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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest"

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## The Three Messages

These words said the Master, "I'm coming again,  
That with Me My people for ever may reign;  
That they may be ready My coming to see,  
I send forth My angels with messages three."

The first with this message was sent through the land:  
"Fear God, and give glory; His judgment's at hand;  
And worship the Maker of earth, sea, and sky,  
And the fountains of waters, who ruleth on high."

The second this message of woe did repeat:  
"The church is not ready her Master to greet;  
She's fallen, backslidden, departed from heaven,  
And her love to earth's kings has unlawfully given."

The third message follows, the last to be given,  
To point, once again, dying sinners to heaven:  
"If any the beast or his image adore,  
On him shall God's judgments abide evermore."

The law of the Father, the faith of the Son,  
Must be kept by the church all united as one;  
The mark of rebellion refuse to receive;  
Be sealed with God's seal, and eternally live. — G. W. Page.

"If we go to life's battle expecting to fall, we are almost sure to fall; but if, on the other hand, we expect the all-sufficient grace of Christ to deliver us, we will rise above every difficulty, and climb the mountain height of the Christ-life."

## The Church's Great Need

(Concluded.)

WE are in the great day of atonement, when our sins are, by confession and repentance, to go beforehand to judgment. God does not now accept a tame, spiritless testimony from His ministers. Such a testimony would not be present truth. The message for this time must be meat in due season to feed the church of God. But Satan has been seeking gradually to rob this message of its power, that the people may not be prepared to stand in the day of the Lord.

In 1844 our great High Priest entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, to begin the work of investigative judgment. The cases of the righteous dead have been passing in review before God. When that work shall be completed, judgment is to be pronounced upon the living. How precious, how important are these solemn moments! Each of us has a case pending in the court of heaven. We are individually to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. In the typical service, when the work of atonement was performed by the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary, the people were required to afflict their souls before God, and confess their sins, that they might be atoned for and be blotted out. Will any less be required of us in this anti-typical day of atonement, when Christ in the sanctuary above is pleading in

behalf of His people, and the final, irrevocable decision is to be pronounced upon every case?

What is our condition in this fearful and solemn time? Alas, what pride is prevailing in the church, what hypocrisy, what deception, what love of dress, frivolity, and amusement, what desire for the supremacy? All these sins have clouded the mind, so that eternal things have not been discerned. Shall we not search the Scriptures, that we may know where we are in this world's history? Shall we not become intelligent in regard to the work that is being accomplished for us at this time, and the position that we as sinners should occupy while this work of atonement is going forward? If we have any regard for our soul's salvation, we must make a decided change. We must seek the Lord with true penitence; we must with deep contrition of soul confess our sins, that they may be blotted out.

We must no longer remain upon the enchanted ground. We are fast approaching the close of our probation. Let every soul inquire, How do I stand before God? We know not how soon our cases will be finally decided. What, O what will these decisions be? Shall we be counted with the righteous, or shall we be numbered with the wicked?

Let the church arise, and repent of her backslidings before God. Let the watchmen awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound. It is a definite warning that we have to pro-

claim. God commands His servants: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." The attention of the people must be gained; unless this can be done, all effort is useless; though an angel from heaven should come down and speak to them, his words would do no more good than if he were speaking into the cold ear of death. The church must arouse to action. The Spirit of God can never come in until she prepares the way. There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united, persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God. There should be, not a clothing of the body with sackcloth, as in ancient times, but a deep humiliation of soul. We have not the first reason for self-congratulation and self-exaltation. We should humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. He will appear to comfort and bless the true seekers.

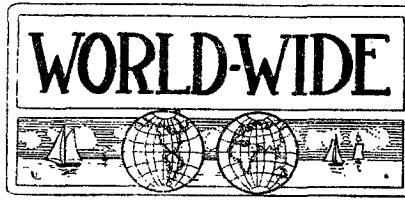
The work is before us; will we engage in it? We must work fast, we must go steadily forward. We must be preparing for the great day of the Lord. We have no time to lose, no time to be engaged in selfish purposes. The world is to be warned. What are we doing as individuals to bring the light before others? God has left to every man his work; everyone has a part to act, and we cannot neglect this work except at the peril of our souls.

O my brethren, will you grieve the Holy Spirit, and cause it to depart? Will you shut out the blessed Saviour, because you are unprepared for His presence? Will you leave souls to perish without the knowledge of the truth, because you love your ease too well to bear the burden that Jesus bore for you? Let us awake out of sleep. "Be sober, be vigilant; because the adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

We have a general who never lost a battle. Have faith in God, and we shall gain the victory.—E. G. W.

We must believe at every step, and talk courage and hope. Light, precious light, is for the people of God who will see it.—E. G. W.



THREE baptismal services have been held this year in Nyassaland, Africa, fifty-eight souls thus being rescued from heathenism.

In the European Division there were 1,397 received during the second quarter of 1911 by baptism, and 230 by vote on profession of faith and previous baptism.

Two hundred and fifty members were taken into the church by baptism in the Little Russian field during the past two years. Ten new churches have been organized recently, making the number of churches twenty, and the membership 514.

At Meiktila, in northern Burma, an industrial school has been started. Money has been raised in Burma to buy the land and put up the buildings, which are now being erected. A mission house for the teacher in charge of the school will soon be built.

In the Caucasus there are eleven million people, speaking forty different languages. A small beginning has been made in giving the truth among the Germans, Russians, and Armenians. The time has come when the gospel must be carried to the Caucasian people in their own tongues. One hundred and twenty were baptized in that field during the first half of 1911.

TWENTY new sites for placing village schools have been found on the border of Portuguese territory, in Africa, among the Anguru tribe, probably the largest tribe in that section. Two only of these can be occupied at present. From another direction night schools were called for, and five of them have been opened. From still another quarter a request came for three schools; one has been opened, and the other two will be opened later.

PASTOR W. F. HILLS and wife left San Francisco, September 27, for China, sailing on a new Japanese steamer which is making its first trip. Brother and Sister Hills have been enabled to go to China through the liberality of a brother in Southern California, who offered to pay the transportation and support for one year of a man and his wife in China, therefore making it possible to answer one of the many pressing calls from that needy field.

WORD has come from Brother Henry Dirksen of the entrance made by himself and Brother Oster into ancient Persia. Brother Dirksen says: "Coming from Baku, Russia, and passing hoary Mount Ararat, and the plain at its base, where Noah is said to have planted his vineyard, Brother Oster and I crossed the boundary here at Djinfa, May 18. We are now settled in Uremia City."

PASTOR BECKNER, of Trinidad, reports: "I baptized eight in Port-of-Spain, on August 5, nine more at Guaico, twenty-eight miles east, on the 13th, and have twelve more awaiting baptism on the 20th, at Aronca. Nine are waiting also on the island of Saint Vincent."

### Along Alaska's Seacoast

A BOAT has recently been built, power-driven, with sleeping accommodation for six persons, bath-room, toilet, medicine and emergency-case, and room for two or three tons of freight, for carrying a stock of books and papers. This boat is of special design, and being well built, will withstand the roughest seas. In it Brother F. M. Temple plans to spend another year along the coast of Southern Alaska, and then work along the coast toward Nome, a distance of about three thousand miles. He deals with a floating population of all nationalities, —a rough, hardy class of fishermen, miners, and trappers.

In ignorance I thought,

In silly fear and foolishness and dread,  
God doth remember all the sins I wrought,  
And doth forget how needy is my lot.

But, lo, instead,

When I His message read,

I found it was my needs on which He thought,

My sins that He, because of Christ, forgot!  
—Anna Temple.



### The Beramba Mission

THE readers of the RECORD will be interested to hear that action was taken at our recent council to open up work among the aboriginals. On November 4, Brother P. B. Rudge left by the *Cooma* for Queensland, to connect with the work at Beramba, where we expect to enter first upon the work among the aboriginals. We believe that the sympathies and prayers of all our people throughout Australasia will go out to Brother Rudge in this new undertaking, that the Lord will give Brother and Sister Rudge the wisdom and strength required for this new line of effort.

At the time of the Queensland camp-meeting, Pastor Teasdale, Brother Cooper, and myself had an interview with Mr. Richard B. Howard, Chief Protector of the Aboriginals, who received us very kindly and gave us much information with reference to the aboriginals. He had heard of the work carried on by Sister Ruth Cozens in the teaching of the Sunday-school at the Beramba Settlement, and was pleased with the work done, and said that he would do all that he could to help us.

The way, therefore, seems open before us, and we believe that this door has been opened by Providence, that we should enter upon the work that has for a long time been neglected by us. Why should these thousands of neglected natives of Australia be passed by when they are in such great need of the blessed truth? The third angel's message is to gather out a people from nations, kindreds, and tribes, and we believe that in the great day a few even of the poor blacks of Australia will swell that throng who sing the song of triumph. We therefore bespeak on Brother and Sister Rudge's behalf the prayers of God's people, that they may be guided to settle in just the right place, and that they may be given wisdom to know just how to take up the work among these people.

J. E. FULTON.

— "TRUE nobility is neglect of self."

### Sourabaya, Java

WE have a young brother with us here who could write some very interesting letters for the RECORD were he not prevented by a natural bashfulness, coupled with an incomplete knowledge of English. Lately he has begun giving Bible studies, and finds that he continually improves with practice, so that there is every hope of his becoming a very useful worker later on.

Not long ago we all went to a Chinese wedding. Brother Keng was apart from the rest of us, and, being a Chinese, heard some conversation concerning us.

"Why were these Christian people invited to the wedding?" asked one.

"It would be far better to have Chinese only at the wedding," said another, anxious to preserve unmixed the ancient customs of China.

"Still," said another, "the Christian doctrine is very good teaching."

"There are many things about the Christian doctrine which Chinamen would all do well to understand," said still another, and this speaker was Brother Keng.

"For instance," continued Brother Keng, "we Chinese arrange our marriages purely from a standpoint of gaining influence in this present world. With a Christian marriage, now, it is quite different. A Christian looks forward to a life to come, and marries somebody that will help him to serve God here below, and praise God in the earth made new."

These new ideas created quite a stir, and the matter ended by Brother Keng's being invited home by one of the guests to have a Bible study.

Mr. Keng, for that is his name, now comes to our house for studies, and expresses himself as being anxious to join us as soon as possible. He says that the Christian teaching is quite new to him, but he feels sure that he will be able to understand it in a short time.

This is only one incident which shows the advantage a native worker has over a foreigner. We hope the Lord will give us plenty of young men like these, to carry the message in their own country.

KENELM HUNGERFORD.

— "THE working world understands that the man who really knows things is the man who can do things."



WHAT to us is gibe or frown?  
What have we to cast us down?  
Soul! Arise! Assume thy crown!  
Turn thy features from the wall,  
Make thy stature grand and tall,  
See, the Lord is over all.

—Richard Realf.

### Sydney to Adelaide

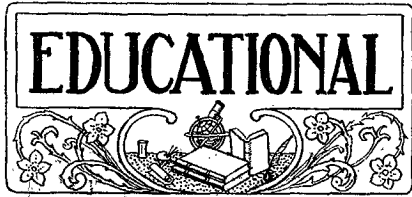
WHEN the good ship *Kanowna*, on which we left Sydney, October 14, arrived in Melbourne, we were pleased to meet Pastors Teasdale and Parker and other kind friends, who assisted in making our stay in Melbourne very pleasant. As the boat remained at Melbourne two days I left my family there, and visited Warburton.

This being my first visit, I was much interested in our institutions located at this place. Brethren Johanson, Faulkhead, Anderson, and Merritt, did all they could to assist me in becoming acquainted with the people and the surroundings. During the time I was there I not only had the privilege of meeting most of the employees of the *Signs* office, but also of visiting the school, the building being erected for the sanitarium; and in the evening I spoke to the members assembled at the church. Altogether I was very favourably impressed with what I saw at Warburton. And I believe that with the spirit of aggressiveness manifested by the brethren there, the future holds in store bright prospects, not only for the publishing house, but also for the school and sanitarium.

We arrived in Adelaide, Friday, October 20, after a very pleasant voyage, and were warmly welcomed by Pastor Cole, the workers in the South Australian Conference, and the members of the churches. We are looking forward with pleasure to our work in this State.

We are now planning the summer's campaign. And as I have the assurance that I will have the hearty co-operation of the brethren here, I am expecting a prosperous year in all departments of the work, and trust that many souls will be saved in the kingdom of heaven as a result.

M. LUKENS.



### Closing Exercises of the Australasian Missionary College

THE close of school this year was marked by an unusually interesting programme. The musical evening was held on Sunday, October 8, and the closing exercises a day later.

The entertainment, arranged by a student committee, and rendered entirely by students, proved to be highly enjoyable to the large audience that taxed the seating accommodation of the college chapel to its utmost. A varied programme had been provided, consisting of musical items, recitations, etc. Of the latter, Miss Cobb told feelingly of "The Other Wise Man," a narrative of the days of our Lord. The other reciter, Miss Ada Dunlop, gave a well-delivered account of another wise man, who became so through a trying experience—King Robert of Sicily.

Of the musical items, there were three duets, one at the piano by Misses Kennard and Fox, a vocal selection from Misses McLeod and Painter, and one on their cornets by Messrs. Howse and Stacey. There were two pianoforte solos, by Master Phillip Day and Miss Essie Mobbs respectively, both of whom showed decided musical skill. The singers were Mr. Owen Brooks ("Supplication"), Miss Alice Romero ("Into Thy Hands"), Mr. Reuben Hare ("The Clock of Life"), Miss Mabel Greenfield ("The Dear Homeland"), and Miss Vai Steed. These items were all of merit, Miss Greenfield's in particular being one of the most popular numbers of the evening. Special mention must also be made of Miss Vai Steed, who delighted the audience with her well-rendered "A Clean Heart" (No. 19 "Christ in Song"), sung in Samoan.

The Choral Society sang "Grant Us Thy Peace" from memory, under the baton of Mr. C. H. Schowe.

Of the instrumental solos, Miss Rouse greatly pleased those present with her beautiful playing of some gems on the violin. Master Nelson Burns, a promising young artiste, revealed training and aptitude in

the item he had chosen. Mr. Eric Hare's cornet solo "In Happy Moments" formed not only by its title, but by its excellent rendition, a fitting conclusion to a pleasant and profitable occasion.

The closing exercises, held on the following evening, were marred by a heavy downpour of rain. In spite of this fact, however, a fair number assembled in the chapel at the appointed hour. Just before time to commence, the fifteen graduates filed onto the platform, which, with the chapel, had been nicely decorated for the occasion. In white letters on a dark background was the class motto, "Always on Guard." The class colours were blue and white, and in addition to these the graduates wore white roses as class flower.

The proceedings commenced with a "Hymn of Praise" from the orchestra. Prayer was offered by Pastor L. A. Hoopes. Pastor M. Lukens, in the course of his graduation address, brought out some cogent and helpful thoughts, which we are sure will be an inspiration both to the graduates and the audience.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. C. H. Schowe played a pianoforte solo; and then came the presentation of the diplomas by Professor Machlan. These rolls of parchment represent the sum of many years diligent labour; accordingly a high value is placed upon them by their recipients.

The benediction was pronounced by Pastor Hare; and closing exercises were over for another year.

The graduates are: Biblical-Academic Course: Cyril Calver Aitken, Violet T. Branford, Daisy T. Reeves, Cora Estelle Rogers, Bertha May Voss.

Teachers' Course: Edith E. Clarke, C. L. Isabel Fox, Jessie E. Fulton, Martha E. Robinson.

Missionary Course: Florence S. Booth, S. Meryl Cobb, Mabel A. De Jersey, Reuben E. Hare, Eric B. Hare, Ivy Reeves.

These graduates have been given places in the work in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and West Australia. Never again shall we have the pleasure of meeting together as a graduating class, nor in all likelihood, of uniting our ranks unbroken this side of the home above. But His comforting assurance stays our hearts and quickens our hands in their labour of love

for the One who says, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."  
CORR. E. ROGERS.

### Pukekura School

ON the afternoon of Sunday, October 8, the faculty and students, together with the church-members and a few of the friends living in the vicinity of the school, assembled in the school chapel on the occasion of the closing exercises for the year. Nine short months had been spent together in work and study. Blessings had been enjoyed together. Both teachers and students had shared in each other's joys and sorrows. Together they had solved the problems of the year, and many pleasant memories of the time will remain in the minds of all.

And now the last day had come, the day that had long been looked forward to with mingled feelings of dread and sadness and yet with joy. The pleasant associations of the year were about to be broken up, and the thought that never again perhaps would all meet together in this life brought a feeling of sadness to all.

We had hoped that we would have had Pastor Pallant with us at our closing exercises, but circumstances prevented his returning from the Union Conference Council in time. The entire programme was thus left to the members of the faculty. Organ and piano solos were rendered by Mrs. Caro and Miss Agnes Moore, also a piano duet. The singing class under Brother Smith's direction favoured us with an anthem. Remarks were made by Brother Smith and the writer, in which principles which tend to bring about a successful career to a young man or woman were presented.

Following Brother Smith's remarks, those students who had completed the preparatory course of study were called forward and formed a semi-circle about the rostrum. Certificates were granted to these as an evidence of their accomplishments. They were as follows: Alice Adair, Cloris Archibald, Ruby Dray, Gweneth Groube, Agnes Moore, Annie Newbold, Alice Saunders, Rosalind White, William Allom, Norman Faulkner, Herbert Hare, Edgar James, Harold Letts, Herbert Morrison, Cyril Palmer, Roy Redward, Harold Smith, and William Wilton. Several of these have been connected with the school since its very inception, and have plodded

along well, until they have now completed their preparatory work. A few have also worked most of this year on their intermediate course.

A very pleasant hour was spent together, one which was very fitting for the last meeting of the school year.

The students took their departure the following day, the younger ones being homeward bound, the older ones intent on earning sufficient means for another year's schooling. Several are engaging in the temperance campaign until the time of the election, after which they will enter the canvassing field. We trust that not only these, but that many others also, will plan to be in school next year, to prepare themselves for the part the Lord has for them to do in His great plan.

J. MILLS.

### Educational Work of New South Wales Conference

Report for Six Months ending  
June 30, 1911

DURING the half year ending June 30, 1911, there have been four church-schools in operation in this State: Ashfield, Corndale, Eugowra, Wahroonga. The enrolment of these schools stood at sixty, with a daily average attendance of forty-nine. The value of the buildings and equipments was £110. The estimated expense of quarterly maintenance amounted to £61 15s.

The total receipts for the half year from churches where schools are in operation was £71 10s. 9d., including collections, tuition fees, and penny-per-week fund. From churches without schools the receipts for the half year amounted to £32 10s. 8½d., making a gross total receipt of £107 3s. For the half year the amount paid by the conference in salaries, etc., amounted to £134 4s. 4d., or £27 1s. 4d. more than had been received from the churches.

In studying these figures it will be seen that the receipts from the four church-schools have been two-thirds of the total, one-third coming from churches without schools; while it will also be seen that the churches where schools are in operation have contributed slightly more than fifty per cent of the cost of maintenance.

The plan adopted at the last Union Conference provides for support for our educational work from tuition fees, church collections, and the payment per member of a sum not less

than a penny per week. In our conference the church membership stands at 1,062, and the total number of Sabbath-keepers, 1,159. If we place the estimate at half this number for purposes of support (which tithe payment and payment on the penny-per-week fund averages), and allow one penny per member per week, there should be a weekly contribution from this source of £2 8s. 4d. We have sixty scholars enrolled in the four schools in operation; and placing the average tuition at 9d. per scholar per week, the income from this source should be £2 5s. per week. The totals from these two sources would amount to £4 13s. 4d. per week, or within 1s. 8d. per week of the present cost of maintaining salaries. It is evident, then, that the plan recommended by our conference is a workable one, if the full co-operation of our membership could have been forthcoming. The weekly rate of income from all sources for the half year averages £4 2s. 5d., thus leaving a deficit on the conference of 13s. per week on teachers' salaries, without expenses. It will thus be seen that our efforts must be expended in one of two ways, either to augment the penny-per-week fund by each church through its church officers becoming responsible for the collection of a penny per week from its members, or for our churches where schools are in operation to bear three-fourths instead of two-thirds of the burden of support.

Our educational work is too important at this juncture to consider any backward measures, and we trust that some means may be provided whereby the conference may be able not only to maintain the schools at present in operation, without loss to the general work, but also to plan for the inauguration of other schools so urgently called for.

C. H. SCHOWE,  
*Superintendent.*

UNTIL the Holy Spirit is accepted and allowed to do its office work upon the heart, each individual will strive to become a centre of influence for himself. But we know in our experience, that harmonious subordination to the Spirit of God is rest, and peace, and joy. Then think of the positive necessity of coming under this moulding, transforming power, in order to enjoy heaven in this life, and eternal blessing in the future life. — E. G. W.



### Sabbath-school Convention, Hobart, Tasmania

MANY earnest prayers ascended in behalf of the Hobart Sabbath-school convention, by those who expected to attend and many who could not. Our God—"that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"—did fulfil His promise. On the Sabbath the Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked degree. The meeting conducted by Pastor Rogers took the form of a consecration service. We rejoice that the Comforter not only reproves but brings to our remembrance the words of Holy Writ that are a healing balm.

As we met on Sunday, September 3, at 10 a.m., the same sweet heavenly presence was felt in our midst. There was the freest discussion, and a most excellent spirit prevailed. About one hundred were present.

Our Bismark brethren showed a healthy interest in the Sabbath-school work, by driving over steep hills, a distance of from sixteen to twenty miles. Representatives also were present from Port Esperance, New Norfolk, and Glen Huon.

The subject, "The Need of a More Thorough Study of the Sabbath-school Lessons," took hold upon hearts, as was manifested by testimonies borne at the close of the afternoon session. This was a warm, impromptu, spontaneous social meeting. The Lord came very near as the brethren expressed the desire to profit by the instruction received. It was hard to close the good meeting. A request was made that "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer!" might be sung as an expression of their feelings. It was sung with fervour from full hearts, to close the meeting.

"The Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course" was presented by the superintendent of the Bismark Sabbath-school. The words of the Lord come ringing down to our time, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Do not many fall out by the way, and many children and youth are caught in the snare of Satan

who might have been saved had the teacher sought the best way to present the lesson? The *Sabbath-school Worker* is an invaluable aid to parents and Sabbath-school workers. The good mechanic is very careful to have his tools well sharpened in order that his progress in labour be rapid and accurate. We need in our mental operations, bright, sharp accessories. It pays to devote a little time of the teachers' meeting to the study of "Art of Securing Attention," and "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work."

We are indebted to Brother W. H. B. Miller for a large chart in book form, of thirteen pages, giving simple suggestions in drawing for primary teachers. This has been a helpful and much-needed instructive feature of our Sabbath-school convention work. He prepared also a large map showing the islands to the east and north of Australia, our God-given mission field. This has been a great help in taking up the subject of the missionary exercise.

MYRTLE G. PARKER.

### Avondale Sabbath-school

THE end of the school year marked the close of another quarter in our Sabbath-school history, and though we regret to see our members scattered to many parts, still we know it is thus that many realize their fondest ambitions in filling places of useful service in God's work.

The class work has been brisk, and an animated scene presented itself each week as our twenty-eight regular senior teachers sought to inculcate the truths of the lessons.

The interest in the primary and kindergarten divisions has been good, seven classes being conducted in each. The teachers here deserve credit for their happy devices and painstaking efforts to maintain the children's attention.

The average attendance has been 81 per cent. The membership varied from 300 to 271, while the offerings for the quarter amounted to £33 13s. Thirteen shillings of this came from Awaba, 8s. 9d. from Heatonsville, and 4s. from Mandalong,—branch Sabbath-schools.

A special missionary programme was rendered the last Sabbath by members, and proved a pleasant change. New Guinea was the paramount thought, and all were surely made glad by the special offering for

this needy field, which amounted to £12 16s. 7d.

The Sabbath-school work is interesting. One cannot be connected with it without being inspired to grow in grace in order more effectually to fulfil its sacred duties.

BERTHA ROUSE,  
Secretary.



### Report of Missionary Work

#### Of the Australasian Union Conference For Quarter Ending June 30, 1911

NUMBER of societies ... ..	130
Present membership ... ..	2,208
Members in State Missionary Bands ... ..	197
General Subjects studied in meetings: Home and Foreign missions, Doctrinal, Religious Liberty, Lives of Missionaries, Programmes, etc.	

#### REPORT OF WORK DONE

*Missionary letters written ... ..	1,890
*Missionary letters received ... ..	733
*Bible-readings or cottage-meetings	3,471
Missionary visits: ... ..	
*With individuals ... ..	9,250
To hospitals ... ..	562
*Other institutions ... ..	289
*Ships ... ..	138
Copies of papers: ... ..	
*Subscriptions taken ... ..	487
*Sold ... ..	41,770
Lent ... ..	3,449
*Given ... ..	60,411
Pages of tracts: ... ..	
*Sold ... ..	82,881
*Lent ... ..	113,903
*Given ... ..	182,094
Books: ... ..	
Sold ... ..	644
*Lent ... ..	1,029
*Given ... ..	440
Families or individuals supplied with food, clothing, etc. ... ..	639
*Treatments given ... ..	440
*Hours of Christian help work ... ..	5,596
*Offerings for local society work £20	172½
Offerings for home mission work ... ..	£23 14 9½
*Offerings for foreign mission work ... ..	£227 3 9
Collection for the blind work	£11 3 9

\*Indicates an increase over previous quarter.

While the report for quarter ending March 31 of this year was most encouraging, yet the present one is far

better, showing an increase of eighteen lines of effort, as compared with fourteen lines for the previous three months. The total number of missionary visits is 10,239, or an increase of 2,153. Bible readings or cottage meetings 3,471, or a gain of 1,812. Pages given, 182,094, as compared with 139,695. This is only another illustration of what can be accomplished by systematic effort. We would therefore urge those of our members who have not yet adopted the penny-a-day plan to do so at once, and join the large army of faithful workers who are endeavouring to spread the third angel's message in both the home and mission fields.

A. G. MILLER.

### An Experience

It has often been stated that territory must be worked well and then allowed to rest; that it is not wise to touch it under a prolonged period.

Before relating an experience, I would like to state that we are not the only book-canvassing firm in existence. This we know right well by constant, and sometimes unpleasant contact. If other firms always did clean work we would not mind their being in the field, and would rather appreciate their help; for they with us would be educating the people to buy good books, and would thus create an ever-increasing demand. But because many do a class of work that the people usually find distasteful, we most certainly object to them occupying the territory. What is our most effective means of keeping them out of the field? The most effective, and certainly the most legitimate means is for us to occupy the field all the time. To do this we need men and women who are prepared to work earnestly, and tactfully, and perseveringly. More volunteers are needed from the rank and file of our people to enter this heaven-ordained work.

If we do not occupy the territory, other firms will who make sufficient out of it to warrant them in continuing to occupy the field. Let me ask a question that has often come to my mind: Why cannot we occupy the territory instead of other firms that are injuring it, and get out of it that which they get? We could keep the undesirable matter out, and fill the world with light. Will you help us do it? One of our workers recently

canvassed a piece of territory that had been worked partly by him with "Great Controversy" and partly by another brother. This gave opportunity for two experiments. The said territory, composed of town and country, had the books delivered in it three and four months ago. "Practical Guide to Health" was the name of the book on the second canvass.

The same number of books were placed in the second instance as in the first, and as the retail price of the latter is greater than the former, a larger cash turnover was secured. I would like it to be understood that the first working of the territory produced excellent results, and of course the second must have done the same.

This experience was unique in many respects. It also demonstrated that the people were pleased to see the same man again that had so greatly benefited them on his previous visit. The worker got an excellent reception from those he had previously canvassed. He enjoyed meeting the people, and the people demonstrated their pleasure at seeing him again.

Many people that did not order his first book ordered the second one. This shows that we can work the territory very quickly if we only select the books in the right order for such work. A canvasser does excellent work when he gets one order from every three persons canvassed. That would leave two-thirds of the people to do business with on his second visit, that he did not do business with on his first, apart from those that he had business relations with previously.

Who will step into our ranks, and help us to flood the world with light, and keep the field for the Lord?

A. E. HODGKISON.

### The Mission of a Good Book

"It will go anywhere, on sea or land; it gets into cabin or palace, reaches those otherwise unreachable, waits its turn to be heard, and is never tired of speaking. It travels further and cheaper than any other, is unaffected by climate, and untouched by fever. Once started off, it calls for no salary, costs nothing for food or clothes. It never changes its voice, and lasts forever,—until the fire comes."



### South Australian Camp-Meeting

LETTERS have been received at the South Australian Conference office, asking if we are going to have a camp-meeting this year. In answer to all of these questions we will state that it has been definitely arranged to hold a camp-meeting for the South Australian Conference, commencing February 13, 1912, and continuing until February 25. The location of the camp-meeting will be decided upon later.

M. LUKENS.

### Tasmanian Camp-Meeting

A CAMP-MEETING is to be held for our people in Tasmania at Launceston, November 30 to December 10. A nice ground has been obtained at the junction of the Perth and Westbury Roads. This is the tram terminus also. Railway ticket concessions have been kindly granted by the Railway Department, and they can be had by writing at once to Pastor Craddock, "King's Meadow," Young Town, Launceston.

We trust that all of our people in Tasmania will avail themselves of this open door to the blessing of the Lord, and that a great victory for the work in Tasmania shall be gained at this meeting.

Pastors Fulton, Gates, Hare, and Machlan, and Brother L. D. A. Lemke, besides the local workers, Pastors Craddock and Rogers, will give their labours to make this effort a success.

C. H. PARKER.

### Ceremonial and Moral Law Distinguished

By special request, and in order that no one may be confused with regard to the typical system as it stands related to God's law of life, we have now published the tract "Ceremonial and Moral Law Distinguished."

This excellent treatise makes a most striking comparison between the ten commandments, or the moral law, and the law of commandments contained in ordinances, or the ceremonial law; and thus sets clearly

before the reader the pronounced distinction between the two systems.

The opinions of the leading commentators or reformers is also given, in order that all may see what the true teaching has been in years gone by, and what still is truth with reference to the two systems, moral and ceremonial.

As this tract will without doubt prove a great help to all inquirers for truth, we feel assured that ministers and Bible workers, as well as church members working for the spread of the truth and the salvation of souls, will find it an advantage to use this tract freely. It is carried in stock by all our tract societies, and will be supplied at the usual tract rate.

THERE really is no place in a true, earnest, Christian life for worry. Do your very best in the circumstances, and leave the rest with God. We should aim only to be faithful in duty, and then be at peace, whatever may come. We should work without worrying.—*Sunday School Times.*

### Obituary

MITCHELL.—Died at Goolwa, South Australia, October 26, at 9 p.m., Alford M. Mitchell, aged about forty-one years. He leaves a wife and ten children and a large circle of relatives to mourn.

He and his family had just decided to obey God, which he had for some months been arranging to do. The cause of death was heart failure, which occurred while he and Sister Mitchell and one of their sons, a young man, were at the home of a friend, where they had been invited to take tea and to spend the evening. While sitting in the chair talking with the friend, his life went out in a moment, without the least warning. Our hearts are stirred with sympathy for the bereaved family, but the promises of God are sure to them, if they will but walk in His ways and do His will. Brother Mitchell was very devoted to his family, and was hoping to be able in some way to do something for God and those around him by forwarding the message that he had learned to love. The remains were taken for interment to the Currency Creek Cemetery, where Brother Mitchell will rest till the call of the Life-giver. We shall hope to meet him then in the morning of the first resurrection. His loss will not only be felt and mourned by his family, but by all of us who are associated with the work here, and connected with the little company at Goolwa. We extend to the bereaved family our tenderest sympathy. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by the Methodist and Church of Christ ministers of this place.

S. M. COEB.



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WHEN your copy of the RECORD comes in a red wrapper, it indicates that your subscription is expiring, and that your renewal is kindly solicited. Please order promptly, that no copies may be missed.

BROTHER C. H. Schowe is spending a little time in our Wahroonga office, auditing the Union Conference books.

THE latest mail from New Guinea brings word of the safe arrival of Brother Lawson and a hearty welcome in his new field of labour.

BROTHER Harold Lukens, eldest son of Pastor Lukens, who has been helping for a short time in the food factory at Avondale, left November 6 for South Australia to connect with the field work in that conference.

ON the afternoon of October 18, in the Avondale church, Brother Reuben Hare and Sister Ivy Reeves, both graduates of the missionary course of the college, were united in marriage by Pastor Hare. We trust that their association may be a help in working for the Master. They expect to remain at Avondale for a time.

A RESIDENT of Lord Howe Island while visiting Norfolk formed the acquaintance of Brother Ferris and became much interested in the Bible studies that he gave her. This resulted in an invitation to visit them on Lord Howe Island. The Union Conference has recommended that Brother Ferris improve this opportunity to carry the message there.

BROTHER Ellis Behrens, the late farm manager of our college at Avondale, and Sister Alice Louisa Scheffler, also from the college, were united in

marriage at the home of Brother Behrens' mother at Doncaster, Victoria, November 6, by Pastor J. H. Woods. They proceed to West Australia where Brother Behrens has been called to manage the Heidelberg school farm. In united service we trust that their efforts may be blessed in the new field to which they go.

BROTHER and Sister F. L. Chaney, who have been invited to connect with the teaching staff of the Australasian Missionary College, expect to sail from New Guinea on the next boat, which leaves there near the end of this month. The work of erecting the mission house, that Brother Chaney went over to superintend, is nearing completion.

LETTERS just received from Java state that Sister Munson is still in a very weak and critical condition. The doctor advises that she be removed to a more favourable climate as soon as such a change can be effected. We know that the sympathies and prayers of our readers are with this dear family in this their hour of sore trial. The letter that appeared last week from Sister Munson was written a few weeks prior to her illness.

AN aged sister in Victoria writes: "I look for the RECORD and miss it very much if I do not get it to read on each Sabbath. I love to hear about all our dear workers in all parts of the world, and I often wish I were young again, that I might join them. But as I am sixty-five years old, I have to be content to do what I can for the Master at home. I visit the hospital and take papers and tell the people about the Master as I have opportunity. And so the dear Lord has found work for me where I am, I cannot always do as I would wish, but I thank my Heavenly Father for giving me the truth for these last days, and filling my heart with love for all His people."

### Wanted

TO BUY from five to ten acres of land with or without a house, in the vicinity of our college at Avondale. Please send all particulars in reference to the land, house, price, and situation, to H. C. White, Eastport Road, Waihou, New Zealand.

### Medical Department Notes

THE average attendance at the sanitarium has not been below forty patients during the past three months. The improvements in our bathrooms are nearing completion, and other necessary renovations are being pushed forward before the summer season sets in. We are hoping to have a record attendance this year.

WE are glad to be able to report that all our cafes and health food stores throughout the Union Conference are enjoying good patronage, and are looking forward to a busy summer trade. Over 200 cases of health foods left the Sydney bulk store last week.

DURING the past four weeks the Sanitarium Health Food Company have been displaying our locally manufactured foods in the New South Wales Government window, Challis House, opposite the Sydney General Post Office. Thousands of people pass this window daily, and it was interesting to see the little groups studying the exhibits. The display has already proved to be a splendid advertisement.

THE following letter was received at our sanitarium a few days ago, and speaks for itself:

The Manager,  
Sanitarium, Wahroonga.  
Dear Sir,

I intend spending part of my summer vacation in Sydney, and would like very much to spend a week at the sanitarium. I have been twice to your grand institution, and I am so thoroughly in love with the place that I would like very much to have my wife and infant son (fifteen months) with me so that they may share in the benefits of your Christian work. I am,  
Yours sincerely,

ON Tuesday, October 24, there was a large gathering in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Sydney, which did justice to a vegetarian supper, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. About 250 young men were in attendance and enjoyed a repast which was catered for by the Sanitarium Health Food Company. To many of these gentlemen it was their first experience in vegetarianism, and all were highly pleased, and expressed their appreciation.

GEO. S. FISHER.