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

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A PRAYER.

We pray, "Have mercy on our weakness."
Rather, O gracious God, have mercy
on our strength
That will not yield unto the living Father,
Although we know Thy will must win
at length.

Oh, who is bold enough to meet unaided
The foes we cannot conquer all alone?
Or dare, unless by God's sure presence
shaded,
To face a might so far beyond his own?

Thy pity waits upon our weakness ever;
Our doubting meets Thy patient love
at length

Thy merciful compassion faileth never;
But O, kind Lord, have mercy on our
strength.

Show us our helplessness, the dreary
yearning.
The restless fear we proudly try to hide,
Until at last our spirits to Thee turning,
Shall in Thy perfect good be satisfied.
—Agnes L. Carter.

A Word of Cheer.

My fellow-laborers, never let your courage fail. Never complain. Never talk unbelief because appearances are against you. As you work for the Master, you will feel pressure for want of means, but the Lord will hear and answer your petitions. Let your language be, "The Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

Difficulties will arise that will try your faith and patience. Face them bravely. Remember that Christ has said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." You are not asked to fight alone. Christ and the heavenly angels are fighting with you. Look on the bright side. If the work that you are doing is hindered, be sure that it is not your fault, and then go forward, rejoicing in the Lord. Heaven is full of joy. It resounds with the praises of Him who

made so wonderful a sacrifice for the redemption of the human race. Should not the church on earth be full of praise? Should not Christians publish throughout the world the joy of serving Christ? Those who in heaven join with the angelic choir in their anthem of praise must learn on earth the song of heaven, the keynote of which is praise and thanksgiving.

If you make a mistake, turn your defeat into a victory. The lessons that God sends will always, if well learned, bring help in due time. Put your trust in God. Pray much, and believe that in His work the Lord will guide you step by step. Trusting, hoping, believing, holding fast the hand of infinite power, you will be more than conquerors.

Come to the water of life, and drink. Do not stay away and complain of thirst. The water of life is free to all. Spend much time on your knees in prayer. Believe that God hears your prayers, and you will see of His salvation.

Depend on this: If you study the Word of God with a sincere desire to get help, the Lord will fill your soul with light. Your work will be approved of God, and your influence will be a savor of life.

Have faith in God. Unbelief can only deny and destroy. Faith lifts the head in confidence and trust. True workers walk and work by faith. Sometimes they grow weary with watching the slow advance of the work, when the battle wages strong between the powers of good and evil. But if they refuse to fail or to be discouraged, they will see the clouds breaking away, and the promise of deliverance fulfilling. Through the mist with which Satan has surrounded them, they will see the shining of the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness.

Work in faith, and leave the results with God. Pray in faith, and

the mystery of God's providence will bring its answer. At times it may seem that you cannot succeed; but work and believe, putting into your efforts faith and life and hope and courage. After you have done what you can, wait for the Lord, declaring His faithfulness, and He will bring His word to pass. Wait, not in fretful anxiety, but in undaunted faith and unshaken trust.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" "He that spareth not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ELLEN G. WHITE.

EVERY conscious want is a prophecy of its supply. There is just now a wide-spread yearning for some more extensive and intensive working of God's Holy Spirit than has been known since Pentecost. Wherever, in any part of the earth, the most devout believers are found, this longing is finding expression.—A. T. Pierson.

THE FIELD.

Greeting.

DEAR brethren and sisters of the N. S. W. Conference: Among the changes that God in His providence permits in connection with His work, are many things that are unexpected and unexplained; and we wait to see the unfolding of His divine purpose in all these events. It is only in these changing providences that I am in this great field of labor at this time; and, with others, have come for service.

I rejoice to be here in this needy field, and to share with you some humble part in this closing work.

As I view this field, I see that it is indeed "white, all ready to harvest."

I also note with sadness that the laborers are few; but our God is able to do great things with weak and humble instruments, if they are very near to Him.

I desire to enlist my interest and efforts with yours in this great common cause, to do our utmost for the Master till this work shall close.

I am here to labor till the work is finished, or until He, in whose hand is the destiny of men and nations, shall call me to other fields.

I shall be pleased to meet you all as soon as consistent, and to become better acquainted as we labor on together.

We are now to enter new fields for aggressive work, and I would bespeak for each of the three tent companies your most earnest prayers for abundant success.

S. M. COBB.

THE SANITARIUM, WAHROONGA.

AT present the Sanitarium is enjoying a fair patronage of contented and appreciative patients. The gentlemen's baths have now been equipped and opened for treatments. This is much appreciated by the increasing number of gentleman patients.

The management was very pleased to entertain quite a number of the delegates and visitors in attendance at the Union Conference on their homeward journey. Their cheerful demeanor and encouraging words were a real inspiration and blessing to our family of workers and patients. We sincerely wish that it were possi-

ble to have the pleasure of a visit from all our people in Australasia and the Pacific Isles, that through personal touch and fraternal association the cords of love that already bind us together might be further strengthened. Our visitors are unanimous in their expressions of entire approval of the appointments of the Sanitarium in all of its interior arrangements, parlors, dining-room, sitting-rooms, bed-rooms, bath-rooms, verandahs, and with the general atmosphere of kindness and good cheer seen and felt among all the attendants.

But a shade of disappointment is clearly discernable upon all faces as they recognise how very much the building is suffering from want of paint, having at present only the priming coat: This subject was the topic of conversation at one of the tables a few days since, among the returning delegates, and without solicitation these friends in about five minutes' time donated the sum of eleven pounds to start a fund to paint the entire building. Their names will appear on the last page of the RECORD in the order in which they donated, Brother J. Gillespie introducing the plan and making the initiative gift. This will doubtless provoke many more to love and similar good works.

G. B. STARR.

Report from Gambier Islands.

DEAR brethren and sisters in the Australasian field: This is the first time my pen appears in your good paper, and I salute you with our Tahitian salutation, "Ia ora na," meaning "Life to you." How inspiring to know that this is spoken to us all daily from the Giver of life, and the gift is abundantly conveyed in the salutation. Especially does this mean much to us at such a time as this.

The general meeting in May, held at Papeete, was a great blessing to us as we met together from the different islands to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." The work of "Elijah the prophet" was done among us, after which we were able to go out "in the spirit and power of Elijah." The spirit of the Lord was strongly marked in our midst, in the straightening out of difficult matters. How thankful we were

to have with us Brother Gates with his sound wisdom and experience.

At the time of leaving here there was quite an interesting stir among the people concerning the truth, and it seemed an awkward time to leave, but the Lord had promised, "Neither shall any man desire thy land when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year."

As it was decided we should return here for a little while before going to Rarotonga to relieve Brother and Sister Piper, we sailed on the little Pitcairn cutter with fifteen people on board. The journey to Mangareva is nearly a thousand miles, but we arrived all safe and well. A vessel that sailed a few days before us encountered a terrific hurricane, and it was reported here we could not have survived it. A delay of four days' calm off Papeete saved us from running into the storm. Several water-spouts were seen seven miles distant from us, but "the Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth them that trust in Him." "He hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm. . . . He rebuketh the sea."

We found the interest here still going on in spite of the determined opposition and threats of the priests, and several came to us on our arrival saying they would like to "learn our religion." The intimidating work of the priests may hinder, for they carry out their threats, but the saving truth for this time is out, and "the zeal of the Lord of Hosts" is with it. We cannot stay, however, until these people decide, for "the King's commandment requireth haste."

A Catholic merchant whom I baptised a few days ago, said, "I have been waiting and looking for just such truths as you have shown me. Although I have met Seventh-day Adventists, they never told me these things." Is not this a sad rebuke? One day he noticed a melon in his store marked "L. X." He asked a Pitcairn girl whose it was. She replied "The Lord's." This bothered his mind for several days, and thus the way was prepared by the Lord for an explanation of His melon. Here again this brother was delighted at the wise provision made for the support of the church; so different from the methods of robbery and extortion employed by the Catholics and other churches. There are many intelligent minds like his alive on this question and ready to respond.

He sent me to-day \$50 (Chili) as "an offering to the good cause," and he is beginning to shape up his business so as to tithe his profits. A thoughtless remark of a girl brought this about, it being truth.

A few days ago I remarked before others, without expecting any effect from my words, "I will never dare trust myself again on the Pitcairn cutter while they hold their tithe on the island doing nothing. For 'ye are cursed with a curse' saith the Lord. I fully believe this will be carried out if not attended to, for 'there shall be delay no longer.'" Soon after this a Pitcairn sister brought me her tithe and offerings, also her children's. Following her example, others did the same, and as I am writing this, the gifts are coming in one after another. There are about twenty Pitcairn people visiting Mangarēva at present, some of whom are yielding to the pleadings of the Holy Spirit. God bless them all. They will be richly rewarded.

A touching incident occurred yesterday. A poor native Catholic woman came over the mountain with a bright new dollar, saying it was an "offering of love." Blessings are poured upon us abundantly. We have lacked nothing. We mean to keep them ever flowing to make room for more.

G. F. JONES,

Gambia Is., August 10, 1903.

Annual Report of the Echo Publishing Company.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Echo Publishing Co. was held on Monday evening, September 21, at 7 P. M. in the North Fitzroy Church. The church was well filled with the stockholders and others interested in the business of the publishing house. W. D. Salisbury, the manager, occupied the chair.

The Board of Directors nominated by the Australasian Union Conference was unanimously elected. The treasurer presented the yearly balance sheet, which showed a net profit above expenses of £196, which was encouraging in view of the drought and railway strike.

As reports of the year's work had already been given at the Union Conference, little was said on this point; the chief topic of interest being the suggested removal of the plant from Melbourne to some place in the country.

The chairman gave the reasons that led to the contemplation of such a move, and read selections from the "Testimonies" recently given on the point of our withdrawing our institutions as rapidly as possible from the cities. Certainly the Lord has never spoken more plainly on any matter than He has on this, and the future prosperity of our publishing work lies in our obedience to the instruction given.

The stockholders present showed no disposition to argue the question, and a set of resolutions empowering the Board of Directors to dispose of the present plant and establish another in some suitable country place was adopted without a dissenting voice, first, by the stockholders, and then by the entire congregation. It is surely a matter of rejoicing when the word of the Lord meets with such prompt, unquestioning obedience.

This move will cause the managers much anxiety, and they will need the prayers and practical sympathy of all our people. It is the intention of the Board to drop all commercial work, and devote their energies to our denominational work. This will make necessary a very careful adjustment of expenses, and close economy, that no additional indebtedness may be incurred.

The most practical way to show sympathy will be for all to redouble their efforts to dispose of the literature published by the Company. May the Lord incline the hearts of His people in this field towards the publishing house, that they may stand loyally by it in supporting it. Then it will prosper, and souls will be saved through the literature prepared by it.

The meeting was appropriately closed by the singing of the hymn, "We'll Live in Tents."

E. M. GRAHAM.

An Interesting Letter.

BROTHER PIKE, a self-supporting missionary who, with his wife and daughter, accepted the truth through reading some months ago, writes the following interesting letter to the secretary of the N. S. W. Tract Society:

Your letter was received yesterday, also the papers, for which I thank you. I should have acknowledged these before, but I have been laboring for God on the Tweed River during the last four weeks, only arriving here yesterday; hence the delay.

Our experiences are bright. We fully rest

our weight on the precious truth, seeing that it brings us to a high standing; and thus, with thankful hearts to God for the light given us, we devote all our time to His service. I visit nearly every home where I travel. I find many anxious seekers for light on the Word of God. Large fields of labor await the willing worker.

While on the Tweed I visited a sugar plantation where some two hundred South Sea Islanders are employed. I was invited to hold services in the Methodist Church. A large percentage of the Islanders came, and as we spoke and sang of the second coming of Christ and His kingdom restored, they seemed to drink in the words of truth, and new light seemed to shine on them. Their very eyes sparkled with joy. We had a blessed time, and I feel sure that God will bless that service to many.

I shall make every effort to be present at your next annual camp-meeting. Kindly let us know when and where it will be held, with full particulars.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

THE exercises in connection with the graduation of the nurses' class of 1903 were held in the Sanitarium parlor on the evening of September 17.

The night was stormy without, thus preventing many friends in Sydney and suburbs from attending, but all was light and comfort within. The opening prayer was offered by Pastor G. Teasdale.

Appropriate addresses were given by Drs. D. H. and Lauretta Kress, Geo. A. Irwin, and John A. Burden.

Two finely executed violin solos were contributed by Miss Muriel Hall, emphasising in a most decided manner the possibilities of powers which, but for proper culture, might through life remain latent, a loss both to the possessor and to mankind. Mr. A. E. MacDonald, at present with Mrs. MacDonald a member of our family, kindly contributed a vocal solo entitled, "Anchored."

The members of the class who have devoted the entire two years' time required, and passed satisfactorily the examinations, are as follows: Ethelbert Ellis Thorpe, South Australia; Lily Williams, New South Wales; Edgar Charles Davey, South Australia; Frederick Redward, New Zealand; Bertha Ford, New Zealand; Mareta Sara Young, Pitcairn Island; and Eva Elizabeth Hodge, Victoria. We were all made sad by the death of Miss Hodge, August 28, just at the completion of her course. Quick consumption which she had inherited accomplished its rapid and destructive work in the brief space of a few

weeks, in spite of all that medical skill and loving attention could do to counteract its influence. She sleeps at Avondale School cemetery until Jesus comes.

Mr. Thorpe and Miss Williams have completed a six months' additional course, and Mr. Davey has taken up healthful cookery, and is at present giving daily evidence upon our tables of proficiency and faithfulness in this line.

Dr. Laretta Kress stated in her class history that the graduates had passed satisfactory examinations in healthful living, including best conditions for maintaining health, rest, exercise, sleep, diet, mental condition, surgical, office, and general nursing, electricity, its production and use, massage, diseases of men, women, and children. Nature studies from a Bible standpoint, including the laws of God, moral, mental, and physical, and the restorative grace of God as seen in the gospel of Jesus for the recovery of the entire being, have been given due prominence throughout the course.

The class at present are all employed in the Sanitarium, but calls have already been made for them to occupy other fields of usefulness. Miss Young will take up work in the Pacific Islands, for which she has a burden and special fitness.

Pastor Irwin emphasised the call in all departments of life for trained help.

The chairman called attention to the fact that "Commencement Exercises," the name applied to graduating services, was to impress upon those who had completed a stipulated course of study, that their real work and life study was but commencing, and that the only possible way to retain what we had gained was to add daily to it by the improvement of all our powers; that the skilled hand, mind, or muscle soon lost their power and cunning by inactivity.

The enrolment of the class now in training, who have passed one year of their course, and anticipate graduating in 1904, is as follows: Esther Kelly Anderson, Hilda May Burgess, Lydia Crase, Elsie Sophia Davey, Laura Mary Harker, Eleanor Maud Krentzberg, Jane McCullough, Anna Amelia Nordstrom, Jane Price, Mary Alice Rigby, Ellen Rigby.

A new class is being formed by selecting from the many applicants those who by priority and general

fitness are entitled to enter. This class will be organised about October 1, 1903. Thus it will be seen that the Sanitarium is an educational centre, a real school for medical missionaries, as well as a home for invalids.

In another article we will report some of the active missionary operations being conducted by Sanitarium workers in Sydney and suburbs.

G. B. STARR.

EDUCATIONAL.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF AVONDALE SCHOOL.

THE past two years represent a time of prosperity for the Avondale School in almost every department of the work. It has been the constant aim to continue to develop the different phases of the school in harmony with the special instruction that has been received through the Spirit of Prophecy for the guidance of this institution.

Accordingly the work has been strengthened in the following lines: The missionary spirit has been fostered by the conducting of weekly missionary meetings at such an hour that all could attend. All the missionary work of the school is conducted and reported through the society. The meetings have consisted of instruction in methods of labor, biographies of noted missionaries, reports of personal work, reports from the field in general, wrapping and mailing of papers, etc. We believe these meetings have been a great blessing to the students by keeping their missionary zeal aglow, and instructing them in methods of missionary work and missionary meetings.

The estate and buildings have been improved considerably during the two years. About fifteen acres of land have been prepared for cultivation, and tools, machinery, and horses have been purchased for the farm. Tools and equipment have been provided for the industrial departments, well-bred cattle have been purchased for the dairy, and minor improvements have been added to all the buildings on the estate, besides painting the school building. The boat has been built,

and desks, matting, maps, books, piano, etc., have been procured to aid in the regular teaching work. The orchard has been drained, and about five acres have been planted with orange, mandarin, and ornamental trees and grape vines.

In the industrial department, more or less instruction has been given in farming and allied industries, sewing, cooking, bee culture, carpentry, broom-making, printing, and simple treatments. It is hoped to enlarge still further these industries the coming year, and to give more attention to the educational phase of each.

Financially the school has prospered. During 1902 a substantial gain was made in operating, and the prospect is that it will at least clear expenses this year. It ought not to be a difficult thing for the school to pay its own way and make needed improvements after the debt has once been liquidated. During the two years, one-half of the indebtedness has been paid by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." This has relieved the financial stringency of the school and reduced the amount of interest, which money may, in the future, be used for needed improvements.

Considering the severe drought that has reigned throughout Australia during the greater part of the biennial period, the school farm has produced abundant crops of nearly all kinds of cereals, fruits, and vegetables. This has been a wonderful verification of the Lord's promise concerning the Avondale School farm, and demonstrates beyond doubt the wisdom of locating on this ground.

The attendance in 1903 has been the second largest since the opening of the school, and is an increase of forty-six over 1902. A spirit of work and sobriety has characterised the students during the past year, and we trust as many shall go either to their homes or into some active branch of the Lord's work, that they may be as lights in their various spheres to lead souls to Christ.

C. W. IRWIN.

GOOD DEEDS SHOW LOVE.

"WORSHIP God by doing good,
Help the suffering in their needs.
He who loves God as he should
Makes his heart's love understood
By his deeds."

OUR CANVASSERS.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

New South Wales.

AUGUST, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i> —		
A. E. Hodgkison, Collarenebri.....	18	£20 3 0
G. Wood, Walgett.....	6	9 5 3
A. Reekie, Braidwood.....	17	14 9 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
C. S. Badger, Raymond Terrace.....	33	36 0 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
G. Ryder, Corowa.....	21	9 6 6
E. C. Harlow, Nowra.....	44	18 12 6
H. Blunden, Gosford.....	10	5 0 0
Frank Hedges, Narrabri.....	15	8 3 6
Miss C. Allum, Forster.....	17	6 17 6
Andrew Potter, Narrandera.....	34	17 16 0
M. A. Connell, Delegate.....	2	1 1 0
A. G. Baker, Bombala.....	2	1 10 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
J. Mitchell-May, Nambucca River.....	2	3 13 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
M. A. Connell, Delegate.....	5	7 10 0
A. G. Baker, Bombala.....	1	2 0 0
Mrs. Reekie, Braidwood.....	2	3 0 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. Reekie, Braidwood.....	3	3 6 0
Miss E. Adcock, Coogee.....	12	14 12 6
<i>Sunshine</i> —		
Miss E. Misson, Strathfield.....	8	2 0 9
<i>Miscellaneous</i> —		
Mrs. C. Sydney.....	7	6 2 0
Various Workers.....	7	12 0 0
	266	£202 8 9

Victoria.

AUGUST, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
G. Burgess, Wangaratta.....	34	£52 0 0
L. Currow, Dunkeld.....	24	41 0 0
(Other books).....	3	3 7 6
J. B. Anderson, Pakenham.....	2	3 0 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
J. F. Ward, Colac.....	13	16 10 0
J. H. Vernon, Camperdown.....	6	8 0 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
B. Judge, Ballarat Dist.....	15	6 16 6
W. Ryder, Ballarat Dist.....	14	5 17 0
<i>Bible Readings</i> —		
Mrs. L. J. Lear, Auburn.....	10	7 18 6
Miscellaneous.....	34	26 8 6
	155	£170 18 0

Tasmania.

AUGUST, 1903

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Coming King</i> —		
T. Howse, Sheffield Dist.....	25	£10 0 6
N. Kennon, Sheffield Dist.....	8	4 1 0
Miss E. Voss, Sheffield Dist.....	16	6 18 0
Miss M. Voss, Sheffield Dist.....	19	9 1 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
Mr. R. K. Young, Ulverstone, Dist.....	12	14 5 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
Miss E. M. Hawkins, Latrobe.....	6	3 7 6
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
Miscellaneous.....	15	24 10 0
	101	£72 3 6

New Zealand.

AUGUST, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Coming King</i> —		
D. M. Adam, Wellington.....	12	£ 5 11 0
Miss M. Hamilton, Hawkes Bay.....	2	15 0
G. F. Hansford, Palmerston North.....	3	1 8 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
W. H. Pascoe, Auckland.....	18	20 5 0
A. Bathgate, Auckland.....	8	10 10 0
C. Reynolds, Christchurch.....	3	4 5 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
Mrs. M. Hamilton, Hawkes Bay.....	41	63 0 0
W. H. Pascoe, Auckland.....	1	1 10 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. M. Masters, Auckland.....	10	10 15 0
W. H. Pascoe, Auckland.....	1	1 0 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
G. F. Hansford, Palmerston N.....	28	33 12 6
W. H. Pascoe, Auckland.....	7	7 0 0
D. M. Adam, Wellington.....	1	1 0 0
<i>Patriarchs & Prophets</i> —		
W. W. Ward, Wanganui.....	7	4 17 6
<i>Signs sales</i>	142	£165 9 6
<i>Good Health</i> subscriptions.....		2805
		40

South Australia.

AUGUST, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
Mrs. Arnold, Petersburg.....	5	£ 8 13 6
Miss Roesner, Petersburg.....	8	11 19 0
Miss Gunther, Wallaroo.....	18	21 12 0
Miss B. Davey, Wallaroo.....	7	10 1 6
Miss Goodhart, Petersburg.....	2	2 13 6
A. H. White, Saddleworth.....	6	7 13 6
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
J. E. Steed, Cockburn.....	31	49 19 0
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —		
Miss Davey, Woodville.....	4	1 8 0
Miss Goodhart, Petersburg.....	14	3 7 0
Miss Roesner, Petersburg.....	8	2 2 0
Mrs. Arnold, Petersburg.....	6	1 13 0
Miss Gunther, Wallaroo.....	29	8 0 6
Miss Davey, Wallaroo.....	19	4 17 6
Miscellaneous.....		10 12 0
		157
		£145 16 0

West Australia.

AUGUST, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
E. Cleal, Bayswater.....	19	£19 0 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
F. Masters, Coolgardie.....	42	51 4 6
(Other books).....	25	25 7 6
R. A. Caldwell, Cottesloe.....	19	23 15 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —		
T. Whittle, Boulder.....	39	30 18 6
(other books).....	2	2 0 0
		146
		£152 5 6

Queensland.

AUGUST, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
A. Costello, Cairns.....	35	59 10 0
R. Reekie, Mackay.....	40	63 10 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. Start, Townsville.....	7	7 7 6
Mrs. Kemsley, Charter's Towers.....		3 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —		
W. Patava, Nanango.....	5	3 10 6
B. Cozens, Nanango.....	2	1 12 0
<i>Dan. & Rev. & House We Live In</i> —		
Miss Laurjesson, Childers.....	14	4 0 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
N. Kemsley, Charter's Towers.....	13	6 18 6
Miss H. Patava, Crow's Nest.....	13	4 13 6
	129	£151 5 0

Totals for August, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
New South Wales.....	266	£202 8 9
Tasmania.....	101	72 3 6
Victoria.....	155	170 18 0
West Australia.....	146	152 5 6
South Australia.....	157	145 16 0
New Zealand.....	142	165 9 6
Queensland.....	129	151 5 0
Grand Total.....	1096	1066 6 3

JUBILEE SERVICE.

THE Maitland Church, having completed its quota in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," recognised the helping hand of the Lord by a series of special services.

The hall was tastefully decorated, and on Sabbath evening we held our first service. The subject considered was, "Proclamation of Liberty to those that are Bound," and was based on Lev. 25 and Isa. 61:1. Sabbath morning we enjoyed a special season of refreshing, the leading thought being, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin." In response to an appeal, the whole congregation arose, expressing their desire for a closer walk with God and freedom from sin. In the afternoon it was shown that diligent Bible study and communion with God in prayer are absolutely necessary in order to be kept from corruption and death.

On Sunday afternoon an interesting programme was rendered. The services had been advertised, and there was a good attendance from the outside. The object of the gathering was explained, followed by "The Early Experiences of Avondale School," by a pioneer student. "The Avondale School of To-day" was next described by one of this year's students. Calendars of the school were distributed among the visitors, thus enabling them to see the pictures of the buildings as they were being described.

The book "Christ's Object Lessons," and its relation to the Avondale School, was shown, and leaflets describing it distributed. With some very good experiences of the brethren in their work of selling the book, the programme was concluded. Duets and several songs by the children added much to the occasion. A very impressive sermon was preached in the evening on the "Nearness of the End." Thus closed a very profitable and enjoyable season. We had the assistance of Brother and Sister McElhaney in

these services, which was much appreciated. The brethren are of good courage in the Lord, and have by no means laid aside their armor, but are now ready to help other churches in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Additional orders have been secured for the book, bringing our sales up to near 200 copies. Our quota was 170 copies.
G. W. TADICH.

The Sabbath-school and Our Young People.

The Young People's Work.

AT the General Conference two years ago the foundation was laid for an organised movement on behalf of our young people. Later the General Conference Committee connected this work with the Sabbath-school department. A very simple plan of organisation was outlined. This connects the entire movement with the church by placing it under the direction of the church and Sabbath-school officers. The societies have almost universally adopted the plan suggested. There is not a wonderful growth to report, yet surely a substantial beginning has been made. We have an actual record of 186 societies, with a membership of 3,478.

The conviction is deepening that our young people have been called to do a definite work. The avowed aim of the young people's organisation is declared to be, "The advent message to all the world in this generation." Faithful endeavor has been made to bring the work up to a high standard.

We are glad to report that some magnificent work has been done by our young people's societies. Their efforts have extended into almost every line of missionary work. Books, tracts, and papers have been sold; branch Sabbath-schools held; jail work done; Christian help work of all kinds undertaken; Bible readings and cottage meetings conducted; money collected for church debts, church repairs, and local missionary enterprises. The young people of Iowa have collected £74 9s 6d in support of the work in France; the Battle Creek society raised a fund of over £80 for the purpose of supporting one of their number in the Syrian

field; the Upper Columbia societies are supporting a native missionary in China. In the aggregate the societies have accomplished much that is worthy of commendation, for which we can all rejoice.—*Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, in General Conference Bulletin.*

REPORT OF "YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION BAND," STANMORE.

SINCE its formation different members of the society have conducted weekly meetings.

The young women and children have visited the hospital, and have given away about 300 small bunches of flowers on text cards. These have been greatly appreciated by the sufferers, and we pray that the texts may be the means of some poor soul realising the love of their Saviour.

The young men have been engaged in distributing literature on the ships. Over 100 copies have been thankfully accepted, and we feel that this is a most important work, which will carry the last warning message to distant lands.

The selling of the special *Signs* was the means of much spiritual blessing to those who took an active part in the work. Over 300 copies were sold, and we are pleased to say that after paying expenses, we have 16/- in hand, 12/- of which we are donating to the educational fund for an island missionary.

Several of the band have been engaged in corresponding with young people of distant fields, and as a result we have been pleased to welcome several new members.

Our band at present numbers forty, and for convenience has been organised into six small companies.

"The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him."—HAROLD SHARP,
Secretary.

LET us bear in mind that our Sabbath-school donations for this quarter are to be used in defraying the expense of publishing an abridged edition of "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" in the Rarotongan tongue, and "Christ Our Saviour" in the Tahitian language. Our brethren who are carrying the burden of the work in these islands feel the need of literature on present truth in these native tongues, and the opportunity now comes to us to help in supplying this need.

Missionary Work.

HOPE FOR THE HELPLESS.

Written by a soldier in prison for drunkenness.

LORD God, Thou lettest the green things start,
A new life every year;
Out of their sunken selves they rise
Erect and sweet and clear;
Behold the lily's pure white leaves
Unfolding by each mere!

Again the sap mounts in the fir,
Through every swelling vein;
Again the clover stirs and thrills
Responsive to the rain;
Again the tender grass makes green
The lone breast of the plain.

Hark to the golden flood of song
The lark pours to the blue!
Behold the strong undaunted shoot
Pushing its brave front through
The fallen trees! Lord God, Lord God,
Let me begin anew!

Out of my own self let me rise!
For God, if it can be,
A new and nobler growth may rise
From your decaying tree,
Surely a strong, pure life may mount
Out of this life in me!

A MEETING WITH THE MAORIES.

SISTER ANNIE HILL, in writing from a northern district of New Zealand to the tract society office in that State, gives the following interesting account of her work among the Maories:—

You want to know more about my work among the Maories. Last Sunday the Maori minister was out of the district, so when I got over to the Kopua, a Maori who talks English well said it was useless for me to hold a Sunday-school, as the minister was away, and there was no one else to interpret. I said that we could make the attempt, and that I had some pictures to show them. He soon brought a Maori who was visiting that part, and who speaks English well, saying, "He can talk." A boy rang the bell, and the whole settlement, numbering forty, followed us into the place of meeting.

I asked them to sing a Maori hymn which they did very well; then I prayed, after which I gave them a lesson on the birth of Christ, through the interpreter. They were eager listeners, and reached forth for the smaller pictures to see them more closely. I asked where Christ was before He came to this earth, and one said, "With God the Father." In answer to where was Christ born, a woman said, "Bethlehem." After the lesson, I asked them to sing again, and then I closed with prayer. The Maori who would not consent to interpret for me said how much he had enjoyed the meeting, and thanked me for coming, and asked me to come again next Sunday. I wonder that I have not thought of teaching the Maories before. I just long for next

Sunday to come, so I can give them more of the good news. When they saw me coming last Sunday, the boys were playing cricket, but they soon left off, and when I got there, they were all seated in a row. I quite expected to have some discomforts to put up with, but I find none whatever. I think I told you that they all remove their boots as they enter.

Sister Hill says she wonders that she had not thought of teaching the Maories before. When it did occur to her, and the Lord laid the burden upon her, we are glad to know that she embraced the opportunity, and has been richly blessed in so doing. Perhaps the example of Sister Hill will suggest to others among our young people opportunities within their reach of carrying the good news of a Saviour's love and His soon coming.

HOW THE EUGOWRA COMPANY RECEIVED THE LIGHT.

SOME seven or eight years ago, one of our agents sold a copy of the "Great Controversy" to a farmer in the Eugowra district. This man read the book, and was led to further investigation, which resulted in his taking his stand for the truth. This brother began at once to publish what great things the Lord had done for him, and although no immediate results appeared in his neighborhood, five members of one family with whom he was in communication twenty miles away soon embraced the message. But the heaven was working in his own home and neighborhood, and one after another stepped out into the light, until now there is a company of twenty adult members, besides youth and children, whose feet are firmly planted on the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

About a year ago Pastor Tenney visited this company, and spent a fortnight with them, baptising those who were then ready for that ordinance, organising a Sabbath-school, and building them up generally. Last March Pastor Woodford made them a visit of a few days, further instructing them. With the exception of these two brief visits from conference laborers, they have stood quite alone. Their letters are always full of courage and thanksgiving. They have been faithful in the payment of tithes and liberal in offerings, having just raised £5 toward the New South Wales Endowed Bed at the Sanitarium.

As they have grown out of their places of meeting in the homes of the

members, they felt the necessity of erecting a meeting house. This is now well on the way, and they hope to complete it in the course of a few weeks. The land with all the material and labor has been donated, so there will be no indebtedness on the property when finished.

They are looking forward to a visit from one of our ministers at the dedication of the building. Five adults are also awaiting baptism at that time.

No doubt many engaged in the canvassing work are tempted to think that small results follow their labors. To such this brief history of the Eugowra company will be a source of encouragement. We would be glad to hear from the agent who sold the "Great Controversy" in that district some seven or eight years ago, and to know whether he considers himself repaid for the efforts put forth in that place.

Notes and Personals.

BROTHER J. N. McElhanev and wife, and Brother F. W. Paap and family have gone to Taree on the Manning River, New South Wales, to conduct a series of tent meetings. Let us pray for this effort.

PASTOR E. W. Farnsworth, J. M. Johanson, and Sister Graham are planning to attend the West Australian Conference and camp-meeting to be held early in October. Sister Graham is now in Melbourne on her way to the West.

PASTOR G. B. Starr and wife have been employed by the New South Wales Conference to engage in evangelistic work in Sydney and suburbs. We welcome Brother and Sister Starr to this field again, and trust that their efforts in this large centre may be greatly blessed.

DURING the month of August the sale of the *Signs* was increased in the New Zealand Conference by 678 copies. In writing of this, one of the secretaries in the tract society office says, "We thank God that our hearts have been stirred to help in this matter, and that He has blessed so wonderfully."

ON September 15, two days after the Conference closed, Pastor Nellis and family and Pastor Quinn and wife left Sydney on the *Koonoowarra* for Queensland. After having been so long without ministerial help, we are sure that the Queensland Conference will extend a very hearty welcome to these laborers.

WE quote the following from the London *Missionary Worker*: "Elder William Knight, of Hull, who has been laboring in Australia for some time, has returned to England, and expects to take up work in this field. We extend to him a hearty welcome, and trust his coming may be a blessing both to himself and to the work here."

BROTHER WALLDORFF sailed from Sydney, September 22, for his new field of labor in West Australia. When the needs of that field were presented at the last General Conference in America, Brother Walldorff felt the burden laid upon him to labor there, and when asked by the Union Conference to go to the West, he felt very clear in responding.

MRS. SKADSHEIM, who has lately come to this field from America, has been employed by the New South Wales Conference to engage in the sale of the *Signs* and *Good Health* in Sydney. Sister Skadsheim has felt a special burden for the thousands in the large cities who are yet unwarned, and has taken up the periodical work as a means of reaching these. We feel thankful that the Lord is laying the burden of this work upon some, and hope that many others may be led to join the ranks.

THE *Manapouri*, which sailed for Fiji September 23, carried Pastor Fulton, Brother Lou Currow and family, Eva Edwards, and Sybil Read to their field of labor. Brother Fulton's family did not accompany him, as it has been arranged for him to return to Australia as Bible teacher to the Avondale School for the coming year. Sister Sybil Read, who has been in attendance at the School, goes to join Brother and Sister Parker in their work. Let us pray for these dear laborers that their health may be precious in the sight of the Lord, and that He may abundantly bless their efforts.

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CONSECRATION puts all upon the altar, and vigilance keeps it there. We must not only become earnest, but must remain so.—*Selected.*

THE General Conference and Review and Herald Publishing Association have secured for their general offices for one year a building known as the Washington House, located at 222 Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

PASTOR IRWIN left Sydney, September 21, for Melbourne, to attend the annual meeting of the Echo Publishing Company, and to counsel with the brethren there regarding the important changes contemplated in the location and work of the Echo Office as presented at the Union Conference.

WE extend a hearty invitation to all conference laborers, tract society workers, and to all others connected with the various branches of our work, to remember the RECORD, and send in frequent reports of your work. We are very desirous of making this a *worker's* paper, and to have all lines of work and all parts of the field well represented in its columns. At the Union Conference we were brought in close touch with the work all over the field through the many good reports presented at that time, and we have been greatly encouraged and built up as we have seen how the Lord has been at work throughout the field. Now if all will take a burden to see their portion of

the vineyard well represented, and all will take and read the RECORD, we can be kept in touch with the work in its onward march. We thank you in anticipation for your co-operation in this respect, feeling confident that we shall have it.

Sanitarium Painting, Fire-protection, and Equipment Fund.

THE opening of this fund was suggested by delegates from the various State conferences, who visited the Sanitarium, and approved by the Union Conference Committee and Board of Management.

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G.B. Starr & wife, Sanitarium ..	2 0 0
G.A. Irwin & wife	5 0 0
W.D. Salisbury & wife, Melbourne	1 0 0
Robt. Hare	10 0
Chas. Steele	2 2 0
J.A. Burden & wife, Sanitarium ..	2 0 0

THE REMOVAL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS.

AS WE found nothing in the vicinity of New York City to meet the instructions given us, and as we were directed to study the advantages of Washington, some members of the committee went to Washington. We had not looked about the place long before there began to steal over us a conviction that Washington might be the place for our headquarters. The longer we continued our search, the deeper this conviction grew. Soon after our visit there, we received additional light as seen from the following statement in a communication from Sister White:—

From the light given me, I know that, for the present, the headquarters of the *Review and Herald* should be near Washington, D.C. It will be seen that we are not ashamed to let our lights shine. Let the publishing house be established near Washington. Thus we shall show that we are trying to do what God has bidden us do to proclaim the last message of mercy to a perishing world.

At the beginning of our search we were instructed to give different places diligent and prayerful study, and were assured that the Lord would make the way plain. This was fulfilled.

According to the Testimonies sent us, we were to be located where we could have the Washington, D. C., imprint on our books and papers, and

yet we were to be in a rural place, where we could have land enough for sanitarium and agricultural purposes. We were not a little perplexed to know how we could combine all these points with our limited resources. But we told the Lord that it was He who had directed us to leave Battle Creek, and that when He did so He knew the very spot on which we should locate, and we earnestly prayed Him to guide us to it.

We were not left long in perplexity. We found a tract of fifty acres just outside the District, but within the city limits of Takoma Park, that we could purchase for £1,200. We found that some years ago it was selected by a Boston physician for a sanitarium site, who is said to have expended about £12,000 in the purchase price and clearing, but financial difficulties prevented him from carrying out his plans, and the tract passed into the hands of a gentleman who held a mortgage on it, at a cost to him of £3,000.

This will place us within seven miles of the nation's capitol, with both railway and street-car advantages. It will give us the Washington imprint, and a thoroughly rural location, with land enough for a sanitarium and a school.

In all our travels and searching, we found no other spot that filled so fully the specifications of the Testimonies as this one. As we study the surroundings, advantages, and possibilities of Washington as a place in which to operate, the conviction grows upon us that the Lord is preparing the way for the accomplishment of a great work. In one of the Testimonies sent to us regarding the location, there is pointed out the similarity between the conditions existing in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and those existing in Washington at this time when the latter rain should be poured out. Surely the time has come for the Lord to do great things in the earth. It is our fervent desire and most earnest prayer that this move may mark a new era in the history of this cause. We are looking to the Lord for this, and we believe that it will be even so. God has set His hand to finish the work. He is leading on to victory.

A. G. DANIELLS.

“AND this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.”