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

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In the Master's Service.

In times past God has used humble men in His service, and because of their faith and devotion these men have often accomplished more than many laborers of better education and higher pretensions. They realised their weakness and their dependence upon God, and by personal efforts, by a well-ordered life and a godly conversation, they turned men from error to truth, from the path of transgression to obedience to God. The mighty power of grace worked with them, and success attended



their efforts. "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are; that no flesh should glory in His presence."

Two men start out to labor in the cause of God. One has had every advantage of education. His mind is cultivated, his powers are developed, and he is prepared to become an efficient worker. But we look in vain to see the good results of the advantages he has enjoyed.

Instead of increasing his usefulness, his education fosters a feeling of self-importance: he esteems himself above his less fortunate brethren. He does not continue to store his mind with useful knowledge, to fit himself to bear greater responsibilities. While he boasts of learning, he does not labor to the utmost of his ability, with an eye single to the glory of God.

The other has good natural abilities, but a limited education. He is a constant learner in the school of Christ. The love of Jesus is in his heart, and he walks humbly with God. He is unselfish in thought and purpose, and he tries to do all the good that he can. As he uses the ability that he has, his mind expands.

The educated man may exalt himself over his un-

learned brother, but he is like the man who hid his talent in the earth. He has shunned the trouble and exertion necessary to trade with his entrusted talents, that he may return them, with the increase, to his Lord. Unless he repents, he will be condemned as a slothful servant, and will be dismissed from the presence of his Lord. But the one who is faithful in the use of his talents, returning at last both principal and interest, will hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The man who blesses society, and makes a success of life, is the one who, whether educated or uneducated, uses all his powers in the service of God and his fellow-men.

In all our churches there are those who might be educated to become workers for Christ. There is certainly a fault somewhere, or there would be more workers developed to unite with us in our efforts for the salvation of souls. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Have special meetings for the education of workers. Souls for whom Christ died are perishing all around us, and what excuse can we give that they have never been warned?

Think of the mighty truths that God has entrusted to our keeping, and let earnest work follow your thoughts. Make mighty strokes for God. No compromise is to be made with sin, or with timidity and cowardice. The Christian laborer knows no drudgery in his heaven appointed work. He enters into the joy of his Lord in seeing souls emancipated from the slavery of sin; and this joy repays him for every self-denial.

Our faith is weak, our sense of God's requirements feeble. We must awake to duty. We must be endowed with power from on high. Instead of resting satisfied with our present attainments, let us cherish a longing desire that our lips may be purified and touched with a live coal from off the divine altar. The Word of God to us must come to the people, not in a feeble, hesitating way, but with earnestness and power. We must pray more earnestly, more fervently, that God may work in us and through us. Angels are commissioned to be our helpers.

They are passing between earth and heaven, bearing upward the record of the doings of the children of men.

We can never be saved in inactivity. The life of Jesus rebukes every idler. In His strength we may do the work that He did. The promises of God are rich and full and free. We may have with us the power of His salvation. It is because threads of unbelief are woven into all the web of life, that our experience is so lacking in power. Shall we not begin to weave in, instead, the precious golden threads of faith? Remember, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

If the clouds hide the sun from sight, we do not mourn as if it would never again appear. God's dear face of brightness is not always seen, but we are not to despond. It is our duty to trust Him in the darkness, knowing that His love is changeless.

It was the joy of Christ to save souls. Let this be your work and your joy. Perform all duties and make all sacrifices for Christ's sake, and He will be your constant helper. Go straight forward where the voice of duty calls; let no seeming difficulties hinder you. Take up your God-given responsibilities, and as you bear your sometimes heavy burdens, do not ask, "Why idly stands my brother, no yoke upon him laid?" Do the duty nearest you, and do it thoroughly and well, not coveting praise, but working for the Master because you belong to Him.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

PRAYER.

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17.

Did you enter your closet this morning,
Ere you met with the world and its snares?
Did you ask that the hand of the Saviour
Might aid in your duties and cares?
Did you plead for His grace to sustain you?
Did you humbly and lovingly pray?
Do you feel that the smile of the Master
Has been resting upon you all day?

Do you feel that the Saviour accepts you?
That your heart and your motives are pure?
That God's Holy Spirit protects you?
That your heavenly home is secure?
Are you faithful in crosses and trials?
Do you honor the Lord with your breath,
With a faith that will take no denial,
With a love that is stronger than death?

Oh, the peace that is deep as a river!
Oh, the joy that is pure as the day!
Oh, the hope that abideth forever!
With rapture we praise and we pray.
Then let us be faithful, my brother,
Be joyful in toil or in pain;
For the One dearer far than all others
Shall soon in the clouds come again.

Not long shall we toil in the desert,
Not long shall we bend 'neath the cross;
For soon shall our trials be ended,
And we receive gain for each loss.
The closet gives the entrance to Beulah!
We commune with our Advocate there,
We enter the highest, for truly
We ascend by the mountain of prayer.

—L. D. Santee.

Transformation or Reformation—Which?

TRANSFORMATION must precede reformation. Reformation always follows transformation. It is the product of the renewed mind. The only thing that is of any avail is a new creation with new desires and new tastes, that will love the things he once hated, and hate the things he once loved. The carnal mind will always be at enmity with that which is good, whether it is good food, pure drink, or whatever it may be. This was illustrated in the experience of Israel. With most of them it was an effort at reformation without transformation. But it proved a failure. They soon turned back to that from which their hearts had never been separated,—the flesh-pots, leeks, and onions of Egypt. "With many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our

examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Now all these happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "Finding fault with them He saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their minds [the same laws], and write them upon their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." When these laws are written, not on the outside upon tables of stone, but on the inside upon the fleshy tables of the heart, the keeping of them becomes a delight, a pleasure. Reforms will then be taken up cheerfully. It will not be so difficult to give up tea, flesh, and other poisonous impurities and delicacies which are harmful. We will not regard self-denial as a hardship, and God as a hard master. When God is allowed to take His place in the mind, we will not lust after evil things as Israel did. When His kingdom is set up within, His will will be done in these earthen vessels as it is done in heaven. It will be said, "I delight to do Thy will, yea, Thy law is within my heart."

I have seen men under the influence of a mesmerist eat tallow candles and call them sweet because they were called sweet by the mesmerist. They seemed to enjoy them until they came from under his influence, then they showed signs of disgust. Satan, the great mesmerist, has blinded the minds of most men, so that they call good what he pronounces good, and evil, what he pronounces evil. They call good evil, and evil good. They are led captive by him at his will. "They received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." "He as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not confirmed to this world: but be ye transformed [not reformed] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Only the transformed, or renewed mind can appreciate fully, and relish that which is good. Until Satan's spell is broken, men will despise that which is good, and will say, as did the children of Israel, "There is nothing at all besides this manna before our eyes." "Our souls loathe this vile bread,"—the very bread of heaven, *angel's food*. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you."

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

FRUITLESS is sorrow for having done amiss if it issue not in resolution to do so no more.—*Bishop Horne*.

The Privilege of Giving.

CHRIST gave Himself for us that He might bestow upon us His own spirit of love and sacrifice. Our entire affection should be placed upon our Creator. The great commandment in the law is to love the Lord our God with all the heart, with all the soul, and with all the mind. When this is done, what a change takes place in the one thus fully devoted to his Lord. He does not live to please self, he does not seek his own. His mind gives birth to deeds of kindness, unselfishness manifests itself in all that he does or says. This is the mind of Christ which should dwell in us richly. We are told that if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His. How can this blessed state of mind be received (for it is indeed blessed, and blessed will be every one who receives it)? The secret is simple, yet how few realise the importance of securing this secret. Listen to the instruction, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2 : 1, 2. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Phil. 2 : 3, 4. Then he adds, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Now we should esteem it a great privilege thus to give ourselves to God, to be witnesses to an evil and rebellious world. Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times. The one who thus gives himself to God will withhold nothing to which God lays claim. And no good thing will God withhold from them that walk uprightly. The Lord is waiting to bestow rich spiritual blessings upon His people, but the conditions must be complied with. Will a man rob God? Yes; men dare to do even this,—rob God, in whom we live, move, and have our being—Him who gives us the power to get wealth—Him who gave all the treasure of heaven to redeem us from our lost condition, and not only that, but purposes to make us joint heirs with His Son to all the treasures of the universe. Come, my dear brethren, let us show our love to God. Rob Him no longer. Do you say you are too poor, that you are in debt to others? This may look all true to you, but there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is death. Be not deceived. You are not too poor. Your debts do not excuse your robbing God. What is it then? Listen, I think I know. Satan is working for your destruction. He knows full well that no covetous person will enter the kingdom of God. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Returning that which belongs to God will not impoverish. The blessing of the Lord maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing." What precious promises follow. Mal. 3 : 8-12. No wonder that Satan has blinded the minds of many on this important subject of giving in harmony with God's plan. He has made them believe that the tithing system only belonged to ancient Israel, when verily it had its origin long before. It belongeth to our High Priest after the order of Mel-

chisedec, who existed before the Jewish age. Gen. 14 : 18-20; Heb. 6 : 20; 7 : 1-8. Our Saviour in speaking to the Pharisees recognised the obligation to pay the tithes, and not to omit judgment, mercy, and faith. Matt. 23 : 23. The tithe is to be used for a special object, men are not to use it as they please. It is not to be used for the relief of the poor, not to build churches. It should not be diverted from the purpose of God. He has ordained that ministers of the gospel should live of the gospel, the same as the priests did anciently of the tabernacle. 1 Cor. 9 : 13, 14. So then the tithe which belongs to God (Lev. 27 : 30-32) should not be diverted from its original purpose. Do we wish to help the poor? Then let us give alms. Matt. 6 : 1-4. Would we call it giving alms to rob another and give it to the poor? This is what is done if we divert the tithe for this or any other purpose. Shall we not rather devote our all to Him, time, talent, money, children, and all the power of our being? If you do this, God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. He will multiply our seed sown, and increase the fruits of our righteousness. While the world is devoting all its money and energy in pleasure and vanity, let us, the children of God, devote our all for the advancement of His eternal kingdom.

W. WOODFORD.

A MANSION WAITING FOR HIM.

WHEN I visited the church at Milltown, South Dakota, not long ago, I noticed an empty house within a few rods of the building. After some inquiry why it was left empty, the brethren said that an aged man had lived there a few years ago, but that he had an earnest desire to do missionary work, and his burden was for southern Russia. They and all his friends tried to persuade him not to go so far away, because he was not only partly blind, but very old as well. His steps were tottering, and his head and shoulders were bowed with age. But nothing could dissuade him from his purpose.

Most of his means had been given to the cause; and now he gave himself to the foreign work, and left for the field that was on his heart.

He travelled as far as Austria, when his means ran out. He had no money to go farther. But he succeeded in selling his boots, and thus secured money enough to reach his destination.

There he went into the city with his tracts, and while some of the people were resting in a hotel or a market place, he would go to them and ask them to read a tract to him, because he could not see very well. They would do so, and, as a result, generally became interested in the truth, and would express themselves in a way which showed that they were very anxious to have some of this literature also. He always supplied them with the reading matter desired, and in a very short time there were about forty families keeping the Sabbath in that country as a result of this work.

The aged man finally died, but his work is still going on. His house in South Dakota is still standing empty, but we know he has a better mansion prepared and waiting for him in heaven.

Brethren, let us push the tract work to a glorious success, and not let the tracts remain on the shelves idle.

F. H. WESTPHAL.

"COVETOUSNESS is the mother of all other sins."

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

A MESSAGE OF TRUTH.

O SOUL! O soul of mine!
 Up! up! and heavenward; for it is thine
 To higher rise, so wilt thou, and to take
 Glory of goodness to thee. Struggling soul, unfold,
 Like some white blossom with its heart of gold,
 Unto the sunlight of God's love; His purpose share;
 Be thou the blessed messenger to bear
 Truth to the world by living truth each day;
 For truth that's lived is stronger far alway
 Than that framed simply in a fruitless word.
 A theory unlive has never stirred
 A life to action. Soul, be up and do
 That which makes life—the right, the good, the true.

—Eliza A. Otis.

GREETING FROM FIJI.

[THE following letter was received from our Fijian brethren of Suva Vou, Fiji. I am asked to translate into English for the readers of the RECORD, as it was written to you, the brethren and sisters of Australasia.—
 J. E. FULTON.]

Let there be a letter to you, the ministers and members of the true church, that we may express our thanks therein to you. When we were gathered together in our meeting here on a certain night, it was our mind that we should together express in writing our thankfulness to God and to you for what has been done for us in Fiji. We are thankful for the printing press which has been sent to us; for by it will the work of God in Fiji be spread abroad. We praise God.

We also remember what you have done in helping us get a steamer for the work in Fiji. This will be of great use in the work here. We are made glad, and offer thanksgivings. We now have more gifts of late toward helping us build a church. We rejoice because many of you are looking to Fiji to hold up our weakness and insufficiency (that is, to assist us in our weakness).

We at this time beg of you that you will offer many prayers in love, lest we are shorthanded among our enemies. We see the work of God. The Spirit of God is working in the hearts of the people of this land, and the work of God is springing up in the "latter rain."

This is our letter of thanksgiving to you, the elders, and to you, the fathers and mothers.

Here below are the names of us who thus express our thanksgiving:—

Ambrose (Tui Vuya), Watisoni Rokoravarava, Tevita Dama, Timoci Donu, Josefata Nacadruta, Alipati Rainima, Jemesa Vasu, Setereki, Kamenieli Roqo, Aca Ravulo, Manoa Rokotuisa, Filimone, Josefa Rokobuli.

Our youth, and our wives, and our children join in this letter, and I also who write the letter.
 PAULIASI BUNOA.

BROKEN HILL AND PARNEROO.

"THE Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save." It has given me great joy to see a fulfillment of the above scripture, as I have in weakness presented the precious truth of the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I have just returned from Broken Hill, where I spent seven weeks. The church of that place has not been visited for over two years, during which time many of the members have suffered adversity through the closing down of so many of the mines. Some have been forced to leave the place, seeking employment elsewhere, and some have become weary in well-doing. These circumstances have reduced the membership of the church considerably. During my visit and labor, the faithful ones have been built up in the truth, having enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord. In aggressive work the Lord blessed, four accepting the truth and being baptised. There are also

two others who attended the meeting during the last two weeks of my visit who became deeply interested and have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

On my way to and from Broken Hill I visited Parneroo, a farming district north of South Australia, where is a company of eight Sabbath-keepers. Their great desire for spiritual refreshing led them to leave their work on the farms and come together from long distances every afternoon during one week to seek God, and to study His Word. The bright, cheering testimonies of how God had blessed them was clear proof that they were well repaid for the time they had spent in seeking God. At the close of the work we shall rejoice and be glad when we shall meet all the redeemed in the kingdom of the Lord. My earnest prayer is that all may remain steadfast to the end.
 A. H. ROGERS.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

To miss the Sabbath-school lessons is a serious loss to any of God's children. I would sooner lose anything else than miss or lose them. They are manna to the hungry soul. They are the waters of life to the thirsty, remnant travellers to that city whose builder and maker is God.

The lessons to me seem to be "line upon line, precept upon precept," round after round, of soul exalting, character-building truths. This method of church education cannot be neglected without loss and hurt to all who are ignoring the same. The Sabbath-school is the church at study, and the church is the body of Christ, and Christ is the Head of the church. This plan is His plan of educating the church, His body. What for?—Why, to be united in Him, to move when He moves, to stand still when He stands. This method is connecting, cementing, every true child of the remnant church together. We are about to be led into action. Every soul needs the nourishment of the Word. I need it, dear reader, you need it. We are nearing the Jabbok; our time of Jacob's trouble is nigh upon us, when every nerve, and muscle, and fibre will be tested to its utmost tension. Whether Israel be given us as a new name, or whether Jacob, i. e., supplanter, deceiver, be registered in the book of life, will depend upon our faithful study and assimilation of the precious principles of the lessons.

L. CURROW.

A MISSIONARY HEROINE.

AT Rangoon I attended a service at the chapel of the American mission. Over one thousand adults were present, and the preacher, twenty-two years of age, who had arrived at Rangoon the day before, preached with marvellous fluency. He was a missionary's son. As a child, he lived with his father and mother in the jungles of Burma, where it was the business of the father to follow the Karens, who were nomads, on their wanderings. Cholera came, and the missionary died. It seemed the plain duty of the widow to return to America with her only child, that he might be educated. But the thought came, "If I leave these Karens, who is going to look after them?" She saw it to be her duty to let her son go home by himself, while she remained in the jungle to carry on the work. For seven years and a half she toiled, doing herself the full work of a missionary all alone. She preached, baptised; buried the members when they died, administered the sacrament, and

saw a great harvest. All the time she prayed, "God save my boy." One day a letter came. He was converted; he wrote, "I think I will be a missionary." She replied, "That is what I want; come and take up your father's work." The day before she had welcomed her boy, and now she sat hearing him preach. I said to myself, "If ever Christ had a heroine, this is one."—*Rev. Henry Haigh.*

GOD IN IT.

THE following stirring report comes from Montana, U. S. A. It breathes the spirit of the loud cry:—

We arrived here January 13, and immediately began meetings in the Hobbs schoolhouse, situated in the centre of the Rock Creek valley. At the opening meeting, forty were in attendance; the second night, sixty; and the third, one hundred. The attendance rapidly increased, until fully one hundred and sixty crowded into the small room.

"It soon became necessary for people to bring chairs, boxes, and boards from their homes in order to secure seats. So intense has been the interest to hear the message, that people have come an hour and a half before meeting to secure seats, some feeling compelled to go home after driving miles, because they could not find comfortable standing room. The country has been shaken for miles around, people having come from neighboring towns and as far as ten miles by team. We are now in the days to which we have long looked forward, when thousands would eagerly listen to this advent message, and be gathered out from the world and the fallen churches to take their stand with those who are keeping all the commandments of God. Great power has attended the effort here, and all are now deciding their eternal destiny. At this writing twenty-six have begun to keep the Sabbath, and still others are interested, and seem not far from the kingdom. The dragon has not been asleep by any means, but 'they that be with us are more than they that be with them.'

"It means something to wage this aggressive warfare in these days; but when we learn that the efficiency of our labor depends upon the application of the truth to the heart by the Holy Spirit, rather than by might and power, self is taken out of the way, and God is given a chance to work. The Holy Spirit is poured out, men and women are drawn by an unseen power, and they come eagerly to hear the Word of God preached, for they report 'that God is in you of a truth.'"—*Review and Herald.*

I WONDER.

I WONDER how many are watching
By night from their turrets of love
For the coming of Christ in His glory,
With His angelic hosts from above,

I wonder how many are waiting
To see their Redeemer's dear face,
As it shines from the east thro' the heavens,
All aglow with compassionate grace.

I wonder how many will hearken
When He shouts with a far-reaching voice,
"Ye that sleep in the dust now awaken,
Who have ages ago made your choice,

"And have chosen the Lamb, your Redeemer,
Now awake, and your triumph receive,
Who have held to the faith, thro' deep trials,
On the Crucified One to believe."

—*Clara E. Richeson.*

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

HERE, in our *small* conference, but *large* and scattered territory, we are doing all we can to hold up the standard. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Speaking generally, there is peace and good-will among the brethren. "We know that we have passed from death unto life," says the beloved apostle, "because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." And again: "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us." Peter says, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." The great apostle writes, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Oh! what a blessed time it will be when we all "see eye to eye," and,—

"When free from envy, scorn, and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide,
And show a brother's love.

When love, in one delightful stream,
Through every bosom flows;
And union sweet, and dear esteem,
In every action glows."

When that time is reached—and it will be, the precious message will go forth with a "loud cry." Then there will not be dearth of men or means, and, "God will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness." Hasten, O glad day!

The meetings in the Norwood Town Hall still keep up. Our new brethren there are imbibing a true missionary spirit. One sister, who earns her living in domestic service, sells in the street to pedestrians two dozen *Signs* every Tuesday evening, before attending the missionary meeting. I wish our brethren throughout these States would emulate her good example.

Sunday, April 5, the first Seventh-day Adventist meeting—so far as we are aware of—was held at Port Adelaide. We have engaged the Rechabite Hall for Sunday night meetings. As our opening subject, we chose "The Eastern Question," that great question being prominent at this time. The weather was stormy and unpropitious, but the Lord sent a good congregation in spite of the rain. Last Sunday, April 12, we spoke on the "Second Advent" to a large and intelligent audience.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and thank Him for trusting us with a part in this great work. Brethren, pray for us.

T. H. CRADDOCK.

Port Adelaide, April 14, 1903.

WEST AUSTRALIA.

"O THAT men would praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men." This scripture indeed seems applicable here, for while all round us distress and need are apparent, and while "hard times" rings in our ears, God has indeed fulfilled His promise to our canvassers, that their bread and water should be sure, and that a way shall be made in the wilderness. God is good and greatly to be praised. He doth fill our cup pressed down, and it runneth over.

SUSIE GURNER.

LEAVING AUCKLAND.

It is only five months since we came to New Zealand. At that time we had no plan or prospect of another change, but soon urgent calls came from the Medical Missionary Board to return to our former work of Bible teaching in the college and training school at Battle Creek. Reluctantly, on many accounts, we have decided to go, and are now ready to take ship. We love the work and people of God in Australasia. No dearer ties bind us on earth than those we have here. It is, we hope, only the call of duty that moves us now.

God has graciously blessed our efforts here in Auckland. There are abundant and promising opportunities for labor all about us. We pray and trust that the Lord will soon send to this field devoted workers who will do more efficient work than I am able to do. We desire to say to our many dear friends a Christian farewell. With Christ as your portion you are sure to fare well. Let us abide in Him. Our address will be Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich., U. S. A. G. C. TENNEY AND WIFE.

Auckland, April 17, 1903.

THE LOST LAMB.

DR. BAEDEKER, who made a journey to Eastern Siberia from the Transcaucasus, was ascending on one occasion a mountain side near Shemaka, at night. In the grey dawn his party was hailed by an Armenian shepherd, who was followed by his flock, and who bore a weakly lamb in his arms. Presently, the man stood still, and bent in an attitude of anxious listening for some time, then gently laid the lamb on the ground, and, calling his dog, committed the flock to its keeping, while he started off alone into the rocky solitude. Dr. Baedeker and his guides waited to see the result; and, in about an hour, the shepherd's figure stood out in the sunrise on the heights above, and with it that of the lost sheep he had gone in the wilderness to seek. What poem on earth could be more touching or more beautiful than this scene, older than history, yet new every morning.—*Selected.*

MRS. BEECHER ON MARRIAGE.

"I SEE unrest, discontent, strife, and sin; I see girls from whose cheeks the first blush of innocence, from whose soul the last vestige of youth, have vanished; women sold to frivolity, women wasting most precious gifts, women whose ambition has no higher object than to mislead and triumph over men, and men growing hard, selfish, and wicked, going down to death with no hand to save—all for the lack of a true home," said Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, in a recent address.

"Then I remember that the home is the true kingdom of woman, where her rights can never be dethroned; that all pure love, all right thoughts, all religion, if you would have them live, must have their roots beneath its altar. This conviction impels me to say to every woman who has a home, Let home stand first before other things. No matter how high your ambition may transcend its duties, no matter how far your talents or your influence may reach beyond its doors, before everything else, build up a true home. Be not its slave, be its minister. Let it not be enough that it is swept and garnished, that its silver glistens, that its food is delicious. Feed the love in it, feed the truth in it, feed thought and aspiration, feed all charity and gentleness in

it. Then from its walls shall come forth the true woman and the true man, who together shall rule and bless the land."

Notes of Importance.

THROUGH not receiving any report during the past month from three of the States we will leave the report of the canvassing work for March till our next issue. Encouraging reports have arrived from West Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, and New South Wales.

S M I L E.

"WHEN things don't go to suit you,
And the world seems upside down,
Don't waste your time in fretting,
But drive away that frown.
Since life is oft perplexing,
'Tis much the wisest plan
To bear all trials bravely,
And smile whene'er you can."

"WHEN a boy," said a prominent member of a church, "I was much helped by Bishop Hamlin, who visited the house where I was. Taking me aside, the bishop said, 'When in trouble, my boy, kneel down and ask God's help; but never climb over the fence into the devil's ground, and then kneel down and ask help. Pray from God's side of the fence.' "Of that," said he, "I have thought every day of my life since." Continuing, he remarked, "Sanford Cobb, the missionary to Persia, helped me in another way. Said he, 'Do you ever feel thankful when God blesses you?' 'Always.' 'Did you ever tell Him so?' 'Well, I don't know that I have.' 'Well try it, my young friend; try it, try it. Tell him so; tell Him aloud; tell him so that you will hear it yourself.' That was a new revelation. I found that I had only been glad, not grateful. I have been telling Him with grateful feelings ever since, to my soul's help and comfort."—*Epworth Herald.*

How Do We Know?—How do we know that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world? How do we know that He is our Saviour personally? What proof have we? Is it not from the Bible, the Word of God? Do we not know all these things because God has said so in His Word? But if God does not mean what He says with reference to some of His precepts which men are trampling under foot, how do we know that He means what He says when He promises us forgiveness and salvation? Shall we hope in God's promise while we reject His precept? His life is in His Word (John 6: 63); shall we ask Him for life in His promise that we may trample down His life in His precept? These, reader, are important questions.

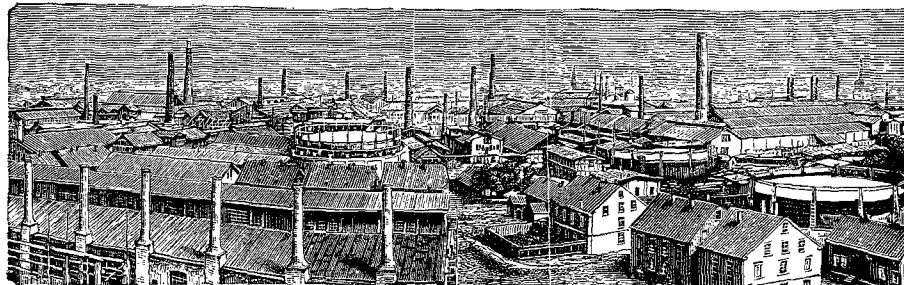
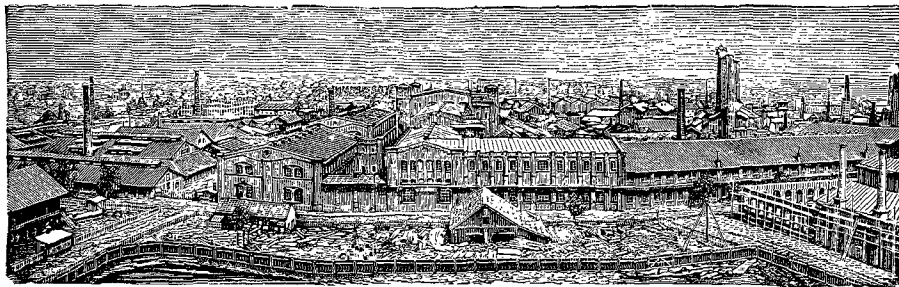
Heaven Begins on Earth.—We must have a foretaste of it here, to enjoy its fullness hereafter. The apostle calls it "the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession." To carry out this figure, it is a small amount of the same kind, paid in hand, to insure the full installment in due time. That soul that has been born from above, that has Christ formed in the heart the hope of glory, and that is filled with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, has a little heaven in his soul, that, if he is faithful, will expand into the fullness of the heaven that is to come. Unless we have this beginning of heaven in our souls here, we need not expect to enjoy the heaven promised to the redeemed hereafter.

In The Balkans.—Reports from the Balkans indicate that there are constant conflicts between the Macedonians and the Turks, though generally of small bodies of men, in which few lives are lost. It is stated, however, that the insurgents have decided to postpone a general movement and await developments; but that it is the settled purpose of the revolutionists to drag Europe into an interference in the affairs of Macedonia. The Turks seem to be controlling themselves better than formerly; but the revolutionist leaders believe that as soon as Europe has turned its eyes to another part of the globe, the old tactics will be employed again. The Macedonian committee does not intend to be idle.

Among the Mounds.—During the excavations of the site of ancient Susa (Shushan) a column of stone has been found on which the laws governing Babylon in the time of King Ahasuerus are set forth in 300 paragraphs. We see by this that the codification of laws is not a modern thing. The many excavations now going on in ancient lands, bringing again to the attention of the world those people and events of which the Bible speaks so plainly, are serving an important purpose in God's work. More and more minutely are the mounds corroborating the writings of the inspired men of old. A despatch from Egypt dated March 2 states that Mr. Davis, an American explorer, who has been excavating the ruins of ancient Thebes, has found a splendid war chariot in the tomb of Thothmes IV. The chariot was made of bronze and gilded wood. Other chambers were found in the tomb, the doors to which were sealed with the seal of the king. The floor was strewn with vases, dishes,

and other objects. The walls were hung with paintings and in the room were found pieces of textile fabric in which hieroglyphics of various colors are woven with such wonderful skill as to present the appearance of painting on linen. John Hayes Hammond of Yale University, until recently a mining expert in South Africa, stated in a lecture in New York on March 6, that inscriptions had been found in South Africa which proved that Rhodesia is the land of Ophir referred to in the Scriptures.—*Selected.*

Reports From China indicate that the threatened uprising of the Boxers is creating widespread alarm among those who would be most affected by it. Some of the Roman Catholic missionaries in the north of China are reported to be arming their missions because of the fear of further uprisings and massacres. Native papers at Nanking report that the rebels are massing their forces along the Yang-tse-Kiang, preparatory to an uprising, and a telegram from Kukiang states that the situation there is critical. The governor of Kwangsi has asked the governor Kwang Tung for troops to help in suppressing the rebels, but none can be spared from that province. The western powers are taking the precaution to fortify their legations at Peking. Marshal Su is reported to have committed suicide because of his inability to quell the rebellion in Kwangsi, a large body of his personal troops having gone over to the enemy. It is reported that France will send troops into the last named province if the Chinese Government is unable to suppress the rebellion.—*Signs of the Times.*



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Items of General Interest.

A Tract Campaign is now on in America. Nearly a million copies of the first four tracts have been printed. In such ways as this, God's people can speedily warn the world of its coming doom. Should we not be doing much more with the small literature here in Australia?

The Sanitarium Building at Caterham, Surrey, England, which we noted some weeks ago, has been purchased, and is ready for operation free of debt. The brethren of the British Union Conference have gratefully acknowledged the £2,000 (two-thirds of the cost) sent from America, which enabled them to make the desired purchase.

That Worthy Institution which is doing much to elevate and educate the colored population of the southern States of America, called the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, has just received a handsome gift of £120,000 from Mr. Carnegie. The institution is presided over by that well-known colored philanthropist, Booker T. Washington.

A Conference Organised in Jamaica.—Pastor W. A. Spicer has just made a visit to the beautiful and important island of Jamaica, West Indies. He reports that there are nearly 1,200 adult Sabbath keepers on that island as a result of ten years of labor. A conference was organized during his visit. It is thought that many of the colored brethren of Jamaica will make good workers for the African field, as they are better able to endure the trying climate of the tropics than are their white brethren.

Nature Disturbed.—After being for months and years in the merciless hand of the drought, the people of Cootamundra and vicinity have just experienced unprecedented floods. Portions of Northern Queensland have also been submerged by terrific rainstorms and cloud bursts. The earth is waxing old, and nature no more is steady and regular in bestowing her bounties. The sins of mankind are rapidly bringing the judgments of God upon the earth. Are you circulating any of those little tracts called, "What do these things mean?"

Are You Eating Your Quota?—As a people we are coming to believe more and more in the principles of healthful living. Adventists are generally known to be a community of vegetarians. We have given up many of the things that the world terms luxuries. The quota to which we refer is the proper amount of healthful, life-sustaining elements to satisfy rightly the needs of the body. In dropping meat we are in danger of trouble if we supply nothing better to take its place. Nothing can

be found in all the world better calculated to maintain healthy bodies and clear minds than our health foods. The Lord has given wisdom in their manufacture, and we are persuaded that they should be used much more generally by our own people. The world is coming to recognise their value, and is ordering more briskly than ever before. A new and excellent preparation for porridges, called Crystal Wheat, has just been placed upon the market. Granola and Granose are always in season.

Our Fijian Literature.—Good progress is being made with the Fijian "Great Controversy." Many appropriate and attractive illustrations have been secured with which to embellish the book, which is being produced in economical style, though of attractive appearance. This is by far the largest and most important work ever undertaken by the Avondale Press. The blessing of the Lord has brooded over the work and the institution all the way along. Considerable funds are required to produce a volume of such a character. Several have already donated toward the enterprise. The 2,000 books, when bound, will have cost £150. Only about one-third of this amount has been collected. We trust that others will not delay in assisting as the Lord may move them. The books will be sold, so that funds invested in Fijian literature will be used over and over again in the production of other needed publications. It is expected that the book will be ready for circulation by about the first of June, 1903.

The General Conference was in session, when the last American mail left San Francisco. The various committees had been appointed and earnest work entered upon. Pastor Irwin wrote that "the time thus far had been devoted to sermons and talks by different ones, setting forth the key note that it is thought should be the burden of our work from this time forward. Sister White has given several talks." The following expressions are from one of Sister White's discourses:—

Our only hope is to remember that we are little children—God's little children. "Behold the nations before Him are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance." We are inclined to exalt self. But God wants no self-exaltation in His work. He wants us to labor in simplicity and humility, as His little children, learning daily of Him. We must bring His Word into the practical life. We talk the truth, we preach the truth, but we do not live the truth.

The light given me is that we are to study more than we do the instruction given to Moses by God after He had proclaimed the law from Sinai. The ten commandments were spoken by God Himself, and were then written on tables of stone, to be preserved till the judgment should take place. After the giving of the law, God gave Moses specifications regarding the law. These specifications are plain and explicit. No one need make a mistake. The directions are as plain as A B C.

In the day of judgment we shall be asked, whether we have lived in harmony with these specifications. It is because we do not carry out these specifications in all our dealings, in our institutions, our families, and in our individual lives, at all times, and in all places, that we do not make greater advancement. It is by the directions that God has given us that we shall be judged in the last day.

Have we studied these specifications? I heard them one night some weeks ago. It seemed as if they were being given to Israel and there was the same solemnity that there was when they were given. I thought, This is given to me that I may tell our people that we must study these specifications. When the directions that God has given are followed, our institutions will be pure and clean, free from all selfishness and covetousness. The tenderness of Christ will come in. His love will fill our hearts. A sense of God's goodness will make us weep and sing and praise God. Then we shall be living channels of light, prepared to do His will.