to our work. At the beginning of the present year, the Lord gave us the land that we wanted, and we at once started to prepare to build.

During all this time we have met for worship in three different houses, for the first four months at the home of a native who is not one of our church members but a sympathiser. Having to vacate this place, we met in the home of one of the brethren, but for one Sabbath only. He was threatened with the loss of his house and lands if he permitted us to meet there again. We came up to the next Sabbath not knowing where to meet. However, the native deacon of the church, despite the threats of the chiefs, opened his house to the church. We have met in this house ever since.

But, brethren and children of the Sabbath-schools, will you not help us to build a house that will be a better representation of the truth in these islands of the sea. The native brethren are doing all they can, but they are very poor. They are also collecting coral stones from the bottom of the lagoon that surrounds this island, burning it, and thus converting it into lime for the building. One of them has given an old stone house which represents many months of labor on his part, so that the stone might be used in the church building. The workers here, past and present, are helping. What are you going to do? Do you believe the Word of God? If so, then by aiding in this good work you will receive more than those for whom you erect the church, "for it is more blessed to give than to receive."

A. H. PIPER, *Rarotonga*.

SUCCESS,—WHERE FOUND.

JESUS stood by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, *empty*. The fishermen had left them after toiling all night without success in their efforts to catch fish, and were washing their nets. Jesus said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught." Simon said, "Master, we have toiled all night and have caught nothing; nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net."

"And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. . . . Jesus said unto him, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And they forsook all and followed Him." The lesson here taught is, success in the Lord's work depends upon implicit obedience. "Without Me ye can do nothing."

They had been toiling all night, following their own counsel and plans without success. Discouraged, they were ready to pull up and say, There are no fish here. But when they received the counsel of the true Witness and implicitly obeyed the directions He gave, there was such a great haul of fishes that the boats were not able to contain them all. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees saying, "I am a sinful man."

God expects us to labor where we are, not to seek more favorable waters. "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called."

But some one says, I have been toiling among my neighbors and friends for many months or years and have caught nothing, it is a useless task, there are no fish. Throw your net on the right side, at the command of the Master; make another effort.

D. H. KREBS, M. D.

RECENT reports from America tell of terrific floods in Nebraska and Iowa, of a drought in Texas, of strikes, fires, and earthquakes, and disasters both large and small. On July 10 occurred the most dreadful mining disaster ever reported from that country, in which over four hundred men lost their lives in an explosion in the Cambria Steel Company's Mine of Johnstown, Pa. Isaiah wrote of the Lord's dealings that "when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

YOUNG men and women are wanted to carry the truth from door to door over every state, and country, and clime, "Preach the gospel to every creature," is Christ's command. Young men are wanted to prepare for the work who cannot be attracted from it by the offer of large salaries in the world's work. That is burying the talent in the earth. Jesus pays the best wages of any master in the universe. Food, clothing, friends, homes, health, peace, joy, now; and eternal life and joy to come.

"He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

G. B. STARR.

RESPONSIVE HEARTS AMONG THE LEPERS.

A TOUCHING incident happened during a recent tour in the Kolaba district in western India. At Poladpore there is a good leper asylum, with accommodations for about ninety lepers, conducted by the Mission to Lepers. When we arrived at this asylum, we found the lepers all seated on the ground, waiting for the meeting to begin. They sang some hymns, and then I spoke to them about the Bible Society's work. I hardly liked to say anything about giving to the work, knowing how poor they were; but after a little hesitation I mentioned the subject in a general way. No sooner had I done speaking, than, to my surprise, the catechist, himself a leper, produced a brass plate, and round it went as quickly as possible, while on all sides coppers were poured in. Their bright, happy faces had perhaps just a tinge of mischievous delight as they realised that they had taken the Bible Society secretary by storm. I was so impressed that I hardly knew what to do or say, and when I took the money, it was with a curious lump in my throat, and tears in my eyes. I said, half under my breath, "May God bless them," but I could say no more. The collection, although in coppers, amounted to five rupees. Where did this money come from? Let me tell you. Before the meeting, these lepers, of their own accord, went to the catechist, and asked if they might be allowed to give to the Bible Society. None of them had any money, but each one decided to give up a certain portion of his share of rice for the day, and asked that its value in money should be given into his hands instead. The request was granted, and each man brought his money to the meeting, and put it into the collection. How they put us to shame by their generous giving!—*The Indian Standard.*

ONE evening in a parlor at a summer watering-place, the young people were dancing. One young lady was not taking part in the exercises.

"Does not your daughter dance?" asked another lady of this young lady's mother.

"No," was the reply.

"Why, how will she get on in the world?"

"I am not bringing her up for the world," was the quiet answer.

That young lady is now a woman, and the influence of her consecrated life is felt in many of the Christian interests of a great city.—*Anon.*

"At the lowest estimate, nine-tenths of our successes are the result of Bible Society work," writes a Methodist minister from Korea; "Indeed, nearly every encouraging case brought to our notice shows some connection with the colporters," adds a Presbyterian minister.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

Queensland.

JULY, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —	Orders.	Value.
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Miss —, Kang Pt.....	1	1 0 0

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Mrs. Streetor, Spring Hill	3	1 5 6
Mrs. Heatley, Spring Hill	8	3 0 3

House We Live In—

Mrs. Eldrett, Valley.....	20	4 16 0
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W. F. Ford, C. Towers...	10	8 7 0
F. Brett, C. Towers.....	21	17 0 0

Great Controversy—

Miss —, Kang Pt.....	27	17 19 0
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Daniel & Revelation—

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Mrs. W. J. Smith, Lyttleton	8	8 0 0
A. E. Rickards, Otago.....	1	1 0 0

Man the Masterpiece—

W. J. Redhead, Christ'ch.	22	24 10 0
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W. W. Ward, Mangaweka	1	12 6
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I. W. Rigby, N. E. Coast	2	3 0 0
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Coming King—

Miss Horne, Launceston..	16	6 14 0
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Daniel & Revelation—

Mr. J. Allen, N. W. Coast	14	12 2 6
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Great Controversy—

W. Rigby, Westcoast.....	54	46 7 6
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<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Orders.	Value.
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Ladies' Guide—

Mrs. M. Masters, Malvern	10	10 0 0
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H. Hughes, Stratford.....	1	2 15 6
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W. Codling, Ararat.....	25	21 14 9
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Queensland.....	123	84 13 3
West Australia.....	201	214 8 0

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"LET us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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Items of Interest.

PASTOR G. A. Irwin and Dr. D. H. Kress have gone north to attend important meetings in Queensland.

PASTOR Daniells and Brother E. R. Palmer, who have recently visited England and the Continent, are, ere this, back in America. The reports of Brother Daniells regarding the situation in Europe are very encouraging.

PASTOR J. D. Rice, formerly of Rarotonga, is now conducting meetings at Petaluma, in the State of California, U. S. A. The change in location has been a great benefit to the family healthwise.

THE report from Brother Tadich, who has been laboring at Mt. Kembla, emphasises the thought that it pays to serve the Lord, and that, as Scripture hath said, puny man can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

PASTOR J. E. Fulton, who is obliged to retire from the islands because of failing health, will locate for a time at Avondale, where he can rest awhile and recover from the debilitating effects of the tropics. He will continue to translate needed literature into the Fijian.

A STORMY and unpleasant voyage was that experienced by Pastor Colcord and family on their way to America. The engine broke down upon two occasions between Fiji and Hawaii, which added the experience of drifting about aimlessly until temporary repairs could be effected.

AFTER recounting many of the glorious victories gained by the brethren and sisters of Christchurch in the work with "Christ's Object Lessons," Brother N. J. Smith adds, "With the help of the Lord, Christchurch intends to sell not only its own quota soon, but to keep on at the work till, at least, the Conference quota is sold."

SISTER E. M. Graham has recently visited Avondale, and has spent considerable time looking over the books, and auditing the accounts of the institutions of this place. The situation from a financial point of view is much more cheering than in years past. We praise God that He is rolling away the reproach from His institutions. The school has already received over £1,000 from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

EARNEST efforts are being put forth by the students of Avondale in selling "Christ's Object Lessons." The results are very gratifying, and the Lord has been granting showers of blessing. The field about Newcastle has been looked upon by canvassers of experience as a very

hard place. The students have entered it, however, with burning enthusiasm, and have come home again with their hearts full of praise. The campaign has been a success from the very start. Nearly all who have gone out have sold their full quota of books in less than a week, and the general average has been much above the ten copies. One young lady, who has never canvassed before, slipped away from her work in the Avondale Press, and in two days' work took twenty-four orders. It is needless to add that such have a disposition to do it again.

SCHOOL buildings have recently been fitted up on the Society Islands, and a good work is already well started in the training of native workers. Our brethren have secured, on a long term lease, a beautiful tract of land on Raiatea, one of the islands of the Society group, for their training school. The farm is well watered and planted with cocoa-nut trees, which present a very pretty appearance, and yield profitable returns.

BROTHER L. R. Conradi, president of the German Union Conference, reports to the *Review* that the work is progressing well in the Crimea. Forty-nine were recently baptised, making the present membership 778. The membership of the West German Conference is 1,000 and that of the East German Conference 932. The Holland Conference made a gain of 47 members during the past quarter, and the total additions to the German Union Conference during the three months were 273.

OUR workers in South America are finding the field literally white for the harvest. The *Senales de los Tiempos*, published in Santiago, Chili, has a circulation of 3,000 copies, and is accordingly, self supporting. By the way that Sabbath-keepers are everywhere springing up as a result of reading, there is every evidence to lead one to believe that God has already begun to do "a quick work on the earth and cut it short in righteousness." As shown by Brother Westphal's reports the seed sown by canvassers is now working as leaven.

BROTHER and Sister Van Dusen, our workers on the now famous island of St. Vincent, report that, "No harm has come to us yet. We are hopeful and are working hard. To us these phenomena are full of interest, as the Bible and testimonies frequently mention them in connection with the return of the Lord." It is said by scientists who have visited this place that all the Antilles group is liable to a like experience. One writer says, "Our world geologically is in a dying state. Peter's words are truly applicable. 'The end of all things is at hand.'"

THE librarian of the Palmerston North Tract Society writes to the office at Wellington concerning work with "Object Lessons," as follows:—

The Lord has greatly blessed me in my efforts, and has enabled me to sell thirteen without spending much time. Five I sold while doing my regular work, and eight while on a trip to Napier and Hastings in two and a half hours—the best two and a half hours in the canvassing line I ever had. I also learned how to get inside the houses, which I find a great acquisition. I consider the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" serves many purposes. 1. It helps the School. 2. Puts an excellent book into the homes. 3. Teaches our people how to canvass, which is profit to themselves in two ways. 4. Places an opportunity in the people's way of doing missionary work. 5. Brings a great blessing to the seller."

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