

# Union Conference Record

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

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## NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THREE.

SEALED is the casket, with its jewels rare  
Where lie the gems another year shall wear;  
To robe her each will weave one as he may,—  
A meagre garb, or rich and rare array.

Time's distaff spins the threads from which we choose;  
For pattern or device, we make or lose;  
Yet weave we must, for Heaven hath so decreed,  
That only death thy labor should succeed.

But jewels, such alone as make her meet  
In royal garb each day the King to greet,  
Are in the casket Faith doth guard with care,  
To ope not, save thou hast the key of prayer.

So may the year, in beauteous garment clad,  
Be thine to usher, to the feast made glad  
By presence of our Lord, on kingly throne,  
To hear Him name both her and thee His own!  
—*Worthie Harris.*

## The Old Year and the New.

THE old year with its three hundred and sixty-five days of privilege and duty, has passed into eternity; and each day a record has been made in the books of heaven. Our individual characters are as distinctly and faithfully represented there as are the features of the face on the polished plate of the artist. The Lord never mistakes in His estimate of our acts and motives. Our lives stand revealed before the angels in their true light. If the character is unlovely and debased, if the disposition is harsh, overbearing, and passionate, these traits will exclude their possessor from heaven. All our acts with the motive that prompted them, are weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, and the decisions rendered are just and equal. The Lord does not excuse in one what He condemns in another.

Dear reader, examine your own heart and life in the light of God's Word, and ask yourself, "What has my record been for the year that is just closing? What advancement have I made in the Christian life? What victories have I gained? and what have I done to help others, and lead them to Christ?"

God has not placed you in this world to lead an aimless life. He designs that you should be useful, and reach a high standard of moral excellence. To each one some work is given. During the old year have you performed your appointed tasks with cheerfulness and fidelity, having an eye single to the glory of God? Opportunities and privileges have been granted you; what use have you made of these gifts entrusted to you by our loving heavenly Father? Have you made yourself a blessing to those around you? Have you done what

you could to make them happy and win them to Christ?

All this is a part of your appointed work. God also requires each of us to subdue self, not giving the rein to self-indulgence or appetite, and to form characters that will stand the test of the judgment and go with us into the future life. To guide us in this work He has given us His law, that great standard of right, which will prove a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Have you been conforming your life to this standard? Have you been forming right habits, a Christlike character, or have vicious habits been left to grow and strengthen, until they hold mind and heart in bondage?

Let us remember that character is not the result of accident, but day by day it is forming for good or for evil. Great importance attaches to this work of character building; for it is far-reaching in its results. We are builders for time and for eternity. Few realise the power of habit. Inspiration asks, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" and adds, "Then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." This is a solemn assertion, and may well make us thoughtful. But there is comfort and courage in the reflection that if evil habits acquire such force that it seems almost impossible to turn in the right direction, the power of good habits is equally strong. The results of each day's work, whether the tendency be to elevate us in the scale of moral worth or to push us downward toward perdition, are influenced by the days that have preceded it. Defeat to-day prepares the way for still greater defeat to-morrow; victory to-day insures an easier victory to-morrow. Then how careful we should be to see that the habits and characters we are forming are correct and virtuous, fashioned after the Divine Model.

Men may discipline themselves to do right. Like Daniel they may have a heaven-born purpose in their hearts that they will not defile soul or body, notwithstanding the degeneracy and corruption of the age. God gave Daniel "knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom." His blessing attended the man who put forth human effort in accordance with the divine will. The same help will still be given to all who pursue a similar course, and with the glory of God in view practise abstinence and self-restraint. The same difference will be seen between them and the self-indulgent that there was between Daniel and his fellows and the other youth in the king's court. There will be the clear eye and complexion, the firm tread, the strength and vigor of intellect, the keen perception of spiritual truth.

"Make straight paths for your feet," says the apostle, "lest that which is lame be turned out of the way." The path that leads away from God, away from

His holy, perfect standard of right, is always crooked and dangerous. Yet during the past year many have been walking in this path of transgression. In many cases they did not start right in childhood and youth, and they have pursued crooked paths all the way along. Not only have they erred from the right way themselves, but through the influence of their example others have been turned aside from the straight, plain path, and have made fatal mistakes.

Consecration to God must be a living, practical matter; not a theory to be talked about, but a principle interwoven with all our experience. We should let our light so shine before others that they, seeing our good works, shall glorify our Father who is in heaven. We should show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. If the light of heaven is in the soul, it will be reflected to all around us. I wish all could see this important subject in its true light. There would not then be such thoughtlessness of words and acts, such careless, indolent, irreligious living.

Dear reader, shall the close of the year 1903 find you farther advanced than you are to-day? Will you put away evil habits? Will you be considerate of others, faithful to do the work of a Christian? If you will carry the principles of right-doing into all the affairs of life, you will find that it will promote health of body, peace of mind, and prosperity of soul. You will have a strength, dignity, and sweetness of character that will have a transforming influence upon others.

We are now entering upon a new year, and may it prove a beginning of years to us. If in the old year we have made failures, let us commence the new by rectifying these errors as far as we can. If the old year has borne into eternity a spotted record of opportunities neglected and privileges slighted, let us see that that of the new year is free from these blemishes. Its days are all before us; let us begin now to make the history of each as it passes such as we shall not tremble to meet in the judgment. Let us fill each one full of loving, helpful, work for others. Let us develop all our powers, and make of ourselves all that God designed we should.

In the keeping of God's commandments there is great reward. A reward awaits the overcomer in the great day, when he shall hear from the lips of our Lord the gracious words, "Well done, good and faithful servant;" and there is also a present reward in the peace and happiness that flow from a conscience at rest, from the sweet assurance that we enjoy the favor of God. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies." To all who walk in His ways the new year will be crowned with goodness and blessing. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### Appeals and Responses.

THE European General Conference, held in London last May, had not half finished its work when the delegates from America became thoroughly convinced that the great extent, the vast importance, and the pressing needs of that field ought to be set before our American brethren with greater emphasis than had ever been done. So, before the conference closed, all our movements were so planned that we might return to the States in time to attend the fall camp-meetings, and tell our people about the European field.

We who have come back from that great field to tell what we have heard and saw, have been so blessed in

telling, and our people have been so blessed in hearing, and the European field is to be so blessed in receiving the hearty and generous contributions made by different conferences, that I have decided to tell the facts to all.

At Vermont, Elder Cottrell presented the needs of the field in Europe, and it took hold of the people in a different way from anything he had ever seen presented. They wanted to help in that work, notwithstanding the fact that they are a very small body numerically, and weak financially. A wave went through the camp, leading them to select a worker, present him to the Mission Board, pay his travelling expenses to Great Britain, pay him permanent wages, and thus practically keep a worker in that field. This met the approval of all the people in the camp. Really the missionary spirit that took possession of them was marvellous.

Soon after returning to America, I received a hearty invitation to attend the Iowa camp-meeting. I greatly enjoyed the privilege of placing before the brethren the situation in Europe as we found it. It seemed to me that the interest in foreign fields manifested on this camp ground exceeded anything I had ever met before. In a few minutes, £200 was raised for sending workers to China. In addition to this the conference voted to appropriate £400 of its tithe to the European field. It was also voted to let seven of its workers go to that field. Three have already gone, and the conference has paid their travelling expenses to London. Iowa's total contribution during this meeting was £700 in money and at least five consecrated workers to foreign fields.

The next meeting I had the privilege of attending was in Nebraska. Here the interest in foreign fields rose to a high pitch. There were several hundred young people at this meeting who had come there from different states to enter Union College, which was to open immediately after the close of the meeting. Before the second Sabbath of the meeting had arrived, the conference had voted to appropriate £470 of its tithe to the Scandinavian Union Conference, and £200 had been raised in gifts and pledges for the medical work in that field. Sabbath was a day of consecration to foreign missions. About 300 young men and women definitely and deliberately consecrated their lives to the service of God for all time in any part of the world to which the Lord might call them.

Nebraska's contribution at this meeting was £670 in money and four workers to foreign fields,—two to Great Britain, one to France, and one to Natal, South Africa.

The Kansas camp-meeting was the next on my list. Although there were not so many young people here as in Nebraska, yet the interest manifested in missionary topics seemed to be equally as great. As I presented the different features of the European field, and felt the warm, hearty response of the brethren and sisters present, I was deeply impressed with the fact that God has in this cause a faithful, loyal body of believers. Last year the Kansas Conference sent three of its best workers to South America, and has been helping to support them. When the needs of the European field were mirrored before them, they most heartily voted to appropriate £800 of their tithe to that field. They also voted to send three of their workers to Great Britain, and to raise £70 for their travelling expenses and support. Two earnest young men have already gone. The gift of Kansas on this occasion was two young men and £836.

From Kansas I went to the Northern California Conference. The State camp-meeting was held at Fresno. It did not take long to discover that the missionary spirit was running high in this conference. During the past year, the president and the executive committee have been working toward the point of making a large contribution to the distant, needy fields, and the call for help was quickly responded to by a resolution of three parts:—

1. That £1,000 of the tithe in hand be appropriated to mission fields.

2. That 13½ per cent. of the tithe of the coming year be set apart for foreign missions. On the basis of last year's receipts, this will amount to £960.

3. This item in the resolution provided that the conference pay the travelling expenses and wages of all the conference laborers that the Mission Board should see fit to place in foreign lands.

With this generous offer before us, we gave an invitation to all in the camp who felt impressed to offer themselves for service in "the regions beyond" to hand in their names. Thirty-seven responded. These were called together by the conference committee, and given an opportunity to state their convictions. After several days of careful deliberation, nineteen persons were selected from those who handed in their names, and were recommended to go abroad. These, with the wives of those who are married, will make a company of twenty-seven persons. Their travelling expenses will amount to £234, and the wages, as estimated, to about £1,146. The contribution of California to foreign fields made at the Fresno meeting is £3,460 and nineteen consecrated workers.

The gift of California was very great, for it was the gift of love. The brethren were more than pleased to see so large an amount of money set apart for countries they had never visited. The laborers were eager to part with old associates, and go to strange lands. Fathers and mothers who had cared for their children from infancy, and whose hearts were made glad as they looked upon their grown-up, consecrated sons and daughters, rejoiced to lay them upon the altar of service for perishing humanity in the uttermost parts of the earth. It was the beautiful spirit of devotion to the cause of God that made California's contribution truly great.

Since returning from California, I have received a letter from Elder Flaiz, of Minnesota, who was one of the delegates to Europe, from which I take the liberty to make the following quotation:—

We have held two meetings in Minnesota,—one in the northern part and one in the southern part of the State. The attendance was not large, but we enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord. Each meeting was made a missionary gathering. I spent five hours in talking on the demands of the fields in other regions during the northern meeting, and seven hours during the southern. In the northern meeting we secured £280, in cash and good pledges, besides some stock, the proceeds of which, when sold, were to be added to this fund. We secured about £160 in the south. On the Sabbath, instead of a special revival effort, we talked on missions, and then called on those who wished to consecrate themselves to the foreign fields, in case they were called by the Mission Board, to come forward. About thirty responded.

The total contribution made by the conferences in their camp-meetings since our return from Europe amounts to £6,440 and twenty-nine regular laborers.

We believe that this marks an epoch in the history of the denomination. A new order of things has surely set in. For the first time in all our history, a conference

has set apart a regular per cent. of its tithe for the support of laborers in foreign lands. We believe that this is the right basis for the support of laborers in mission fields, and we have confidence that in the near future this plan will be adopted by the denomination. This will establish a basis of support for our missions that will be regular and certain, and lead to a more rapid extension of our work.

A. G. DANIELLS.

## Surrounding the World.

IN the latter years of service in Burma, with numbers of workers about him, Judson had opportunity to study the problem of disposing his forces so as to accomplish most for God. He wrote his home board as follows:—

Formerly, having spent many years alone, I felt desirous of missionary society, and was disposed to encourage a few to stay together, not doubting that we should all find enough to do. But I have now learned that one missionary standing by himself, feeling his individual responsibility, and forced to put forth all his efforts, is worth half a dozen cooped up in one place, while there are unoccupied stations in all directions, and whole districts, of thousands and tens of thousands, perishing in the darkness of heathenism.

So, scattering his forces out, a man and his wife, with perhaps a native helper, surrounded by many thousands of the heathen, the light was diffused through dark Burma.

This is the general plan of campaign by which our missionary forces must surround the world. It is not that the workers should be so widely separated that no mutual counsel or co-operation may be had when needful; but the line of advance must be in open formation if we are quickly to get into every dark corner of the world. There is courage and inspiration in feeling one's self a little light in the midst of a dark mass of needy fellow beings.

The great work will never be done in offices or institutions, though these naturally spring up as the fields develop. The preaching of the Word, the personal touch with the moving masses of the people in darkness, is the old, old plan by which the triumphs of the gospel have ever been secured. An army of missionaries widely extended can quickly finish this work of witnessing.

Gideon's military tactics give us a Bible precedent for this order of the battle. With three hundred true men, he had to meet a vast horde of Midianites and children of the East, whose forces filled the valley, like grasshoppers for multitude. Gideon did not mass his men together, few as they were. He threw out his line of attack until the slender force surrounded the vast camp. Every heart was courageous, and every man had light that was to shine forth. Then when the signal was given, the shout of victory rose from every side of the valley, and God Himself wrought the victory that faith had grasped.

Too long we have had our forces massed in a few quarters. Of course much remains to be done at home. Every conference has unworked territory. But the surest way of finishing the home work, let it be said again and again, is to speed through the lands abroad. When our forces actually surround the world, and the light shines out in every land, and the shout of victory rings out in every tongue, God Himself will cut short the work in righteousness.

W. A. SPICER,  
Sec. Mission Board.

## The Study of the Book of Revelation.

### A CURE FOR WORLDLINESS.

WHILE John was an exile on the Isle of Patmos, the gates of heaven were thrown ajar. A voice was heard saying, "Come up hither, and I will show thee things that must be hereafter."

For the benefit and comfort of future generations John was permitted to behold the throne of God. In the midst of the throne stood the Lamb (the centre of attraction of the whole universe). The Lamb was surrounded by the elders; the elders represented the finally redeemed of the earth, the monuments of God's infinite and unspeakable love. They that have been forgiven much are thankful for much. Angels having never sinned are not in need of forgiveness. Sinners redeemed by the blood of the Lamb therefore surround the Lamb, the greatest sinners standing nearest the throne. They have most to be thankful for and are the greatest monuments of God's mercy. Surrounding the elders was an innumerable company of angels. The redeemed will be a spectacle unto angels throughout eternity; the angels will rejoice in the part they were privileged to perform in the plan of salvation as ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto heirs of salvation. If there is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repents, what a joyous gathering this must be.

Again he saw the redeemed standing on the sea of glass before the throne, singing a song of victory, and the angels ascribing praise, honor, and glory unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb. He also beheld the New Jerusalem, the metropolis of the new earth, and the mansions the Saviour has gone to prepare for those that love Him.

A young couple start out in life, they have a very humble dwelling, they think there is no place like it. After a time buildings of more modern style are reared about their home. The home they once loved now loses its attractions, they have seen a better.

A young man once said to me that he could not conceive of a better place than this world. This was not strange: it was the only home he had ever seen. It is impossible for the heart of man to conceive of a better. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him. But God has revealed it unto us by His Spirit."

Jesus said to His followers, "Hereafter ye shall see the heavens open." Through John, the church is permitted to look into heaven itself and get a glimpse of their future home. The Lord said to him, "What thou seest, write in a book, and send it to the churches." Rev. 1:11.

The Saviour says, "Blessed is he that readeth." As we study about the mansions of the redeemed, earth loses its attractions. We confess that we are pilgrims and strangers, and look for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. "Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off." D. H. KRESS.

WHEN a beautiful soul harmonises with a beautiful form, and the two are cast in one mold, that will be the fairest of sights to him who has the eye to contemplate the vision.—*Plato*.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### • ALL MUST HELP

IF the work with "Christ's Object Lessons" is to accomplish that which God has planned shall be the result of the sale of this book. We are beginning to see that there is more in this work than the help financially which the school will receive. Elder Daniells says, "I believe that this plan is from God, and that it is full of possibilities and of blessings, and that this will be clearly demonstrated when the plan is fully carried out. I believe too that there is life for us in this plan. There is in it that which will create life in the individual, that which will be a stimulus to those who take part in it. It is not an artificial arrangement to create a boom. I would be afraid of the present movement if it were created by an artificial excitement or stimulus, for I would expect that when it had been raised to a certain pitch and held there for a time, it would break and collapse, and we should go down as far below our normal condition—and that is low enough, we know—as we were raised by the unnatural, artificial stimulus.

"But it is not after that order. God has given the plan, and His life is in it. I have no more fear of a collapse in this work, no more fear of its breaking down and those who have been earnest in it loosing heart and interest in this kind of work, than I have of an individual who partakes good, healthful, nourishing food falling below a natural, physical condition, and having no power to work and no further desire to eat. Healthful food and proper exercise do not operate that way. Good, healthful food partaken of in the right quantity, and good hard work, strengthen the whole physical frame for toil, and produce a good appetite for another meal and strength for more hard work.

"And so it is in spiritual things. Work done for God is a healthful stimulus to the spiritual nature. It increases spiritual strength and muscle and gives one keen relish for more service."

But the work can only have this result and be a blessing to those who take a part in it, to those who persevere in the effort to sell the book. If this work is so full of blessings and possibilities for us, can we afford to stand back and allow others to win a prize that we might have won? To experience these blessings all must help. Here is a work in which all can do something, and in which all can receive a blessing. Do not wait until your conscience condemns you because you are not doing your duty, but remember that the time is short in which the books can be sold. We know that they can be sold now; this is being demonstrated every day, but soon the evil days will come when the people will have no pleasure in them. It is now that we need the blessings, so let us be up and doing while it is yet day. C. F. MICHAELS.

**Helpful to Missions.**—A lawyer of Indianapolis, U.S.A., aged eighty-seven years, has recently given to home and foreign missions £53,000. A millionaire of Leeds, lately deceased, bequeathed for missionary purposes nine-tenths of his estate, which is valued at about £1,000,000. His desire was that the money should be spent in providing every tribe of mankind with accurate and faithful copies of the Gospels of John and Luke and The Acts of the Apostles.

**LABORS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.**

WE settled in Sydney in January, 1901, and remained in that field nearly two years. During this time the Lord graciously manifested His power and willingness to help His work, and bless His people. It would not be unreasonable to claim that there is no more fruitful field for true gospel work than Sydney and its surroundings. Unassuming labor in the Spirit of Christ is sure to meet its reward. It is true that adverse circumstances, and influences are to be met on every hand. Our churches in that vicinity have to contend against the attacks of the enemy from without and within; but the past two years have brought some good victories, and the cause is upward and onward.

Regular Sabbath services are now held at nine different points within a radius of ten or twelve miles, and the bulk of our conference is situated there. It has been my effort to strengthen and unite the believers in this large district, to encourage them in Christian work, and to labor publicly and from house to house to extend the knowledge of present truth. I am not able to state the number of acquisitions during this period, but they have been numerous. During 1902 up to November I administered baptism to forty-nine, and several others are awaiting baptism. These were not all of Sydney, and they were largely the reaping of the sowing done by others. Many who had become cast down were helped to rise and go on with rejoicing.

Quite a number of people are now making the decision for or against the truth. A successful church school has been maintained at Stanmore, and the youth have not been entirely forgotten. A number of these have recently given their hearts to God or renewed their experience.

It was with some sadness that we left this interesting work. The call to go to Auckland came unexpectedly, but we have accepted it as of God's providence, and earnestly pray that it may be that which will redound to His praise, while He still blesses the dear people and work we have left behind.

G. C. TENNEY,

*Anglesea Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, N. Z.*

**VICTORIAN CONFERENCE.**

THE fifteenth annual session of the Victorian Conference was held during the camp-meeting at Footscray, November 13-25, 1902. Delegates were present from Ballarat, Bendigo, Brunswick, Geelong, Hawthorne, North Fitzroy, Williamstown, and Windsor.

The following committees were appointed by the president:—

ON RESOLUTIONS: G. B. Starr, J. H. Woods, G. Hubbard, W. D. Salisbury, G. Fisher.

ON NOMINATIONS: A. W. Anderson, G. A. Irwin, E. Watson.

ON CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: N. D. Faulkhead, R. Hare, C. Prismall.

ON SEATING OF DELEGATES: W. R. Carswell, G. Burgess.

One new church was admitted to the conference, Brunswick.

W. A. Hennig gave a brief report of the past year's work. The Lord had blessed the labors of His servants, and souls had been converted. At the last camp-meeting good work was done. This was followed by tent-meetings, and as a result the Brunswick Church

was organized. At Yambuk, one sister, who had been ill for a long time, had been trying in the strength of the Lord to represent the truth there. This place had been visited several times, and there are enough Sabbath-keepers there to organise a church. At Trafalgar, several have accepted the truth and desire to unite with us.

The tithes received for the year ending June 30, 1902, amounted to £1,485 5s 3½d, an increase of £154 9s 4½d. The wages paid to the conference laborers during the same time were £1,043 4s 11d, an increase of £54 4s 10d. The indebtedness of the conference had been decreased by £223 10s 5d. This did not include that of any of the departments, which showed a further reduction.

The Tract Society Department reported that the total amount of subscription book orders taken during the year was £3,554 16s, an increase of £1,019 on the previous year. Trade books had been sold to the value of £445 13s 3d, an increase of £48 on the previous year. Health foods to the value of £213 7s 6d were also sold. The number of *Bible Echoes* used in the conference was 58,174. There were 393 yearly, and 133 half-yearly subscriptions for the *Australasian Good Health* taken by the agents, and 1,406 copies by the churches; 19,792 *Children's Friends* were taken by the Sabbath-schools and isolated Sabbath subscribers; 4,000 *Joyful Tidings* were used by the agents in free distribution, and 58 yearly subscriptions taken.

The financial gain to the tract society during the year was £528. Of this, £347 was a donation from the General Conference Association.

The report of the Sabbath-school secretary was read and adopted, and showed an encouraging increase in membership and donations.

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

FOR PRESIDENT: W. A. Hennig.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: A. W. Anderson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: W. A. Hennig, A. W. Anderson, J. Gillespie, E. Watson, J. H. Woods, C. Hallam, C. Prismall.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. Gillespie.

SECRETARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY: Miss L. Gregg.

GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT: G. Hubbard.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY: Mrs. W. A. Hennig.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: A. W. Anderson.

HELPING HAND MISSION BOARD: C. P. Michaels, H. E. Simkin, C. Hallam, C. Prismall, J. Gillespie.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented their report as follows, which was adopted:—

1. *Whereas*, The subject of education has come to occupy so important a place in our denominational work, and recognising the fact stated in the Spirit of Prophecy that "the school is the most important institution in our world;" also "that all our children should have the privileges and blessing of a training in our school," therefore

*We recommend*, That all our people put forth an earnest effort to forward the cause of Christian education by encouraging and assisting all suitable young people above fifteen years of age to enter the Avondale School for the purpose of fitting themselves for work in the vineyard.

2. Recognising the value of early Christian training, we would urge upon all parents the importance of beginning this work through the agency of home training and the church school.

3. A proper education of our children being a duty highly incumbent upon us, we recommend that this conference appoint a church and family school honorary secretary, whose duty it will be to labor for the upbuilding of this important branch of the Lord's work, and we recommend that the work of this secretary be

carried on under the advice of the conference committee and the Avondale School.

4. That we recommend churches before opening schools to counsel with the Executive Committee through their educational secretary.

5. *Whereas*, "If the church would manifest a greater interest in the reforms which God Himself has brought to them, to fit them for His coming, their influence would be tenfold what it is now," and "that God designs that the great subject of health reform shall be agitated, and the public mind deeply stirred to investigate, because it is impossible for men and women with all their sinful, health-destroying, brain-enservating habits to discern sacred truths, through which they are sanctified, elevated, and made fit for the society of heavenly angels in the kingdom of glory," therefore

*We recommend* and urge upon our people to obtain an intelligent knowledge of the principles of health by the study of our literature, in order that they may be able successfully to impart these principles to others.

6. *We recommend*, That a united effort be made to circulate freely our health literature, especially our health journal *Good Health*; that canvassers be encouraged to take hold of this work; and that the general agent be requested to give encouragement and instruction to canvassers for the journal; and we recommend that our *Echo* workers sell the journal in connection with the *Bible Echo*.

7. *Resolved*, That we heartily unite in pressing forward the enterprise with "Christ's Object Lessons" until the work of selling our quota is completed.

8. *We recommend*, That schools of health be conducted wherever a sufficient interest has been awakened by the circulation of the *Australasian Good Health* or otherwise.

9. *We recommend*, That periodical sellers be subsidised by the conference to the extent of fifteen dozen *Echoes* and two dozen *Good Healths* a week, to go as pioneers to towns which have not yet been visited by the living preacher; that they be appointed by the conference committee and be under the direction of the State agent.

10. That in view of the continuous efforts made to secure religious legislation and to introduce religious teaching in the State schools, we instruct the tract society to plan for an organised effort to place our new book "Rights of Man" in the hands of our legislators, judges, and leading men throughout the field.

11. *We recommend*, That the tract society lay plans whereby the work of the churches be so organised that some definite missionary work is assigned to each member.

12. *Whereas*, THE UNION CONFERENCE RECORD is the medium of conveying information on all phases of the work and progress of the Third Angel's Message in Australasia to our people, and so securing unity of interest and action, therefore

*We recommend*, That all our people read the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented their report, which was received and adopted as follows:—

FOR CREDENTIALS: W. A. Hennig, G. B. Starr, J. H. Woods, R. Hare.

FOR MISSIONARY LICENSES: W. R. Carswell, Miss Schowe, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Hennig.

We further recommend that the conference Executive Committee select lay workers for the various churches from such persons as may be deemed by them suitable for such work. W. A. HENNIG, *President*.

J. GILLESPIE, *Secretary*.

#### NOTES FROM TASMANIA.

THE church building at Launceston is progressing finely, and will be completed soon. The brethren at the Upper Huon have started building their chapel, and it will be finished in a few weeks.

Eleven have accepted present truth since January 1, 1902, and fifteen have been baptised.

During the year from four to seven canvassers have been in the field, and God has blessed their faithful labors. "Home Hand Book," "Ladies' Guide," "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," and "Coming King," have been placed in many homes. Heavy crops, fair prices, and prosperous times in general, have enabled the people to purchase

our books. Australia's crop failure has been Tasmania's financial harvest.

The sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" has reached the 1,000 mark. A resolution was passed at the Conference in Hobart to finish our quota, 2,000 copies, by next April. Let all in every church take right hold of this work, and it can be easily accomplished.

During the conference session at Hobart, November 28 to December 28, Dr. D. H. Kress gave two lectures on health in the large town hall. The first was well attended, about 400 being present. The second was on Sunday afternoon; but being a wet day only about half as many were present. Collections were taken sufficient to meet all the expenses and leave a balance on hand of fifteen shillings. On his return to Launceston, he gave a lecture in the Mechanic's Institute. It was a cold, rainy night, and only a few were present. The collections were good, but not sufficient to meet expenses.

The lectures in Hobart are being followed up by canvassing for the *Good Health*, and the same work is being started in Launceston. A spirit of labor is getting hold of the brethren and sisters, and the Lord is blessing the efforts put forth. Second tithe to the amount of £104 has been received and forwarded to the Sydney Sanitarium since July 7. E. HILLIARD.

#### THE TASMANIAN CONFERENCE.

AN interesting report was given of the working of the church school. This is truly a "church" school, for the church supported it to the amount of £43 12s 5½d above the tuition fees, thus showing that they believe the children belong to the church as well as to the parents. They are expecting to erect a schoolroom in connection with the Hobart Church shortly, which will give better accommodation than the place now rented, and be less expensive.

The financial reports were very encouraging. The conference, at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, showed a deficit of £5 12s, but during the quarter ending September 30, the tithe received left a surplus of £87 after paying all expenses and the deficit. The tract society department showed a credit balance of £38. There have been about twenty added to the membership during the time covered by the reports, but as some much needed work had been done in purifying the church rolls, the total membership does not show any material change.

As we look over the work in this field and see the bright prospects for the future, our hearts are filled with thankfulness to God, and we trust that when the next conference is called it will be seen that a long step forward has been taken in the march to the promised land. E. M. GRAHAM.

**Sunday Canvassing.**—For several years our agents in Great Britain have spent their Sundays selling *Present Truth*, holding Bible readings, and doing general gospel work wherever the way might open. Why should we not improve Sunday as faithfully as any other working day? After long experience, our agents have found that they can sell papers and do general missionary work on Sunday as well as on any other day. Nearly all the best agents in Great Britain sell at least one hundred copies of *Present Truth* each Sunday. Should we not work along similar lines with the *Bible Echo* and *Good Health*?



**GOD CONTROLLING THE LEVER OF CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Two Sabbath-keeping sisters who were obliged to go to the mountains for their health recently obtained rooms at ———, N. S. W., with a pleasant appearing Christian lady named Mrs Taylor. The sisters were at once impressed with the bright, hopeful experience of their landlady; while the landlady was somewhat surprised to find her tenants holding views which to her seemed both strange and erroneous. Being confident, however, as to the strength of the pillars of her faith, she readily accepted an invitation of the new comers to study the Bible together and investigate the Sabbath question. Being a firm believer of the Word of God, search was begun for the strong reasons for Sunday observance. With sorrow of heart she found them not; but on the other hand saw the truth in its beauty. After keeping her first Sabbath, and spending one week in almost continuous study of the Word, Mrs. Taylor took the train and went to the home of her parents, in one of the suburbs of Sydney, that she might pass on to them what God had revealed to her. The seed had fallen to bear fruit, and the parents realised the call to be from God. Again the Word was searched, and as a result, parents and daughter together kept the following Sabbath.

Fearing that there might be some point that they had not properly considered, the counsel of their earnest young pastor was sought, who kindly spent two forenoons studying the Bible with Mrs. Taylor, who by this time was thoroughly aroused on the subject. The pastor was armed with some of D. M. Canright's tracts, which he admitted did not show a very good spirit. The young minister was perplexed, as he had not confronted so difficult a question before. He told Mrs. Taylor finally that if she was fully convinced that the seventh day was the Sabbath, he thought she ought to keep it, and that if he got convinced he would keep it too, and that if she got any more light on the subject to let him know about it. It is needless to add that subsequent study has strengthened her convictions and brought to light many precious things which will be laid before the pastor. There are several other very interested ones in the large circle of friends of this earnest Christian worker. She has recently spent a week at Avondale getting thoroughly established on all points of the truth, and expects to attend the school a little later. God is raising up a people who will give the truth a certain sound. Let us remember such in our prayers and do our duty day by day.

E.C.C.

**Monthly Summary of Australasian, Natal, and Cape Colony Canvassing Work.**

**Natal, South Africa.**

OCTOBER, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —	Orders.	Value.
Mrs. T. A. Galley, Durban	5 £	5 16 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
Mrs. Howard, Johannesburg	21	35 0 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —		
Mrs. Strachin, Johannesburg	47	40 5 6
S. S. Barnard, Johannesburg	96	91 19 0
Mrs. Barnard, Johannesburg	54	44 3 6
H. Schmidt, Johannesburg	34	31 0 0
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —		
Miss Grant, Johannesburg	15	3 14 6
	272	£251 18 6

**Cape Colony.**

SEPT. AND OCT.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —	Orders.	Value.
Mrs. Stapleford, Observat'ry	35	£42 0 6
Miss Bourne, Newlands	3	4 13 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
T. H. Jubber, Capetown	34	43 11 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —		
C. Haupt, Capetown	20	16 5 6
E. Molen, Somerset	21	13 6 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
G. W. Shone	18	9 6 0
<i>Dan. &amp; Rev.</i> —		
F. Hall, Capetown	87	35 9 3
Sundries	43	18 0 0
	218	£208 9 3

**New Zealand.**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Orders.	Value.
J. Knox, Wanganui	29	£43 10 0
Mrs. M. Hamilton, Blenheim	35	57 0 0
C. Honnor, Auckland	26	41 10 0
W. J. Redhead, Canterbury	16	25 16 0
Mrs. E. Smith, Canterb'y.	1	1 10 0
A. E. Rickards, Otago	15	23 10 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
W. J. Redhead, Canterbury	7	7 17 6
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. Covell, Plymouth	39	39 7 6
Mrs. E. Smith, Canterbury	7	7 0 0
W. J. Redhead	1	1 2 6
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
W. W. Ward, Wanganui	28	18 17 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
C. Reynolds, Canterbury	9	9 19 6
W. J. Redhead, Canterbury	8	8 15 0
<i>H. of the Morning</i> —		
C. E. Reynolds, Canterb'y	23	7 14 6
<i>Coming King</i> —		
H. Piper, Wellington	63	30 7 6
J. Mackintosh, Foxton	52	22 9 0
G. Smith, Gisborne	42	13 15 6
C. Johnson, Parkhurst	28	9 4 6
Miss E. Ward, Auckland	14	5 11 0
D. M. Adam, Wellington	8	3 4 0
F. Scheffler, Hawke's Bay	7	3 10 6
Miss M. Hamilton, Blenheim	7	2 13 6
	465	£383 19 6
<i>Good Health</i> subscriptions	205	
<i>Echo</i> sales, Miss Owen	1920	

**New South Wales.**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> —	Orders.	Value.
G. Wood, Yetman	31	£24 8 6
W. R. Lamb, Nowra	35	28 1 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
T. J. Gibson, Wallamba R.	14	19 0 8
C. S. Badger, Cobargo	62	72 10 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
L. Mobbs, Orange	72	29 7 0
F. A. Allum, Orange	101	38 10 0
Miss C. Allum, Orange	85	36 6 0
E. Bernoth, Dapto	52	34 16 0
C. Vartha, Dapto	6	3 11 0
G. Ryder, Gundagai	11	3 17 6
Mrs. Wheat, Homebush	6	3 3 0
M. Lackey, Sydney	6	3 3 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. Gregg, Mosman	32	35 16 0
Mrs. Paap, Mosman	12	13 11 0
F. C. Davis, Macleay R.	3	3 7 0
H. J. Cooper, Rouse	51	53 9 0
G. A. March, Maitland	20	21 7 6
W. Meyers, Maitland	18	18 18 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
W. Meyers, Maitland	9	9 10 0
G. A. March, Maitland	17	18 3 6
H. J. Cooper, Rouse	26	27 10 0
" (other books)	2	2 10 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
Mrs. J. Paap, Mosman	2	3 0 0
E. Appleton, Grafton	1	1 14 0
<i>Patriarchs &amp; Proph.</i> —		
G. W. Tadich, Wollongong	14	11 10 0
" (other books)	6	2 14 0
	694	£519 14 2

**Queensland**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —	Orders.	Value.
Q. Tract Socy., Toowoong	2	2 0 0
J. H. Hewitt, Taringa	14	15 0 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
Emma Hebbel, S. Brisbane	4	1 17 0
Elsie Hebbel, "	3	1 18 6
	23	£20 15 6

**Tasmania.**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —	Orders.	Value.
Miss F. Horne, Devonp't.	1	1 7 6
Mr. J. Allen, Burnie Dist.	69	86 12 6
<i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> —		
Mr. J. Allen, Burnie Dist.	13	11 10 0
" (other books)	3	4 0 0
	86	£103 10 0

**Victoria.**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Orders.	Value.
F. W. Reekie, Port Fairy	22	£35 7 0
C. Hosking, Gippsland	6	11 10 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
F. W. Reekie, Port Fairy	33	29 7 6
L. J. Lear, Brighton	3	3 8 3
" (other books)	2	9 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
F. W. Reekie, Port Fairy	18	12 5 0
" (other books)	7	10 12 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
H. C. Harker, Geelong	2	2 17 6
	93	£105 16 9

**South Australia.**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —	Orders.	Value.
M. Gunther, Yorketown	19	19 3 6
Mrs. Arnold, Naracoorte	15	16 8 9
A. Davey, Yorketown	18	17 16 6
E. Mosedale, Naracoorte	12	12 10 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
A. W. Waight, Mt. Barker	16	23 4 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
A. H. White, Balaklava	11	15 15 6
H. E. Hughes, Balaklava	2	3 18 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —		
A. P. Roesner, Kapunda	5	3 6 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
Miss Goodhart, Woodville	11	5 4 0
A. E. Goodhart, Woodville	9	6 2 3
W. Vercoe, Blackwood	5	2 6 6
<i>House We Live In</i>	27	6 1 6
	150	£131 17 0

**West Australia.**

NOVEMBER, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —	Orders.	Value.
Mrs. E. Cleal, Perth	32	£32 0 0
" (other books)	3	19 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
F. Masters, Boulder	40	45 10 0
" (Other Books)	55	21 4 6
R. A. Caldwell, Denmark	39	51 15 0
" (other books)	16	4 8 0
R. S. Bell, Boulder	35	41 10 0
" (other books)	5	5 10 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
K. Brocklesby, Bunbury	33	10 3 6
H. Hoare, Fremantle	10	4 0 6
" (other books)	2	2 10 0
	270	£219 11 0

**Totals for November, 1902.**

	Orders.	Value.
New South Wales	694	£519 14 2
Victoria	93	105 16 9
Tasmania	86	103 10 0
New Zealand	465	383 19 6
West Australia	270	219 11 0
Queensland	23	20 15 6
South Australia	150	131 17 0
Natal	272	251 18 6
Cape Colony	218	208 9 3
Grand Totals	2271	£1945 11 8

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## Items of General Interest.

MISS MARCELIA WALKER, a trained nurse, sailed from New York, November 15, for Padang, Sumatra, where she will join Elder and Mrs. R. W. Munson in their work.

PASTOR G. C. Tenney has received a call to labor in the New Zealand Conference. He has already responded to the invitation. His address is now Anglesea Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, N. Z.

AN interesting report has just come to hand from Pastor A. T. Robinson, concerning the work in Queensland. The Lord is blessing His people of that drought-stricken country, and is giving them some rich experiences notwithstanding the country generally is in a sad state. Pastor Robinson has recently been laboring in the city of Rockhampton. The report will appear in our next issue.

THE New Zealand Conference and camp-meeting is appointed to be held in Dunedin, January 15-26. Excellent meetings are anticipated,—a feast of good things. The brethren of New Zealand should make every effort to be present. Let the churches send their usual delegates.

WE are sorry that we have been unable to supply all the orders for the December number of the *Good Health*. Sixteen thousand copies were printed. We felt certain this would supply the demand, but in this we were happily disappointed. It is surprising what we can do when the spirit of the living creatures gets into the wheels of our organisation. "The Lord gave the word, great was the company of them that published it." We shall see a complete fulfillment of this when we see the importance of this work, and become of one mind, and that mind Christ's mind. Then it can be said, "Whithersoever the Spirit is to go, *they went*, for thither was their spirit to go." There is no more important work for this time than the circulation of our health literature.

Our January number will be devoted to practical subjects: "The Prevention of Summer Diseases, and Treatment," "Our Summer Drinks, Good and Evil," "Dysentery and Cholera Morbus," "Mothers Wanted," "A New Dietary," "Summer Foods," etc., etc. Let us see if we cannot dispose of at least 12,000 of this number; also secure yearly subscribers at 2/6 per year. You receive a commission of 1/-. Many who are now idle could with a little effort take eight to ten yearly subscribers daily.

THE latest Good Health Library booklet is entitled, "The Tobacco Habit, Its Origin and Spread." We all know the tobacco habit is ruinous to health and morals.

It is responsible for much misery and suffering, yet it is clothed with a certain degree of respectability. This makes it the more subtle and pernicious. Many use it ignorantly, not knowing the nature of this poison.

This booklet is without doubt the best concise treatise on this subject that we have seen in print. It is interesting reading. Send for 100, 200, or 500 copies, and circulate them freely. Price of the booklets, 500, 20/-; 100, 5/-; 12, 9d.

"**Christ's Object Lessons.**"—Brother C. P. Michaels is laboring among the churches of Victoria in the good work with "Christ's Object Lessons." The campaign with this book is still on. The books are being sold. God is taking note of our faithfulness or of our indifference. The plan is all right, and will succeed; the only question is as to who will obtain the blessing.

**The School.**—Just a few more days of vacation and our school will begin. The time for opening is January 6. All should come early and plan to stay throughout the year. There is no time to lose in gaining a preparation to do valiant work for the Master. The difficulties which lie in the way are simply stepping stones to glorious victories. Will the time not come when scores of trained and consecrated workers will go from this training school with the light of truth to the millions who sit in darkness? This is a question which can only be answered by the people, and its answer will depend upon our individual efforts to obtain a preparation for service.

**The Closing of an Important Year.**—With the passing of 1902 and the incoming of the new year, a few thoughts of a retrospective character may not be amiss. Never before has there been a period of equal length which has witnessed greater transformation for both good and evil; never a like period which has displayed in continuous succession so many waymarks for the Christian pilgrim. Never before have the forces of evil battered away at the bulwarks of truth with greater zeal and animosity, and never did the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night seem more precious to God's waiting people. Never before have we witnessed such a forward movement in missionary lines among us as a people as during the past few months. Never before was the message brighter and the consummation of our hopes so near. Never before was there such a demand for whole hearted consecrated workers as now. Go where you may in heathen lands, never before were more doors open, and the harvest whiter for the sickle. The angels of peace hover over the earth, holding back the winds of war that this work may go forward. Let us press onward to greater triumphs during 1903. The sooner the evangelisation of the world is accomplished the sooner Jesus will appear. If our life during the past year has been a life with Christ, then it is indeed a year less of life for us here, but it is a year more with Jesus. One day with Jesus, how precious! One year with Jesus—365 days with my Saviour,—how much more precious! But an eternity with Jesus—362,000,000 years, and the rest of the time without end—is the most precious of all.

THE great decline of Buddhism in Japan during the last two hundred years is shown by the fact that there are now but 72,000 temples, whereas there were formerly 394,087.