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BE OF GOOD CHEER.

CHEER up, my fainting brother,
Fix your eyes upon the cross;
God has promised us a kingdom,
In exchange for earthly dross.

Let us rally round the standard,
There are soldiers in command;
And with heart and hand united,
We'll go up and take the land.

—Selected.

A DOUBLE minded man is unstable in all his ways.
James 1:8.

UNSTABLE as water, thou shalt not excel. Gen. 49:4.

How blest would we be, have I often conceived,
If we only achieved what we nearly achieve;
We grasp at the skirts of the things we would be,
And fall back on the lap of a false destiny.

—Meredith.

NO MAN can leave his post of duty without betraying sacred trusts, without endangering his own soul, and the souls of others. We are to be true to our entrusted work, and not be seeking after something new and strange. Those who follow their imaginations are first in the fire and then in the water.—Mrs. E. G. White.

Leaving his place in the immediate presence of the Father, Lucifer went forth to infuse a spirit of discontent among the angels.—Patriarchs and Prophets.

If Lucifer had remained in the place which he was created to fill, he would not have fallen from heaven; leaving his place was the cause of all his trouble. The Father had given him an exalted position in His own presence, but he became restless, wanted a change, desired a better place, and determined to have it at all cost. This final and fatal step changed him from Lucifer, the Light Bearer, to Satan the Adversary.

God has "given to every man his work," and that work is "honourable and glorious." The position is an exalted one in His immediate presence. It will cost

too much to run away. It may cost your soul, and endanger the souls of others. This was the price that Lucifer paid for his rash undertaking, and his business ever since has been to try to delude others into participating with him in his foolishness and ruin. Do not do it. The cost is too great. Choose the work of God for life. Do not try it as an experiment, but having once taken hold, let nothing separate you from it. Some agents change their plans and toss about as though they were dealing with trifles. Do not be mistaken. The work of God is not a trifle, and sudden changes, without careful counsel and prayer, have brought ruin to many. Let us shun such a course, "for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

"FISHERS OF MEN."

THE following is an extract taken from a letter to Arthur Currow by a young man whom he providentially met in Mt. Morgan a few weeks ago:—

"The Lord led me to Mt. Morgan, and to you two brothers, I am sure, and I ask Him in return to accept my whole life a living sacrifice to do His will and work, whatever it may be. May He give you both many souls who will be able to say with me, that, through you, the Lord has given them a new life, acceptable unto Him. May we ever sing His praises and push on in the work for Him. His work is glorious. Oh, that all knew it, and that all His commandments are sure; that He hath commanded His covenant (His Sabbath) forever. (Ps. 111.)

"Last Sabbath was a great blessing to me. I made a study, not merely of the Sabbath, but of the law of God. The Lord indeed was with me all day, and showed me the Scriptures. How can any one who reads his Bible say God's law was abolished by Christ's coming into the world, and that Christ made a new law for us.

"I do so thank God for answering my prayer. For a long time I have desired that with which He has now blessed me. For your love and kindness to me, may God reward you abundantly, and help me to show my sincere and brotherly gratitude."

In July Brother Blunden wrote:—

"I have been trying, as far as my small knowledge would permit, to spread the third angel's message, and there is no doubt but that the Lord has guided me, for two have accepted the Sabbath."

About the time this letter was received, the following communication came from those to whom he had presented the truth:—

"Mr. Blunden has been staying with us for three days, and after studying the Sabbath question my husband and I are convinced that Saturday is the Sabbath of the Lord, and we feel disposed to keep it. Could you kindly forward us a pamphlet on the Sabbath question, as we would like to convince our neighbours. We will also become subscriber to the *Bible Echo* and the *Sentinel*."

A FEW weeks ago Brother Hewitt ordered the *Bible Echo*, the *Little Friend*, and a number of our books and pamphlets to the address of one whom he and his wife had met in their canvassing work. Concerning this case Brother Hewitt wrote:—

"You will notice from the order for books and papers to Mr.— that he is very much interested in our literature. He is a farmer comfortably situated not far from the Laidley Railway Station. We found the man anxious to learn all about the Sabbath. He had seen a copy of "Great Controversy" at one of his friends' homes, which he said seemed to teach that the seventh day was the Sabbath. We had a talk on the subject, and having a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation" with us, which we took to read while away from home, we loaned it to him, and also gave him some back numbers of the *Bible Echo* to read until his order arrived."

Later Brother Hewitt wrote:—

"I am happy to inform you that the person to whom you forwarded the literature, has, with his family, taken his stand for God and the truth. We received a letter from him requesting us to go up and see them, so we went on the following Sabbath, and remained with them until Monday morning, and spent a very pleasant time indeed. We went through the Sabbath-school lessons with them, which they enjoyed very much. The next Sabbath Mr.— and his eldest daughter were with us in Ipswich, and enjoyed the meeting. He is an intelligent man, being well posted in history, both Biblical and secular, and has been for some time perplexed about the manner in which the ministers have preached the gospel. They are quite a musical family. We are sure that you all remember us in your prayers while out in the canvassing field, and we are thankful to inform you that the Lord is answering them."

OUR CAMP-MEETINGS.

It has been decided to hold two camp-meetings in Australia the coming summer. One will be held in Sydney, and the other in Melbourne.

The Sydney camp-meeting is appointed to be held October 14-25. This will be an important occasion. It will be the first camp-meeting held in New South Wales since the organisation of the Conference there. It will be held just at the close of the Avondale School, and will thus give the students the benefits of such a meeting before they separate for their homes and enter upon their various lines of work in which they will engage during the vacation. The presence of these students and their teachers will add to its interest.

It has been decided to hold the next session of the Australasian Union Conference at Sydney in connection with the camp-meeting. Representatives from every colony in Australasia will be present. Brother W. C. White is expected to arrive from America in time to be with us. Brother A. T. Robinson from South Africa, who is coming to connect with the work in Australia, is expected to reach Sydney in time for the meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Caro, who are coming to connect with the medical work in Australia, are now on their way from Europe, and should arrive in time to attend the Sydney meeting.

The presence of these representative workers, and the consideration of the questions affecting the varied interests of the cause in every colony, will help to make the Sydney meeting one of much importance. It is hoped that every one of our people who can consistently attend this meeting will do so. Far above and beyond what has been mentioned as important features will be the presence of God to bless us in our endeavours to advance His cause.

The Melbourne camp-meeting is appointed for November 18-29. Cook's cheap excursion trains will arrive in Melbourne from Adelaide the 18th, and from Sydney the 19th. The return fare from Adelaide is £1 10s. second. From Sydney, £2 10s. second.

We hope our people in the Central Australian Conference will begin at once to prepare to attend the Melbourne meeting. While we shall not have all the features that will make the Sydney meeting so important, there will be much in connection with the Melbourne meeting of very great interest and importance. A number of the Union Conference delegates will no doubt be with us. Brother White, Brother Robinson, Dr. Caro and other valuable labourers will be present.

It is expected that final steps will be taken at this meeting to start the medical work in Melbourne. It is thought that a Sanitarium will be opened which will be the training school for nurses and medical missionaries for Australasia. Arrangements are being made in America for a staff of physicians and trained nurses to sail for this country in October. They will be due in

Sydney about the 8th of November, and will attend the Melbourne meeting.

We rejoice that the medical work and health foods business are so soon to be established in this country. We are certain that these lines of work will prove to be a great boon to our cause here. They certainly present exceptional avenues for helping our fellowmen. The main features of these lines will be discussed at the Melbourne meeting. Valuable instruction will be given by the doctors and nurses regarding healthful living, how to cook, and home treatment of simple ailments.

We bespeak for this meeting a large attendance. Brethren, let us decide now to attend, and begin preparations at once. The tent rents and other expenses will be about the same as at previous meetings. Full particulars regarding the camp ground and various expenses will appear in the *Bible Echo* in due time. We now urge all our people in this Conference to begin their preparations to attend. Each church should elect a full number of delegates at an early date, so that they will have time to arrange home affairs for their absence.

A. G. DANIELLS.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.—August, 1897.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	CAN.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS	TOTAL VALUE.
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS—											
Downs, Mr. J. B. ... Broadford, Vic. ...	14	82	122	32	2	5	25	—	—	£2 0 6	£23 8 0
Thom, Mr. W. N. ... East Brunswick, Vic. ...	—	—	—	32	3	4	21	4	—	—	21 2 6
BIBLE READINGS,—											
Reekie, Mr. P. ... Ipswich, Q. ...	21	130	236	37	3	2	13	19	—	2 9 6	24 12 0
Chapman, Mr. T. A. ... Ipswich, Q. ...	15	97	153	38	2	4	1	30	1	1 10 6	22 7 6
Putnam, Mr. J. L. ... Brisbane, Q. ...	18	107	120	40	2	4	2	23	3	4 0	24 12 6
Johanson, Mr. J. ... Perth, W.A. ...	5	35	—	13	2	1	4	4	2	—	7 14 0
Johanson, Mrs. F. ... Perth, W.A. ...	5	26	—	9	3	—	4	2	—	—	6 10 0
H. H. BOOK,—											
Blunden, Mr. G. H. ... Colac, Vic. ...	5	31	21	13	—	3	—	10	—	—	19 0 0
Currow, Mr. A. ... Longreach, Q. ...	15	—	—	26	9	12	—	5	—	—	52 12 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	10	5	4	—	1	—	—	11 19 0
Diverall, Mr. J. C. ... Tallangatta, Vic. ...	9	66	52	13	—	3	—	10	—	1 4 0	20 4 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1 1 0
Currow, Mr. L. ... Alpha, Q. ...	21	126	80	32	4	16	—	12	—	1 0	55 11 0
Keegan, Mr. J. E. ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	4	—	—	17	1	—	—	16	—	15 0	25 10 0
Michaels, Mr. C. P. ... Brighton, Vic. ...	7	—	—	13	—	—	—	13	—	—	17 17 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	5 5 0
Hindson, Mr. J. ... Coolgardie, W.A. ...	—	—	—	23	4	9	—	10	—	3 19 0	44 9 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	16	14	1	1	—	—	—	15 7 6
LADIES' GUIDE,—											
Gooding, Mrs. C. ... Adelaide, S.A. ...	4	28	24	4	—	3	—	1	—	1 0	4 1 6
Hewitt, Mrs. A. J. ... Ashwell, Q. ...	4	22	19	15	—	3	—	12	—	1 7 0	15 0 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	7	—	—	2 15 0
Rudge, Mrs. I. ... Zeehan, Tas. ...	6	27	43	15	4	4	—	2	—	—	15 16 6
Johanson, Mr. J. ... Perth, W.A. ...	3	—	—	5	—	—	—	5	—	—	4 7 6
Johanson, Mrs. F. ... Perth, W.A. ...	5	28	—	7	1	1	—	5	—	18 0	7 14 0
Ackary, Miss A. ... Charters Towers, Q. ...	15	83	—	25	8	6	—	11	—	6 0	27 4 6
Hewitt, Mr. J. H. ... Ashwell, Q. ...	5	29	32	10	—	2	—	8	—	14 0	9 16 0
MAN THE MASTERPIECE,—											
Currow, Mr. L. ... Alpha, Q. ...	8	—	—	25	10	8	—	7	—	—	28 5 6
SUNBEAMS,—											
Coate, Mr. R. J. ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	20	126	254	50	—	—	8	—	42	4 13 0	30 13 0
Totals	209	1043	1156	529	83	96	79	223	48	20 2 6	544 16 6

BIBLE ECHO SALES during August, 1897.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES.	ECHOES.
Adelaide	149	2,662	Brought forward	13,842
Ashfield	66	1,040	Bendigo	363
Avondale	50	280	Brisbane	830
Ballarat	42	295	Charters Towers	576
Bismarck	53	60	Croydon	240
Brighton	20	90	Geelong	200
Broken Hill	15	792	Ipswich	75
Hawthorn	47	196	Kalgoorlie	120
Hobart	95	690	Kangarilla	60
Kellyville	16	135	Kadina	30
Larrobe	10	30	Launceston	132
Melbourne	209	903	Melrose	360
Malvern	23	120	Townsville	244
Parramatta	70	225	Traralgon	78
Perth	29	775	Zeehan	120
Prahran	47	815	New Zealand	9,172
Prospect	12	60	Miscellaneous	2,810
Rockhampton	63	466		
Sydney	84	3,618		
Toowoomba	28	260		
Williamstown	63	330		
Carried forward		13,842	Total	29,252

NOTES.

PASTOR R. HARE writes that he is making preparations to leave Perth shortly to attend the Union Conference in connection with the Sydney camp-meeting.

THE summary from the New South Wales tract department, amounting to £49 18s., and sales from our agents to the amount of £53 15s. 6d., have come to hand too late for this number, and will be included in the summary next month.

PASTOR G. B. STARR will spend Sabbath, Sept. 18th, with the church in Broken Hill; the following Sabbath he will be in Adelaide, and the next in Ballarat on his way to attend the Union Conference in Sydney. He will hold the quarterly meeting with each of these churches.

ALL will notice an improvement in the summary this month, and we are happy to report a decided advancement in all the colonies. More active work, and better success is the rule. Some agents who have had the least success in the past are now taking the lead. Let us be of good cheer.

THE names of two new agents appear in the summary this month. Brother Putnam, who has recently accepted the faith, and has been canvassing for the *Echo*, has made a good beginning in Brisbane. Sister Rudge is also doing well in Zeehan, Tasmania, with the "Guide."

THE old agents in particular will be pleased to see the name of W. N. Thom in this month's summary. He has been canvassing for a little time in Brunswick, and now, in company with Brother Buhler, has gone to Korumburra to work with "Bible Readings." We wish them success.

BROTHER DANIELLS was with the Adelaide church during the greater part of the week of prayer. He reports good spiritual meetings. On his return journey, he stopped at Ballarat over the Sabbath, and enjoyed an excellent season with this church. He was much pleased to see the interest that is being taken by the members in Christian Help Work.

FROM the letters we publish this week it will be seen that individuals are accepting the truth through the efforts of our agents. To get the light before the people, and cause them to accept it, is the object of this work. We rejoice with the workers in this manifestation of the Lord's willingness to use them in gathering out souls for His kingdom.

PROFITABLE meetings were held in the Melbourne churches during the week of prayer. In the North Fitzroy church, meetings were held each night, with a good attendance and interest. At the closing meeting, Sabbath afternoon, the Lord came very near, and many testimonies were borne to the blessings received during this special season of seeking the Lord. Brother Woods reports that at Williamstown there was a full attendance at all the meetings, and a hearty response on the part of the members. The Prahran and Armadale churches were united in their meetings during the week, and were led by Bro. Knight, who reports an excellent interest.

GLEN WILLS, VICTORIA.

THE following encouraging words have come in from Brother Diverall, whose sales last week amounted to £50 7s. 6d.:—

"The Lord has greatly blessed me in securing orders during the past week, for which I praise and thank Him fervently. The Lord brought me down very low to prove me, whether I would keep His law or no, before He would bless me temporally. I have no doubt that He has been waiting to bless me for some time, but I was not ready to recognise His guiding hand in everything, but I am now. Bless His holy name.

"I came over here from Mitta Mitta on Sunday last, walking thirty miles through dense forests, climbing snow-clad precipitous mountains, the last six miles through snow, sometimes knee deep. I expect to finish here by Friday night."

MORE BIBLES.

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