

Union Conference Record

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

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CONSTANT TRIUMPH.

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ALTHOUGH the vine its fruit deny,
Although the olive yield no oil,
The withering fig trees droop and die,
The fields elude the tiller's toil,
The empty stall no herd afford,
And perish all the bleating race ;
Yet I will triumph in the Lord,
The God of my salvation praise.

—WESLEY.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE Week of Prayer for our churches in Australasia has been fixed by the Union Conference Committee for May 28 to June 5, 1898. The following are some of the reasons for selecting this particular date:—

1. It is near mid-winter, when the evenings are long, the weather cool, and work is usually somewhat slack.
2. The fiscal year of all our Conference organisations will probably close June 30th, and the balance sheets and statistics will be made up to that date. By holding the Week of Prayer the first of June we shall be able to get full returns in for the annual reports.
3. From May 28 to June 5 there should be good moonlight evenings, as that is the period of the moon's first quarter.

The Committee gave the time of holding the Week of Prayer careful consideration, and it seemed to them that the above date would be the best, all things considered, that we could select. Now that the date is fixed, we request our brethren and sisters to keep the time in view, and begin now to prepare for the occasion.

A committee has been appointed to prepare a series of readings that will be especially applicable and helpful to the cause in this country.

In the next number of the RECORD further particulars will be given regarding this important season of worship.

There is one point I would like to emphasise just now. It is this: do not wait until the Week of Prayer arrives before beginning to pray for that

occasion. Begin to pray for it now. Pray for those who are to prepare the readings. Pray God to fully prepare you to rightly observe the Week of Prayer when it comes. Pray Him to do the same for your brethren and sisters and the members of your own household. And in connection with your prayers do all you know how to prepare to attend the meetings when they come, and to be a help to others while the meetings are progressing.

Says Dr. Pierson, "God waits to be asked. He has fountains of blessing which He puts at the disposal of praying saints. They are sealed fountains to the ungodly and the unbelieving. But there is one key that unlocks heaven's gates, one secret that puts connecting channels between those eternal fountains and ourselves, that key, that secret, is prevailing prayer."

A. G. DANIELLS.

Don't fail to read the following very interesting and important articles about the Avondale School for Christian Workers.

THE AVONDALE SCHOOL.

KNOWING that all the readers of the RECORD are deeply interested in the progress and prosperity of our School for Christian Workers, I shall undertake in this article to give some of the interesting incidents connected with the opening and the work during the first week of its term for 1898.

For a few days before the school opened, all was hurry and bustle about the buildings and grounds. Students were coming in early, and the carpenters were barely done with the dining hall in time for it to be painted and settled before the opening. The work on the boys' hall had been hindered by the slow movements of boats from Sydney, and the carpenters closed their work the evening of March 15. Then there was the painting to finish, the cleaning and the furnishing to be done.

On the morning of March 16 there were fifty-three students in attendance. Friends of the school were also in attendance, and our commodious chapel was well filled. After songs of thanksgiving, prayer, and Scripture readings, an hour was occupied by members of the faculty and school board, in presenting some of the leading features of the objects and aims of the school. After this, the teachers entered upon the examination and classification of new students.

The general programme of the school is much the same as last year. At quarter to nine in the morning all assemble in the chapel for worship, after which study and recitation proceed till quarter to two. At the Home, breakfast is at eight o'clock, dinner at two, and tea at quarter to six. Evening worship follows, and from a quarter to seven till nine all engage in study in the chapel.

One week after the opening there were seventy students in attendance. Forty of these board at the Home. Of the thirty day students, fourteen were in the regular school, and sixteen in the primary department. Thirteen of the boarding students are from Victoria; ten from New Zealand; five from New South Wales; five from South Australia; four from Queensland; and three from Tasmania.

Three of the day students are from New Zealand; one from Queensland; one from Victoria; and nine from New South Wales. Of the nine day students who are now residents of New South Wales, five have been drawn by the school from other colonies; three from Tasmania; one from Victoria; and one from New Zealand.

The family of the Home numbers fifty-one, for besides the forty boarding students there are five teachers, one cook, one carpenter, and four labourers. Some of the labourers will become students as soon as the rush of our work in painting, settling, and clearing up is a little farther advanced.

Of domestic animals and other living creatures on the place, the school has three farm horses, about a dozen cows, half as many young cattle, and forty to fifty fowls. Besides this there are twenty-two swarms of bees, from whose summer gatherings of honey eleven hundred pounds have already been extracted and stored for the winter use of the students.

Of the wild animals on the place we cannot speak so definitely. There is a small family of large kangaroos, which show themselves occasionally. The wallabies are quite numerous, although many have recently been shot. Thus far they have not done serious injury to our crops. The native bears are getting scarce. We seldom hear their cry. Opossums can be heard any night,

although they have been thinned out by the hunters. Snakes are much talked about, but rarely seen. Each year we see less and less of them. Occasionally a tiger cat makes a raid on our fowls. Then we trap him, and he suffers the death penalty for his fowl murders. Flying foxes have done us no harm this year. Of magpies there are plenty. The laughing jackasses, though not numerous, are very sociable. Groups of cockatoos and parrots are occasionally seen. The bell bird and the whip bird can be heard every day.

The students who were in the school last year seem very happy to get back, and their satisfaction and contentment exert an influence that is distinctly felt. Some of the new students are delighted with the place, and others wonder why we are so much in the bush, and so far from town. It takes a few weeks of experience to learn that the school itself furnishes all the elements of town life which are essential to happiness and conducive to the best progress in school work.

The buildings erected during the past summer have doubled the capacity and the general comfort of our school home. And it is our hope that the number of boarding students may increase to sixty, and that the day students in both departments may number fifty. We have laid plans for the development of three new departments, and it will require a goodly number of students to enable us to make these departments what they ought to be. We have employed a very strong staff of teachers, and it will draw from them their best thoughts, if we have full classes. Time is short, and work is abundant, but it is trained workers that are required. We suggest that those who are planning to spend a year in the school make every reasonable effort to attend this winter. One year lost may be an eternal loss to those waiting for our ministry.

We also suggest that those who are coming this year make an earnest effort to come at once. The classes are now making good progress, and you cannot afford to be left behind, neither can you afford to delay others by coming in late, thus hindering them while you struggle to catch up. Jesus said, "Work while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work."

W. C. WHITE.

OVEREATING prevents the free flow of thought and words. Those who crave great quantities of food should not indulge their appetite, but should practise self-denial, and retain the blessings of active muscles and unoppressed brains. Overeating stupefies the entire being by diverting the energies from the other organs to do the work of the stomach.—*Gospel Workers.*

THE TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

THE Lord has plainly set before His people the great importance of properly educating and training their children for His service. We see many men and women that might to-day be labouring for God, but who have forgotten His service and have given themselves to the world, because they were not instructed, in their childhood, by those who loved the service of God. Parents see this, and they plead that schools be established in the cities where our largest churches are, where their younger children may be instructed in essential branches of knowledge, the chief of which is the fear of the Lord.

Many of our children are too young to be sent away from home, and as they grow older and reach the age when they would naturally be accepted at our boarding schools, it is found that some, through improper instruction and the influence of bad companions, have become almost hopelessly demoralised. Then the good parents, hoping against hope, send them away to one of our schools, hoping that they may yet be reclaimed. But sometimes it is too late, and the course of the child at school brings grief to both teachers and parents.

Parents inquire, What can be done to avoid this? We have no schools where our children may receive proper religious instruction. We have no teachers specially trained for the management of such schools. Few of us can give the time to properly teach them ourselves. We must send them to school somewhere. What shall we do?

From the first of our educational efforts, these questions have been before the managers of our Avondale School. They consider it a matter of the greatest importance that our training school for Christian workers shall educate teachers who may act a leading part in the education of the younger children in all our churches. And I am glad to announce that our school is prepared to enter upon this work at once.

A course of instruction in teaching, especially adapted to the wants of those who may become teachers in our churches, has been prepared, and we invite particular attention to it. In this course special attention will be given to Bible teaching, Physiology, Botany, and other Nature studies. Also instruction in the best methods of teaching the various branches, and in that kind of school management that will lead the children to love God, and to consider it the noblest aim in life to find some humble part in His work of ministering to the needy and the lost.

From other articles in this paper you will see that instruction will be given in hygiene and nursing, and in Christian Help work. Healthful

cooking will also be thoroughly taught. Our school has been very fortunate in securing for matron, Miss N. Whittenberg, who graduated with honours from the Sanitarium School of Scientific Cookery, and who has stood for several years as matron and teacher of cooking in our Keene, Texas, school. And our children's department in the Avondale Sabbath-school is superintended by a lady who can give instruction in the best methods of Sabbath-school and kindergarten teaching.

What a blessing it will be to our churches when we have a number of consecrated young women prepared to teach our children according to the best methods, and who, at the same time, may be able to help our brethren and sisters in Christian Help work, nursing, and other practical lines.

Let us waste no time in mourning because we cannot open these schools at once, but rather rejoice that a plan is provided for the training of workers, and do all that we can to see that the proper persons take advantage of the opportunity.

Those who would undertake to prepare for teaching in church schools should be persons whose whole lives are consecrated to God. They should have mastered the common branches, but if in any of these they are deficient, they can do some preparatory work while following the Training Course. Those who are prepared for it will be given classes to teach in the primary and intermediate departments of our preparatory school. In addition to the class instruction of the Training department, their work will be closely supervised by an experienced teacher. Thus, when they shall be sent out to work alone, they will have had the experience of teaching and school management.

It will be to the advantage of this work if there are individuals who have already had an experience in teaching, who can spend one winter in the Avondale School, taking the special instruction that will prepare them to teach in our church schools. Such persons could enter upon the work very soon.

As this Teachers' Course was only decided upon a few days ago, and its regular work will not begin till the middle of April, there is yet time for those who read this article to act in the matter, if they act promptly. We ask our churches to give this matter their serious and prompt attention, and to do all they can to encourage proper persons to prepare for this important work.

C. B. HUGHES.

AFTER you have received counsel from the wise, the judicious, there is yet a Counselor whose wisdom is unerring. Fail not to present your case before Him, and entreat His direction. He has promised that if you lack wisdom and ask of Him, he will give it to you liberally, and upbraid not.—*Gospel Workers.*

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

IN connection with the regular work undertaken at the Avondale School for Christian Workers, there has been organised this year a special department in physiology and hygiene. This department offers to the student the means of acquiring a practical knowledge of the workings of that wonderful mechanism, the human body, and furnishes an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the most approved modern methods in the rational treatment of disease. The study of anatomy, the form and structure of the body; of physiology, the uses and functions of its various organs; and of hygiene, the laws that underlie their healthful activities: will be pursued from a Biblical and scientific standpoint. To the consideration of these themes five hours are allotted each week during the seven months of the school year. The nature of heat, light, electricity, their position and importance as therapeutic agencies, will be studied as a special subject by advanced students in this department. On Sundays all will attend lectures delivered by trained medical instructors, who will explain the rational methods of giving fomentations, packs, oil-rubs, salt glows, baths, massage, and the application of electricity for medicinal purposes. The lessons thus taught theoretically in the class rooms will be put into practice in the bath and treatment rooms of the College, where students will be directed in their practice on one another, while still further opportunity will be afforded in the treatment of the sick of the neighbourhood who may come within the sphere of our "Christian Help Work" operations. In this way a most thorough practical training may be gained in all lines included in the first year of the ordinary nursing course.

Such students as may subsequently be employed at the Sydney Health Home, and desire there to complete the Nurses' Course, will be granted full credit for the work done at the school. Others who may be fitting themselves for Bible work will, in the meantime, have obtained the experience necessary to enable them to engage in the all-round work of the third angel's message. They will be qualified to administer to the needs of the body as well as of the soul.

All desiring a full preparation for service of any kind in the closing proclamation of the gospel, should avail themselves of just such privileges as are now offered at the Avondale School.

HERBERT C. LACEY.

It is not the highest work of education to communicate knowledge merely, but to impart that vitalising energy which is received from the contact of mind with mind, of soul with soul. It is only life that can beget life.—Mrs. E. G. White.

WANTED.

FIRST, we want everybody in Australasia who is connected with the third angel's message to rejoice because we have a SCHOOL.

We have three buildings erected capable of accommodating at least seventy-five students.

We have a school faculty of six able teachers. These are regular teachers who will be in the school from the beginning to the close. In addition to these, other competent instructors will be connected with the school a portion of the term to teach special branches.

We have opened a Nurses' Training Course at the very beginning of the present term, and fifteen young men and women have entered this course.

We have opened a Training Department which is designed to hasten the preparation of young people to act as teachers in primary church schools, which are so much needed, and which our brethren have been calling for so long.

Brethren, think of all that these things mean, and then rejoice, for there is great reason for rejoicing.

Second, we want everybody who rejoices because of these things to send immediate relief to some who are connected with this glorious enterprise. Those on whom our people have placed the burden of erecting and furnishing the new building, and putting the other buildings in proper shape for use this year, have carried a heavy load. It has required great exertion to complete this work in the limited time allowed. But this feature of the difficulty is not to be compared with the effort it has required to secure the money to pay the bills.

At the beginning of the vacation it was pointed out to all our people that they would have to raise a thousand pounds during the vacation to enable the board to meet the bills. Only a small fraction of that thousand pounds has been raised by the people. This has terribly embarrassed the board. They have been put to their wits' end to pull through. Of course they have been compelled to borrow; and, of course, what they have borrowed must be paid back.

This is the reason, therefore, why we want all who rejoice that we have such a good school to accompany that rejoicing with money. By doing this you will cause rejoicing in the hearts of those who are now weighed down with financial burdens.

First, we earnestly request all who have unpaid pledges to the school to do their very best to pay them at once. Do so if possible, please.

Second, we earnestly request those who have neither pledged nor paid anything towards the school to come forward now and do all you can, whether it be much or little.

Third, we earnestly request those who have already helped this blessed enterprise, and have

been so blessed that you can do more, to step forward and help to lift the burden just at this time.

We sometimes sing :—

“ When the load seems hard to carry, lift, brother, lift,
O'er the burden do not tarry, lift, brother, lift.”

We can assure you that a lift just at this time will be greatly appreciated.

In connection with this appeal we will request the officers of the Conferences to bring this matter before the entire membership and thus give every one an opportunity to *lift*.

A. G. D.

AVONDALE SCHOOL.

WHEN the plans were first laid for the erection of a school in Australia where workers could be trained for the carrying of the third angel's message, it was found that the total amount required to buy the land and put up the necessary buildings would be £4000. The General Conference agreed to furnish £2000 of this if £2000 could be raised in Australia. This offer was accepted, and the £2000 was divided between the colonies in proportion to their membership. We give below a table showing how it was divided, what has been paid by each colony up to Sept. 30, 1897, and what still remains to be paid.

	Proportion.	Amount paid.	Amount to be paid.
Central Australia	£943 5 4	£451 4 1	£492 1 3
New South Wales	433 15 2	303 2 1	130 13 1
New Zealand ..	500 0 0	224 17 3	275 2 9
Queensland ..	122 19 6	30 12 1	92 7 5
	<u>£2,000 0 0</u>	<u>£1,009 15 6</u>	<u>£990 4 6</u>

During the quarter ending December 31, 1897, we have received the following amounts :—

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.—Mrs. Lugg, 5/-; G. Fisher, £1; W. D. Salisbury, £3; Miss Gill, £1; G. Hubbard, £1; J. Hindson, £1; Mrs. Carter, 5/-; J. Higgins, £2/7/-; Mr. Haslam, £2; Mr. Branford, £1; J. H. Woods, £1; Mr. McQueen, £1; Mr. Chelberg, 10/-; A. E. Robinson, 10/-; J. Hellier, £1; G. Hubbard, £1; Miss Tuxen, 10/-; Mrs. Hellier, £1; C. H. Pretzman, £5; Mrs. Bremner, £1; A. T. Robinson, £2/10/-; Mrs. Robinson, £2; W. Knight, £1.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Miss M. Packham, 10/-; Mrs. Roberts, £2; G. T. Wilson, £5; A. Wainman, £1; Ross Lewin, 10/-; F. Lamplough, £1/12; W. R. Carswell, £10; E. A. D. Goodhart, £1; E. Worsnop, £1/4/-; Metcalfe Hare, £20/5/-; H. E. Thomson, £1.

QUEENSLAND.—Miss Walker, £1; Mrs. Hewitt, £5; Mr. McMurtrie, £1.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—R. Hare, £5.

The work had not been opened in West Australia when the division of the £2000 was made,

which is the reason this colony does not appear in the table.

No returns have been received from New Zealand, and we are unable to acknowledge any payments that may have been made there in consequence.

Funds are urgently needed for the completion of the buildings now in course of erection. We make an earnest appeal to our readers to do their utmost to help us raise the remaining amount by paying their pledges, if they have made any, as promptly as they can; and if they have not already pledged, to do so now, and to plan to pay their pledges as quickly as possible.

“ Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if to-morrow
Found you where waiting was o'er;
Give as ye would to the Master
If you met His searching look;
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand your offering took.”

E. M. G.

THE AVONDALE SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

HAVING been somewhat intimately connected with the school enterprise from almost the first to the present time, I have thought that it might be interesting to our people were I to give some of the points bearing on the general work and the outlook of the school matters.

God in His providence has opened the way so that a beautiful location has been secured, and abundance of good land is now in the hands of the School Board.

As might be looked for in a new place, the experiences here have been varied, yet we have never entertained a doubt but that God has a wise design in directing the attention of our people to this place as one pre-eminently suitable for the future development of an educational centre. For some years before an effort was made to establish a college where our people could receive the education and instruction which they so much need to fit them to stand for truth in the trying times just before us, the importance of having such an institution was a live question with our people throughout the colonies. Well, brethren, we are happy to say that this boon has been secured to us through the blessing of God.

Many indeed, and perplexing, have been the problems which have come before the School Board up to this point, but we are glad to assure you that hitherto the Lord has helped us.

There are now three commodious school buildings, all of which are finished with the exception of the attic in the boys' hall. They are ceiled and plastered, and the workmanship is good, so that they present a very neat appearance. The last

building erected is the boys' hall, which is the largest. It has about thirty lofty, well ventilated rooms. We have built two cisterns, at a cost of about eighty pounds, and they afford a good supply of the best water, which is an important matter in this country. We shall require two more such cisterns to complete our equipment in this respect.

The orchard, which comprises about ten acres, has cost the school a great amount of attention, and much money has been spent in preparing the thickly timbered land for use in this direction. The prospects are that it will turn out a very profitable investment, and it will be just such as the school requires. The trees bore an abundant harvest this year although they are all young. This country is particularly adapted to fruit-growing. It surpasses anything I have seen in this respect. With proper attention, the land produces well in almost every line of agriculture. I have given some attention to this matter in experimenting, and have had very satisfactory results. We could not, therefore, have a better place in which to train our young people in lines of agriculture. When coming here three years ago, I entertained very different views in regard to the productive nature of the soil, and I was led to experiment, with the result that I am now quite satisfied that, with judicious care and ordinary attention, we have nothing to fear, but everything to encourage us in this industry.

The improvements carried on in this place under the auspices of the board have been varied and important. None but those who are intimately connected with the enterprise can realise what is involved, and what it costs to undertake a project of this kind in a country unimproved and standing in its natural state. As far as I can learn, the friends of this work have been sacrificing, generous and liberal in their donations, pledges, etc. I can speak more decidedly of our brethren in the immediate vicinity. Through all our steady plodding they have lifted well. Those that know most of the work here have done their best to help most.

We recognise the fact that the gold and the silver and the cattle on a thousand hills are the Lord's, and we know that if it were His pleasure, the gold current could just as well be turned this way. We know that the Lord has ever had a purpose in respect to His people, which purpose is to develop faith and trust and dependence in Him, and with this in view He led Israel through the Red Sea, and while there was no visible way of escape, His command was to go forward. We believe that in all the work here God has signally blessed and guided, and in view of the solemn times in which we live, the marvellous development of present truth, the rapid fulfilment of the signs of the times, the broad harvest fields now ripening,

and the scarcity of labourers, we have regarded in all this the urgent command to go forward, with the result that we now stand in that place where we require the special help, attention and sympathy of our brethren in the colonies. Some will criticise, supposing that we should not have advanced or opened up the work here faster than our means would permit; but there would not be the financial deficiency which perplexes us to-day if the money which has been pledged, and on which we depended in laying our plans for the completion of the present buildings, had been forthcoming.

In order to provide something near the accommodation which is positively necessary for the opening of the present term of school, we have had to incur liabilities, both in the purchase of material and in wages for the workmen, etc., which involves us in a very considerable amount.

If there was ever a time when it was important that those who sympathise with this work should rally, surely it is now. Shall the standard of truth be lowered? Shall the daughters of the Philistines rejoice? Shall the cause at this juncture be crippled for the want of the support which jealousy for the reputation of the truth should bring to this work? I ask you, who among us shall stand on the Lord's side, and who will come up to the battle against the mighty? I can only say that in view of the whole situation, my prayer is that the Lord will guide and influence our minds that we may stand together in this matter as one man, and experience in truth that the blessing of the Lord maketh rich.

At the Stanmore meeting of the Union Conference, after a brief consideration of the work of the school and its immediate wants, it was unanimously resolved, That we pledge ourselves in behalf of our people to raise £1,000 for the said improvements, and that we recommend that this work begin at once. While this resolution was being discussed, over £100 was pledged, and at the Balaclava camp-meeting about £60 was added to the lists. That was a good beginning, and should have been followed by earnest work in all our churches. But just then our ministers were all occupied with important meetings at Balaclava and Stanmore, the President of the Union Conference was called to the New Zealand Conference, and the church officers were feeling the pressure of local interests, hence the raising of funds for the school was put off "till a more convenient season."

The School Board saw plainly that if buildings were prepared to meet the demands of the next school year, no time could be lost, and the Union Conference Committee urged immediate and speedy advancement of the work. In harmony with these demands, the work has been pushed

forward, and our buildings were so nearly ready that they could be used when the students came. And we find that they are none too large. In fact there is already urgent need for us to finish off the attic to the boys' hall, which was left unfinished for lack of funds. When financial perplexities surrounded us, we pressed forward the work, relying upon our brethren to fulfil their part, as outlined in the resolution of the Union Conference.

But money has come in very slowly from our brethren. Thus far it does not exceed £150. The board has been enabled to borrow £500 to complete the buildings in time, but this must soon be repaid. We have been compelled to buy on credit, and to ask our workmen to wait for their wages, so that our liabilities to merchants and carpenters are about £350. This should be paid soon if the credit and good name of the school are maintained. Thus far our school, and our people in its vicinity, have enjoyed a good measure of the confidence of the community, and of business men in Newcastle and Sydney, and at this time, when our work is enlarging, it is a matter of great importance that our reputation and credit grow steadily with it.

In fact, this is not simply a matter relating to the credit and integrity of our school, but of the credit and integrity of all our people.

At one time in the past just such a crisis as this arose in connection with the publishing work, and at another time in the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, and when the matter was fully set before our people, they rallied in a hearty and cheerful spirit, and by each doing what he could in gifts, or loans, the needed amounts were raised, and the institution which had stood in need and peril was more firmly established in the confidence of the world than ever before. Brethren, shall it now be so with our Australasian school?

God's blessing is very apparent in all the work of our school, and this should produce in our minds feelings of dependence and deepest gratitude. We have desired that this sacred enterprise should stand where it would claim the confidence, sympathy, and support of all our people. We have wished that the hallowed influences clustering around the school life of our children should make lasting impressions, ever reminding them of the sacred responsibilities of a consecrated life of service to God and to His children. To this end your School Board have laboured untiringly. And now, brethren, in consideration of our pressing needs, and in view of the urgent demands which must be met at once, we ask you to decide what shall be done.

What is needed, brethren, is a strong pull, and a long pull, and a pull all together. Then the embarrassments which beset us here may be removed, and our school set free to fulfil the glorious mission to which it is called.

—METCALFE HARE.

... Missionary ...

GENERAL AGENTS.

WITH the division of territory formerly covered by the Australian Tract Society has also come a division of the General Agent's work. Notice has already been given that Brother J. Johnson, from West Australia, has charge of the canvassing work in New South Wales. His address is 82 Douglass Street, Stanmore, New South Wales. Brother T. A. Chapman, who has been for several months in Queensland, will now have charge of the canvassing work in that colony. All agents, or any who may wish to enter the work or make enquiries concerning it, should address him at "Warriston," Petrie Terrace, Brisbane. Brother James Hindson, who has been over from the West for about six months, has been appointed as General Agent of the Australian Tract Society, which now comprises in its territory the colonies of Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and West Australia. All business relative to the canvassing work should now be addressed to him at 251 St. George's Road, North Fitzroy, Vic.

We feel that these arrangements will prove a great blessing to the canvassing work, as much more time and careful attention can now be given to our agents than was possible under the past arrangement. I shall still be very glad, at all times, to hear from our agents with whom I have formed such a pleasant acquaintance during the past three years. May the Lord bless you all, and thus make you a blessing.

E. R. PALMER.

QUEENSLAND TRACT SOCIETY.

WE particularly invite the attention of our friends in Queensland to the fact that a book, tract, and periodical depot has been opened in Brisbane; and that hereafter all business which has been transacted with the Australian Tract Society, North Fitzroy, should be addressed to the Queensland Tract Society, "Warriston," Petrie Terrace, Brisbane. Miss Annie Higgins, who for three years has been connected with the Australian Tract Society, has been placed in charge of the Brisbane Office. Church Treasurers, and all others who have sent their tithes, offerings, etc., to Mr. Alfred Hughes, should in the future send all such items to Miss Higgins at the above address, who will act as Treasurer of the Queensland Mission.

**MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALASIAN
CANVASSING WORK.**

Central Australia.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY, 1897-98.

	Orders.	Value.
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Downs, J. B., Scarsdale, Vic.	29	£20 17 6
Bible Readings—		
Hoskins, E., Seymour, Vic.	10	8 6 0
Great Controversy and Masterpiece—		
Masters, F., Geraldton, W.A.	42	36 19 0
Home Hand-Book—		
Diverall, J. C., Gippsland	23	37 6 0
Reekie, F. W., G.S. Railway	64	90 5 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Gooding, Mrs. C., Adelaide, S.A. ..	26	24 18 0
Sunbeams—Stoate, R. J. Bendigo, Vic. ..	95	55 11 6
	289	274 3 6

FEBRUARY.

Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Downs, J. B., Scarsdale, Vic.	38	26 3 6
Bible Readings—		
Innes, John, Stanley, Tas.	17	14 0 6
Innes, John, (Sunshine)	18	5 18 0
Home Hand-Book—		
Diverall, J. C., Gippsland	14	20 8 6
Reekie, F. W., G.S. Railway	74	106 6 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Gooding, Mrs. C., Adelaide, S.A. ..	7	6 18 0
	168	179 15 0

New South Wales.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

Bible Readings—		
H. Ross-Lewin, Narrandera and Hay ..	28	23 15 0
R. S. Hodgson, Wagga Wagga	105	86 8 6
Miss E. Adcock, Penrith and Lithgow ..	39	34 16 0
C. J. Anderson, Gunnedah	35	23 1 0
J. L. Dean, Tamworth	6	3 15 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Mr. W. R. Carswell, Picton and Mittagong	15	25 3 6
Mrs. W. R. Carswell,	13	16 15 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Newcastle	50	50 8 6
	291	264 2 6

FEBRUARY.

Bible Readings—Mr. G. F. Goodman, Balmain	12	£9 2 6
Mr. R. S. Hodgson, Albury	5	3 16 0
Miss E. Adcock, Lithgow	52	41 19 6
Mr. C. J. Anderson, Gunnedah	73	47 13 6
Mr. J. L. Dean, Tamworth	38	29 14 0
Mrs. R. Dean, Tamworth	38	25 0 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Mr. W. R. Carswell, Robertson	8	13 3 6
Mrs. W. R. Carswell, Robertson	2	5 2 0
Ladies' Guide—Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Newcastle	45	47 12 6
Mr. H. Ross-Lewin, Orange	3	3 16 6
Miss J. Robertson, Stanmore	5	21 17 6
Total	301	£248 17 6

Queensland.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

Bible Readings—		
Mr. T. A. Chapman, Brisbane	4	£4 10 0
Home Hand-Book—		
Mr. A. W. Harwood, Maryborough ..	14	21 0 0
Mr. A. G. Mackenzie, Maryborough ..	26	38 15 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Miss A. J. Ackary, Cooktown	33	28 18 6
Total	77	£93 3 6

FEBRUARY.

	Orders.	Value.
Bible Readings—		
Mr. P. Reekie, Beaudesert	20	£16 3 0
Mr. T. A. Chapman, Brisbane	5	4 17 0
Home Hand-Book—		
Mr. A. G. Mackenzie, Maryborough ..	10	15 0 6
Mr. A. W. Harwood, Maryborough ..	3	4 14 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Miss Ada Ackary, Thursday Island ..	12	14 0 6
Total	50	54 15 6

New Zealand.

JANUARY.

FEBRUARY.

Number of Agents	11	11
Number of Orders	424	286
Value of Orders	£317 15 0	£183 19 0
Value of Helps	112 3 4	8 13 9
Value of Shop Sales	9 9 1	4 3 6
Total Value	£439 7 5	£201 16 0
Value of deliveries	£191 2 0	

BIBLE ECHO SALES.

Churches.	Membership.	Echoes.		
		Dec., 1897.	Jan., 1898.	Feb., '98.
Adelaide	159	1542	2440	1919
Ashfield	66	570	966	984
Avondale	50	180	330	264
Ballarat	40	171	330	264
Bismarck	56	36	60	48
Brighton	14	54	90	96
Broken Hill	18	660	1092	780
Geelong	15	129	240	612
Hawthorn	40	54	100	80
Hobart	94	414	705	564
Kellyville	16	81	180	144
Latrobe	9	18	30	24
Melbourne	208	507	956	720
Malvern	23	72	120	96
Parramatta	70	2103	3693	1716
Perth	31	432	720	576
Prahran	47	481	171	156
Prospect	12	36	60	48
Rockhampton	68	366	850	656
Sydney	84	1482	1770	936
Toowoomba	28	96	160	128
Williamstown	64	183	305	256
Unorganised Companies				
Balaclava		3000	3500	1584
Bendigo		890	40	32
Brisbane		498	686	208
Charters Towers				6
Croydon		144	240	192
Ipswich		18	30	24
Kadina		18	30	24
Launceston		72	96	96
Melrose		216	360	288
Stanmore		528	1728	888
Townsville		234	60	48
Zechan		72	120	96
New Zealand		5,554	10,010	8,656
Miscellaneous		2,739	2,832	2,041
Total		23,650	35,100	26,150

NEW SOUTH WALES.

WHEN sending in the monthly summary for February, the Secretary of the N. S. W. Tract Society writes as follows:—

“I have much pleasure in forwarding you the February summary of the New South Wales agents. This is the highest report we have had for one month since the opening of the work here, and we feel to praise the Lord for His goodness and help to us.

“One of the chief reasons why we have so good a report is because our agents have nearly all put in good time, working from six to eight hours a day, and some more, and working five days per week. The Lord blesses the faithful and diligent labourer. I believe, too, that most of our agents are working with a right motive; not for mere financial aid, but because they believe the work to be the Lord’s, and because they desire to carry forward the last warning message. We have tried to impress our workers with the importance of this line of work, and how the Lord looks upon it.

“Sister Adcock has just finished a delivery at Penrith, doing fairly well. My mother has also placed a good number of books, during the last few weeks, in and around Newcastle. It is really wonderful the number of books that have been sold in that place. This should certainly be a good preparation for the opening of mission work there.

“Brother and Sister Carswell have been working under great disadvantages, but their courage is good. I believe they will soon enter the work in Newcastle.”

L. GREGG.

QUEENSLAND.

Extract from a letter received by Elder A. G. Daniells, March 6, 1898.

“On the 18th of last month I left Brisbane to visit the church at Toowoomba and the scattered Sabbath keepers in that vicinity. Brother Palmer accompanied me as far as Toowoomba, where he remained until Sunday noon, when he took the mail train for the South.

I had written to the leader of the little company, Brother Snape, to write to the brethren who lived some distance away and tell them we were coming, and that we should like to meet them at worship on the Sabbath. We were very pleased to see the response, some coming thirty, and others nineteen, miles. We had good meetings. On Sunday night the little building was filled. We found all of good courage. On Monday I took the train for Meringandan, and was met there by Miss Cozens with the trap, and driven to their kind home, where I spent a happy time of about three

days. During my stay there we had three studies a day, besides our little talks in between. I put before them just what I thought they most needed, and now all the household, with but one exception, are obeying God as far as they have seen the truth. This family first became interested through Brother Carswell, who all along has kept up a correspondence with Mrs. Cozens, and then Brother Merritt gave them some readings, and then when I came through from Sydney I visited them, and so it has been a case of one planting and another watering, but God has given the increase. Mrs. Cozens and her family now wish to unite with the church.

JESSE PALLANT.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

AN appeal has been made to us to find a home for a little boy who has no one to care for him. Will not one of our sisters open her heart and home to this little fellow and bring him up for the Lord?

He is one year old, has blue eyes and fair hair; is a bright, affectionate, and healthy child.

“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

Address inquiries to Miss A. L. Ingels, Secretary of the Orphans’ Committee, 251 St. George’s Rd., North Fitzroy, Victoria.

“ONE SOWETH AND ANOTHER REAPETH.”

Oh! I have sown with lavish hand,
Increasing in the world’s wide fields,
And yet the hard and barren land
No rich response of harvest yields.

And I am weary with the pain
Of patient watching, and I fear
My scattered store of golden grain
Will never spring to blade and ear.

And yet who knows? at last, though late,
The kindly sun and rain may bring
To other eyes, who watch and wait,
Sweet tokens of a blessed spring.

When we who toiled no longer keep
Our mortal watch on fields below,
Glad hearts and joyous hands may reap
The fruit of seed they did not sow.

Oh! weary brother, who hast sown
The seed with daily tears and toil,
And dreamed that no grain has grown,
But hid in darkness in the soil:

My brother, still at morning sow,
Nor in the evening stay thy hand;
Thou dost thy Father’s will, and lo!
Hereafter thou shalt understand.

J. STRANG.

HEALTH FOODS.

For several months we have been importing, in small quantities, various kinds of our valuable Health Foods which are being manufactured by the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A. We have appreciated the great value of these foods both for the strong and the weak, but for the latter in particular; and as we have desired that our people throughout the colonies should become acquainted with their value, we have imported small quantities on trial. These have been received with great favour, but we have been met by two serious objections in trying to bring such foods fully ten thousand miles. Some kinds of food, by the time they reach here, are quite stale, and not nearly so good as if they could be obtained directly from the factory. Besides, the cost of transportation and the duties compel us to place a very high price upon them, or lose money in handling them. These facts, as well as our confidence in the success of the enterprise, have led us to put forth a strong effort to manufacture the Health Foods in the colonies. To this end, Brother E. C. Halsey has been sent out from the Sanitarium bakery to take charge of the manufacturing, and the work has now begun. We have had to begin slowly and experiment to some extent, but thus far our success has been very encouraging. We are now making Granola, Caramel Cereal, and Nut Butter, which is quite equal to that being put up by the Sanitarium in America. It is being enthusiastically received, and the business is becoming quite brisk.

We greatly desire that all our people in every colony should obtain samples of these foods, learn how to use them to advantage, and enthusiastically advocate, and thus advertise them among their friends and neighbours. You can do this in several ways. Talk about the foods to the people you meet, tell the sick how good they are for a weak stomach, etc., and give them an advertising slip which describes the goods and prices of the foods, also the places where they can be obtained. We anticipate that very soon all the leading grocers in this country will be handling these goods; and we wish you to assist us in introducing them among the grocers by asking your grocer for them every time you send to the shop. Send the advertising slip round to the grocer, and ask for one pound of each every time there is an opportunity, and he will soon obtain the goods, and you can get them from him as you need them. We will send you quantities of these advertising slips on application. You may also be able to assist us by acting as an agent. Any person with ordinary ability can very soon work up a paying round of customers, and not only obtain a livelihood, but assist in opening up the business. Until able to obtain these foods from grocers

our friends in Queensland can secure them by addressing Mr. Alfred Hughes, "Ryall," Eagle Junction, Brisbane. In New South Wales, they can be obtained from the Sanitas Supply Co., Gower Street, Summerhill. Other colonies should, for the present, obtain supplies from the Sanitarium Health Food Agency, 343 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, or 251 St. George's Road, North Fitzroy, Victoria.

Please do not delay in this matter, but take hold of this new enterprise with a snap, and we will be at your service to please you. For description and prices of these foods, see advertisement on another page.

SANITARIUM HEALTH FOOD AGENCY.

PERSONAL.

AFTER an absence of several months in New Zealand, Dr. E. R. Caro has returned to Australia to push forward our medical work. The doctor reports having had a very pleasant time and a much needed rest while visiting his parents and friends at Napier.

THOSE who are interested in our medical and health work will be pleased to hear that more help is on the way. A letter by the American boat states that Doctor Rand and Mr. and Mrs. Lingle, medical nurses, left Honolulu March 30 for Sydney. These friends have been sent by the American Medical Board in response to our requests for more help.

Brother G. A. Brandstater and family have, in response to an earnest invitation from the New Zealand Conference, gone to that field to labour. Brother Brandstater is a splendid nurse, and was doing excellent work in Sydney. We feel that we sustain a loss by his removal to New Zealand. Well, "our loss is their gain."

WE are pleased to learn that the staff of workers in New Zealand has recently been strengthened by the arrival of Brother W. H. Covell and wife. These workers are from America, but for some months have been working in Honolulu. Brother Covell is especially proficient, we hear, in the book business. There is room for many more such workers in Australasia. Let them come.

SISTER MARY OWEN writes from Dunedin:—"I am glad to tell you we are selling all the *Echoes* every week. For eight weeks we have been selling 720 copies each week, so there must be more interest than there was before. The Lord only knows what the interest is. The last week we sold twenty-five small books, and the week before fifteen. Two customers bought three books at one time."

FROM our New Zealand exchange, *The Advance*, we clip the following item:—

“Pastor Steed has removed his family to Cambridge, Waikato, where he has begun a series of meetings in a new tent. From a private letter we learn he has encouraging attendance and interest.”

BRETHREN WOODS and Ballingall are at present conducting a series of tent meetings at Kadina, South Australia. From private reports we learn that the interest and attendance are excellent. The brethren solicit the prayers of God's people.

THE many friends of Pastor G. T. Wilson will be pleased to hear that he seems to be improving in health. He and Mrs. Wilson have gone to Queensland for the winter. They will locate in Brisbane and work for that field as the Lord gives them health. May God's blessing be upon them.

SISTER E. G. WHITE is spending a few weeks in Victoria visiting the different churches, including Geelong and Ballarat. Her earnest labours are a great blessing to our brethren and sisters.

WE have recently had a pleasant visit from P. B. Rudge of Tasmania. We are glad to say that he has arranged to connect with the Health Foods business, and will, in a short time, locate his family in Melbourne.

THE tent meetings which have been conducted by Pastor Robinson in Balaclava since the camp-meeting, have been brought to a close. Between forty and fifty have begun to keep the Sabbath, and many more are halting. An allotment has been purchased for a church, and preparations are being made to erect the building. In the meantime Sabbath services are being held in a public hall.

WE learn that Joseph Hare, Sr., of Kaeo, New Zealand, is visiting his son, Metcalfe, at Coorang-bong. Brother Hare is the father and respected head of a large family in New Zealand. He came to the colonies in the early days, and located at Kaeo, where he reared his family and laboured for the moral and spiritual welfare of the settlement. We wish him a pleasant time in Australia.

PASTOR R. HARE has recently begun a series of Sunday night meetings in a public hall at Perth. The last reports state that the attendance was more encouraging than at any meetings Brother Hare has held in the West.

MISS INGELS left Melbourne, March 9, for the Health Home, Summer Hill, New South Wales, where she is recruiting her health. We are glad to report that she is rapidly gaining in strength, and that she hopes soon to return to her work with renewed energy.

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NOTES.

THE Week of Prayer for Australasia is appointed by the Union Conference Committee to be held from May 28 to June 5. Read the article on the first page about this important occasion.

HAVE you read those excellent articles in the *Bible Echo* of April 4th and 11th on "Prayer," by Dr. A. T. Pierson? If not, you have missed a feast. They will bear reading several times.

WE learn that a commodious house of worship is being erected in Stanmore near the ground where the late camp-meeting was held. Pastor Haskell, who has this work in hand, is working energetically in behalf of the enterprise.

WE predict that, after glancing over the notes on this and the preceding pages, you will turn to the first page and read the paper right through, and then say with us that this number is full of deeply interesting and important matter.

THE articles in this number of the RECORD on the Avondale School tell about the splendid opening of the second year, where the students are from, the new departments that have been opened for the training of nurses and teachers, and the help the school is in pressing need of just now. Read every word about this blessed institution, and ask the Lord to help *you* to help the school.

WE are pleased to note that the New Zealand Conference has added a paper to our list of colonial periodicals. Its name, *The Advance*, and its motto, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," are both very appropriate in every respect. It is a four-page monthly, is printed in Wellington, and the first number was issued in January, 1898. We have received and read with interest the first three numbers. We heartily congratulate our people in New Zealand on the possession of such a valuable adjunct to their organisation.

"WE feel a conviction, as deep as the roots of our being, that not only missions, but every other form of work for man's uplifting and salvation, will find its chariot wheels dragging heavily, until the *divine* idea of giving takes the throne and shrine of our conviction, and sways its golden sceptre in our lives. Every cry of retrenchment is an assault on God and an insult to His claims."

DR. ARTHUR T. PIERSON.

THE New Zealand Tract Society has purchased and paid for an excellent allotment on which to erect a building for the transaction of its business.

From a private letter we learn that the building was up and enclosed the 20th of March, and the work was being hurried to completion. The building is two storeys. The ground floor will be used by the society, and the second storey will be a hall for public services. The building has been greatly needed for a long time, and we rejoice that it has been erected.

DURING the past few months the Lord has manifested His divine interest in the Health Home, by giving it great temporal, physical, and spiritual blessings. Every room in the large main building has been filled as rapidly as means could be earned to purchase furniture. In addition, a cottage has been secured, but it is too inadequate to meet the demand for apartments. Several applicants have been necessarily refused admittance until more accommodation can be supplied. This should not be. All of the patients have been benefited; many of them have gone home well. Seeds of truth have been sown in their hearts, some having altogether united with God's chosen people.

How to obtain means to fit up suitable treatment rooms, and to supply accommodation for the many applicants, is the present burden of the managing committee.

 THE HERALD OF HEALTH.

AS PREDICTED in our first number, the *Herald* has supplied a want of the people. Evidence of this is seen in the almost phenomenal increase in the length of the yearly subscription list from month to month.

While mailing the January number to only 167 subscribers, over 1,600 names were in the order book before the March issue had come from the presses. The sale of nearly two hundred additional copies almost exhausted the issue. The April number starts out with 2000 copies, and the end is not yet. Thinking men and women feel that they must understand how to care for the body in health and disease. The *Herald* will endeavour to adapt itself to their requirements.

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