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

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Words to Lay Members.

OUR ministers are to go forth to proclaim the message of present truth to those who have not heard it. And our churches should not feel jealous and neglected if they do not receive ministerial labor. They should themselves take up the burden, and labor most earnestly for souls. Believers are to have root in themselves, striking firm root in Christ, that they may bear much fruit to His glory. As one man, they are to strive to attain one object,—the salvation of souls.

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.

Let church members begin to work where they are. Everywhere there are souls who know not the truth. Humble men, willing to make sacrifices, to work as Christ worked, are needed. The Lord calls for self-sacrificing workers, who will labor quietly and unobtrusively, living so near to the Lord that they continually receive grace to impart. As they take up their work in earnestness and sincerity, asking the Lord to give them tact and skill, hearts will be reached by their efforts.

It is not God's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seeds of truth. Men who are not called to the gospel ministry are to be encouraged to labor for the Master according to their several ability. Hundreds of men and women now idle could do acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their neighbors and friends, they could do a great work for the Master. God is no respecter of persons. He will use humble, devoted Christians who have the love of the truth in their hearts. Let such ones engage in service for Him by doing house-to-house work. Sitting by the fireside, such men—if humble, discreet, and godly—can do more to meet the real needs of families than could a minister.

The Lord has a work for women as well as for men. They may take their places in His work at this crisis, and He will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Holy Spirit, 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 will give them a power that exceeds 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.

It is not meet for us, my sisters, to wait for greater opportunities or holier dispositions. We are inexcusable

if we allow God-given talents to rust from inaction. Christ asks, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Let us consecrate all that we are and have to Him, believing in His power to save, and having confidence that He will use us as instrumentalities to do His will and to glorify His name.

My brethren and sisters, do not pass by the little things to look for larger work. You might do successfully the small work, but fail utterly in attempting a larger work, and fall into discouragement. Take hold wherever you see that there is a work to be done. It is by doing with your might what your hands find to do, that you will develop talent and aptitude for large work. It is by slighting the daily opportunities, neglecting the little things, that so many become fruitless and withered.

There are many ways in which a'l may do personal service for God. Some can write a letter to a far-off friend, or send a paper to one who is inquiring for truth. Others can give counsel to those who are in difficulty. Those who know how to treat the sick can help in this way. Others who have the necessary qualifications can give Bible readings or conduct Bible classes.

The very simplest modes of work should be devised, and set in operation among the churches. If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward; for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase, and through their efforts souls will be saved.

THE WASTE PLACES OF THE EARTH.

The waste places of the earth are to be cultivated. In humble dependence upon God, families are to go forth and settle in the unworked places of His vineyard. As the reward of their self-sacrifice in order to sow the seeds of truth, they will reap a rich harvest. As they visit family after family, giving Bible studies, opening the Scriptures to those in spiritual darkness, many hearts will be touched.

Consecrated men and women are needed to stand as fruit-bearing trees of righteousness in the desert places of the earth. In fields where the conditions are so objectionable and disheartening that many workers refuse to go to them, most remarkable changes for the better may be brought about by the efforts of self-sacrificing lay members. These humble workers will accomplish much, because they put forth patient, persevering effort, relying upon no human power, but upon God, who gives them His favor. The amount of good that these workers accomplish will never be known in this world.

SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES.

Self-supporting missionaries are often very successful. Beginning in a small, humble way, their work

enlarges under the guidance of the Spirit of God. Let two or more persons start out together in evangelistic work. They may not receive any particular encouragement from those at the head of the work that they will get financial support; nevertheless, let them go forward, praying, singing, teaching, and living the truth. They may take up the work of canvassing, and in this way introduce the truth into many families. As they move forward in their work, they gain a blessed experience. They are humbled by a sense of their poverty and helplessness, but the Lord manifestly goes before them. Among the wealthy and the poor they find favor and help. They come close in friendship to those for whom they work, the one imparting the treasures of the Word, the other imparting temporal sustenance. And both are blessed. Even the poverty of the people is a means of finding access to them. As these devoted missionaries pass on their way, they are helped in many ways by those to whom they bring spiritual food. Providence opens the way for them to go to isolated places, and if they bear the message God gives them, their efforts are crowned with success. Many will be brought to a knowledge of the truth, who, but for these humble teachers, would never have been won to Christ.

What more can I say than I have said to impress upon our churches the realisation of the eternal loss they are suffering in not putting to use in God's service the ability that He has given them? If the members of our churches would but put their powers to use in well-directed efforts, following well-matured plans, they would do a hundredfold more for Christ than they are now doing. If they went forth with earnest prayer, with meekness and lowliness of heart, seeking personally to impart to others the knowledge of salvation, the message might reach the inhabitants of the earth.

God calls for workers to enter the whitening harvest field. Shall we wait because the treasury is exhausted, because there is scarcely enough to sustain the workers now in the field? Go forth in faith, and God will be with you. The promise is, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Nothing is so successful as success. Let this be secured, and the work will move forward. New fields will be opened. Many souls will be won to the truth. What is needed is increased faith in God.

As humble, God-fearing men and women consecrate themselves to the Lord, He will accept them and work through them. As they place themselves in right relation to Him, light from the throne above will shine upon them, making them channels of blessing to others. All that they accomplish may not now be seen, but they are sowing seed that will yield fruit unto eternal life.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Our Camp-meetings for 1902.

SOME of these meetings will be in progress by the time this issue of the RECORD reaches the field, but I trust a few thoughts on their importance, and the best methods of conducting them, may be productive of good. As each succeeding camp-meeting comes, we are brought that much nearer the end of all things, and that much farther into the time of peril that has already begun; and hence, in and around these meetings centre greater responsibilities than ever before.

The peril that will come to God's people from this on till the end, will not be so much from a vigorous and direct onslaught of the enemy, as from a carelessness and lack of watchfulness on our own part, that will lull us to sleep in carnal security. Our Saviour, in speaking of this time, in Luke 21: 34, uses these words: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." The warnings that come through the Testimonies for this time, are along this line also. "We have now but few, very few, days of probation left us." "The watchman is to know the time of the night, feel and sense the solemnity of the times, and prepare the way for His coming by preparing a people."

The first thing of importance in the camp-meeting is to help our own people, and, if possible, bring them to that high standard of Christian perfection marked out in the Word of God, and the Testimonies of His Spirit, and which it is possible to obtain by divine grace when the individual co-operates with the Lord by walking in all the light He has given. The best evidence to an unbelieving world, of the genuineness of the Third Angel's Message, and the strength and power that are to accompany the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in these last days, is a people who exemplify, in their daily lives, the pure principles of the law of God.

The apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthian brethren (2 Cor. 7: 1), exhorts them to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord; and, as an incentive to this work, refers to certain promises, one of which is, that God would be their Father, and they should be His sons and daughters. But this promise is based on complete separation from the unbelieving world, and a refusal to touch anything unclean, that God might dwell in them in the person of the Holy Spirit, and He be their God, and they be His people. Much light has been given along these lines; that God's blessing is contingent upon compliance with His promises, and the light given; yet many, both ministers and people, are far behind,—some from a seeming ignorance, others from a lack of appreciation.

So it seems to me that the meetings should be so planned that a large part of each day should be devoted to practical instruction along these lines, from the Bible and Testimonies, in which the people are invited, and expected, to take part, not in a spirit of controversy, but to ask questions from an honest desire to know the whole truth, that they might be free.

A camp-meeting in these times should not be judged a success so much by the amount of business done, or the eloquent and flowery sermons preached, as by the amount of plain, practical instruction that the common people can lay hold of and apply in their every-day home life, in the sanctification of themselves and their families. To this end, let the business just as far as possible—and it is possible to a much greater degree than has been practised in the past—be eliminated from the meetings, and the time usually devoted to the discussion of some minor question that affects the cause very little either way, be devoted to feeding the hungry flock. We are constantly admonished that too much time is given to preaching and the consideration of plans and schemes that were better never to be carried out, and not enough time to ministering and the organisation of companies of workers to hunt for souls who need help. Our camp-meetings

should be a feast of tabernacles, a great spiritual institute, where the preaching brethren should minister not only in the desk, but in families, coming close to the brethren, teaching them both by precept and example how to come close to hearts as one touched with the feelings of their infirmities.

Special attention should be given to the children and youth, and some of the most godly ministers and workers should be assigned to this work. Satan is especially active among this class, and unless the parents and those assigned to co-operate with them in helping them, are constantly on the alert, he will get the advantage, and turn what was designed to be a blessing and source of strength into a defeat, by using evil-minded children and youth to instill wrong principles into the hearts and minds of others.

System and order should prevail on the grounds and in the meetings, and yet not be adhered to so strictly as to hinder the free working of the Spirit at special seasons. The preaching and labor for the outside people who come on the ground should be earnest and devoid of the argumentative or denunciatory spirit. The tender, melting influence of the Holy Spirit that should be seen and felt in our work now, will give power to the stirring truths for this time. It will be much better for both speaker and hearer to let the Spirit do its office work as a reprover of sin. Sharp, cutting speeches, while they may tickle the ears of a few individuals, seldom reach the hearts of the honest seeker after light,—the ones who give strength and character to the work when they do fully accept the truth. The most searching points of the Third Angel's Message may, and should, be presented in a way to lift up Jesus as a loving Saviour, as evidenced in the message of warning sent to prepare a people to meet Him in peace at His soon coming. Just one sentiment should be the keynote of every meeting, whether for those outside, or those of the household of faith, in every camp-meeting held this year: that the Holy Spirit might take the lead, and direct the service to the glory of God the Father, and the upbuilding of His kingdom in the earth.

I trust the instruction recently given through the Testimonies relative to following up the interest created at the camp-meeting will be followed out as far and as fully as circumstances will permit. May God's blessing and power attend the camp-meetings this year as never before.

GEO. A. IRWIN.

What Papers and Tracts May Accomplish.

FROM Vol. I of the *True Missionary*, a paper published during the year 1874 under the auspices of the International Tract Society, I copy the following very significant words from the pen of Sister White:—

"I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences, so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. As they searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shone upon their understanding, for angels were hovering over them and impressing their minds with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading. I saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks

were wet with tears, and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth,—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts, and they saw the harmonious chain of truth, the Bible was to them a new book; they hugged it to their hearts with grateful joy, while their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy."

In the RECORD bearing date of August 1 there appeared a short article giving a list of calamities that had occurred thus far in 1902, and the aggregate loss of human lives resulting therefrom. Since then Pastor Tenney has written an eight-page tract entitled, "What do these things mean?" in which he has brought the years' calamities up to date, and then shows by a number of appropriate texts of Scripture, what these signify. This tract has just been published in a neat and attractive form by the Avondale Press, and can be supplied at threepence per dozen.

The importance of the subject and the cheapness of the tract, should insure its distribution by the thousands.

One testimony says, "Our tracts should be offered by the hundred at what they cost, leaving a little margin to pay for packing, or wrapping for the mail, and directing. And ministers and people should engage in the circulation of books, pamphlets, and tracts as never before." Shall we not each secure at once a supply of this and other current tracts, and begin to put in practice the instruction contained in the foregoing quotation? Our opportunities will soon be over; for the night is rapidly approaching in which no man can work.

GEO. A. IRWIN.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

THE WORK IN FIJI.

JUNE 6, my wife, daughter, and myself left Launceston for Fiji. We spent a week in Sydney, where we were kindly cared for by Brother and Sister Tenney. June 23 we anchored at Suva, Fiji. On account of the plague cases in Sydney, we were placed in quarantine for three days. The superintendent of the quarantine station, Mr. Barrett, was very kind and sociable with us, and made everything as pleasant as possible. The third day we were released, and were met at Suva by Brother Fulton and family. We spent the day in Suva, as special coronation exercises were being given by the natives. It was a gala day, and one could hardly squeeze his way through the great throng of people. There were about 7,000 people congregated there. Just as the exercises were to begin, a cablegram came saying the king was dying, and all the proceedings stopped.

In the evening we sailed across to Suva Vou and once more stood on the same *terra firma* as two years ago. Under the labors and direction of Brother Fulton, the Mission ground is beginning to wear a very fruitful look.

Brother Fulton and wife wear the debilitating effects of this climate on their faces. Brother Fulton has had upwards of thirty large and small boils since his return from the Union Conference, and he is looking very thin and weak. He and his wife must have a change, or their work will be cut short in silence. They are very loath to leave the work here, as they dearly love it, and the Lord has especially blessed His dear servants with utterance in the language of this people. The *Rarama* is having a telling influence wherever it goes, and individuals are

taking hold of the truth in all parts of these islands from the reading of it.

Brother Currow is getting along nicely, and is getting hold of the language. His knowledge of printing has been and is a great help to the work here.

We spent a few days in conference, and as an interest has sprung up in the eastern part of this group, called Lau, it was thought best for Brother Fulton and me to visit it. July 1 we took passage on a cutter. The wind was strong and contrary. It took us ten days to go 200 miles. We had only a deck passage, as there was no room below for us. Poor Brother Fulton suffered very much from the trip. After spending a few weeks, we decided that my wife and I had better settle here. Mrs. Parker came the first of August, and as we could not obtain a wooden house, we are living in a native house, which one of our native brethren kindly gave to us until we can obtain land and build. The house is 14 x 25 feet, with mat floor, two doors, 5 x 2½ feet, and no windows. The land is very fruitful here, and if we can only obtain a piece of land to build and plant on, we will have an exceptionally good school location. It would cost us for land about £100, but then if we had that amount I think we could pay back in a short time, as there are a great many cocoanut trees. The copra, which is made from the nuts, brings about £11 a ton. A piece of land we have in view produces five or six tons a year, so it would be but a few years and the amount of purchase would be obtained from the land. Is there not someone who would like to be God's helping hand here? We do not ask for a gift, only a loan.

Mrs. Parker teaches a school for the native children in the daytime, and I have a school for the young men at night. We are seeking for heavenly guidance, day by day, that we may be in just the place God wants us. We praise God for the privilege and honor of a part in God's work here, and that He has again opened the way for our return here.

C. H. and M. G. PARKER.

THE MATABELE MISSION.

WE have now sixty-four pupils enrolled in our school. Two of the native boys are assisting in the home school, and they are spending a portion of each school day in teaching a native school seven miles away. They have an average of twenty-eight pupils in this school.

G. W. REASER.

STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN.

THE plan for the relief of the school indebtedness is being entered into by the churches in the different States with a good degree of interest, and from the reports that come in from time to time it is evident that the blessings promised are being realised.

The students at the school, when the work was presented to them, threw their interests into the cause. A petition signed by them was presented to the faculty, requesting that all study be dropped for one week in order that they might have the opportunity to canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons."

The plan of closing the school for one week being found impracticable, it was decided to send the students out in companies.

After some instruction from Brother Michaels, the campaign was started by a company of eight, August 11, in Newcastle. These students canvassed for four days; and on returning, reported eighty orders taken.

The following week, twelve others started out, and these, in spite of the disadvantages of unsettled weather, and poverty among the people, succeeded in securing 150 orders.

Their return was followed by the exodus of the third and last company, numbering twelve, mostly ladies. This week 180 orders were taken, bringing the total up to 410, an average of thirteen each for three and a half or four days' work. Thus closed a short, but very successful campaign.

The fact that the majority of these students are young people who up to this time had had no experience in the work of canvassing should be encouragement to those who have refrained from engaging in the plan lest they should fail to succeed. "The Lord does not force any man to work, but to those who will place themselves decidedly on His side, He will give a willing mind. He will bless the one who works out the spirit which He works in. God will make the movement for the help of our schools a success if it is made in a free, willing spirit, as to the Lord. If all will take hold of this work in the spirit of self-sacrifice, for Christ's sake, and for the truth's sake, it will not be long before the jubilee song of freedom can be sung through our borders."

As the changing tints of the dawn, when seen across a waking city, reveal to us Jehovah, so the glints of blessing received in helping to "roll back the reproach" tell us the plan is of God.

J. H. PAAP.

THE WORK IN TASMANIA.

WE have just moved our State tract society office in Launceston from 198 George Street to 131 St. John Street. This places us where the principles of truth will be published more rapidly among the people. We have in connection with the office a supply of health foods, which are quite an attraction to the people. It is interesting to meet the pale-faced, dyspeptic customers and talk healthful living to them. One customer told us that he had used no meat for twenty-five years. He was led to discard its use by noticing how it was served on ship board while en route to London. He sought God in prayer, and through divine aid he was enabled to control his appetite for flesh food. As the result, he has enjoyed good health.

Arrangements have recently been made for Brother and Sister Rogers to connect with the tract society office work. This will enable those who have been heretofore connected with it an opportunity of getting out into the field with the message.

The sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" is moving forward, but not as fast as we desire to see it. Thus far, nearly 800 copies have been sold. We trust that all of our brethren and sisters and conference workers will take on new energy in this line, so that our quota of 2,000 will be reached as soon as possible. Let us take right hold of this work, receive a rich blessing in selling the book, and be among those who will raise their voices in triumphant song when the task is completed. Even those whose health is impaired have the promise through the Spirit of Prophecy, that if they will go forward in the sale of this book, trusting in the Lord, their health will improve.

It has been decided after much prayer and counselling to postpone our camp-meeting. The reason for this is that we could not hold the meeting in a new field and secure a good attendance of our people, there being no

suitable place in the southern part of the State, save where an effort to proclaim the truth had been previously put forth. So it has seemed best to open work on the north-west coast, in the vicinity of Devonport, through a tent effort. This is a needy, but promising field, where the message has not yet entered. We shall enter this section of country as soon as possible after our State Conference at Hobart is over. The time and place for our camp-meeting will be considered at this meeting.

E. HILLIARD.

THE TASMANIAN CONFERENCE.

It has been decided to hold this annual meeting November 20-30. This will give us ample time to transact the business of the conference, and to devote the evenings and two Sabbaths during the session to seeking the Lord. We have the promise of laborers from the Union Conference, and Brother Johanson will be with us also, to give instruction in the canvassing work. We trust that all of our canvassers will plan to be with us at the meeting. Do not think that you will lose time or money by attending. The instruction you will receive will make you enough more efficient more than to repay the time and expense of attending.

The Conference will be held in Hobart. We trust that every church will be fully represented by its delegates, and that every one else who possibly can will attend from the beginning to the end. Especially would we urge the isolated brethren and sisters to avail themselves of this spiritual privilege.

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected; viz., president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, executive committee, Sabbath-school secretary, and State secretary, etc., of the tract society.

If all our dear brethren and sisters could realise the times we are living in, and the need of seeking the Lord, there would be a good attendance at this conference meeting. Says the voice of God through the Spirit of Prophecy,—

“To-day the past is repeating. God is sending men plain warnings. The recent earthquakes show how quickly the ungodly will perish when the judgments of God fall upon the earth. Already in flood and flame, His judgments are falling upon evil doers. All who refuse to repent will perish.”

Let all come to the meeting heeding the words of the Lord, “seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord’s anger.” Zeph. 2:3.

E. HILLIARD,

Pres. Tasmanian Conf.

THE ONWARD MESSAGE.

In spite of drought, strikes, hard times, and every other trouble which is at present causing “men’s hearts to fail them for fear,” we realise the blessing of the Lord in our work, and His prospering hand in our midst. In these times it takes a living faith in God and His work to stand firm. Satan would turn our hearts and minds to things which are apparently more easy, but now is the time to show our loyalty to heaven, by pushing forward with all our energy, and hastening this work to a glorious finish.

Our canvassers have realised the need of a deeper consecration on their part, and the Lord has blessed their labors accordingly. One writes this week,—

“Good news. While delivering, I gave a lady and

her husband a Bible reading, and talked with them. The woman was an unconverted person, making no profession of anything, but she decided to serve the Lord and obey Him. Praise the Lord.”

What a joy it is to the worker to be engaged in “winning souls.” May heavenly wisdom be given to each of us to do this work more effectually. “He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” Another agent writes,—

“The packet of tracts you sent me came to hand, for which I am very thankful. On Sabbath I had a good talk with some young men that were using tobacco. I gave them tracts on the subject. After a while, two of them broke their pipes, and said they would not use tobacco again. I feel sure these tracts will prove a great blessing. ‘We know not which will prosper, either this or that, or whether they shall be both alike good.’”

Another sends in a report showing orders to the value of £23 15s for four days’ work, and says,—

“These figures are very gratifying. It is the Lord’s doing, and is marvellous in my eyes. By keeping to the Testimonies I have always been blessed. Early on Monday morning it was raining heavily, and I was tempted to run away, but remembered that this is one of the canvasser’s troubles, so I pushed on and took six orders. I ask an interest in your prayers. I believe in prayer. When I rely upon God, and self is kept out of sight, I know of a truth that God fulfills His promise. This gives me courage, and my peace is sweet.”

One of our tract societies which has struggled hard for years to get out of debt was enabled to sing the jubilee song this week. The librarian worked hard and continuously to that end, and is now happy in an accomplished work.

We thank God for what we see, and desire to do our own part in hastening His work forward in the earth.

L. GREGG.

Victoria.

MOUNT GAMBIER, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SABBATH, September 27, was a time of spiritual refreshment to the brethren in this corner of the vineyard. The right hand of fellowship was extended to nine precious souls, four of whom are young men of promise. Words suited to the occasion were spoken by Brother Constandt and the writer, after which we partook of the privileges of the Lord’s house. All felt the solemnity of the occasion, for the good Spirit of the Maker was precious near, hearts were made tender, and new consecration vows entered into. Sunday night, September 28, we had the joy of burying seven of these dear souls in a “watery grave” before a “crowd of witnesses,” for our church was filled with an intelligent and mostly interested congregation.

The work in the south-east is encouraging in every way, and as there are still those who are “toeing the line,” we feel loath to leave the Mount. As the results of our mission there, twenty-five adults have taken their stand for the “commandments and the faith.” The Sabbath-school numbers thirty-six. We give all the glory to God.

Monday, September 29, Brother Constandt, myself, and family left for the city, to assist in our prospective camp-meeting. We are expecting a good time.

T. H. CRADDOCK.

VICTORIAN CONFERENCE.

THE annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventists of Victoria will be held in connection with the camp-meeting, November 13-24. This will be an interesting meeting, and every Seventh-day Adventist should make a special effort to attend. Matters of great importance to the work of God will be considered.

The work in this field affords many evidences of God's blessing. Since our last report to the RECORD, a good many people have accepted the truth and seven have been baptised. The interest to hear the truth is good in many places; in some of these places the interest has been awakened by the missionary effort that has been made by our brethren.

The question of teaching religion in the schools was a prominent one, and the Lord helped His people much in sending out literature suitable for the proper education of the people. Many thousands of that excellent tract, "Religion and the State Schools," by W. A. Colcord, were sent or carried to the people. This work proved a great blessing to our people, as well as to those whom we desired especially to help. It is an unfailing law that gives help to those who endeavor to help others. Many of the people who received the tract felt so impressed with the truths that it contained that they desired to send it to their friends.

The Lord has blessed this part of the field much financially. The conference and tract society stand about £775 better than one year ago. We feel that God is anxious to remove forever this financial burden, and many of the brethren are doing all they can to help. Viewing the situation as a whole, we feel that all should take courage.

VICTORIAN CAMP-MEETING.

The camp-meeting will be held on a beautiful block of land in Footscray, November 13-24. That is a portion of the city of Melbourne from which many calls for work have come. We feel sure that the Lord has a people there, and all who can possibly go to do good and get good should be on the ground early. A good many tents have been ordered; those who have not sent in their orders should do so soon. Send your orders to J. Gillespie, 473 Bourke Street West, Melbourne.

W. A. HENNIG.

OUR MAORI LITERATURE.

"You will be glad to know that the Maoris appreciate their tracts. The first number sent for by our school was sold to the members for distribution. We bought a few, and I gave them away to Maoris whom I met. They were very pleased. One told me after that he had read it and looked up all the references in the Bible; then he lent it to another. He said, 'When a fellow reads things like that, it makes him think.' Last week we had a Maori ploughing for us. At dinner he asked me if I would give him a tract. He had seen the person just mentioned reading it, and had been told that if he came to me he could get a copy. I was sorry I had none left, but Brother—gave me one last Sabbath, and on Monday I saw the native and gave it to him. I never saw any one look more delighted than he did to get that tract. I should like if you could send me two dozen native tracts, as I often meet with Maoris. I am sure if 'Christ's Object Lessons' had been in the native language, we could have sold many."

Another writes, "There were Maori girls coming to me after school nearly every day this week for that tract, 'Second Advent,' asking for tracts for their fathers to read, and I have run out of them. They were so anxious to get them and the *Little Friends*. The most of them can read English. There is a glorious work among the Maori children here, I am sure, if we could only get the books. Please ask somebody to pay for some Maori tracts and send to me at once. Also if you could send *Joyful Tidings* or *Bible Echoes*, I would give them to the Maoris."

We believe these books will all be sold readily just as soon as workers can go where the natives are in large companies. We are praying that some one may have the burden of this work placed upon them, but in the meantime urging our people wherever there are Maoris to place these publications in their hands.

Knowing that God is interested in this work, we have every confidence that these natives shall yet be visited and the books and tracts presented to them.

MRS. J. L. BAKER.

THE SITUATION AT AVONDALE.

THE school year has been a very successful session in many respects. Although the attendance has not been quite as large as usual, yet the students in attendance have been a quiet and studious body. Very little difficulty has been experienced on the point of discipline. All have seemed to manifest a determination to do good faithful work, which is the best antidote for misconduct. The spiritual interest has been good. A number of students have been baptised, and joined the Avondale church.

In a material way the school has prospered also. Although it has been a year of unprecedented drought, yet the school farm has yielded an abundant supply of all kinds of grains and vegetables, and a considerable amount of fruit. Many articles of produce not raised before have produced good returns, which has been a great saving to the school in a financial way, by supplying its own table with a variety of food. Several improvements have been made in the school and on the premises, which have tended to make the work of the school more efficient. A few of the more important are the following: Launch, piano, chapel seats, kitchen range, typewriter, and many less expensive but useful articles. The yearly balance has been drawn off, which shows a substantial profit in the running of the school. Add to this the donations and the money received from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and we find that nearly one-fourth of the entire indebtedness has been liquidated, for which we feel profoundly thankful.

We are hopeful for the future, and hope and pray that the coming year may be the best in the history of the school. To this end we most earnestly ask all friends of the school to assist by recommending suitable young people to enter the school to receive a training for some part of the Master's great vineyard. C. W. IRWIN.

THE last of the union conferences to be organised was the Canadian Union Conference, which embraces in its territory Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, and New Foundland. This conference held its first session at Waterloo, Quebec, September 10-15, in connection with the Quebec camp-meeting.—*Review & Herald*.

LABORERS OF THE ELEVENTH HOUR.

"Go ye also into the vineyard, whatsoever is right, that shall ye also receive." These are the words spoken to those who in the eleventh hour are ready for service. The time is short during which they are called upon to labor, but the Master is ready to bestow blessings upon him who is faithful in the discharge of duties entrusted to him. As we look around us and see the signs of the times, we are brought face to face with the fact that time is drawing to a close, and that eternity is near; truly, then, we are in the eleventh hour of this world's history. How near we are to its close, none can tell; let us therefore be ready to do what He would have us do, be what He would have us to be.

The Lord calls for workers; none can afford to stand by idle, therefore let us willingly enter into that service and carry forward the work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

In speaking of the canvassing work, Sister White says in the "Manual for Canvassers," "As a canvasser visits the people at their homes, he will often have opportunity to read to them from the Bible or from books that teach the truth. When he discovers those who are searching for truth, he can hold Bible readings with them. These Bible readings are just what the people need. God will use in His service those who thus show a deep interest in perishing souls. Through them He will impart light to those who are ready to receive instruction." This has been the experience of many of our canvassers in Victoria. One writes as follows:—

On Sunday morning the grocer from whom we have been dealing, or more correctly speaking, the grocer's man, came here to have a talk with me. This was the second time. He was troubled about his soul, and said he came to me for light. I trust he is not far from the kingdom. After prayer; I pointed him to the perfect law, and told him obedience to its dictates was the only hope of conversion. He read and re-read it. I showed him the broken law, until he could see it for himself. Pray for me, for there are quite a few souls interested about here.

Another says,—

I and my fellow-worker were asked by a very nice family, who were Roman Catholics, to stay till Monday, to which invitation we consented. Two of the family were ill, and during our stay the father of the family passed away. It seems that the Lord directed us to this place. We did all we could in comforting them, pointing them to the Saviour. The daughter became very interested, and desired to understand more fully. She said, "It is a long way better than the Catholic prayer book." This has been a mighty experience for us in seeing how the Lord guides the feet of His servants to those who need help, and who are hungering for the Bread of life.

Another tells us,—

I met a nice family the other day. I found that two or three daughters conducted Sunday-school in their house. They invited me to lunch, and treated me well. After a while one of them was about to buy "Steps to Christ," when another discovered that it was connected with the Seventh-day Adventists. Then a field of thought opened before us, and the Sabbath was soon the topic of conversation. However, they bought "Steps to Christ." I endeavored to point them to the Word, realising the necessity of a Christian being always able to give a "thus saith the Lord" for the belief that he holds.

And so the work goes on, bringing cheer and comfort, peace and joy, to all who willingly yoke up with Christ in His work of shedding light in a darkened world in rescuing souls from eternal ruin.

G. HUBBARD.

LET us be of good cheer, remembering that misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—
Lowell.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

New Zealand.

AUGUST, 1902.

<i>Home Hand Book—</i> Orders. Value.	
Mrs. M. Hamilton, Nelson	21 £34 0 0
D. M. Adam, West Coast	32 50 10 0
J. Knox, Wellington	22 34 10 0
C. Honour, Auckland	15 23 5 0
A. E. Rickards, Otago	19 30 0 0

<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
Mrs. Covell, West Coast	12 12 9 0
Mrs. Smith	14 14 0 0
Mrs. Kinnear	2 2 0 0

<i>Man the Masterpiece—</i>	
D. M. Adam, West Coast	33 33 0 0

<i>Coming King—</i>	
Miss E. Ward, Auckland	40 12 9 0
Mrs. Kinnear, Auckland	3 0 16 6

<i>House We Live In—</i>	
Miss H. Teasdale, Auckl'd	78 17 9 0

<i>H. of the Morning—</i>	
C. E. Reynolds, Ch. Ch.	54 19 11 3

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W. W. Ward, Marton	31 21 8 6

<i>Desire of Ages—</i>	
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Good Health subscriptions	102
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" Miss Williams	612

New South Wales.

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F. C. Davis, Nambucca	3 3 0 0
H. J. Cooper, Dumoon	26 27 2 6
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H. C. Harker, Wimmera	21 31 5 6
C. Hosking, Gippsland	2 3 10 0
J. Anderson, Bendigo	3 4 18 0
F. W. Reekie, Camperd'n	41 68 15 0

<i>Masterpiece—</i>	
L. Currow, Gippsland	7 7 0 0

<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
F. W. Reekie, Camperd'n	1 1 0 0
Mrs. Masters, Maryboro'	13 13 0 0

<i>Coming King—</i>	
Miss C. Rule, Chiltern	10 7 11 6
Mrs. Lear, Chiltern	10 8 10 0

<i>Patriarchs and Prophets—</i>	
C. J. Ellis, Bendigo	18 13 15 6

<i>Desire of Ages—</i>	
H. Hughes, Heyfield	4 6 3 0
B. Judge, Heyfield	4 4 16 0
J. F. Ward, Knowsley	12 16 10 6
G. Parkin, Heyfield	14 18 19 6

<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>	
W. Codling, Ararat	31 28 3 3

242 £315 9 3	
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West Australia.

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<i>Desire of Ages—</i> Orders. Value.	
R. A. Caldwell, Albany	66 £85 7 6
" (other books)	26 7 3 0
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" (other books)	2 11 0 0
R. S. Bell, Kalgoorlie	16 17 7 6
" (other books)	21 24 0 0
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E. Cleal, West Perth	2 2 0 0
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Mrs. Anderson, Geraldton	2 2 15 0

202 £208 8 6

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<i>Ladies' Guide—</i> Orders. Value.	
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I. W. Rigby, N. E. Coast	16 24 0 0
A. W. Fair, "	16 24 0 0

<i>Daniel & Revelation—</i>	
Mr. J. Allen, Devonport	4 4 0 0
" (other books)	2 2 10 0

<i>Coming King—</i>	
Miss Horne, Launceston	2 0 15 0

<i>Great Controversy—</i>	
W. Rigby, Strahan	14 11 7 6
W. Fletcher, Launceston	16 10 17 6

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South Australia.

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<i>Bible Readings—</i> Orders. Value.	
T. Whittle, Bowden	33 £24 4 6

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C. Ellsley, River Murray	10 8 10 0

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Mrs. Arnold, N. Parkside	18 14 17 6
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<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>	
A. P. Roesner, Kapunda	11 8 15 0

<i>Home Hand Book—</i>	
A. W. Waight, Glenelg	9 15 7 0
T. S. Wales, Norwood	1 1 12 0
C. Ellsley, River Murray	2 3 17 6

<i>House We Live In—</i>	
"	13 2 18 6

109 £88 14 6

Natal, South Africa.

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S. S. Barnard, Johannesbg	66 £60 2 6
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Victoria	242 315 9 3
Tasmania	103 119 2 6
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Items of General Interest.

ANOTHER faithful foreign mission worker has fallen at his post, Brother F. J. Hutchings, of Colombia, South America. Brother Hutchings has been an earnest pioneer worker for many years among the islands of the Gulf of Mexico, and later, upon the mainland of South America, where he fell asleep in Jesus.

A CIRCULAR recently issued by the Mission Board conveys the following intelligence: "Brother W. H. Wakeman has accepted the call to Egypt; Dr. S. A. Lockwood and wife, of Portland, Oregon, have planned to go to Japan to open the medical missionary work in that great empire of forty million; Brother Harry Armstrong, of Scotland, is ready to go to the Bombay side of India, which has so long waited with its hundred million souls; Natal, South Africa, must at least have a teacher this year, for a new school now building; W. E. Floding, of Emmanuel College, has planned to go to Samoa in September; E. W. Wilbur, of Iowa, to China, in October; Jamaica, Panama, Mexico, Porto Rico, and Sumatra, have expected help.

THE period of comparative peace which the world now enjoys, with the multiplicity of signs of coming dissolution, makes the present period of earth's history intensely important. The angels of Rev. 7: 1-3 are even now holding back the elements of strife till the sealing work is accomplished. The little tract, called "What do These Things Mean?" which deals with the signs of the times, and of which further mention is made in an article by Pastor Irwin on page three, promises to be a great help in giving the last warning message.

AVONDALE SCHOOL.

SCHOOL closed Sunday evening, October 5, 1902, with appropriate exercises.

School commences again on Tuesday, January 6, 1903. All prospective students should plan to be present the opening day.

A new illustrated announcement of the school is now being issued, and may be obtained gratis by applying to the Principal, Avondale School, Cooranbong, New South Wales.

Students of the past year are now employed as follows: church-school teaching, one; office work, three; Avondale Press, four; some branch of medical work or food business, six; nurses' course, eight; canvassing, fourteen; working at school, seventeen. All others have gone to their homes.

The following students have completed courses of study as prescribed by the school: Teachers' course, Minnie Hawkins and Ella Boyd; Business course, Joseph Mills, Priscilla Hare, and Ernest Ward; Preparatory course, Robert Hare.

NORTH FITZROY CHURCH-SCHOOL.

THE church-school scholars, assisted by the members of the choir, rendered the interesting cantata, "The Coming of Emmanuel" to a crowded church in a very acceptable manner on Wednesday evening, October 8. Many of the children have never been into the country, and consequently know very little of the wonderful works of God as revealed in the mountains, forests, and other beauties of the country. A collection was taken up to enable the School Board to take the children into the country for a day, and judging by the result, the efforts of teachers and scholars were well appreciated. All have worked well, and deserve a holiday. We wish them every enjoyment.

SILENTLY yet continuously the weakness of old age is telling on the boiler which furnishes power for making our health foods and running the machinery of the Avondale Press. Twice in the past few months has the old rusty boiler given out, and a few more months will end its period of usefulness. Our brethren of the Food Company have been working early and late for many months, till weary, yet pursuing. They have been confronting and overcoming one difficulty after another without very much help from many of us, their brethren. The food business is a wonderfully important thing just now, and we trust that our people generally will rally to its support, and to the encouragement of those who are struggling hard to make it a financial success. Remember they need some new machinery.

CALLED TO ANOTHER FIELD.

AFTER five years of faithful service in the educational work, Professor C. B. Hughes, with his wife and little daughter, has gone from our shores to another field of labor. Coming as they did to Avondale at a time when the young institutions of this place were struggling against many difficulties to gain and maintain an existence, there naturally fell to the lot of Brother and Sister Hughes many difficult problems and perplexing questions. After success has crowned their efforts, and much of the pioneer work has been accomplished, we are called to say farewell to those whom God would use in blessing others as he has blessed us. In anticipation of their departure, a fitting farewell service was held in the college chapel, Wednesday evening, October 1.

RETROGRESSION TO SAVAGERY.

THE following, which appeared under the above heading, we clip from the *Daily Telegraph*, of Oct. 2.

The incident of burning a negro to death in the State of Mississippi, U. S. A., as recorded in to-day's issue, is in some of its aspects one of the most atrocious ever reported as occurring in a civilized nation. The fierce law of retaliation by means of what is called lynching has the unhappy effect of stimulating tendencies to the most inhuman cruelty. But the report given to-day shows that there is a depth of callous barbarity even lower than that of these self-appointed and inhuman executioners. The execution of the miserable man was treated as an attractive public spectacle. Elaborate preparations were made for comfortably seating the spectators, and front seats were reserved for women, and, we are ashamed to add, for the press. The railway companies were alive to the opportunity of business, and ran special trains to convey crowds to the sight. All these conditions give to the terrible scene a ghastly element, which was wanting in the blood-stained spectacles in the Roman arena."

In this increasing moral depravity we have evidence that the end of the world is near. 2 Tim. 3: 1-5. Such diabolical traits of character control men when the restraining power of the Spirit of God is withdrawn. It has truthfully been written that "even now are we on the very verge of the eternal world."