

Union Conference Record

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

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THE NEW ZEALAND CAMP-MEETING.

THIS gathering was held at Wanganui, New Zealand, November 11 to 21. Wanganui is a delightful country town of nine thousand inhabitants, on the West coast of the North Island, about one hundred and thirty miles from Wellington. It is situated on a level, fertile plain, surrounded on every side by ever-green hills. Its broad, clean streets, and fine public buildings; its beautiful gardens, and comfortable looking homes; its lofty trees, with bright hedges, and green grass everywhere: all these unite to make it one of the pleasantest spots that could have been selected for a religious gathering. A small paddock was chosen near the border of the town, on which were pitched twenty-two tents, besides the large pavilion, the children's tent, and the book tent. There was not a large gathering of our own people, as all had to travel long distances to reach the meeting, there being no church located at Wanganui.

Pastors Farnsworth, Steed, Hickox and Teasdale, who are the principle labourers of the Conference, were present, together with the Tract Society workers, Bible workers, and canvassers. Elder A. G. Daniells, Miss E. M. Graham, and the writer, were present from Australia. In many respects this meeting was a real success. While apparently this success was somewhat impaired by frequent showers, which fell nearly every day, yet the still more frequent showers of blessing, and the marked tokens of God's working, not only with His own people, but with the public, quite over-balanced the hindrances, as will be seen by the reports which follow. The Conference took aggressive steps in several directions, particularly with regard to holding camp-meetings, increasing the number of labourers, strengthening the Tract Society work, providing for a strong support of the *Bible Echo*, and other tract and missionary lines.

By the general public we were received very kindly indeed, a large number coming out to every meeting, through rain or shine, to hear the truth. Considerable opposition was shown through the papers and otherwise; but all this seemed to strengthen the interest, and help

on the good work. At the closing meeting there was a very large attendance, and fully five hundred people, by vote, expressed their strong desire to have the meetings continued. In harmony with their request, a large corps of labourers was left with the tent with the resolution to follow up the good interest as completely as possible.

The Conference, with its various departments, starts out upon a new year's work with many encouragements. The good company of workers engaged in that field, with the perfect harmony that exists between them, and the general spirit of courage and enthusiasm on the part of the lay members, are strong guarantees of another successful year's work. E. R. PALMER.

THE NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE.

THE ninth session of this Conference was held at Wanganui, Nov. 11-21, 1898. Eight churches were represented by twenty-one delegates, four churches were not represented, and Pastor A. G. Daniells, E. R. Palmer, and J. H. Camp were received as delegates at large.

Six meetings were held during this session of the Conference. The following committees were announced by the President at the first meeting: On Nominations: A. Mountain, J. Paap, Mrs. M. Caro. On Resolutions: Geo. Teasdale, J. H. Camp, Mrs. E. Steed. On Credentials: A. G. Daniells, D. Steed, S. H. Amyes. On Auditing: J. Paap, S. Lyndon, J. Glass, A. Mountain, C. D. Baron, J. H. Camp. Interesting reports were given at this meeting by the ministers concerning their labours in the field during the past year.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

WHEREAS, Great good may be done by our brethren by the circulation of periodicals, tracts, and our smaller books, and by missionary correspondence; and—

WHEREAS, A great variety of illustrated publications have been provided for this purpose, therefore—

I. *Resolved*, That we urge our Tract Society officers to arrange some systematic plan whereby these im-

portant lines of work may be developed as fully as possible with all local tract societies and isolated brethren.

WHEREAS, The Echo Publishing Company have raised the price of the *Bible Echo* from three shillings to six shillings per dozen, and our *Echo* sellers find it difficult to make their work self-supporting; therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That we employ suitable persons to engage in the sale of the *Bible Echo* on such terms as may be necessary for their support.

WHEREAS, God has specially indicated that camp-meetings are good mediums through which to call the attention of the public to present truth, and that the smallness of a camp-meeting does not militate against its good effects; therefore—

3. *Resolved*, That we make special efforts to hold another camp-meeting this summer in one of our large cities.

WHEREAS, The rapid growth of the Educational and Medical work in Australasia calls for the expenditure of £2000 within the next six months, and—

WHEREAS, The Australasian Union Conference is making an earnest effort throughout the Australasian field to raise this amount, and requests each colony to contribute an amount equal to £1 per member; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That this Conference respond to this call for help by undertaking to raise £400 as a contribution toward the amount required.

5. *Resolved*, That the Sabbath-school teachers hold a prayer meeting, at least once a month, in which the children will be encouraged to pray for themselves and others.

6. *Resolved*. That every officer and teacher work and pray for the actual conversion of the scholars; thus making the conversion of souls the primary object of the school.

7. *Resolved*, That we make the month of December a self-denial month, and set apart the first week's earnings to the cause, also that we deny ourselves the usual holiday luxuries and gifts, and devote the amount thus saved to this fund.

8. *Resolved*, That we continue the *Advance*.

All the resolutions were unanimously adopted, and many important thoughts presented in their discussion. Pastor A. G. Daniells occupied the time of one meeting in speaking on Resolution 4, giving many interesting facts concerning the educational work and the school at Cooranbong.

The Committee on Credentials and Licences recommended the following: For Credentials: E. W. Farnsworth, D. Steed, G. Teasdale, A. S. Hickox. For License: M. Caro. For Missionary License: G. A. Wantzlick, F. Paap, C. D. Baron, J. N. Anderson. The credentials and licenses recommended were granted.

During this session the Tract Society and Sabbath-school Association voted to come under the direction of the Conference instead of being separate organisations. The Committee on Nominations accordingly submitted the following report:—

Officers of the Conference: President, E. W. Farnsworth; Secretary, Mrs. V. J. Farnsworth; Treasurer, A. Mountain; Executive Committee, E. W. Farnsworth, D. Steed, G. Teasdale, S. H. Amyes, A. Mountain. Secretary of the Tract Society, Mrs. E. Steed; Accountant and Treasurer, Minnie Teasdale; General Agent, J. H. Camp.

Secretary of the Sabbath-school Association, Mrs. E. Steed. It was voted to accept the report of the committee, and all were elected to their respective offices.

The Conference Committee in connection with Mrs. M. Caro and G. A. Brandstater were appointed as a committee to take charge of the work of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in New Zealand during the coming year.

Before the adjournment of the Conference, Pastor Daniells offered earnest prayer that God would bless His own work in this colony the coming year, and that our brethren everywhere might be prospered temporally and spiritually.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, *President*.
MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NEW ZEALAND TRACT SOCIETY.

THE New Zealand Tract Society held one meeting on the Wanganui Camp Ground, November 14, 1898.

The President, W. M. Crothers, being absent, the chair was taken by the Vice President, W. E. Farnsworth.

The balance-sheet and the auditors report thereon were presented by the Treasurer of the Australasian Union Conference and adopted.

E. R. Palmer, the General Canvassing Agent for Australasia, spoke of the encouraging features of the balance-sheet. The heavy debt which has long burdened the Society is being reduced, and the canvassing work is in a prosperous condition, bringing in heavier returns than it has done for many years.

The officers of the Australasian Union Conference presented a scheme for the reconstruction of the society, which would bring it into harmony with the other societies in Australasia. This was unanimously adopted.

The first recommendation in this scheme was as follows:—

That this society be made a department of the New Zealand Conference, and be known as the New Zealand Branch of the International Tract Society.

Placing the Tract Society work under the control and management of the Conference has been found to add to the efficiency of its work, and to lessen the machinery in connection with it. The plan has been tried in Australia, America and South Africa, and has met with approval in each case.

The adoption of this report closed the business of the Tract Society, and the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, *President*.

E. M. Graham, *Secretary, pro tem*.

NEW ZEALAND SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE Ninth Session of the New Zealand Sabbath School Association was held upon the camp-ground, Wanganui, November 15, 1898.

The opening meeting was an interesting one, it being the first and last meeting of the Session, for before the meeting had closed, it was voted that the Association become a Department of the Conference.

The President of the Association, Mrs. V. J. Farnsworth, occupied the chair, and in the course of her interesting address, said,—

“It was twenty years ago, last April, that the first Sabbath School Association was organised by Seventh-day-Adventists. In about one year, twenty more associations were formed. At the present time, we have over forty associations, composed of 2,345 schools with a membership of 55,000. Since their organisation, they have given over £43,000 to the support of Missions. We are thankful that this New Zealand Association has about 600 members engaged in the study of God’s word.

“Since this Association was first organised £361 rs. 2d. have been given by our schools to help our different missions. Even the children have made an earnest effort to help the needy. A short time ago, I received £2 10s. from the children in Auckland for the support of a child in our Mission-school in India. Since coming to this camp-ground, a letter came which says that while the children had become somewhat discouraged, they have now taken fresh courage, and will try to raise as much more, which will furnish support for one year.

“To encourage them, a brother has promised them to give a penny for each penny they earn, and we may expect a liberal offering from this school. Two little boys in Irwell gave ten shillings, and other amounts have been sent for the same object.”

The Secretary’s report formed quite an object lesson. There are forty-three schools in the Association, with a membership of 597. These schools have contributed the sum of £82 5s. 1d. to the Mission Field, Orphans’ Home, and the children in India, during the past nine months, ending June 30, 1898.

We are thankful for the missionary spirit thus displayed, and pleased to notice that of the total contributions received in the schools, only the following amounts were retained for their personal use: December quarter, £3 15s.; March quarter, £10 15s. 11d.; June quarter, £6 16s. 11d. This amount, distributed over forty schools, shows how economically our schools are being managed and how little was expended outside the work of saving souls.

The nine months of the report closed with a balance of £12 7s. 5d. in hand.

The President of the New Zealand Conference, and the Executive Committee of the Conference will in future hold the positions respectively of President and Executive Committee to the Sabbath School Department.

Mrs. Emma Steed was re-elected Secretary. An excellent meeting was closed with an earnest desire to see the spirituality of our schools deepened. This year “the conversion of every child” must be our motto. It was felt that prayer-meetings must be held with the children, and every effort put forth to reach the heart of each member.

MRS. EMMA STEED,
Secretary S.S. Association.

SOME REFLECTIONS IN VIEW OF OUR COMING BALLARAT CAMP-MEETING.

WHAT should be our constant watchword in preparing for and attending the Ballarat camp-meeting.

“I would at this time sound the note of warning to those who shall assemble at our camp-meeting. THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND.”—*Testimony* 31, p. 12.

What scripture admonition is now applicable to us all, in view of the appointment of our camp-meeting?

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.” Heb. 10: 25.

What further incentive is given in the same chapter, for our heeding this admonition?

“For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.” Heb. 10: 37.

How many annual gatherings did the Lord require of His ancient people?

“Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread; and the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field; and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord.” Ex. 23: 14-17.

What apparently good excuse had some of the able-bodied men for remaining at home during the time of these annual feasts?

"The people were surrounded by fierce, warlike tribes, that were eager to seize upon their lands."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 537.

What promise had the Lord made them on this point?

"For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders; neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year." Ex. 34:24.

Who would dare to venture upon that promise in the year 1899?

"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Cor. 1:20.

What was the effect of those annual gatherings upon the people of Israel?

"At the yearly assemblies the hearts of old and young would be encouraged in the service of God, while the association of the people from different quarters of the land would strengthen the ties that bound them to God and to one another."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 540.

Is it important that these ties of Christian fellowship should be strengthened among us as a people?

"Coldness, heartlessness, want of tender sympathy are leavening the camp of Israel. If these evils are permitted to strengthen, as they have done for some years in the past, our churches will be in a deplorable condition."—*Special Testimonies*.

Would it not be well for us, as a people, to imitate the example of Israel on this point?

"Well would it be for the people of God at the present time to have a Feast of Tabernacles,—a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to them."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 540.

Have we as much cause for celebrating deliverance from bondage as they had?

"As the children of Israel celebrated the deliverance that God had wrought for their fathers, and His miraculous preservation of them during their journeyings from Egypt, so should we gratefully call to mind the various ways He has devised for bringing us out from the world, and from the darkness of error, into the precious light of His grace and truth."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 541.

What lesson should we draw from the devotion of ancient Israel?

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon the annual feasts. This example of devotion to God should emphasise the importance of religious worship, and the necessity of subordinating our selfish, worldly interests to those that are spiritual and eternal."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 541.

What special reason have we now for making our worldly interests subordinate to the spiritual?

"Brethren and sisters, I have been shown that we are standing upon the threshold of the eternal world. Some are closing their probation, and is it well with them?"—*Testimony* 31, p. 14.

Is this because the Lord does not want to bless and save His people?

"The Lord still has purposes of mercy towards us. There is room for repentance. We may become the beloved of God. I entreat you who have put far off the appearing of our Lord, commence now the work of redeeming the time. Let all at this meeting make a covenant with God."—*Testimony* 31, p. 14.

What is one feature that we should not forget in our preparation to attend the camp-meeting, anticipating the needs of the work in our Conference, as they may be set before us by the servants of God?

"Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty." Deut. 16:16, 17.

What duties should be faithfully performed beforehand, that we may expect the fullness of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the camp-meeting?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

What awaits the people of God who come up to the camp-meeting with hearts prepared to receive His blessing?

"The power of God awaits their demand and reception. A harvest of joy will be reaped by those who sow the holy seeds of truth."—*Special Testimonies*.

How should the ground be previously prepared for sowing the precious seed?

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord; till He come and rain righteousness upon you." Hosea 10:12.

A. T. ROBINSON.
Launceston, Tasmania, Nov. 30, 1898.

CAMP-MEETING NOTICE.

THE Ballarat camp-meeting will be held January 20 to 30, 1899. Holiday excursion rates from all stations have been granted by the railway department. Forms to obtain same will be supplied on application to C. P. Michaels, 251 St. George's Road, North Fitzroy. Passengers are allowed 84lbs. luggage second class, and 112lbs. first class. Do not neglect to take with you such things as will render your stay comfortable. Extra

clothing, blankets, sheets, and quilts are necessary, as in that locality it is frequently very cold of an evening. Hot food will be furnished at the kitchen at reasonable rates. Wire mattresses, crockery, and cutlery, on hire at store. Be sure and bring empty bed ticks which can be filled with straw or chaff on the ground. No flock beds available to hire.

Rates of Tents—

	Tent.		Fly.		Floor.
10 x 12	8/6	...	4/-	...	6/-
12 x 15	10/6	...	5/-	...	7/6
12 x 18	14/6	...	6/6	...	10/-

Please order early.

C. P. MICHAELS, *Manager.*

THE WORK AT AVONDALE.

THERE are several lines of work going forward at Avondale this summer in which all our friends are certain to be interested. I will state a few facts about each of these.

The summer school was opened about two weeks after the close of the winter term. At first the attendance was small; but at the present time there are about fifteen students in the senior department, and twenty in the primary school.

The senior department is taught by Mr. Frank Lyndon, formerly of Napier, N.Z., who has just returned from America, where he spent about five years as a student at Battle Creek, one year in the work of an evangelist, and two years as a teacher in our Graysville Academy.

The classes taught by Brother Lyndon, are Bible, Physiology, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Grammar, Reading, and Spelling. Of the fifteen students in this department, there are three day students paying £1 16s. a quarter for tuition. There are three in the regular course, following the same general programme as in the winter term, paying nine guineas a quarter; and nine are in the industrial department, working five hours a day, and devoting five hours a day to study and recitation. These pay three pounds a quarter for tuition.

In addition to the studies mentioned above, instrumental music on piano and organ is being taught by Mr. Orwin A. Morse, a very successful teacher who has pursued a full course of studies in the Conservatory of Music of Toronto, Canada. We find the summer a very favourable time to make a speciality of instrumental music.

The primary department is taught by Miss Annie Walker, who was for several years a teacher in Sydney. Heretofore the children have been occupying small and inconvenient rooms, poorly and scantily furnished; but during this term they have been moved into the large east room over the kitchen, which is being furnished

with beautiful new desks, the gift of Brother W. C. Sisley, of Battle Creek.

During the summer, Mr. C. B. Hughes is our business manager and principal; Mrs. C. B. Hughes, is preceptress; Mr. F. Lyndon is preceptor and teacher; Miss H. Wittenberg is matron. The family at the school home numbers thirty or more; for, besides teachers and students, there are eight or ten workmen boarding at the home.

THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

After discussing various plans, the School Board decided that our first effort this summer should be to erect the building that will contain our chapel, and recitation rooms, which for convenience we call College Hall. The plan adopted is that of a two-story building, fifty by sixty feet in size, with business office and five recitation rooms on the ground floor, and a large chapel, principal's office, and library in the upper storey.

The brick piers on which this building is to set, are all laid. All the hard wood timber has been cut, and the other building material is within our reach. Carpenters are ready to begin work, and we only wait funds with which to proceed. If the many friends of the school who have it in their hearts to help forward the work would unite in making a small payment each to the £2,000 fund which we are raising this summer, we should soon hear the sound of the hammers and saws on the College Hall.

THE HEALTH FOOD FACTORY.

A few weeks ago, the Australasian Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association decided to establish its principal food manufactory at Cooranbong. Two of the principal reasons for this decision were that the Health Food Co. may employ students in its work, and because it finds in the school saw-mill a plant that can be quickly and economically adapted to the work which the Food Co. has to do. Therefore, the school saw-mill with two acres of land has been purchased from the Avondale School for £400, and will be taken over by the Sanitarium Health Food Co. about the first of December. This purchase includes boiler, engine, and all machinery except the planing machine and break-down saw.

The Food's Co.'s manager, Mr. G. W. Morse, is preparing to erect a brick building for a bakery, just east of the saw-mill; and as soon as the timber required for our use this summer is cut, the mill will be transformed into a nut food factory. The work on the buildings for the Food Co. will be given out to contractors.

MISSIONARY EFFORTS AROUND COORANBONG.

The students, and friends of the school, will be interested to know how the many interests awakened by the labours of students during the winter are being cared for during the summer.

At Dora Creek, the attendance at the Sabbath school and meetings is about fifty. R. H. Constandt was chosen superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and is holding some Bible readings. About twenty-five gather on Sunday afternoons.

The ambulance classes, held at Martinsville by Mr. J. Rodd, are very popular. From forty to fifty are in attendance at the weekly meetings.

The Sabbath-school at Morisset is led by A. W. Lamplough, and the Bible readings at Inglewood by F. Lamplough. The calls for meetings at other places wait for more workers to enlist for service.

W. C. WHITE.

A WORD FOR THE BIBLE ECHO.

IN this day of keen competition, and labour-saving appliances that enable one man to outstrip scores of his fellows who are less up-to-date in their equipment, intensity has come to be the world's watchword. In the struggle for existence, the most intelligent and the best equipped win, if they are also the most intensely vigilant. In every sphere of life, intense and increasing vigilance is the price of success.

In no sphere of action is this more true than in the spiritual realm. Led by the prince of darkness, the hosts of evil are exhibiting unparalleled activity. The enemy of souls has seized upon every device imaginable to defeat the purposes of God, and prevent the propagation of the gospel; to destroy its power, and obscure its light.

But the heavenly hosts are equally vigilant. The angels of God are at hand to help His servants. The Holy Spirit is ready to co-operate with and through the willing worker. God calls for men and women and children, sanctified, consecrated, intensely in earnest, to take hold of the weapons of warfare against the evil that is in the world, and overcome it.

Every week, from the presses of the Echo Publishing Company in Melbourne, there is turned out a paper, the *Bible Echo*, full of sound doctrine, helpful counsel, interesting items, and powerful appeals. We all understand the power of the press, especially when it conveys the compelling message of the everlasting gospel. We all delight to be told that the circulation of our paper is greater to-day than it has ever been before; we all believe that it should be greater still. Its message is for all the people. Every week, every person in Australasia should be able to get it.

Our experience teaches us that the *Echo* is a powerful means of bringing the truth before the people; that to increase its circulation would be to increase its efficiency; that to increase its efficiency would mean a corresponding gathering in of souls.

Then let us increase its circulation. We may not all be able to preach, to teach, or even to write; but we can all sell some *Echos*. Let us do it. The first number of the *Bible Echo* for 1899, will be a splendid number to start with. Sixteen pages of attractive reading and pleasing pictures, for one penny, should induce the people to purchase, and our workers (that term should include every Seventh-day Adventist) to sell it.

Read carefully the circular letter that your church officers have handed to you about it, and while the Lord gives you power to act, arouse and work, first for this special number, and then for the permanent increase of the subscription list of the *Bible Echo* right on through the coming year.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE AUSTRALASIAN CANVASSING WORK.

New Zealand.

NOVEMBER.

	Orders.	Value
Bible Readings—		
W. H. Pascoe, Westport ..	40	£22 13 6
Wm. J. Redhead ..	55	27 1 6
Great Controversy—		
H. E. Minchin, Christchurch ..	13	7 13 6
Home Hand Book—		
W. T. Dawson, Gore ..	20	32 0 0
P. L. Hill, Wanganui ..	9	13 12 6
R. I. Irving, Blenheim ..	32	49 10 0
Man the Masterpiece—		
W. H. Covell, Napier ...	243	228 7 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. A. D. Anderson, Onehunga ..	33	28 17 6
W. H. Covell, Napier ..	55	50 15 0
Mrs. M. Masters, Wanganui ..	3	2 16 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
A. E. Rickard, Akaroa, Peninsular ..	12	9 11 0
		515 £472 18 0

Central Australian Tract Society.

NOVEMBER.

	Orders.	Value
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. Gooding, Port Pirie, S.A. ..	35	£39 19 9
Mrs. Mosedale, " " ..	37	37 6 0
Mrs. Jessop, Bendigo, Vic. ..	46	13 8 6
A. T. Jessop, Bendigo, Vic. ..	40	15 8 0
R. J. Stoate, Bendigo, Vic. ..	71	30 3 6
Miss M. Young, Northcote, Vic. ..	8	7 1 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
J. B. Downs, Clunes, Vic. ..	29	20 8 3
Coming King, Eden to Eden, etc.—		
Geo. Burgess, Broadford ..	77	21 13 6
Mrs. Barnell, Brighton ..	24	6 19 0
Small Publications—		
E. A. Robinson, Morwell ..	32	1 12 3
Mrs. White, Williamstown ..	22	2 14 0
L. A. Apollon, Broken Hill ..	180	9 0 0
Miss J. Craddock, Geelong, Vic. ..	18	0 18 0
Mrs. Holford, Launceston ..	31	2 6 6

620 £208 8 9

New South Wales.

NOVEMBER.

	Orders.	Value.
Bible Readings—		
Miss E. Adcock, Mudgee ..	17	£15 4 6
E. Appleton, Auburn ..	4	2 14 6
Mrs. C. Chapman, Mossmans ..	17	12 17 0
Mrs. R. Dean, Inverell ..	52	35 16 0
J. L. Dean, Inverell ..	24	17 5 0
Miss M. Davis, Mudgee ..	21	19 5 6
A. R. Sherwin, Bulli ..	34	26 3 0
Daniel and Revelation —		
A. B. Cook, Orange ..	5	4 18 0
J. Nichol, Orange ..	1	1 9 0
Home Hand Book—		
R. S. Hodgson, Winton and Black Mountains ..	54	84 7 6
Poyntz Judge, Barrabra ..	11	17 9 0
A. H. Piper, Tamworth ..	47	78 2 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Jerry's Plain ..	29	27 2 0
Mrs. E. Hay, Goulburn ..	37	37 9 0
J. F. Hay, Crookwell ..	25	29 16 6
Miss I. Robertson, Woollahra ..	39	40 2 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Walter Codling, Bega ..	45	32 18 6
Fred Redward, Delegate and Bombala ..	63	52 1 0
Coming King—		
Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Dulwich Hills ..	22	8 0 0
Mrs. Cooper, Forest Lodge ..	18	6 2 0
Miscellaneous—		
W. R. Carswell ..	—	5 3 2
Tract Society...	—	2 12 6
		564 £556 18 8

Queensland.

NOVEMBER.

	Orders.	Value.
Home Hand Book—		
P. Reekie, Beenleigh..	25	£46 7 0
Ladies' Guide—		
A. Ackary, South Brisbane ..	29	27 11 0
“ “ other books ..	3	4 4 6
Coming King—		
Mrs. Dawes, Rockhampton ..	—	0 19 6
J. Guthrie, Mount Morgan ..	15	5 12 0
J. F. Henderson, Mount Morgan ..	13	4 10 6
M. Kluver, Rockhampton ..	5	1 8 0
C. Preble, Ipswich ..	48	14 17 6
L. Zeibig, Rockhampton ..	18	5 5 0
		156 £110 15 0

West Australia.

OCTOBER.

	Orders.	Value.
Home Hand-Book—		
F. W. Reekie, Bunbury Line ..	12	£18 19 6
Sunshine at Home—		
F. Masters, South Perth, etc., ..	43	15 4 6
J. A. McIntosh, Midland Junction ..	4	1 15 0
		Totals 59 £35 19 0

NOTE.—This report represents but one week's work for Bro. Reekie, and but two days for Bro. McIntosh. The latter has just started in the canvassing work.

West Australia.

NOVEMBER.

	Orders.	Value.
Home Hand-Book—		
F. W. Reekie, Bunbury Line ..	32	£47 14 0
Sunshine at Home—		
F. Masters, Perth ..	85	30 18 6
J. A. McIntosh, Perth ..	40	17 6 0
H. Cooper, Perth ..	12	4 12 0
Helps—		
Mrs. E. Cleal ..	—	14 11 0
Miscellaneous—	—	7 16 0
		Totals 169 £122 17 6

Totals.

	Orders.	Value.
New South Wales ..	564	£556 18 8
New Zealand ..	515	472 18 0
Central Australia ..	620	208 8 9
Queensland ..	156	110 15 0
West Australia, October ..	59	35 19 0
“ “ November ..	169	122 17 6
		Totals 2,083 £1,507 16 11

BIBLE ECHO SALES.

NOVEMBER, 1898 (four weeks)

Churches.	Member-ship.	Echoes	Unorganised Companies.
Adelaide ..	159	1185	Brought forward ..
Ashfield ..	66	672	.. 11,311
Avondale ..	50	1316	Bendigo ..
Ballarat ..	40	176	.. 32
Bismarck ..	56	48	Charters Towers ..
Brisbane ..	—	702	.. 48
Brighton ..	14	100	Croydon ..
Broken Hill ..	17	408	.. 120
Geelong ..	18	556	Ipswich ..
Hawthorn ..	40	74	.. 24
Hobart ..	94	648	Kangarilla ..
Kadina ..	—	96	.. 60
Kellyville ..	16	96	Launceston ..
Latrobe ..	9	24	.. 96
Melbourne ..	208	1108	Orange ..
Parramatta ..	70	228	.. 408
Perth ..	31	1340	Townsville ..
Prospect ..	12	48	.. 24
Rockhampton ..	69	344	Warwick ..
Sydney ..	84	1056	.. 52
Toowoomba ..	28	224	New Zealand ..
Williamstown ..	64	216	.. 6348
Windsor ..	80	646	Miscellaneous ..
			.. 1477
Total ..	11,311		Grand total ..
			.. 20,000

“GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN.”

WE WOULD remind all subscribers to the *General Conference Bulletin* that Volume 2 closes with this year; and that, in order to secure the complete volume for 1899-1900, orders must be sent in at once.

The price for complete volume, consisting of daily issues during the conference session, and quarterly issue thereafter till the 1901 session, is 3s. 6d. Order from your Tract Society.

...NOTES...

ON THE 14th of December, Pastor G. C. Tenney and family arrived in Sydney from America. Our readers will unite with us in giving him a hearty welcome back to Australia.

DURING the few weeks since its issue, 1,100 copies of "The Coming King" have been sold. Six new agents for it have recently been enlisted in Queensland, and they are doing well. It is being received with much favour.

THE summaries for November are truly gratifying, as they show the largest number of canvassers ever engaged at one time in Australasia; and the total value of sales is the highest since the most prosperous "boom days."

SIX MONTHS ago our new vegetarian cookery book, "A Friend in the Kitchen," was placed on the market. Since then 14,000 copies have been sold. This is 3,000 more copies than we ever sold of any other book in a full year.

PASTOR A. G. DANIELLS and family, and Miss E. M. Graham arrived in Sydney from New Zealand, December 19, and at once proceeded to Newcastle to attend the New South Wales camp-meeting, which is being held from December 22. to January 2.

WE now have tract society employees in Australasia as follows: Wellington office, 3; Brisbane office, 3; Sydney office, 3; Melbourne office, 4; and Perth office, 1. This makes a total of 14, or just double the number employed three years ago.

MISS ELLA HAWKINS, of Corranbong, N. S. W., has recently been engaged as assistant in the N. S. W. Tract Society. This addition was made necessary by a great increase in the business of the society, as will be partially understood by noticing their summary of sales for November.

INTERESTING letters just to hand from Mrs. Hindson, Perth, W. A., give many items concerning the progress of all departments of the good work there. Among the most interesting is the opening of a Helping Hand Laundry, all the furnishings for which were donated by the merchants of Perth.

THE SUCCESS of the Special *Echo* is now guaranteed; 16,000 copies have already been ordered before the paper has gone to press. What a good work would be done if the circulation could be kept up to this figure! Large sales by a few, and small sales by a great many, would accomplish it.

OUR CAMP-MEETINGS.

LET all who possibly can attend these camp-meetings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privilege which He has provided for them to become strong in Him and the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less desire to consecrate all to Him. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast; He will be present, and will do for you that which you need most to have done. A strong, a clear sense of eternal things, and a heart willing to yield all to Christ, are blessings of more value than all the riches, and pleasures, and glories of this world.

These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but very little importance. Let all who profess to believe the truth respect every privilege that God offers them to obtain clearer views of His truth and His requirements, and the necessary preparation for His coming. A calm, cheerful, and obedient trust in God is what He requires.

Come to these meetings prepared to work. Leave your home cares, and come to find Jesus, and He will be found of you. Come with your offerings as God has blessed you. Show your gratitude to your Creator, the Giver of all your benefits, by a free-will offering. Let none who are able to give, come empty-handed. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."

The object of a camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business cares and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively in seeking the Lord. We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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