

# Union Conference Record

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

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## AN EXCELLENT MEETING, AND A GOOD WORK.

ON Sunday, June 19th., a union meeting of the Melbourne churches of Seventh Day Adventists, was held in the Oddfellow's Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne. The object of the meeting was to consider various features of medical work, city rescue work, and what may be called helping-hand industries.

About three hundred brethren and sisters came from the North Fitzroy, Williamstown, Windsor, Hawthorn, and Brighton churches. At the close of the meeting, many pronounced it to have been one of the best meetings ever held in Melbourne by our people.

The services began at 3:30 P.M., under the leadership of Pastor A. T. Robinson. Brother Daniells read the following portions of Scripture: Luke 14: 16-24, the last call to the supper (rescue work); Luke 10: 25-37, the Good Samaritan (medical missionary work); Isaiah 58: 6-11 (Christian help work).

In explaining the object of the meeting, the chairman stated that for some time the minds of a number of the brethren had been deeply impressed that much greater efforts should be made by us, as a people, to care for the helpless, to assist the needy, heal the sick, and rescue those who are perishing in the darkest places of our land. A forward movement had set in, and those who were leading it would report the progress already made, and present plans for a still greater work.

### OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

Brother C. P. Michaels reported that some weeks ago a committee had been appointed to establish a Home for the aged and infirm among us, who have no homes. Although this undertaking had been surrounded with many difficulties, he was happy to report, that a beginning had been made. A small house had been rented and partly furnished. Brother and Sister Harris of Ballarat, had been secured to take charge of the Home, and

two dear old brethren were being cared for. There were other persons who must be taken into the Home as soon as rooms can be furnished for them.

Thus far no money has been spent in furnishing. Our people in Melbourne have responded promptly to calls for articles of furniture by sending in chairs, wire stretchers, a stove, dishes, cutlery, etc. The Home is still in need of bedding, coverlets, rugs, carpets, mats, linoleum, cooking utensils and wash tubs. Donations of food such as vegetables, fruit, etc., will be very acceptable.

The committee in charge of the Home are hoping to secure a larger and more suitable building in the near future, and to provide a comfortable, cheerful place for our homeless aged.

The report from Brother Michaels was listened to with the deepest interest, and was followed by cheering remarks from some of the brethren.

### ORPHANAGE.

Sister E. M. Graham reported the work being done by the Orphans Committee:—

"The committee appointed to establish an Orphanage, regret that they cannot report one already started, but arrangements are being made to do this very shortly. A matron has been selected, and on her arrival in Melbourne it is the intention of the committee to rent a suitable house, furnish it, and gather in as many of the homeless little ones as they can accommodate.

"It is designed that this Orphanage shall be a place where destitute children may be taken care of, while suitable homes are being found for them. It is hoped and believed that our people will open their hearts and homes to the little ones, taking them from the Orphanage, thus making room for others to be received. The motto of our Orphanage should be "A home for every homeless child, a child for every childless home."

"The committee has placed three little boys in good homes, where they have won their way to the hearts of their adopted parents. The testimony in each case is: "We could not do without

the little fellow now." They are also caring for the three children of a brother who has been out of work for a long time. He is very grateful for this help in his time of need.

"The committee is ready to receive gifts of furniture of all kinds, cooking utensils, etc., children's clothes, bedding, toys and books. They appeal to our people to come forward, and help the Orphanage to start without having to spend any money on furnishing, as they have helped the Old Peoples' Home.

"They have lately received £2 8s. 11d. from the churches, a little chair, perambulator, couch, and linoleum, four quilts, a bed and bedding."

The chairman related a touching incident in connection with his recent visit to Adelaide. A short time ago one of our sisters died there leaving four little children. It was her dying wish that her children should find homes in Sabbath-keeping families. Since her death, the father has been obliged to leave the children in a boarding house while he goes to his work. Brother Robinson stated that he had brought one of the children to his home, and he asked those present to consider the situation and see if they could not provide homes for the other three.

#### HELPING HAND WOOD YARD.

Brother C. Steele reported that on the 13th of June, No. 1 branch of the Helping Hand Wood Yard was opened at the corner of Reid Street and St. George's Road, N. Fitzroy. One of our brethren had been employed to manage the yard, and already there was considerable work being done. He read the following card which quite fully explains the object of this industry.

"You are invited to patronise the

#### HELPING HAND WOOD, COAL AND COKE YARD.

"Corner of St. George's Road and Reid Street, N. Fitzroy: Established by the Helping Hand Mission for charitable purposes."

#### OBJECTS.

"For the assistance of the deserving poor. All profits will be devoted to charitable purposes.

"To provide employment for needy men. If they have no money they will be sent to the Helping Hand Wood Yard and given work to the amount of meals and beds required.

"This is true Christian help. It is frequently worse than useless to give charity. Charity is often debasing, but work is elevating.

"To provide means, by the profits of the business, for the carrying on of rescue and philanthropic work in the slums of our great city.

#### AN APPEAL.

"All humane, Christian citizens are requested to co-operate with the Helping Hand Mission in the establishment of this worthy and noble enterprise.

"Your orders are earnestly solicited, and the smallest favours will be gratefully appreciated.

"You can thus practically assist, not only in providing employment and shelter for hungry and homeless men; but in reforming the lives of some of the Melbourne poor, unfortunate, and fallen men and women."

#### LAUNDRY.

The reasons for starting a laundry were presented by Brother E. R. Palmer as follows:—

"This institution has not yet been opened, but earnest efforts are being made to do so at an early date. Its objects will be in harmony with our other philanthropic enterprises, and all profit, if there is any, will be devoted to our rescue work.

"Its primary object will be to give work to a very needy and deserving class. It is designed that this laundry shall give work chiefly to women who are struggling to maintain their homes, and care for their children, where the husband and father has either been taken away or disabled. There are many women who are working bravely to meet such adverse circumstances, but who shrink from asking for assistance unless they can give its value in return.

"The committee, which has this enterprise in hand, desires first a good location, and either the necessary cash with which to purchase the plant, or the articles of furniture which are necessary. Then they wish to select a woman of strength and ability as manager, also two assistants. These persons would necessarily be permanent employees. Other women who wish to work can arrange to do so as many days in the week as will be convenient. Arrangements are also being made for a home, near the laundry, where the children of those employed can be cared for and taught during the day, so as to relieve the mothers of anxiety concerning them while they are engaged in the work.

"For outside work it will be necessary to have a pony and cart, driven by an energetic young man or woman, to do the collecting and delivering. Work will be solicited by members of the Christian Help bands, who will distribute bills and circulars setting forth the objects of this institution, and soliciting the patronage of the people.

"We are confident that these arrangements, when perfected, will meet an urgent want, and we trust that the Helping Hand Laundry will prove all that its name implies."

The investigations of the committee regarding the cost of laundry furniture were presented by Brother A. W. Anderson as follows:—

“This committee was appointed for the purpose of making investigations into the laundry business, as proposed to be inaugurated in connection with our mission work.

“In this report we will give a brief epitome of the result of our enquiries, dealing mainly with what has been suggested to us by persons of large experience.

“At the outset we would suggest, as of primary importance, that premises should be secured which possess the following advantages :—

“No. 1.—A building consisting of sufficient rooms to use as a Mission Home for women who may be employed in the laundry, as well as a good wash house, a *well ventilated* ironing room, a small room that could be utilised as a receiving and packing room, and sufficient accommodation for a home for the person in charge.

“No. 2.—Attached to this building, it is very essential that there be a good drying yard. Next in importance to securing a suitable building and drying ground, we would suggest that a plant for the proper working of the laundry be obtained, consisting of the following articles :—

A 3 roller mangle 30 inch ... ..	£5	5	0
A 14 in. iron frame wringer ... ..	1	10	0
A washing trough (three divisions)	1	15	0
2 copper boilers, 30 gals., and build- ing in ... ..	8	0	0
1 ironing stove ... ..	1	5	0
Sundry tubs, buckets, clothes lines, etc.,	5	0	0
Plumbing and carpentering work mak- ing tables, etc. ... ..	2	5	0
	£25		0

“This estimate is based upon the prices at which these goods can be purchased, but many articles could doubtless be procured free of cost if our object is brought under the notice of liberal minded people.

“We trust that our efforts will be blessed of God, and that the result of our endeavour to establish self-supporting missionary industries may be the means of promoting the progress of the message, as well as proving a blessing to those in need of help.”

At this point, 5 : 30 P.M., the meeting adjourned for one hour. Nearly every person in the building remained, and spent a pleasant hour in little groups talking about the cheering reports that had been presented.

At 6 : 30 the work was resumed, and the first report called for was that pertaining to the establishment of an

**ELECTRIC LIGHT BATH INSTITUTION.**

Brother Daniells reported that preliminary arrangements had been made by the Central Australian Conference, and the Medical Missionary

and Benevolent Association, for the establishment of an electric light bath institution in the city of Melbourne. The main feature of this institution will be the electric light cabinet. This is a device or appliance invented by Dr. Kellogg. By it a sweat bath can be given by electricity instead of hot air, steam, or hot water. It is claimed that this bath possesses superior advantages over the Turkish and other hot baths.

One of these cabinets has just reached Sydney from Battle Creek, and will be forwarded to Melbourne as soon as a suitable building can be secured. It is intended to fit up the Melbourne institution with the appliances necessary to successfully treat all kinds of ailments requiring electricity, massage, etc. Dr. Rand has been engaged to take charge of this work, and he will be assisted by the nurses required to do efficient work. We look with deep interest to the opening of this institution, for we believe it will prove a great blessing to our cause, and to suffering humanity in Melbourne.

**RESCUE WORK.**

Brother W. D. Salisbury reported for the committee on City Mission Work as follows :—

“While the disciples of Christ have been carrying out His commission, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” He has been preparing a supper for them, called in the parable in the 14th chapter of Luke a great supper. During this time the invitation has been to those who have land, and oxen, and who enjoy the pleasures of this world. Many have prepared themselves, many more have made excuse. The Lord then said, “Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.” The servants made reply, “Lord, it is done as Thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.” The last commission given is: “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in that My house may be filled.”

“The Lord has been impressing upon the minds of His servants, of late, the truth of these words; and a compelling power is taking hold upon them to join in this compelling message.

“On the 29th of May, twenty-one persons, with their hearts full of these truths, met together to consider and devise plans for the work before them. Committees were appointed for the various lines of work. Among these was a committee to gather information which would enable a Helping Hand Mission to be started. This committee has met with encouragement at every step. Some of the business men of Melbourne have offered financial assistance. They have under offer, at a reasonable rent, a building four-storeys high, about 21 feet wide by 70 feet deep; also immediately at the rear, and across a right-of-way, a

three-storey building of the same width, but not quite so deep. The main building faces Latrobe Street; the smaller building, Little Latrobe Street. These buildings are very suitable for our purpose. The ground floor of the main building can be fitted up for gospel meetings. The members of one of our Melbourne churches have offered to decorate the walls and make the room attractive. Chairs and tables are needed for this room.

"The first floor is suitable for a reading room and a lunch counter, where penny lunches can be served. Here the cooking can be done. This room should also be decorated with suitable mottoes. We need chairs, tables, dishes, cutlery, a stove, and various cooking utensils for this department as well as cash donations.

"The second and third floors can be used for beds, a dispensary, and a hospital ward.

"The ground floor of the smaller building is suitable for baths, and laundry for the men's washing; while the first and second floors can be used for the various industries, or sleeping apartments.

"The building is well located for the work it is designed to do. Nearly all the rent has been guaranteed for the first six months by members of the Melbourne churches, who pay from 1d. to 1s. 6d. per week each.

"Who is prepared to send, prepaid, donations of various articles, such as blankets, sheeting, pillow-cases, and all necessary articles for beds? Cast off clothing, hats, boots and shoes, will also be needed. We can use a number of mottoes for decorating the walls of the various rooms.

"While the mission will be furnished by voluntary donations, it is the intention of the committee to make it as nearly self-supporting as possible. Meals and beds will not be furnished free, these will be paid for by some one. If the men who come to the mission cannot pay for a penny dish of food, or a three penny bed, they will be given the opportunity to work for them; or if they are not able to work, and have no money, opportunity will be given to the public to supply tickets for such cases. None will be turned away.

"How many of our brethren and sisters are ready to co-operate with the committee in lifting up the fallen, in feeding the hungry, in caring for those who are destitute, in giving a helping hand to their brother?

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me; I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me."

Those who wish to send donations should correspond with N. D. Faulkhead, treasurer, 14 and 16 Best Street, North Fitzroy, Vic.

Brother Daniells requested all who would volun-

teer to assist in cleaning the City Mission premises to raise their hands, and nearly three hundred hands were raised in an instant.

The conference closed at 8:30, having lasted five hours with an intermission of one hour. The interest was intense from the beginning to the close. We believe that God is leading us, and to Him shall be all the praise.

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### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE week of prayer throughout the Australasian colonies was held, according to appointment, Sabbath, May 28, to Sunday, June 5. We believe the occasion was more generally and heartily observed than any similar season has been in the past. And, so far as we are able to judge from reports already received, it has been a season of great spiritual blessing to all who have entered heartily upon it. Some very cheering and encouraging reports have been received from those who are isolated and had not the privilege of meeting with others of like faith. In some of the letters received from these persons occur such expressions as the following, which show that the same good Spirit of the Lord that was manifested in the assemblies of His people is not confined to place or numbers: "My eyes are being opened, and my heart is being filled with heavenly treasure. Blessed be His dear name." "I will arise and go forward. I see a blessed work to do." "I feel that it is time—high time—to arouse, and do what we can for the Lord. I feel convinced that He can and will use the humblest instrument, and that He is going to use me. Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me." "I have read most of the reading matter sent me, and have experienced some wonderful seasons. My heart was filled from the first day, and has been melted ever since." "I have felt the Holy Spirit to be very near, and doing a great work in my soul, casting out evil, and revealing some wonderful things. It seems as though my heart is nearly soft enough for the Lord to mould afresh. O thank God for a soft heart. May I ever submit to His will, is my prayer." "As I have read and meditated upon the precious truth, my eyes have filled with tears, and my heart has been enlarged. O that I could remain in this blessed state. O that I could reach a little higher, get a little nearer to my Master." "I am anxious to hear of the results of the week of prayer. Let some one write and tell if any are filled with the Holy Spirit. If this is only the outskirts, what must the centre be? I feel more interested in this than in the news about the war."

The writer spent the week of prayer with the church in Adelaide, in company with Bro. J. H. Woods, having spent the week preceding at

Kadina, where Brethren Woods and Ballingall had been holding meetings for about three months. After the week of prayer, I spent a week with the Broken Hill church and visited some isolated families of Sabbath keepers on my return to Adelaide. The Lord was present, by His Holy Spirit, in all our meetings. There are many very encouraging omens in connection with the work in South Australia, and if all are faithful in carrying out the good resolves made under the impressions of the Spirit of the Lord, the work will move forward in that colony. Undoubtedly they will organise a conference there before very long, and so carry on their work on independent lines.

Pastor Colcord spent the week in Tasmania, visiting the Hobart, Bismarck, and Launceston churches. He reports an excellent interest, and much of the blessing of the Lord in the meetings attended. The brethren in Tasmania are very urgent that labourers be sent to that colony, which matter is to be carefully considered by the Central Australian Conference Committee.

Pastor Daniells, assisted by quite a strong corps of local elders and lay brethren, spent the time with the Melbourne and suburban churches, from all of which very interesting reports are received. The Spirit of the Lord impressed many of our people with the feeling that they ought to take hold of the Christian Help and Rescue work. This was not only true of the Melbourne churches, but also in Adelaide. In Melbourne, as the result of the interest awakened in these lines of work, a mass meeting was held on the following Sunday, in the Oddfellows' Hall. This meeting was largely attended by brethren and sisters from the surrounding churches, and great enthusiasm was shown in the consideration of different lines of work which are to be entered upon at once. Steps were taken toward the organisation of a Victorian Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and at the close of the meeting between forty and fifty persons became members of such an association, by paying the sum of twenty shillings, the membership fee. It is expected that the organisation will be completed at the time of the Central Australian Conference. An Organising Committee of nine persons was appointed to carry on the various lines of work, pending the completion of the Victorian Association.

Cheering reports of the week of prayer have just come to hand from several who conducted the services in the different churches in the New South Wales Conference.

From Queensland we have received the following: "Ever since the opening meeting the Lord has been impressing our hearts in a marked manner. Many of the brethren and sisters here have never had these privileges before, and they appreciated them with all their hearts.

"We planned to have a meeting in each place,

Albion and Bulimba, each night, except Thursday when all met in a central place for a united meeting. We took it in turns to attend the different meetings. Almost every Sabbath keeper came to every meeting. They did not want to miss one reading.

"A special interest has been aroused in our school at Coorabong. I know the people have, in Brother Daniells' words, found it more blessed, more profitable, more noble, more satisfying to give than to receive. Their faces just shone as they bore their testimony yesterday afternoon. We thank the Lord for evidences that He is working for His people in Brisbane.

"One or two who have been attending our meetings for a long time, young people, have been deeply affected by these meetings. Brother Wilson said he never saw any one more stirred than a young lady was in our last Sabbath's meeting. May this work of consecration not close with the week of prayer, but go on as a result, is our prayer at this time."

We have not, at this writing, received reports from either New Zealand or Western Australia, but we trust the good Spirit was with our people in those colonies also.

We give below the result of the annual offerings from the churches in the Central Conference, so far as reports have been received to date.

AVONDALE SCHOOL.

Adelaide church	...	...	£20	16	4
Ballarat	"	...	4	11	6
Brighton	"	...	0	11	0
Broken Hill	"	...	4	5	0
Geelong	"	...	1	13	3
Hawthorn	"	...	3	3	1
Launceston	"	...	1	5	2
North Fitzroy	"	...	19	16	9
Williamstown	"	...	8	2	0
Windsor	"	...	3	17	9
Total	...	...	£68	1	10

OFFERINGS TO MISSIONS.

Adelaide Church	...	...	£7	12	8
Ballarat	"	...	1	18	7½
Brighton	"	...	1	5	6
Broken Hill	"	...	1	17	6
Geelong	"	...	2	5	6
Hawthorn	"	...	1	9	7
Launceston	"	...	0	14	9
North Fitzroy	"	...	15	13	4½
Williamstown	"	...	8	2	9
Windsor	"	...	10	10	9
Total	...	...	£51	11	0

In addition to the cash donations, quite a number of gold watches and other articles of jewellery have been given, which will be disposed of to the best advantage possible. Some have also promised to "remember" the school a little later, when they hope to do more than they were

able at the time of the annual offerings. I am sure the managers of the school will feel that "'tis sweet to be remembered."

The returns from the other colonies are not yet to hand, but will be given next month.

A. T. ROBINSON.

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### QUEENSLAND.

ALTHOUGH our sales for May are not much higher than last month, yet we feel very thankful that there is a little increase. They are at any rate growing the right way.

You will be pleased to see the success that Sisters Prebble and Sumpter are having. They have only been canvassing about six weeks, yet they are working like old canvassers. The Lord is blessing their efforts very much. On Monday last, Brother and Sister Wilson held Bible readings at two places where these sisters had found honest souls seeking for light and truth. They reported a pleasant and profitable time. You will no doubt remember that Sister Prebble was, for quite a long time, the librarian of the Rockhampton Tract Society. She did faithful work there, and although it has been a loss to that church, we feel sure they must rejoice with us to see her taking active part in another branch of the Lord's work.

Brother Horwood writes: "Although my sales have not been very high the last two weeks, yet my courage increases."

Brother Mackenzie's letter of May 20 was so encouraging that I will quote a little from it. He says: "Both Bro. Horwood and myself have been having a real good time spiritually. We have been holding Bible readings with a family of Plymouth Brethren. There is an old gentleman (Mr. Newbury), a son, and the housekeeper. We have also had two others of the same denomination in to our readings. We have only held four readings thus far, and already one has decided to keep the Sabbath. To-morrow will be her third. We feel confident that two more will follow. All are under conviction. Mr. Newbury sees the Sabbath quite clearly, but does not yet seem prepared to accept it. We can only let the light shine, and leave the rest with God. I praise God that He has seen fit to use even me to spread the truth.

Bro. Horwood is just finishing a small delivery for himself and Brother Mackenzie, in Maryborough. The books were going in successfully a day or two ago, when we heard.

Bro. Chapman has been spending the week of prayer with the little scattered company in Ipswich and vicinity. He writes that God is wonderfully blessing them. One dear sister gave him a £5 note for the Avondale School Building Fund.

We feel especially glad this month to note the spiritual growth of many of our agents. We believe that this will be seen more and more as each individual worker endeavours to work faithfully and honestly, remembering that he is engaged in the Lord's work. May the Divine mould be placed upon all we undertake, is our prayer.

ANNIE S. HIGGINS, *Secretary.*

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### NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE following letter from Brother Johnson, General Agent of the N. S. W. Tract Society will be read with interest. The agent mentioned is Bro. Nichol, whose name appears for the first time in the April summary:—

"You will find enclosed the monthly summary of work in N. S. W., and although our report of book sales for the month is smaller than usual, still the work here is onward. Some of our agents have been delivering this month, which accounts for our summary being below the previous one; but the reports from the field are encouraging. One agent writes,—'It is with grateful heart to God for His goodness to me, that I now write my weekly report, and I have great and good news to tell you. I have met a cordial reception at every door, in fact, I have already gone to some the second time, and in this way secured four morocco orders.' This brother is working in territory where people have good cause to raise the usual plea of hard times, because of a long continued drought; but in the face of this difficulty, the first week he worked there he took orders for fourteen morocco and two library bindings, and sold helps to the amount of £1 7s. We read of God's people that, when they were all of one accord, God gave them favour with the people; and truly God will do the same for us now. Speaking of the work of the Laodicean message, the "Spirit of Prophecy" says: 'It is designed to arouse the people of God . . . that they may be favoured with the presence of Jesus, and be fitted for the loud cry of the third angel, and while this message is thus affecting God's people we read further that "angels were sent in every direction to prepare unbelieving hearts to receive the truth."

"Is not this a source of encouragement and assurance to every worker. If we connect with Jesus, and work earnestly and faithfully, believing that the salvation of precious souls depends upon our mission, God sends His angels before us to influence and prepare the people to receive the truth, and thus gives us favour with the people. Faithful work will always mean successful work.—

Yours faithfully,

J. JOHNSON,

*General Agent.*

**BIBLE ECHO SALES.**

MAY.

Churches.	Members-ship.	Echoes
Adelaide ..	159	2385
Ashfield ..	66	1218
Avondale ..	50	920
Ballarat ..	40	321
Bismarck ..	56	60
Brighton ..	14	120
Broken Hill	17	780
Geelong ..	18	1828
Hawthorn ..	40	100
Hobart ..	94	705
Kellyville ..	16	180
Latrobe ..	9	30
Melbourne	208	1573
Parramatta	70	2678
Perth ..	31	1603
Prospect ..	12	60
Rockhampton	68	418
Sydney ..	84	1422
Toowoomba	28	100
Williamstown	64	335
Windsor ..	80	1339
Total ..		18175

**Unorganised Companies.**

	Echoes.
Brought forward ..	18175
Bendigo ..	40
Brisbane ..	1006
Charters Towers	228
Croydon ..	150
Ipswich ..	30
Kadina ..	30
Kalgoorlie ..	120
Kangarilla ..	65
Launceston ..	120
Melrose ..	360
Stanmore ..	60
Townsville ..	60
New Zealand	11730
Miscellaneous	2496
Grand total	34670

**New Zealand.**

MAY.

	Orders.	Value.
Bible Readings—		
W. H. Pascoe ..	36	25 1 0
L. Harker ..	7	4 9 6
C. Mansaw ..	15	9 2 6
Norman Harker	18	10 1 0
W. J. McGowan	10	5 5 0
Home Hand-Book—		
W. T. Dawson ..	28	39 5 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. Anderson ..	88	77 0 0
Mrs. Masters ..	22	20 13 0
Great Controversy—		
Mr. Minchin ..	4	2 2 0
	228	£192 19 0

**THE LORD'S WORK.**

IT is a special feature of the third angels' message that, as soon as the truth reaches us, a desire to labour for others is created. Many are anxious to enter the ranks of permanent workers, and give their lives to the work, but are undecided as to which branch to enter. To such I would say that there is no work that will bring greater blessings to yourselves than the canvassing work. It is indeed the Lord's work, and will, if faithfully followed, give you a deep Christian experience.

A canvasser has the privilege of finding those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness, but who do not know where to find it. Many of these would never hear of the truth were it not for the canvassers. If we are longing to do something for the Master, we will not think it hard to enter a house, and talk to the poor souls who have struggled all their lives without a personal Saviour. Paul, the great apostle, worked in this manner, labouring from house to house as well as in public; and I believe, from the testimony of those who have tried both methods, that the house to house work brings the largest returns.

Success in this work will not come without effort. Those who work hard, following the Saviour's example, will overcome every difficulty, and succeed. A true canvasser does not know how to yield to difficulties; but on the other hand plans to overcome everything that stands in the road to success. God has never promised success to any individual who takes hold of anything in a half-hearted manner, but those who go forward in this work, with a firm trust in God, are as certain of success as the promises of God are sure.

The present season gives every promise of a good harvest and better times. The gospel fields are already white to harvest, and the labourers are few indeed. Who will help to carry the last message to a perishing world? I shall be glad to hear from all who would like to engage in this work.

C. P. MICHAELS,

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**MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE AUSTRALASIAN CANVASSING WORK.**

**Central Australia.**

MAY.

	Orders.	Value.
Ladies' Guide—		
C. Gooding, Adelaide, S. A. ..	2	1 15 0
E. Hoskins, Shepparton, Vic. ..	16	15 11 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
J. B. Downs, Creswick, Vic. ..	15	11 14 6
	33	29 0 6

**New South Wales.**

MAY.

Bible Readings—		
G. F. Goodman, Balmain ..	4	£3 2 6
Miss E. Adcock, Granville ..	3	2 8 6
C. J. Anderson, Boggabri ..	36	22 7 0
J. L. Dean, Armidale ..	62	45 10 0
Mrs. C. Chapman, Hurstville ..	9	5 18 6
Daniel and Revelation—		
J. Nichol, Bathurst ..	35	37 9 0
Mrs. M. Nichol, Bathurst ..	12	12 4 0
A. B. Cook ..	24	23 9 6
Ladies' Guide—Mrs. Gregg, Newcastle	29	28 11 0
Mrs. E. Hay, Croydon ..	7	6 2 6
Miss J. Robertson, Marrickville ..	19	18 12 0
	240	£205 14 6

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### NOTES.

PASTOR A. G. DANIELLS spent a week in Sydney and Cooranbong prior to his departure for West Australia. He left Melbourne for Perth, June 22.

BROTHER and Sister Hindson sailed for Perth, W.A., June 14. They report a pleasant passage to Adelaide, where they spent two days, meeting with the church on Sabbath.

ON Friday, June 24, at Cooranbong, our aged Brother Tucker passed peacefully away. He was much beloved, and we lay him to rest knowing that, when the Lord shall come, he will rise again.

PASTOR A. T. ROBINSON has returned from South Australia. While there he visited Broken Hill, and he reports good meetings in each place. Several new members have been added to the Kadina church.

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To serve anyone means work for the servant. It does not mean less to serve the Lord. First we must gird on the Christian's armour. Then

we will search for His lost sheep, and feed them. We will recover those who have already been branded by the devil as his own. When this is done, we will be serving the Lord as He wants to be served.—*The Advance*.

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