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## What Have You Done To-Day?

We shall do so much in the years to come;  
But what have we done to-day?  
We shall give our gold in a princely sum;  
But what did we give to-day?  
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,  
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,  
We shall speak the words of love and cheer;  
But what did we speak to-day?  
  
We shall be so kind in the after-while;  
But what we been to-day?  
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile;  
But what have we brought to-day?  
We shall give to truth a grander birth,  
We shall fill the hungry souls of earth;  
But this is the thing our hearts must ask,  
"What have we done to-day?"

—Selected.

## The Distribution of Literature.

In the days of the great Reformation, when the Princes assembled at the Diet of Spire, it seemed that the hope of the world was about to be crushed out. To this assembly was presented the Emperor's decree restricting religious liberty, and prohibiting all further dissemination of the reformed doctrines. Would the princes representing the states of Germany accept the decree, and consent that the blessed light of the Gospel should be shut out from the multitudes that were still in darkness? Mighty issues from the world depended upon the action of a few heroes of faith. Those who had accepted the truth of the Reformation met together, and their unanimous decision was, "Let us reject the decree. In matters of conscience the majority has no power." And they drew up their protest, and submitted it to the assembled states.

The banner of truth which these reformers held aloft God has in this last conflict been committed to our hands. Those whom He has blessed with the knowledge of His Word are held responsible for this great gift.

Those reformers, whose protest has given us the name of Protestants, felt that God had called them to give the light of the Gospel to the world, and in doing this they were ready to sacrifice their possessions, their liberty, and their own lives. Are we, in this last conflict of

the great controversy, as faithful to our trust as were the early reformers to theirs? In face of persecution and death, the truth was spread far and near. The Word of God was carried to the people; and all classes, high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, eagerly studied it for themselves; and those who received the light became, in their turn, messengers to impart it. In those days the truth was brought home to the people through the press. Luther's pen was a power, and his writings, scattered broadcast, stirred the world.

The same agencies are at our command, with facilities multiplied a hundredfold. Bibles, publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world. We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and zeal in spreading the light! Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. The preaching of the Word will have power in reaching a class who would not receive the truth through reading; but the ministers are few, and where the living preacher cannot go the published truth can reach. Personal effort will accomplish far more than could be accomplished without it.

The truth must be proclaimed in the dark places of the earth. Obstacles must be met and surmounted. A great work is to be done, and those who know the truth should make mighty intercessions for help now. The love of Christ must be diffused in their own hearts. The Spirit of Christ must be poured out upon them, and they must be making ready to stand in the judgment. While they are consecrating themselves to God, a convincing power will attend their efforts to present the truth to others. We must sleep no longer on Satan's enchanted ground, but call into requisition all our resources, availing ourselves of every facility with which Providence has furnished us. The last warning

is to be proclaimed "before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings," and the promise is given, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### From Australia.

*To Our Brethren and Sisters in Great Britain :*

AS I have not the time to write, personally, to many, I will send a letter to all through the *MISSIONARY WORKER*, knowing that you will be interested to learn how we got through our long journey to Australia.

We left London July 12th. Our voyage across the Atlantic was very favourable, the most comfortable I have ever taken across the Atlantic. This we appreciated very much, especially because of the feebleness of Mrs. Olsen.

We stayed in New York over night, then went on to Washington, and spent two days with our brethren there, meeting with them on the Sabbath, counselling with the members of the General Conference Committee, and making further arrangements for our journey. By this time Mrs. Olsen was very feeble and it seemed almost impossible for her to continue the journey; but the Lord heard us in our seasons of prayer, and strengthened us from day to day.

We spent one day with our brethren at Battle Creek, meeting many of our former acquaintances. Our next station was Chicago. Here we remained four days; during which time I visited my aged father in southern Illinois, and also some friends in the State of Wisconsin. We were glad to find them in good health and happy in the Lord.

On the 1st of August we started on our journey to San Francisco, California. The Lord gave us a favourable journey during the four and a half days required to cross the Continent. Here we met Brother and Sister G. A. Irwin, and many other dear friends. We spent a little time in counselling with Brother Irwin, Brother White, Sister White and others, and on August 10th we boarded our ship for Australia.

This little rest in California was a very helpful preparation for our long sea voyage. We had a favourable passage also across the Pacific. Only the last two days of our journey we encountered a storm, but the Lord brought us also safely through that, and it was with great joy that early Sabbath morning, September 2nd, we sighted Sidney, our destination. On arriving at the wharf we were made happy by seeing many bright faces of our brethren and sisters

that had come to meet us and welcome us to our new field of labour.

Considering the feebleness of Mrs. Olsen when we started on our long journey, we cannot find words with which to express our gratitude to God for His blessings and protecting care, and for the wonderful manner in which He has given strength from day to day to endure the journey. While we were a little weary from the long voyage, still we are enjoying quite as good health as when we left England, and are happy in the Lord for all His mercies and blessings.

On leaving the boat at Sidney we repaired at once to the Wahroonga Sanitarium. Dr. and Mrs. Kress had come down to the boat to meet us and take us back with them. As our Council had been appointed to meet at Melbourne on September 5th, I could only remain over one night at our beautiful sanitarium, and on Sunday I started with other brethren for Melbourne, where we are now engaged in our Council.

We are glad of the privilege of meeting the faithful labourers and representatives from the various divisions of the Australasian Union. All seem to be of good courage, and bring good reports from their respective fields of labour. The presence of the Lord is in our meetings. We are enjoying unity and harmony, and everything augurs well for the rapid progress of the work in this field. We sense the responsibility and magnitude of the work with which we are connected, and we can see how wonderfully the Spirit of the Lord has gone before us opening the way for the great work to be accomplished.

I often think of the many friends that we left behind in Great Britain. We call to mind the many pleasant seasons we have enjoyed together around the Word of the Lord, and the kind interest and sympathy and the hearty co-operation that was always given us. I can assure you that the work in Great Britain and the brethren and sisters there hold a large place in our affections, and we shall ever remember you with special interest; and though it should not be our privilege to meet or unite in the work during time, what a glorious meeting it will be when the redeemed shall come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy. We expect to see the work go forward in Great Britain faster than ever. May the Lord's blessing attend all the labourers, and may God help all our brethren and sisters to be faithful to the great responsibility resting upon them. Great Britain is one of the important fields of the world, and a great work must be done. The Lord is ready to work with all who are faithfully trusting in Him.

Wishing you all the blessing of God, and desiring to be continually remembered in your prayers, I remain,

*Yours faithfully in the Master's service,*

O. A. OLSEN.

### Among the Churches.

THURSDAY evening, September 7th, I had the privilege of visiting West Kensington, London, where Brother and Sister Jensen have been labouring for some time with success. They had secured the use of a Baptist chapel, in which we baptized eight adults in the evening. The work is steadily moving forward in that part of London, and the outlook in general is very encouraging.

Friday I went to Southsea, where I had the privilege of baptizing seven candidates that evening. I attended the service held in a commodious hall Sabbath morning. This was my first visit to the church at this place, and I greatly enjoyed meeting the members. The Lord is blessing the labours of Brother Nickels, not only at Southsea, but also at East Cowes, where he visits weekly.

Sabbath afternoon I visited the church at Southampton in company with Brother Nickels. This was my first visit to Southampton since landing there six years ago last May. Though the day was very wet quite a number were present, and best of all we had the presence of the chief Shepherd.

Sabbath and Sunday, September 16th and 17th, I spent with the church at Hull. We celebrated the ordinances with them Sabbath afternoon. This was a most precious season when the Lord came near to strengthen His people for the hour of trial before them. Sunday evening quite a number of strangers were present at the service and manifested a deep interest in the truth presented. I would not fail to mention the good work being done by the members of the Hull church, and especially by Brother Johnson, the elder, who is giving his whole time to the paper work, and visiting and giving Bible studies to interested people. As a result the Lord is adding to their numbers, and soon I expect, if the Lord wills, to baptize some who have taken their stand with them.

The 22nd and 23rd, I was permitted to meet with the church at Nottingham and the company at Derby. At the former place Elders McCord and Marchus have been conducting a very successful tent effort through the summer. Quite a number have identified themselves with the

truth, some having been baptized and others will be later. I found the same earnest devotion to the truth in the brethren and sisters at Derby as when I was last with them. I hope to be able to return there ere long, baptizing some and organising a church.

The following Sabbath I met for the first time with the believers in Catford, London. Elder Ritchie and wife have been labouring here for some months, and the Lord has blessed their labours with fruit. Elders Ritchie and Salisbury were present Sabbath afternoon when a church of twenty-eight members was organised, officers elected, and the elder, deacon and two deaconesses were ordained. In the evening the ordinances were celebrated. Brother and Sister Ritchie left the following week for their new field of labour in Plymouth. The church at Catford feel deeply their loss, but are willing to give up these faithful servants for the sake of the work in Plymouth. They will receive assistance in their work from the College.

The work is steadily growing throughout the entire field. Let all take courage and labour on more earnestly than ever in sowing the seeds of truth, for we shall soon reap if we faint not.

E. E. ANDROSS.

### Hastings.

*Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Work:—*

I am glad to tell you that many are becoming interested in the Sabbath, and the dear Lord is showing them how to keep it. I was on a 'bus last week, and a young 'bus conductor, seeing my coat being blown by the wind, asked me if I carried *Good Health*. He said he used to have them in Japan. He bought a book from me.

Dear comrades, pray for Hastings. God is using the dear people here. I was canvassing in Bexhill last Thursday week, and at a large house a lady opened the door and asked me my business. I told her selling *Present Truth*, a very useful, good book. She looked at it, and her eyes came across these letters, "Seventh-Day Adventist." She asked me their meaning. I told her that we keep the Saturday Sabbath. She asked me in to tell me where we were wrong. She got her concordance Bible down and found I was right. Then she had *Present Truth* from me, and also bought "Christ Our Saviour." May God bless her and show the Sabbath fully to her.

Yours in the Lord's service,

H. WARD.



30th about the same amount of tithe as during the whole of last year, so that this last quarter's returns will be the amount of our increase over last year.

May God help us all to be faithful, not to show a big increase, but that we may get the increased blessing.

Let us all pray that God may especially bless Brother Andross in his coming amongst us, that we may all be stirred to greater earnestness and belief of the Truth.

Yours in Christian fellowship,  
W. H. MEREDITH.

### Newcastle.

BROTHER BRANDT gives some encouraging items in regard to his work at Newcastle. As the WORKER readers know, Brother Brandt's time is very much occupied with the restaurant, still he finds opportunity occasionally to do some work with our papers. He writes that he called on Brother Winstanley a week ago, and sold thirty copies of *Good Health* on the way there. Then on another day, after getting the restaurant work done in the morning he went out from eleven to one, and called at ninety houses and sold eighty-seven papers. He was out again in the afternoon four and a quarter hours, and sold 165 copies. We believe Brother Brandt makes a rule of selling *Present Truth* and *Good Health* together. We believe that many of our *Present Truth* workers would do well to take equal numbers of *Good Health* and *Present Truth* and introduce them both together.

M. E. OLSEN.

### The Lord Guided.

[THE following incident is taken from a letter written to the International Tract Society by Brother Wm. Olmstead, who is at present in Cornwall. ED.]

Here is my report again. I am very glad to say thus far the Lord has helped me. I am very thankful to Him for His continued blessings. Let me relate one instance of the Lord's guidance, and goodness to me.

One day this week I canvassed a man at his home. He did not give me an order but he told me to go to a certain road in which lived a person who he thought might give me an order. I took what I thought was the road as directed, and soon came out into a field. There I saw two men talking. I went up to them and canvassed them, and they each gave me an order. Then they told me that I had taken the wrong turning. But the Lord guided me to those men, and gave me their orders.

WM. OLMSTED.

### What Is Worth While?

ONLY one life to live! How may we make the best of it? We cannot possibly do everything that we should like to do, or that we see should be done. How shall we decide what things are worth while? Someone has said, "The most reckless spendthrift in the world is the one who squanders time." He who does that which is not worth doing is squandering time just as truly as he who is doing nothing. The question is not, How much time have I? but it is, How shall I use the time I have?

"I do not have time to study my Sabbath-school lesson," is an excuse often heard. The weeks pass by, the good lessons, which we have been told "are of far greater consequence than many now discern," are by many unstudied, perhaps even unread. Heresies, vain philosophies and fables abound more and more as we near the end. It is possible for any of us to lose the love and knowledge of the truth gradually from the heart, while we are almost unconscious of our loss. Those who are not establishing their faith by patiently, steadfastly and continually studying the truth of God for this time, are standing where they may very easily accept a "strong delusion" and "believe a lie." The safeguard against delusions, deceptions, and errors of all kinds is the Word of God. The Sabbath-school is the church organised and equipped for the study of that Word. The lessons provide a suitable, well-arranged, and exceedingly profitable course of Bible study. Can any deliberately and carelessly turn away from the Sabbath-school, and cut themselves off from its service and from the study of the lessons provided, and not suffer a loss that is material?

Impossibilities are not required, yet we are instructed to study thoroughly the Sabbath-school lessons, and to take time for it each day.

It is evident that the lack of time is not such a hindrance in the accomplishment of this, as the unwise use of the time we each have. If the time spent by Seventh-Day Adventists in doing useless things were summed up, how many days, months, and years would it aggregate? If our manner of living were in harmony with God's plan, how many hours a week would be saved in each home?—Enough, without doubt, to enable each member of each family to spend some time each week in studying the Sabbath-school lesson.

Once more we extend a cordial invitation to every person in our ranks to study the Sabbath-

school lessons, and connect with the Sabbath work. If you are within reach of a school, let no trivial thing hinder your prompt and regular attendance. If you are isolated, send for a lesson quarterly, and for the lesson paper for your children, and in the fear of God unite in the study of the lessons. The study of the Word will surely be the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Then, "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."—*Sabbath School Worker*.

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### Southsea.

[WE quote from a personal letter received from Brother Nickels, under date of October 1st. ED.]

The Lord is blessing me abundantly in His service. Last Tuesday a master carpenter who has attended every Sunday night meeting in our new hall, came to study with me on the Sabbath question. We spent nearly two hours in straight Bible study.

He said but little that night. On Wednesday evening, however, he came to the cottage meeting which we are holding in our house, and told me that by God's grace he would keep the Sabbath. He was at the meeting yesterday and heard me review the quarter's lessons on tithes and offerings, and accepted that truth also. . . .

My dear brother, this work is glorious! If our people would only work they would remain steadfast. This is Paul's teaching. See 1 Cor. xv. 58. I visited one last week who did his best to overthrow our Message; but the truth is stronger than man or devil, and he only made it shine the brighter.

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### Blackburn.

*My Dear Fellow Workers:—*

I thought you would be interested to know a little of my work herein Blackburn. Although the people require some persuading, yet I have come across several who listen to the Message with interest.

I recently met a clergyman when I was canvassing with *Present Truth* who asked me what church I belonged to. I said, "To the Seventh-Day Adventist church." He asked me what that meant, and I told him all about the Sabbath. "When our blessed Lord was crucified," said he, "He changed the day." I told him the very fact that He lay in the grave on the Sabbath was a proof that He did not change it. He

said no more but took a copy of the *Present Truth*. I felt when I left that God had led me there, and that the work is not finished. I shall go again and take the gentleman some tracts.

A lady told me how much *Present Truth* had helped her. Said she, "I thought I must feel saved, but when I read that paper, I found I must have faith." She also said, "I hope the time will soon come when I shall be able to come right out for the Sabbath. I don't care if I loose all in this life so long as I have the Saviour." I sold 100 copies of *Present Truth* and *Good Health* on Sunday last.

I am glad my heavenly Father has revealed this truth to me. I have been reading "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. I, which has been a great help to me. I am glad I can say with David, I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing. May the Lord keep me faithful to the end that when He comes I shall not be ashamed to meet Him. This is my daily prayer. I am not satisfied with myself, but I long to be more like my Saviour. Pray for us as we pray for you.

Your sister in Christ,

MARIA PAYNE.

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### Crelly, Cornwall.

AWAY in the heart of this county, having no others of like precious faith to meet with, we form a little Sabbath school by ourselves, and are happy as we realise the promise fulfilled "where two or three are gathered in My name there am I in the midst."

The people around us are staunch Methodists, all attending the one chapel of this little hamlet. They recognise us as Christians, knowing we are Sabbath-keepers, and show a friendliness by desiring to see us at their meetings, and by coming for me to teach the class of elder girls in their Sunday-school; this I gladly undertake. With tracts to pave the way I get good talks, and in three cottages I and my Bible are welcome to study with these dear simple folk some of our precious truth. The clergyman's wife, a truly Christian lady, hearing of us as those who keep Sunday on Saturday, came to see us, and especially to find out what it all meant. She had never heard of "Seventh-Day Adventists, and as Sister Olmsted and I talked to her, her heart warmed to us as she said, "Thank God for sending some of His people here who truly love Him, and are looking for Him to come." She loves the hope of His appearing, and wants the people in her parish to know and be ready. She

asked if she might come to our Sabbath-school, and this Sabbath was with us. Recognising the errors of the "Church of England," and acknowledging God's Word as the *only* authority and guide, she will soon, we trust and pray, be brought into further light and truth.

The seed sown in so good and honest a heart must bear fruit to God's glory and her blessing, and we, His humble instruments, rejoice to be used, praying that we may be more clean and more meet for the Master's use day by day as He shall spare us to work for Him.

F. M. GOODLAND.

### Something To Do.

THE church is the Lord's army, organised for active service in the field. The last command given by our great Leader was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." When this command has been fulfilled the *end will come*. Then our warfare will be over; the palm-branch of victory will be placed in our hands, a crown of glory upon our heads; and we shall be given a place on the throne with our blessed Lord. Till then Jesus "expects every man to do his duty." He has given to "*every man his work*," and He says, "Son, go work to-day in My vineyard," for "the night cometh, when *no man can work*."

Already, "the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out"; the sun of salvation's day is rapidly sinking in the west, and soon Jesus will say, "It is done." Many, many with bitter tears will then say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

Oh! my brother, my sister, will you not now, *just now*, without further delay, do *all* you can to give the light of this blessed truth that has brought such joy and peace to your heart, and has imparted such a peaceful, abiding trust and confidence in God in this hour of general unrest, when "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth"? Will you not do what you can to assist us in finishing the "Christ's Object Lessons" work by selling at least two books? Will you, who are not now handling any of our Message-laden papers and tracts, take up this work? There are many other ways of doing something to assist in this great work that I cannot now speak of. Let us watch for opportunities of shedding the rays of light so graciously given to us upon the people.

E. E. ANDROSS.

### Our Paradise Home.

OUR workers have doubtless all read the English edition of "Our Paradise Home," and from the good letters we have received concerning this book, we know it is very much appreciated. It is with interest that we have watched the work of those who have taken hold of this book to place it in the hands of the people.

We would especially call the attention of our *Present Truth* and *Good Health* workers to the success that can be obtained by trying to place this book in the hands of their readers. We have sent to many paper workers from three to ten copies, and in some cases have duplicated the order. Brother W. A. Slater of Newcastle-on-Tyne has taken orders for forty or more of these books from his regular paper-readers. Brother John Richardson of Manchester has sent us an order for forty copies, which he has placed with his readers, and Brother D. Moodie, of Glasgow, has sent us an order for thirty-five copies.

If all our workers will put forth a systematic effort in behalf of this book among their readers, we feel sure they will have like success, especially from now until after the Christmas holidays.

There are neat little circulars prepared for this book, and we shall be glad to supply each worker with as many as he can use to good advantage.

IN regard to Brother Richardson's order for "Our Paradise Home," it might be of interest to many of our workers to know just what success Brother Richardson has been having since moving to Manchester, we give a copy of his last order to us:—

- 250 *Present Truth*, No. 42,  
 1 "Patriarchs and Prophets," gilt,  
 1 "Great Controversy," gilt,  
 1 "Early Writings,"  
 40 "Our Paradise Home,"  
 1 "Bible Text-Book," leather,  
 1,000 "Who Changed It?"

IN the next issue of the MISSIONARY WORKER, we will endeavour to make a report of the number of copies of *Present Truth* and *Good Health* that have been sold during the present year, and also to state just how many have gone into the different Conferences.

W. R. WHITE.

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### Sunset Calendar.

FRIDAY, October 27th, 4.42 p.m.  
 " November 3rd, 4.29 p.m.

WORD just received from Brother F. Ganterau, of Scotland, states that on the 18th inst. he booked orders for twelve copies of "Home Hand-Book," value fourteen pounds.

A LETTER received from Brother J. C. Steward, of Deal, reports two sisters as having accepted the Message. These, we believe, are the fruit of faithful tract work that has been carried on by Brother Steward in Deal.

THE November number of *Good Health* has several valuable features. Among these we might mention the article entitled "Eczema: Its Causes and Treatment," by Dr. Olsen; "Juvenile Smoking," by Dr. Thomason; "Exercises for the Prospective Mother," by Dr. Sisley-Richards. "Editorial Chat" is also very interesting, as is also an appreciation of the late Dr. Barnardo. The third of Brother M. E. Olsen's articles on "The Physical Improvement of the Nation" is entitled, "A Modern Utopia," is illustrated, and will appeal to a great many people. We think all our agents will find this a good number to sell, and that it will do much to prepare the way for the Holiday Number, which will be ready for the market in good time. Nor need its sale be confined to regular agents. Our lay members and isolated brethren and sisters will also receive much blessing in introducing this number among their friends and neighbours.

### Good News.

OUR hearts are always made glad by the news that precious souls are taking their stand for the Third Angel's Message, and especially is this so when the instrument has been a faithful book or paper worker putting in long hours sowing the seeds of truth.

For the encouragement of those who are engaged in this work from day to day, we quote

the following letter, the first from Brother C. J. Howells, who with his daughter has been working faithfully with our papers and books during the past summer. The second is from Brother F. A. Spearing, who has recently joined our force of workers after having had considerable experience in the book-work in South Africa:—

"I am very pleased to let you know that there are now six Sabbath-keepers in Blaenavon, and there is one who is desirous of keeping it, but he is placed in a very awkward position. He is an official in one of the coal mines, and the manager has told him that he will have to leave the town and the house he lives in, as it belongs to the company he is working for. His wife is a Sabbath-keeper, and we desire your prayers especially on his behalf."

"A Primitive Methodist minister seemed delighted to see me when I called at his residence on Monday last, not knowing who resided there. He said he knew the book, and had recommended it to his flock to read. He says if only people would realise the controversy that is now going on between light and darkness, it would help the Gospel ministers very much. He concluded by writing a recommendation in my prospectus at my request. He will take the book from me in December, if he can afford it then."

Brother Spearing is handling "Great Controversy," and last week his orders amounted to £5 11 0, besides 9/- worth of helps.

W. R. WHITE.

### What Our Tracts Are Doing.

ABOUT six weeks ago a gentleman and his wife from Stafford were spending their holiday at Colwyn Bay. Whilst sitting on the promenade enjoying the sea breezes, two ladies came along handing out the tract "The Lord's Day." It was eagerly read by the gentleman, and convictions he had formed before were made certainties. To-day (Sunday, September 24th) I canvassed this gentleman for *Present Truth*, mentioning the fact that it was a *common sense* Gospel paper. He said: "I'll have one with pleasure," for we get very little common sense Gospel taught now in the pulpits. I then handed him "The Lord's Day" tract, and he told me the Colwyn Bay incident, and that he was fully convinced of the truth concerning the Sabbath, and for this reason he attended no place of worship.

Oh! I do pray, and also ask the prayers of the WORKER family, that he may be the first results of the seed-sowing in Stafford.

I also came across a copy of "Bible Readings" in a home to-day, sold by a lady canvasser some years ago.

WM. WILKINSON.