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

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## Now.

Time *was*, is past : thou canst not it recall.  
Time *is*, thou hast : employ the portion small.  
Time *future*, is not, and may never be.  
Time present is the only time for thee.

—Selected.

## The Holy Spirit.

"The Lord Jesus is represented by the Holy Spirit, and is seeking to secure admission to the mind."—*Special Testimonies*, No. 5, page 8.

"There is a *winning, compelling power* in the Gospel of Jesus Christ ; it is the *Holy Spirit* that makes the truth impressive."—Ib. No. 3, page 14, par. 3.

"God designs that His chosen disciples shall have a deep experience, and be endowed with the *power* of the Holy Spirit."—Ib. No. 2, page 22, par. 2.

"If you so desire you may have the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to help you in your work."—Ib. No. 7, page 46, par. 4.

"The religion of Christ is sincerity itself. Zeal for God's glory is the motive implanted by the Holy Spirit ; and only the effectual working of the Spirit can implant this motive."—*Desire of Ages*, Page 409, par. 3.

"When the receiver of truth cooperates with the Holy Spirit he will go weighted with the burden of the message to souls ; he will never be merely a sermonizer. He will enter heart and soul into the great work of seeking and saving that which is lost. Practising the religion of Christ, he will accomplish a good work in winning souls."—Ib. No. 2, page 10, par. 1.

## The Power of God.

JESUS says, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." Matt. 22 : 29.

There is nothing man needs more than the power of God. One reason why we do not have more of His power is because we do not know the Scriptures better. And the reason we do not know the Scriptures better is because we do not read them enough, nor read *aright* what we do read.

The Lord wants us to to be acquainted with Him and His power. He says, "Acquaint now thyself with Him." He has given us His word that we may know Him and His power, and as we become acquainted with Him and His power we have a sure help in every time of need, a guide at every parting of the ways. We have something to hold us in the hour of darkness, perplexity, and trial. "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God."

The Scriptures tell us much about the power of God, how we may appropriate it, and what it will do for us. "Power belongeth unto God." Ps. 62 : 11. "The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people, blessed be God." Ps. 68 : 35. Isaiah says : "He giveth power to the faint ; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength."

The power of God is both revealed and communicated to man by the Gospel. The Apostle Paul says : "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to everyone that believeth." Rom. 1 : 16. What is the Gospel?—It is the power of God. For what?—Salvation. Salvation from what?—From sin. That is it. He does not say God's power is *in* the Gospel, but He says the Gospel *is* the power of God ; and it is the power

of God unto salvation from sin. He who does not know the power of God does not know the salvation of God. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness ; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." I Cor. 1 : 18.

The Apostle Peter tells us that the inheritance of the saints is reserved (kept) in heaven for all "who are kept by the power of God." 1 Peter, 1 : 5. The same power that keeps the inheritance is offered to every disciple of Christ to keep him from the power of sin.

A. G. D.

## The Spirit,—The Administrator.

IN the times when the Holy Ghost was recognised as God's Vicar on earth, he was the one who made all appointments, and superintended all missions and enterprises.

Speaking to the elders of the church at Ephesus, the Apostle says : "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God" Acts 20 : 28. How clearly it is made to appear that it was the Holy Ghost who appointed those men to fill the places that they did fill. The elders or bishops were appointed by the Holy Ghost, and not by some earthly king or ruler, or even by a vote of the people. It was the work of the Holy Ghost to make those men elders or bishops. He only who can read the heart is able to do this. He only who knows the future of men is capable for such a work. The office and the one who filled it were both alike by divine and not human appointment.

In Ephesians, fourth chapter, we read : "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . And He gave some, apostles ; and some,

prophets; and some, evangelists; and, some, pastors, and teachers." Here it is clearly seen that Christ created the offices, and so He, through the Holy Ghost, appoints men to fill these places. It is no more in the power of men to fill these offices than it is to make them. God has reserved all this to Himself through the Holy Spirit.

"God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Cor. 12:28. All these are by God's appointment. He put them in the church. The wisdom of man never would have devised such a plan, nor can the wisdom of man select persons to fill these positions. Divine, infallible wisdom is needed.

Christ never left this work to another "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom He would: and they came unto Him, and He ordained twelve that they should be with him." Mark 3:13-15. "Have not I chosen you twelve?" He afterwards said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you." John 15:16. These are the words of Christ as He sets before us His plan and its workings. When He ascended up on high, the Holy Ghost descended "from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:2-3. Here is Christ's representative who is sent to carry on the work which he began. Christ is to speak and act through him. The church is to be "An habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22. From this time on the Holy Ghost is to do the choosing.

How clearly this is set forth in the history of what follows! When the time had come for Paul and Barnabas to be set apart for the work, it was by no means left to the uncertain wisdom of man. The record is as follows: "As they ministered unto the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed." Acts 13:2-4.

The Holy Ghost is the first to speak through the prophets. See verse 1; and the church was only a servant to carry out the instructions of the Spirit.

And it is not surprising that after the Holy Ghost had chosen and ordained them that He should send them forth on their mission. This is the divine order. We are not surprised to read in their subsequent history that "Paul being filled with the Holy Ghost" (verse 9), and of Barnabas, "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost." Acts 11:24. And we are less surprised to learn of the marvellous results which followed their ministry.

When Paul, in after years, had occasion to refer to his ordination and appointment, he does it in the following forcible language: "Paul an apostle (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father)" Gal. 1:1. There was no mistake in his selection or ordination, and this was an illustration of the leadership and guidance of the Holy Ghost. What marvellous results followed the Spirit's administration. What multitudes were brought to Christ! What wondrous victories were gained!

No wonder that in writing of his followers in 2 Cor. 3, he says they were "declared to be epistles of Christ, written, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not on tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." And it causes no surprise when we hear him say that "God hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." He declares that this ministration of the "Spirit is glorious," that it "excelleth in glory," and that it "exceeds in glory," that it "remains and is glorious." He tells us that this ministration is one of life and not of death. It is a ministry of righteousness and not of condemnation. It takes away "the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations." Isa. 25:7. "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day when Moses is read the vail is upon their hearts. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:14-18.

What a glorious administration!  
What a glorious administration!

Freedom from sin! Liberty from the cords of iniquity that bind us! Washed whiter than snow! Changed into the glorious image of the blessed Lord!

"Spirit divine, attend our prayer,  
And make our hearts thy home;  
Descend with all thy gracious power:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come as the light, to us reveal  
Our sinfulness and woe,  
And lead us in those paths of life  
Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire, and purge our hearts,  
Like sacrificial flame;  
Let our whole soul an offering be  
To our Redeemer's name.

Come as the wind, with rushing sound,  
With pentecostal grace;  
And make the great salvation known,  
Wide as the human race."

E. W. FARNSWORTH.

### Presenting the Message.

THE object of the present truth message is to save a perishing world. And to supply the world's last great need, the Lord is sounding its warning notes. All are to be warned. If we, who have been entrusted with the message, fail to present it with a *divine definiteness* we will miss the purpose of our call and separation from the world.

We are not working alone, divine agencies are co-operating. The Spirit of God and the holy angels are busy working to create a desire in human souls for the light. And as a result, the people want to hear, although the light calls for greater sacrifice than many anticipate. I notice in Ballarat that an advertisement announcing an address on any phase of the Sabbath question will always gather a larger congregation than any other theme. God is truly putting it into the hearts of the people to hear the truth for this time.

Everywhere the people are sick of all the philosophical generalizations about Christ. The cross is degraded all over the land into a kind of sub-science. Christ is being made the minister of sin. Many teachers are turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. Every day we meet with people who are blinded into the deception that they can hold their sin and their Saviour at the same time.

We who present the message need not only the doctrine of the truth, but also the Spirit of God. Many have the cold letter, but they need the life and soul of the truth as well.

S. McCULLAGH.



## The Church

"Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."

### A Clasp of Hands.

A clasp of hands will oft reveal  
A sympathy that makes us feel  
Ourselves again; we lose our care:  
And in our heart's first glad rebound  
At tender sympathy new found,  
The world once more seems bright and fair.  
—Selected.

### Meetings of Church Officers.

THE persons chosen to act as elders, deacons, clerks, treasurers, superintendents of the Sabbath schools, and librarians of the Tract and Missionary department, are usually very busy people. And sometimes they are persons of brief Christian experience.

It is natural, therefore, that a full sense of the responsibility of their positions and of the labour involved, in the proper performance of their duties, comes slowly, and as the result of sacrificing labour.

As a help to those who desire to understand the duties and responsibilities of each officer, the brief but comprehensive treatise entitled "Bible Readings on Church Order" forms an excellent basis for study. This work, although containing but thirty-six pages, and costing but threepence, is a treasury of instruction on the following subjects:—

1. The Church and its Foundation.
2. Christ the Head of the Church.
3. Duties of Church Officers.
4. Qualifications of Church Officers.
5. Duties of the Church to its Officers.
6. Duty of Church Members one to another.
7. Reverence and Decorum in the House of Worship.
8. Receiving and Dismissing Members.

In connection with a faithful study of the Word of God, church officers can obtain much light and encouragement by meeting together frequently for consultation and prayer.

Officers' meetings should be held as often as once a month in the churches where meetings are the most difficult, and appear to be the least needed, but in many churches they will be needed

more frequently. In churches, where the officers' work has been somewhat neglected, it will be found that once a week is none too often, till the matters requiring special attention have been all considered, and the work well in hand.

The senior elder is chairman of the meeting unless another person is chosen to preside. When a minister is present he is, by virtue of his position in the Conference, a member of the council, and if well acquainted with the affairs of the church, he may properly be requested to preside. The clerk of the church should act as secretary, and a brief record of the decisions of the officers may properly be placed in the church record book.

All useless formality may be laid aside, but let everything be done with that earnestness and solemnity that is befitting to the nature of the work, and with that kind consideration and Christian courtesy that is proper among brethren. The chairman must remember that the time of the council is very precious, and should realize that study and skill will be required on his part to guide the meeting to the consideration of the most important matters, and in the most profitable way. In Romans, 12 : 8, where Paul is telling each burden-bearer in the church how he shall do his work, he says, "He that ruleth, with diligence." Let the same rules that govern a deliberate assembly be followed in the matter of one speaking at a time, recognizing the chairman, and in putting motions, that the mind of the meeting may be definitely understood.

Avoid the spirit of controversy. When an important matter is under consideration it is much better to encourage each member to express his mind before strong argument or criticism is permitted. Do not allow two or three persons to monopolize the time of the meeting.

Whenever it is possible to do so, let the principal matters to be considered at each meeting be clearly announced at a preceding meeting. This will give each one in attendance an opportunity to study, meditate, and pray over the matters that are to be dealt with in the meeting, and come prepared to state briefly and pointedly his convictions.

W. C. WHITE.

"REAL lovers of God do not need the world to make them happy. They will be gloriously happy when there is no world."

### The Heavenly Calling.

To what are we called? Not unto a wilderness of desolation; not to take a certain definite name, calling ourselves the elect and all others reprobate; not to an old and superstitious creed; not to a prescribed ritual and ornate service; not to a certain mountain or temple of earth; not to a certain line of priests or succession of priests according to the flesh; not to one or all these does the blessed Gospel call us. It calls us *all* (for God is no respecter of persons; this Gospel is to everyone) to better things.

It calls us out of sin "to be saints." Rom. 1 : 7. It calls out of the fellowship of the world, "unto the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Cor. 1 : 9. "God hath called us to peace," from the strife and unrest of sin. 1 Cor. 7 : 15. From bondage He has "called unto liberty." Gal. 5 : 14. He has "not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1 Thess. 4 : 7. He has "called us with an holy calling." 2 Tim. 1 : 9. He has called us "out of darkness into His marvellous light." 1 Peter 2 : 9. He has called us from the infamy of sin "unto His eternal glory." Chapter 5 : 10. He has called us "into His kingdom and glory." 1 Thess. 2 : 12.

Thus being separated from sin, and by His grace translating us "into the kingdom of His dear Son" (Col. 1 : 13), He calls us "sons and daughters" (2 Cor. 6 : 18), "sons of God" (1 John 3 : 2); "and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8 : 17); "*fellow citizens* with the saints, and of the household of God" (Eph. 2 : 19); whose "*citizenship* is in heaven, from whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby He is able even to subject all things unto Himself" (Phil. 3 : 20, 21). He calls us to the keeping of the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14 : 12.

And this is the Church of God, the called-out ones by His Gospel unto Himself, separate *from the world, unto Himself*; separate *from sin unto holiness*. Those who heed that call, the "regularly-summoned" ones according to God's Word, in each age, form the church for that age, whatever may be said by any ecclesiastical body to the contrary.

M. C. WILCOX.



"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. A. L. HINDSON

### 'Twill Not Be Vain.

Wouldst thou be wretched? 'Tis an easy way:  
Think but of self, and self alone, all day;  
Think of thy pain, thy grief, thy loss, thy  
care,  
All that thou hast to do, or feel, or bear.  
Think of thy good, thy pleasure, or thy gain,  
Think only of thyself,—'twill not be vain.

Wouldst thou be happy? Take an easy way:  
Think of those round thee, live for them all  
day,  
Think of their pain, their loss, their grief,  
their care,  
All that they have to do, or feel, or bear.  
Think of their pleasure, of their good, their  
gain:  
Think of those round thee,—It will not be  
vain.

—Selected.

### The Church Librarian and Individual Effort.

LAST month we considered the librarian's relation to the Colonial Society, and to the general work, and promised something this month on the librarian's duty to encourage individual effort on the part of the members. The thought was expressed that the librarian should not only study the plans submitted by those at headquarters, but study the members as well, with the view of giving to each, the work for which he or she is best adapted.

If the librarians would have working churches—churches in which all the members are engaged in personal effort for others—they must put forth earnest personal effort *for the members*; becoming acquainted with the situation, and the capabilities of each one, and encouraging, instructing, and placing work within the hands of all.

There is no work that will yield greater returns; for, in addition to the work done in the extension of the third angel's message, the workers themselves will be built up and blessed, and the whole church strengthened.

Many through lack of confidence, or knowledge, or interest, are standing idle in the market-places. These must be set to work. Let your motto be, some special line of work for every individual, and an individual for every line of work. Some can do a variety

of things, but all can do something, for God has given to *every man* His work.

The timid and retiring should be induced to take up some simple line of work, until confidence is established, and they prepared to launch out into broader fields. Those needing instruction should be so taught, that they can act some part, and those who have not the courage or the interest to put forth the effort of themselves, should be laboured with until they catch the inspiration to join the ranks of the workers.

One of the greatest problems that confronts us to-day is, how to arouse our churches to greater activity. There is nothing more needed than well-directed, persevering, God-fearing effort on the part of those upon whom this responsibility rests. The Tract Society officers, the ministers in the field, and the elders in the churches should unite heart and hand in this great work. This is in harmony with the light the Lord is sending to His people. Too great stress cannot be placed upon the importance of setting the individual members to work.

One writer has said, "It has been our observation that in all localities where we have a good, *active, energetic, wide-awake, thorough-going* librarian, and a *church elder* who will co-operate with the librarian in the missionary work, that there we have a church that is accomplishing something for the advancement of the truth. A librarian is never to sit down and mourn because more is not accomplished, and because this brother or that sister is not doing something in the missionary work, but he is to suggest plans of work, and thus go from individual to individual, and talk with them about the work, find out for what they are adapted, and then labour with them until they are all at work."

We would say, then, that the secret of the librarian's success in encouraging personal effort on the part of the members is to do personal work with them, in addition to efforts made in a public way. And let the librarians bear in mind that when the members have been set to work, that their responsibility has just begun. They should keep in the closest touch with the workers and their work, and be prepared to direct, instruct, and encourage whenever necessary.

"One of the largest rooms in the world is the room for improvement."

### Missionary Work at Avondale.

THE Lord never places any of His people where they cannot work for Him. In the country, as well as in the towns and cities, the Lord would have no idlers in His vineyard.

In Cooranbong there are three missionary societies, one conducted by the young men, one by the young ladies, and the third by church members not belonging to the school. We believe that in the school for Christian workers all should take hold of the opportunities for work there presented. And we believe that one of the advantages of the location of the school is that the work is not at first apparent. It needs to be sought for; and every opportunity for work that is found should be improved. It is a training in the development of faithfulness in little, that when the students are ready for active service in the field, they may be entrusted with much.

As a help to others of our people who are placed in the country, we give some of the principal lines of work that have been taken up during the past year.

We have been blessed in visiting the people in the neighbouring villages, who were grateful for the literature supplied them. In some cases Bible-readings have been given, with the result that the enquirers have decided to obey God's commandments.

Where sickness was found, our student nurses have had opportunity for missionary work, and have successfully attended a number of cases. Clothing has been given to the needy, and food regularly supplied. After pound nights the food-distribution committee were especially busy with their errands of love. Another means for obtaining food for the needy was heartily entered into by the students. Eight volunteers would agree to forego their breakfast on a certain Sabbath morning. There are eleven tables in the dining-room, each of which seats eight. Thus one table less would be set, and the cost of the breakfast would supply a family with a good meal. This method was frequently observed in supplying bread to the hungry.

The work done by correspondence was by no means the least. A large quantity of literature was sent from the school during the term, and we trust that much of it was seed sown in good ground. A number of letters were also written. During the last

school week we had the joy of hearing that a lady and her daughter had begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of one letter written. Near the close of the term a canvasser supplied us with a large number of names of interested people with whom he had met in West Australia; and to these addresses forty letters were written by the young ladies, and literature sent with each. We trust that this effort will bring forth good fruit.

Our desire is to go forward, and faithfully to continue the work of Him who went about doing good.

L. TUXEN.

### Our Missionary Canvassers.

ABOUT the end of August last, our missionary canvassers, Brother and Sister Garsed James, and Brother Goodhart, went to Singleton, N.S.W., and as there was only one house where they could obtain suitable accommodation, Brother Goodhart concluded that that was where the Lord wanted them to be.

This feeling has been strengthened by the interest taken in the present truth by the family in whose house they are living. It was but a short time before they began to ask questions about the proper diet for man, suggested, no doubt, by the simple food partaken of by our canvassers. This led to other subjects, and Bible readings were started. We trust that this family, and many others, will be led to see the importance of keeping all the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

The ministers in this place are treating our workers very kindly. Some of them have purchased the "Coming King," and are enquiring about other publications, and also promising to read our literature on various subjects.

The people generally manifest much eagerness to hear the truths for this time. Several families are having Bible readings, and are expressing their belief in the Bible doctrines concerning the Sabbath question, the state of the dead, etc. Some are realising the importance of health reform principles, and are discontinuing the use of meat and tea. One young lady who has been attending the Wesleyan Church, says she does not know *what* she is now, but she "wants to be among the people who are going to be translated when the Lord comes."

There seems to be a good deal of sickness at Singleton, and the simple

treatments given by our workers, have been received with gratitude by the sick ones. The Hospital and the Benevolent Asylum are also being visited.

There are many Catholics in this place, but they are very hard to reach.

We ask an interest in the prayers of our readers for the work and workers at Singleton.

A. E. PEARCE.

### There is a World to be Warned.

It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do.

These words should cheer and encourage the hearts of those who are engaged in this glorious work, and they should arouse to immediate action the many in our Churches who are not acting a part in the closing work for this time.

The busy world around us plans and strives to accomplish its sordid objects with intensity of purpose and persevering zeal, whilst the people of God exhibit lukewarmness and a self-satisfied complacency.

Is this a time to be standing idle in the vineyard? The Lord is calling His people to more active work. "There is a world to be warned." What are you doing to sound the warning note? "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few." God appeals to you to consecrate yourself to Him. He expects your time and your talents, over which He has made you a steward, to be devoted to His service, and shortly He will ask you to give an account of your stewardship. If we could realise the importance of circulating the *Bible Echo* we should never rest until it reached every city, town, village, and homestead in these Colonies.

Let us each shake off the lethargy characteristic of the Laodicean Church, and go forth as ambassadors for Christ, "having our loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God."

Right in connection with the circulation of the *Bible Echo* many opportunities present themselves of selling small books, such as "Steps to Christ," "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," "His Glorious Appearing," "Gos-

pel Primer," "Social Purity," and "A Friend in the Kitchen."

Some of those who are engaged in the circulation of the *Bible Echo* have done good work in this line, but *not one hundredth* part has been done that ought to have been done.

We beseech our brethren and sisters throughout the Australian field to become ambassadors for Christ, and let it be said of us, "The Lord gave the word, great was the company of those that published it."

For Echo Publishing Co., Ltd.,

A. W. ANDERSON.

### The Bible Echo and Missionary Correspondence.

Our little company in Perth are seeing good results from their *Echo* work. Quite a number who are now attending our Sunday evening meetings, and who are steadily advancing in the truth, can trace their first awakening to the *Bible Echo*, which was left at their doors by one of our workers.

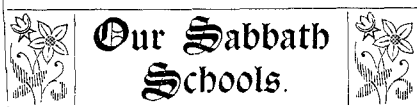
About 1,100 copies have been distributed in and around Perth during the month of August. We do not know how many will accept the truths that are conveyed to them through this medium, but we are told to sow beside all waters. This we are trying to do, and leave the results with God.

Selling the *Bible Echo* is not the only means of circulating it. About five weeks ago we studied the subject of missionary correspondence at our missionary meeting. Some practical instruction was given, in which all took a live interest. We then gave to each member present the name of a light-house keeper. With the letter, and each week following, a copy of the paper has been sent, accompanied by prayers that the Holy Spirit may be present at the opening of each paper to guide the reader into all truth. We hope before long to receive word from these lonely ones that the papers have been appreciated.

Last week a letter was received from a country subscriber. She says: "I am enclosing 6s. Please renew the *Bible Echo*; I would not be without my little treasure for anything in this world."

The hearts of people are open to receive light and truth. Let us hasten to give it to them before it is too late.

A. S. HIGGINS.



"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord"

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

## Lessons from Nature.

"CHILDREN are simple, loving, true;  
'Tis Heaven that made them so,  
And would you teach them, be so too,  
And stoop to what they know.  
Begin with simple lessons—things  
On which they love to look,  
Flowers, pebbles, insects, birds on wings,—  
These are God's spelling book."

## Little Things.

IT may seem a small thing to be superintendent of a little country Sabbath-school. If in charge of the same in India, or some other heathen land, it would appear more important; yet a soul saved where you live is as precious as in any other country. Especially does it sometimes seem a little thing to be "only a teacher," of a class of mischievous children; but great possibilities are wrapped in those restless forms.

About the year 1815, a little girl twelve years of age, living in New England, went to New York and learned something about Sunday-school work. She had before this become a Christian and was the only one in her family who had been brought to a loving trust in Jesus. When she returned to her home she gathered a few children to teach them in the gallery of the church. The church authorities, unwilling to countenance such an innovation, ordered her to leave the church with her little charge. She went, accordingly, to the school-house near by; but she was shut out from that. Then she tried the court-house; but she was not unmolested there. Determined to persevere in what she was sure was a good work, she taught the children in the church porch until the way was finally opened for her to gather them again in the gallery. In that little Sunday-school in its earlier and feebler days, Henry P. Haven afterward known as the "Model superintendent," received his first religious impressions, and learned to love that agency by which he subsequently did so much for the Saviour.

Think of the reward of that faithful child, and let it stimulate you to overcome difficulties, to make earnest efforts to win some child as a star in the

diadem of your Lord. It is not so often that we fail in improving what we call great opportunities; but it is the little things we neglect, and "Unfaithful in that which is least," is written by the recording angel. In the Bible, it is what we might call trifles that are commended or condemned. Then let us watch for the little things, for they are not really small, and weighty results depend upon their faithful doing.

## A Few Suggestions.

THOROUGH organization, proper classification, and good order are three essentials to a successful Sabbath-school.

Let every teacher in our Sabbath-schools read the article "How to Fail," and take warning.

The superintendent does not always need to review the Sabbath-school if there are others in the school who are capable of doing this in a bright, intelligent, and instructive manner. Let him call on these occasionally, but not without previous notification.

A well known proverb says: "If you would train up a child in the way he should go, just skirmish ahead on that line yourself." We would suggest that all parents put this into practice when they teach their children that they should go to Sabbath-school.

W. A. COLCORD.

## How to Fail.

"Forewarned is forearmed." To know how to fail may help to succeed. Therefore we venture to lay down a few short rules which, if followed closely, will invariably result in failure as a Sabbath-school teacher.

1. Do not think. Let others do that for you. The lesson writers are paid for that very thing; why should you have to do it for nothing? Of course it won't hurt for you to think you are thinking, once in a while, but don't give your whole mind to it, not even for an hour in the week. To think much of your lesson, of your class, of your responsibility, would lead you to become very much interested in the lesson and concerned about the class, and that would lead straight to success; but it is how to fail that we are talking about now.

2 Do not pray. Of course we do not mean to say that you must not "say your prayers," for you can do that every night, whether you feel like it or not, and fail entirely as a Sabbath-school teacher. The rule is perfectly

plain. "Do not pray." Do you ask, "What is the difference?" The difference between praying and "saying your prayers" is the difference between success and failure.

3. Do not grow. Try to forget that the children in your class are growing in mental stature much faster than you are. Away with the thought that you must needs think, and pray, and study hard, to keep ahead of them. Try to imagine that you have such a wonderful stock of knowledge stored away in your head, that all you need to do is to open your mouth for thirty minutes on Sabbath and let some of the surplus wisdom pour out at the class, and that it will all seem entirely fresh and new to them. Just assume that you "got your growth" a long time ago; and as for study, well, if any of it is done at all, it should be done by the scholars. This is really quite an important rule—Do not grow.

4. Do not go. Of course, you will go to Sabbath-school. You can do that almost every Sabbath and still fail as a Sabbath-school teacher. What we mean is, don't go visiting, *i.e.*, don't visit your scholars or their mothers in their homes. If Johnnie is absent, mark him absent on the class-book. Never mind why he is absent. If he is sick, it is the doctor he needs. If he has fallen under the car wheels, it is the surgeon he needs; or the preacher, if it killed him. Never mind, he'll be back, perhaps, in a Sabbath or two, and then you can ask him what was the matter and tell him how sorry you are. That plan saves lots of shoe leather, and always prevents real success as a teacher.

There are several more rules which might be given, but surely these four if strictly observed will invariably lead to failure.—*The Awakener.*

"PARENTS, for Christ's sake do not blunder in your most important work, that of moulding the characters of your children for time and eternity. An error on your part in neglect of faithful instruction, or in the indulgence of that unwise affection which blinds your eyes to their defects and prevents you from giving them proper restraint, will prove their ruin. Your course may give a wrong direction to all their future career. You determine for them what they will be and what they will do for Christ, for men, and for their own souls."

Sister Boyd, having been assigned other work, Mrs. A. H. Piper, "Ivanhoe," Carmon Street, Peter-sham, has been appointed Sabbath School Secretary in N S.W.

## Women's Work

"She hath done what she could."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

### "Cumbered About Much Serving."

CHRIST never asks of us such heavy labour  
As leaves no time for resting at His feet ;  
The waiting attitude of expectation  
He oft-times counts a service most complete.

He sometimes wants our ear—our rapt  
attention—

That He some sweetest secret may impart.  
'Tis always in the time of deepest stillness  
That heart finds deepest fellowship with  
heart.

We sometimes wonder why our Lord doth  
place us  
Within a sphere so narrow, so obscure,  
That nothing we call work can find an  
entrance ;  
There's only room to suffer—to endure !

Well, God loves patience ! Souls that dwell  
in stillness,  
Doing the little things or resting quite,  
May just as perfectly fulfill their mission,  
Be just as useful in the Father's sight,

As they who grapple with some giant evil,  
Clearing a path that every eye may see ;  
Our Saviour cares for cheerful acquiescence  
Rather than for a busy ministry.

And yet He does love service, where 'tis given  
By grateful love that clothes itself in deed ;  
But work that's done beneath the scourge of  
duty,  
Be sure to such He gives but little heed.

Then seek to please Him, whatsoever He bids  
thee,  
Whether to do, to suffer, or lie still ;  
'Twill matter little by what path He led us,  
If in it all we sought to do His will.

—ANON.

### What They Say.

WE give this month a few testimonies of those who have tried the plans of work suggested in the last two numbers of THE RECORD. Please read them carefully, and if you have not already had a like experience, do not delay to obtain it.

*A Precious Season.*—"We held our first meeting in connection with women's work last Sunday evening; and I am sure I voice the sentiment of all present when I tell you that we had a precious season together, and are all looking forward to our next meeting. We are looking to God for wisdom to carry on the work that He has given us to do."

*All were Strengthened and Encouraged.*—"At our Dorcas meeting, Sunday afternoon, I presented to the sisters the subject of woman's mission, and they all heartily concurred in having a meeting to consider this special work ; so Sunday evening an invitation was given to every woman interested in woman's work to meet at three o'clock the following Wednesday ; and the result was that nineteen sisters met, and we had a good meeting. The blessing of the Lord was truly with us. I passed slips of paper and asked each to write thereon the name of one in whose salvation she was specially interested. Nearly all responded. Then we had a season of prayer in which several joined, asking that the Lord would impress the persons whose names were written, and that He would teach us how to do acceptable work, after which we separated, encouraged and strengthened in the work."

Mrs. C. M. Richardson, of Jamaica, West Indies, has this to say of the work in that far-away island :—

*Each Meeting Grew in Interest.*—"It is truly wonderful how the Lord has directed in the woman's work in Jamaica. We hardly knew how to begin, but we called a meeting of the women, and opened it with singing and prayer, after which I read a story. A deeper impression can be made upon the minds of the natives of Jamaica by a truth brought out in a story, than by a deep study. We also had a short Scripture reading, after which I asked all to relate their experiences—how the Lord had been leading them. There were some excellent testimonies given : this encouraged others, and all desired to tell how they had been blessed. Each meeting grew in interest, and sometimes we could hardly bring the meeting to a close.

There was a good attendance from the first, and the Lord came near to us in these meetings. The greater part of those who attended were natives. They are intelligent, willing to learn how to work, but have never had anyone to help them. We tried to put away all formalism in the meetings, and have every woman feel free.

*The Brethren Wished to Come.*—"The men heard of our meetings, and asked if they might attend. This was brought before the women and voted upon. It was decided that we would welcome them to any of the meetings ; that they could take part when they felt like it, by giving testimony, etc. ; but that our meetings would still be distinctly women's meetings.

*Some Already Converted.*—"We followed out the suggestion of having each sister write on a slip of paper the name of someone for whom she would specially pray and work ; and before I left there were over sixty persons whose names were presented in this way, and some of them had already been converted, and had united with the church.

*Never Saw Anything Like It.*—"As the result of these meetings the sisters became interested in inviting people to the Sunday evening service, which has been held regularly, and our little church has been filled. It was wonderful how the outside interest increased. We had never seen anything like it. At nearly every meeting some gave in their names to unite with the church. In a little over three months thirty-seven had united with the church. We were sure that this interest was awakened by the effort upon the part of the women ; for we, as workers, had not been able to do any more than we had been doing all along.

*Results seen in the Sabbath School.*—"We also asked the women to invite children to the Sabbath school. When we began work there were only fourteen children in the primary department, but when I left there were over sixty. We are indeed thankful that the Lord has brought this work to our notice, and is using us in this encouraging manner."

### Every Day Help

As I have considered the "Call to Our Women," my soul has been stirred, for I recognize it as the call of God to us, and I have purposed to do my part. This morning as I went about my housework a sense of destitution and utter helplessness came over me, and I thought : Well, Jesus cares for me, and he has something to say to me ; I will hear what he says.

Will He speak to me now this morning ?

O, yes. He says : "Let not your heart be troubled, I am with you."

Is He with me this morning ?

That is what he says, and what He says is so.

Does He speak peace to me now ?

Yes, He does. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

And as I go about my work I am walking in "green pastures" and "beside the still waters ;" and this very day I will seek an opportunity to tell somebody how to "believe, simply believe in Jesus."

MRS. ELLA SHAFFER.

It was the individual who received but *one* talent who buried it in the earth. Will you miss this opportunity to do even a little for your Lord ?

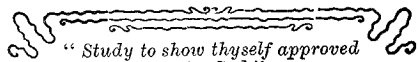
WE have no room for long poems, but an exception is made this month for the beautiful stanzas heading this page. Work it into your own experience.

Do not forget the noon hour of prayer. If impossible to go away by yourself alone, lift your heart to God right where you are, and a blessing will come to your soul.

WE give to all our sisters in Australasia the most cordial invitation to write for this page in our paper. Tell us your experiences, how you have prospered in this work, your difficulties and encouragements. Tell of your victories, and of the things which have helped you in your work for others, and in your own experience. This invitation is to *you*.



## EDUCATIONAL.



"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

CONDUCTED BY E. R. PALMER.

### Good-Byes.

"We meet, we love, we part,  
And each goes on his way,  
A heart hath touched a heart,  
A ray hath met a ray."

ANOTHER school year has closed. Good-byes have been altogether too frequent for pleasure during the past few days: but they are now over, and teachers and students are scattered over various parts of the colonies for the vacation.

The close of the school year is always an interesting event in which sadness and joys, happy anticipations and regrets, are wonderfully blended. Every heart beats high at the thought of soon being home again, and meeting father and mother, brothers and sisters; and, perhaps, all indulge the secret hope that their growth and improvement will amply repay father and mother for the sacrifices they have so willingly made for their children's good.

But with these joyful home thoughts come the shadows, the occasional tear drop, and the regretful looks, on going through the school buildings, taking the last look at everything, and bidding good-bye to all the old schoolmates and teachers.

Even the most dissatisfied boy, who had grumbled the most during the school year, and who had secretly thought, and had occasionally ventured to express the opinion, that "Avondale is not such a fine place after all," looked as sad as anybody, as, with his boxes packed, he waved good-bye from the departing waggon; and when fully two miles away, peered excitedly through the trees to catch a last glimpse of the school buildings, which, in spite of an occasional grumble, had become very dear to him. And so one by one they have all gone, and the summer family at the Homes have settled down to their new programme.

As we count over all the dear students who have gone away, some to their homes, some to mission fields, and other departments of the Lord's

vineyard, we heartily say, "God bless you all, and bring you safely back to school next February."

### Closing Exercises.

THE closing exercises of the school took place Sunday, October 8. Brother Daniells, President of the Union Conference; Brother Starr, President of the New South Wales Conference; Brother Salisbury, Manager of the Echo Publishing Company; and other friends of the school were present.

An informal farewell meeting was held in the school chapel at 10 a.m. Brother W. C. White, President of the School Board; Sister White, Brother Daniells, and Brother Starr took a leading part in the meeting by speaking appropriate words of good cheer and encouragement. The meeting was then thrown open to all, and many of the teachers, students, and visiting friends spoke freely their farewell thoughts and admonitions.

The more formal closing exercises were held in Avondale Church in the evening. The address was delivered by the President of the Union Conference, whose personal interest in every student present, and evident love for them, made his earnest words of counsel very effective. The anthems "What are These" and "Praise ye the Father" were rendered very nicely by the whole school under the direction of their teacher in vocal music, Brother O. A. Morse.

Thus the work of the school year closed, not, perhaps, in a manner that would be approved by the world, for the world expects pomp and display, and words of praise. But everything seemed quite in harmony with the gospel work in which we are engaged, and the effort of all concerned was to please God. And it is enough to feel assured that His approving smile rested upon the Avondale School as it thus closed the year's work.

### Arrangements for the Summer Vacation.

As many lines of work are being pushed during the summer vacation, such as clearing, farming, building, fruit canning, etc., a large corps of workers is needed at the school during the vacation. The

family that remains is by no means small. At present there are about forty. Six are engaged in the Health Food Factory, four are building the barn and stables, three are building fences, four are farming under the direction of C. B. Hughes.

Arthur Rowe still has charge of the horses, and does the general carting. Reginald Walker cares for the dairy and apiary. Frank Smart is blacksmithing for Bro. Albert Lamplough. Jas. Packham is ploughing and doing general farm work at Sunnyside. Ernest Chandler is doing general carpentering and repair work, and at present is fitting up a portion of the carpenter shop as a temporary location for the missionary printing plant. Leslie Irwin, instead of returning to the Echo Office when the school closed, is remaining for a month to set up the printing outfit.

Miss Nicholas is translating several tracts for the Islands, and Pastor E. H. Gates has general charge of the printing and translating, while at the same time from this place he is superintending the work of the Polynesian missions. Brother R. H. Constant has been engaged as book-keeper, and spends a portion of his time on the farm. Six young ladies are doing the cooking, general housework, and summer cleaning, and will assist in fruit canning.

The Principal and Business Manager has been requested by the board to spend a large part of the vacation visiting various camp-meetings, and working up school interests. In his absence the steward, F. W. Reekie, is the acting manager.

No regular summer school is being held, but a good evening school is conducted for the industrial students, in which Bible, Arithmetic, Spelling, and Vocal Music are taught. The school is in charge of Brother Hughes, who is also preceptor, and Mrs. Boyd has been engaged as matron.

Thus our friends will understand that though our school has broken up, Avondale is still a busy place. We expect that the various arrangements for the vacation will enable us to push forward some very important items of work, such as completing the barn, building a large cistern, forming the road to the church, building some greatly needed fences, and improving the farm by clearing, draining, ploughing, etc. This work will all be done by students under competent direction, which will be a good experience for them, and enable them to earn something towards next year's



schooling, and make some improvements on the Estate which for a long time have been greatly needed.

### The School Prospectus for 1900.

THE new prospectus of Avondale School for 1900 is now ready for circulation. A good supply is being sent to each of the Colonial Tract Societies, and these societies will send a quantity to each of the churches. We desire that every person interested in our work should have a copy, and any who are not supplied otherwise should write to their society or to the school, and a copy will be sent by post.

We invite all who have an interest in Avondale School to give the new prospectus a careful study. While many literary features which were prominent in last year's catalogue are largely omitted, yet more space is given to items of detailed information which will make this number very useful for reference. There are less than one-half as many pages in this number, and it is issued without cover, thus saving expense, which enables us to give it a wider circulation.

For the first time we have printed our courses of study, to which we invite your particular attention. The Bible Course is the most complete, requiring four years' study after the common branches have been completed. Short courses have also been arranged for those who wish to obtain a rapid preparation for special departments. We earnestly solicit correspondence from those who desire further information.

### Items of Interest.

BRO. H. C. LACEY and wife have been called by the Union Conference to labour in the Queensland Mission field. Their first work will be in Toowoomba in following up the interest after the camp-meeting.

On the last Sabbath afternoon after the school closed, three more of our students were buried with their Lord in baptism, thus making a total of thirty-one who have been baptised since the school year began.

A large number of photographs have recently been taken, showing the school, its operations, and sur-

roundings. Lantern slides have been made from these, and the pictures will be exhibited in the churches and at camp-meetings during the vacation. It is hoped that, by this means our friends who have never visited the school will have it brought a little nearer to them.

Pastor E. H. Gates, Superintendent of the Polynesian Missions, has been residing at the school much of the time since the late Union Conference. We have greatly appreciated his presence and labours in the school family. For three weeks he conducted the missionary class, giving much valuable and interesting instruction concerning the history of missionary work and methods of labour among the islands. During the last two weeks of the school year the missionary class was conducted by Bro. J. Johanson, general agent of the Central Australian Tract Society, who gave special instruction in the circulation of our subscription books.

These special features taught by Brethren Johanson and Gates, together with regular class work during the past six months in the organization, management, etc., of churches, Tract Societies, and Sabbath schools, the duties of officers and methods of labour in these departments have given the missionary class a practical course of study which we trust will make them useful in the various churches and mission fields where they may be located.

When Bro. Johanson returned to Melbourne at the close of the school, he took with him, for the Central Australian canvassing field, Brethren John and Fred Redwood, George Simpson, Harold Hughes, Frank Pallant, and William Pascoe. Brethren Wood and Codling have joined the canvassing force in Queensland, and Brother Harold Harker will canvass in New Zealand. We do not know at present where in the above colonies these workers will be located, but we shall watch the RECORD for their names, and shall pray often for their success. May the good Lord stand by and keep them of good courage.

The Bible and periodical workers from the school have been distributed as follows: Miss Ruth Cozens, Miss Salm, and Miss Mills have connected with the mission at Toowoomba. Miss Taylor and Miss Lee

will work in the New South Wales Conference, and Miss Cartright in the Central Australian Conference.

Several weeks before the school closed Miss Fanny Lucas was taken out of the nursing class to fill a position as nurse in the Sanitarium. A little later, Miss Annie Olsen was called to a similar position, and when the school year closed, Misses Alice Booth, Victoria Brown, and May Paap were also engaged for the medical missionary work in Sydney. Bro. Minchin has also been engaged as a nurse in the Sanitarium, though he will probably return to the school in a few weeks, as his intentions are to qualify for entering the Medical University of Sydney.

Thus workers are rapidly being prepared for various departments where active, faithful, young men and women are so much needed. The fact that our school is preparing so many young people for the Lord's vineyard should be a source of great encouragement to all who have sent students or who contemplate doing so, or who have contributed of their means toward the establishment of this institution.

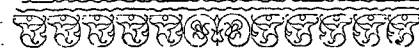
In this department last month we presented plans for a teachers' training course, to be opened in the school next year. Permit us to call your attention again to this important department. In every church in Australasia a church school should be established, but we must first have thoroughly qualified teachers. Who is thinking of this work, and planning to enter the teachers' training course next year? We particularly invite young people to take this course who have had good opportunities of securing an education, and who by one year of special training could be qualified to teach. For further information consult our new catalogue for 1900, which you should not delay in securing.

### Some Reflections.

THE teacher must be what he would teach, because he teaches what he is. And this is true not only with reference to his manners and externals, but with reference also to his real personality. If he is himself an embodiment of the truth, he is therein a teacher of the truth, though he may never engage in the business of instruction.



## Our Canvassers.



*"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."*

### Our Burden Bearer.

We tell Thee of our care,  
Of the sore burden pressing day by day;  
And in the light and pity of Thy face  
The burden melts away.

The thorns are turned to flowers;  
All dark perplexities seem light and fair;  
A mist is lifted from the heavy hours,  
And Thou art everywhere.

### Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

#### Central Australia.

SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
Wm. Ryder, Tasmania ...	34	£29 11 0
L. A. Apollon, Adelaide ...	26	20 7 6
Wm. Knight, Armadale ...	9	8 0 0
Coming King—		
R. J. Stoate, Geelong ...	5	1 15 0
A. T. Jessop, Geelong ...	7	1 17 6
G. Burgess, Bendigo ...	67	23 12 0
J. E. Steed, Adelaide ...	24	7 13 0
J. E. Keegan, Bendigo ...	42	14 10 0
Wm. Knight, Armadale ...	2	0 12 6
J. H. Fry, Bendigo ...	10	3 13 6
C. P. Michaels, Launceston ...	—	6 7 7
Daniel and Revelation—		
C. P. Michaels, Launceston ...	27	18 17 0
A. Ballingall, Launceston ...	16	11 10 0
Home Hand Book—		
T. W. Rowe, Melbourne ...	32	46 14 6
Ladies' Guide—		
R. J. Stoate, Maryborough... ..	2	1 15 0
Mrs. Robb, Bendigo ...	14	13 7 0
Sunshine at Home		
R. J. Stoate, Maryborough .	10	2 17 0
Miscellaneous Books... ..	19	15 4 0
	350	£228 4 0

#### Queensland.

SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Coming King—	Orders	Value
C. Prebble, Bundaberg ...	34	£9 11 0
Other books ...	1	0 10 0
Home Hand Book—		
A. Costello, Charters Towers ...	2	6 1 6
Other books ...	1	0 17 6
A. W. Horwood, Bundaberg ...	15	24 5 0
R. S. Hodgson, Mitchell and Charleville ...	25	36 17 6
Ladies' Guide—		
A. J. Hewitt, Clifton ...	18	19 17 0
Other books ...	2	2 15 0
J. H. Hewitt, Clifton ...	5	5 7 0
Other books ...	5	7 5 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
C. Hughes, Albion ...	21	19 19 0
Other books ...	1	1 7 6
	130	£134 13 0

#### New South Wales.

SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
C. Chapman, Bahaian ...	6	£5 16 0
Coming King—		
G. G. James, Singleton ...	23	6 9 0
C. Paap, Oakhampton ...	18	6 7 0
E. A. D. Goodhart, Singleton ...	14	4 8 0
J. Paap, Oakhampton ...	10	4 6 0
M. James, Singleton ...	7	2 0 0
L. Guest, Leichhardt ...	1	0 14 0
Home Hand Book—		
J. S. Reekie, Dubbo... ..	74	121 7 6
J. Lord, Stuart Town ...	34	49 0 0
A. Currow, Hillgrove ...	16	26 9 6
A. R. Sherwin, Tumut ...	8	14 13 0
A. B. Cook, Molong ...	6	10 1 0
J. C. Jansen, Liverpool ...	5	7 13 6
R. A. Natrass, Newcastle ...	3	4 17 0
W. Smith, Mudgee ...	5	8 17 0
Man the Masterpiece—		
W. Smith, Mudgee ...	2	1 18 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
E. Appleton, Taree ...	35	31 19 0
Other Books—		
C. E. Dingle, Paddington ...		1 10 0
W. R. Carswell, Wallsend ...		1 7 0
Miscellaneous ...		15 1 3
	267	£324 14 3

#### New Zealand.

SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Coming King—	Orders	Value
Mrs. A. Kinnear, Auckland ...	9	£2 5 0
C. Reynolds, Christchurch ...	44	11 0 0
Great Controversy—		
S. Smith, Hastings ...	3	1 12 6
Home Hand Book—		
A. Mountain, Eketahuna ...	58	87 17 6
I. Johnson, Pahiatua ...	56	81 17 6
Mrs. H. Hamilton, Masterton ...	10	13 15 0
P. L. Hill, Kaikoura ...	18	27 12 6
W. T. Dawson, Christchurch ...	4	5 17 6
J. H. Camp, Eketahuna ...	27	37 2 6
R. L. Irving, Nelson ...	15	21 0 0
A. G. Mackenzie, Wanganui ...	36	51 0 0
C. J. Cullum, West Coast ...	6	2 12 6
Ladies' Guide		
Mrs. M. Masters, Wellington ...	27	27 8 6
Mrs. A. D. Anderson, Hawera ...	68	59 10 0
Man the Masterpiece—		
G. Masters, Wellington ...	3	2 12 6
W. H. Covell, Christchurch ...	142	130 1 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Miss M. A. Brown, Wellin- ton ...	2	1 0 0
A. E. Rickard, Aekaroa Penin. ...	1	1 0 0
W. W. Ward, New Plymouth ...	13	7 17 6
	542	£580 6 0

#### West Australia.

SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
Mrs. Cleal, Cottesloe ...	31	£23 15 6
H. Cooper, Midland... ..	14	10 19 6
Coming King—		
Miss M. Chandler, Perth ...	4	1 0 0
	49	£35 14 6

#### Totals for September.

	Orders	Value
New South Wales ...	267	£324 14 3
New Zealand ...	542	580 6 0
Central Australia ...	350	228 4 0
Queensland ...	130	134 13 0
West Australia ...	49	35 14 6
Totals ..	1338	£1303 11 9

### To Our Canvassers.

The Lord has said in His word, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." This being so, he will be blessed who doeth the work of the Lord carefully and faithfully. Our God is a God of order and system. He bestows as much care upon the smallest details of His works of creation as upon those which appear to us most prominent and important. May we not learn the lesson from this that He would have us careful in the details of our work, remembering that anything we can do to facilitate His work is worth doing well. He who is faithful in little things is preparing himself for a place where the Lord can trust him with great things.

Our canvassers can materially help the work of the Colonial Society offices by faithfulness in the use of the blanks with which they are supplied.

Some time every Sunday should be set aside for filling in the "Weekly Report" of work done. Full instructions are given on the second page of the blank, and these should be carefully studied, and each column correctly filled in. These reports form the basis for the importing of our books. If any agents fail to send in their reports, they are liable to find, when the time of their deliveries arrives, that the office has no books with which to supply their orders. We therefore solicit the co-operation of all our agents in faithfully filling out these blanks and posting them to their Colonial office every Monday morning.

Attached to the "Weekly Report" blank is a sheet headed "Weekly Letter." We ask you to write every week of your experiences. Tell us of any encouraging cases with which you may have met; of any help you may have been enabled, through God's grace, to give to those with whom you come in contact. If the Lord has given you special help in time of need, tell us of it and we may be able to use it to encourage some brother or sister in similar difficulties. If you meet some who appear interested in any phase of truth, send us their names and addresses that we may correspond with them and carry on the good work you have begun. Should you meet with difficulties which perplex you, write to us and we will do all we can to help you. Your weekly letters to the office are looked for and highly prized, and we rejoice in your successes and sympathize with you in your hardships.

Another blank which it is important should be filled out correctly is the "Report of Delivery." It is desired to

keep a record of all books delivered in each town and district that has been canvassed, in order that the general agent may know where to place his agents. This record is compiled from the delivery reports. Any agent who has gone to some distant territory at considerable expense, only to find that a large number of the book he represents have already been delivered there, can appreciate the advantage of properly filled in "Reports of Delivery." They are for the protection of our agents, that they may be placed in territory where they will have every reasonable prospect of success. Therefore please remember at the close of your delivery to carefully fill in your "Report of Delivery," and send it to the office as promptly as possible."

We want to study to show ourselves workmen who need not to be ashamed, as perfect in our work, in whatever line it may be, as it is possible for us to become. Then we may look for our Lord to say unto us, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

E. M. GRAHAM.

### New Zealand.

We are glad to report that we are of good courage in this far-away corner of the Australasian field. We have no discouraging news to send, for while "there are giants in the way," in the strength of our God, we *can* and *do* possess the land.

Our canvassers are all having fairly good success. We now have sixteen regular workers in the field, and are expecting two or three more in the next week or two.

One encouraging feature of our work is, where two or three years ago, we had to urge and press our people to enter this line of work, now they come to us and ask to be allowed to take up this branch of God's service, and they are usually men and women of mature years; so that to-day in N.Z. our canvassing work is on a better basis than it has ever been in the history of the work here, and the prospects are bright for its future prosperity. We are satisfied that where "consecrated hard work" is put forth success will follow.

About the only two elements necessary to make a successful canvasser are a heart full of love and a body full of energy.

The bulk of our canvassers are on the "Home Hand Book." We find it better to run one leading line at a

time. The territory is then better worked, and the Society is not burdened with so large a stock.

We hope to send a report each month to the RECORD, and in our next we will give the experience of some of our canvassers.

Wishing my fellow-workers in Australia much of God's blessing,

I remain,

Yours in the Master's service,

J. H. CAMP.

### Central Australian Conference.

It is with gratitude we acknowledge the prospering hand of the Lord which has been with our workers during the past month. God has fulfilled his promise to "stand by the side of the worker," as the following extracts will show.

Brother T. W. Rowe has met with fair success in his work with "Home Hand Book" in the suburbs of Melbourne. He writes:—

I am pleased to write that I am learning to love my work more and more. I feel to realise that the Lord stands by the side of the canvasser, not only that he may be blessed himself, but that he may be a help and a blessing to others. I feel to regret that I have not engaged in this part of the Lord's work before, as I can see now that I have lost many rich blessings.

The Lord has told us frequently that "our effort to bless others would react in blessings upon ourselves." Those only who have made the "effort" know that this is true.

We are glad to welcome Brother J. H. Fry among our workers this month. He is now working on "Coming King" with Brother Burgess in Bendigo, and writes:—

I am very pleased to be able to send in a report. I am also glad to tell you I delight in the canvassing work. I am quite sure the Lord is working with me, and has given me encouragement. As you will see by my report, I have taken ten orders for my first two days' work.

Brother C. P. Michaels writes from Launceston:—

We are enjoying very much of the blessing the Lord in our work here, and nothing will give me so much pleasure as to canvass the entire city with "Daniel and the Revelation." I like the work and enjoy the presence of the Spirit of God very much, and I am glad to say, it has been manifested in a remarkable manner. The opposition here is strong; we have battles to fight every day. The truth seems to have been misrepresented here, but the Lord is helping us to chase away the mists.

Brother W. Knight has been working in the suburbs with "Bible Readings" and says:—

I have enjoyed some precious experiences, and can now see light in the Spirit of Prophecy, which says that "Canvassing is

the most precious ministry that we can engage in.

One of our sisters in South Australia who is working in a quiet way with the *Bible Echo*, writes:—

I thank you for the prompt way in which my papers have reached me, and trust that many precious souls may be found in the kingdom through reading those I have placed in this town. I have many words of encouragement from those who read them, and one lady has just told me that it is the best paper she ever read.

Reader, do you wish to rejoice in these blessings? If so, we invite you to join the ranks of the "workers."

L. GREGG.

### West Australia.

THERE has been much precious seed sown here in West Australia, in the past; but still there is much to do in watering and renewing the seed in places where it has not flourished. A large proportion of the population here are of a shifting, restless nature, seeking for the treasure of this world. Many, through lack of earnest searching, have again and again walked over the precious veins of ore, that are now being worked profitably, without discerning them.

There are those who, when the message was put before them, only saw as far as the covers of the books, but now find time to meditate and search for the hidden treasure.

Although for several months past, looking from a human standpoint, our canvassing work has been at a low ebb, we know God has been at work, for he answered the plea for workers, not only in sending them from other fields, but by raising them up amongst us. We have every reason to believe that this part of the work is going to be blessed abundantly. Our prayer is that every man and woman who enter this work will realise that they are called of God; otherwise their labours will be in vain.

God would have entire consecration first. If ability to talk well is lacking, we have the promise that he will give us his own words to speak; and "they are spirit and they are life."

Every agent should know from actual experience just what the book he is handling contains, so that he can be prepared to give a canvass suitable to any occasion, and under any circumstance.

Then we will find, like Nehemiah of old, "The wall will be built, for the people had a mind to work." May every one of God's servants to-day have such a mind as this.

T. A. CHAPMAN.

## THE FIELD.

*"They rehearsed all that God had done with them."*

### Toowoomba Camp Meeting.

THOSE who were present at the Union Conference will remember the petition presented by the Toowoomba Church for a camp-meeting to be held in their town this season. Their desire has been granted, and the Toowoomba camp is now in progress.

Toowoomba is a very pretty place, 101 miles west of Brisbane, on the Sydney and Brisbane line. It is about 1,800 feet above the sea-level, and is a favourite health resort during the summer. The population is about 7,000. The soil is of a bright red colour, and, to judge from the appearance of the trees and vegetation, is productive.

The Agricultural Society have kindly granted us the use of a portion of their beautiful grounds. As we enter them through a large gateway, over which there is a sign, "S.D.A. Camp-Meeting. All Welcome," the first thing that meets our eyes is a beautiful avenue of English trees, with their fresh spring leaves. The ground is entirely covered with well-kept grass, and there are trees scattered over the grounds. We feel grateful for the privilege of occupying such a place.

The new tent which has been recently made in Brisbane, and measures 80 by 50 feet, stands in a good position near the entrance. It is lighted by gas, and is comfortably seated and fitted up with a neat rostrum and choir platform.

There are twenty tents upon the ground, exclusive of the large meeting tent. One of these is a dining tent, one is used for a kitchen, one for a reception tent, and another as book and grocery tent, thus combining food for the body and food for the mind. A good supply of health foods fresh from the factory is on show, and practical demonstrations in cooking will be given during the meeting.

The first meeting was held on Friday evening, October 13, Pastor A. G. Daniells giving the opening address. The attendance was not very large, but good interest was manifested by those present.

Sabbath was a good day. The Sabbath School met at 9.30, with an attendance of 89. It was good to see our brethren and sisters who have led a comparatively isolated life enjoying the privilege of studying together in this general meeting, and their happy, interested faces testified that it was indeed a pleasure to them.

Pastor Tenney gave a Bible study in the morning on the love of Christ which constraineth us, showing how love must be the guiding principle of our lives. In the afternoon Sister White gave an earnest exhortation to prepare for the coming of our Lord.

This was followed by a short service for the children, conducted by Brother Tadish. At 5 p.m. there was a short social meeting to close the Sabbath, during which many testified to the blessings of the day, and their desire to consecrate themselves to the Lord.

At 7.30 Saturday evening, there was a stereopticon lecture, given by Pastor Daniells. He first conducted us through some of the streets of Melbourne, and the Melbourne Helping Hand Mission, then showed views of the Sanitarium, Summer Hill, N.S.W., the Adelaide Rescue Home for Women, the Napier Bethany Home, the Orphanage, the old people who are being cared for in the Old People's Home, and of some of our churches. These were very interesting to all, and especially to our own people, who could better realise the work that is being done than before.

On Sunday there were services at 11 a.m. and 3 and 7 p.m. Sister White spoke in the afternoon, and Pastor Daniells in the evening on the "Time of the End." The attendance improved, and there was a good audience at both these meetings.

The town has been districted, and the majority of the campers are spending the mornings in going among the people, selling the special number of the *Bible Echo*, distributing programmes of the meetings, and inviting the people to attend. They have received much blessing in doing this work, and return to the camp with bodies somewhat weary, but with faces bright, and with good testimonies to the way in which the Lord has gone before them. They have met with almost universal kindness from the people. As a result of this work we anticipate a much larger attendance, and more seats will have to be provided.

Wednesday is a holiday, called Hospital Day, and the sum of one

shilling will be charged for admission to these grounds on that day, the proceeds to go to the hospitals. There will be sports in other parts of the grounds. We are planning to have special attractions, and see if we cannot draw a number to our services. Sister White will speak in the afternoon, and in the evening there will another lantern lecture, showing the Avondale School. There will be a health talk in the afternoon, and children's meeting.

We ask our brethren and sisters to pray that the Lord will bless the work of this meeting, and that His Spirit may be with the workers, that they may be enabled to gather in many souls for the Master. We greatly desire to see souls added to this church, to hold up the light in this important centre. Next month we will give a further report of this meeting.

E. M. GRAHAM.

### Ordination Service at Kellyville.

ELDER G. B. Starr, accompanied by the writer, paid a visit to the Kellyville Church, Sabbath, October 14th, on the occasion of their quarterly meeting. After the ordinances had been partaken of, the members requested that two of their number be ordained as elders. Accordingly, Brethren Herbert James and F. Martin, who have served the church faithfully for a number of years as leader and deacon respectively, were set apart to that office. Brother J. Radley was elected to act in the position vacated by Brother Martin, while Sisters James, Sen., and Radley were chosen deaconesses.

In meeting with this little company we experienced what Paul expected to experience when he met those "beloved of God, called to the Saints" at Rome. We realized that it was good to be with our dear brethren and sisters of Kellyville, for their love and joy were of much encouragement to us, and truly we were "comforted" by their faith.

May God bless and prosper this church and its newly-elected officers.

A. H. PIPER.

Tent meetings are being held at Wallsend, near Newcastle, in the large tent, and considerable interest is manifested. The meetings are conducted by Pastors Hickox and Starr.

## From Tongatabu to Sydney.

It was recommended at the Australasian Union Conference, held at Cooranbong, N S W., July 6th to 24th, that I make Australia my future field of labour. At the close of this Conference I returned to the Island of Tongatabu, where I have been labouring for the past three years, and after counselling with Brother E. S. Butz and M. G. Kellogg, M D., plans were laid for continuing the work on the island. These brethren are very busy erecting a church 48 by 24 feet, the material of which was brought to Tongatabu in June, on our ship *Pitcairn* and in studying the language, treating the sick, etc.

We soon disposed of our household effects, the most of which we sold to natives for cash.

On the 24th of September my wife and child and myself, and Sister Sarah Young, formerly of Pitcairn Island, and a native young man by the name of David Holland, who came for the purpose of attending the Avondale School, left for Sydney on the steamship *Manapouri*. The first night out from Tongatabu the sea was quite rough, and some of us suffered a little from sea-sickness. Most of the voyage was very pleasant; so much so that our port windows were open the greater part of the time.

We arrived in Samoa, Thursday night, September 28, at 11 o'clock. Brother Lake took us ashore in the mission boat, and at 2 o'clock we retired for a short rest. We enjoyed our visit with Brother Lake and family and the mission helpers. We remained with them till 3 p m. Sabbath. In the morning we attended the little Sabbath school of which Brother Wm. Fooding is superintendent. After this we had a short Bible reading, followed by a social meeting. The mission is having all it can do in the medical line, and there is some interest among the natives to learn the truth. Brother Lake has secured land from a Samoan chief, on which he expects soon to locate and give special attention to acquiring the language and to Evangelical work. He is of good courage amid the many peculiar difficulties of a foreign field.

As already stated we left Samoa Sabbath, September 30, and reached Suva, Fiji, October 4. Here Brother G. H. Parker met us and rowed us across the bay in a small boat. We felt it very restful indeed, to meet with those with whom we had been acquainted in former days. We also had the privilege of meeting Brother F. E. Fulton and family, and Sister Gilliard,

of New Zealand. A number of our native brothers and sisters who have embraced the message, came to see us, and we found some with whom we could converse in the Tongan tongue. Five new ones have recently accepted the faith, some by reading and some from hearing the word spoken. Brother Fulton is moving his house from the high, rocky hill down to the native village, near Brother Parker's house. Arrangements are being made for a school for the native children, and a place to give instruction to the older ones in present truth.

On October 5, we bade adieu to the dear mission workers, and were soon steaming over the billows of the deep for the port of Sydney. We reached the city on Friday morning, October 13. We found our way to the Sanitarium, where we received a hearty welcome, and felt quite at home. Sabbath morning, in company with Brother Hindson's family, we had the privilege of attending the Ashfield church, and participating with them in the ordinances of the Lord's house. Here we met Elder W. A. Colcord, with whom we had formed a slight acquaintance in America. In the evening I attended the services at the Stanmore church. At the close of the meeting Brother Colcord had the privilege of burying four with their Lord in baptism.

We came to this field through the call of Providence, and our prayers shall ascend with yours for the prosperity of the work here.

Yours in Christ,  
E. HILLIARD.

## Letter from Dr. Caldwell.

THE following extracts are taken from a letter from Dr. Caldwell, written on board the *Ovalau*, September 4th, on his return to Raratonga from the Conference. We are glad to notice that he and Sister Caldwell have benefited by their visit among us, and we wish them success in their mission field, as they resume their labours there:—

Though the first two days on board the *Elingamite* were very stormy ones, and nearly every one on board was sick, including some old sailors, we suffered no more than others. When Captain Waller learned we were missionaries, he ordered quarters prepared for us among the saloon passengers, and kindly invited us aft, where we were very kindly cared for during the remainder of the passage.

This was appreciated, for though vegetarians find little enough to sustain life even on a saloon table, the plentiful supply of fruit found there makes it better than the fore-cabin table for one who eats no meat.

While in New Zealand I spoke twice in both of the churches in Auckland. The church in Epsom is in an active condition. The people there are just now enjoying something of a revival in the study of the subject of health-reform. On the Sunday evening the Lord blessed as I tried to lay before them some of the principles that underlie reform upon that subject, thus contributing to heighten the interest already awakened.

I spent one day among the Maoris in the country. Truly they are an interesting people, and their condition, from a religious standpoint, is pitiable in the extreme. I am told that though there are many thousands of natives in the "King Country" there is not one resident European missionary in all that vast region. Itinerant Mormon preachers and spiritualists (more properly spiritists) are fast putting them where they will be many times harder to reach with the truth than they were when first approached by white men.

I can see no way to do any permanent good for them except by living among them, to heal and teach by precept and example. The popular denominations sometimes send their preachers among them, but it is said that the natives are suspicious of them. I have the impression, judging by what I know of natives, that the best plan is to establish an industrial school among them, that it may grow into a college if God directs. Certainly the boys I saw when visiting the School of St. Stephen, in Auckland, are benefited by what they receive in that endowed school; but I cannot think they are Christianized. There are fifty boys there who are given secular teaching and ritual religion.

These natives are so numerous and so scattered all over the North Island! How can they be reached? Who is able for these things? The field will have to be worked from several centres.

I have noticed in the papers that the native schools established by the New Zealand Government were recently severely criticised in Parliament. They are said not to be accomplishing what was expected of them. You and I know why. They lack the only true incentive to study. The public schools hold before the student only selfish motives. Natives who have their own land need not work much, and do not see enough in European society to stimulate them to study hard. I believe when, in addition to this, they are taught to make the most of themselves for Christ's sake—that they may win other souls—they will learn to study well.

But let no selfish, unconsecrated ones attempt to teach them. Such are sure to become discouraged. Short, fitful efforts for their improvement can never succeed.

In the *Ora au*, on which we are now sailing, the fore-cabin is near the middle of the ship, the most favourable location for passengers. Here our rooms are well ventilated. This is in our favour, but the vessel can run but little more than ten miles an hour.

To-morrow, or the following morning, we expect to reach home. We have greatly improved in health and strength since we left Raratonga, May 26th, and we have profited by the spiritual blessings given us.

On the whole we feel much pleased with our trip to Australia, and believe it will prove a blessing to our work here in the Islands. Whatever may be the effect of our visit to the colonies in awakening an interest among the people there in our island work, we feel very much nearer you than we did before, and the many pleasant acquaintances we made there will ever be remembered with thanksgiving, believing that each new friendship has bound us closer to our Father's family.

## Medical Missionary

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

CONDUCTED BY MISS HARRIET PEARCE.

### Prayer for Reapers.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10: 2.

Into the harvest field  
Whitening to-day,  
Send forth more labourers,  
Jesus we pray.

Oh, Sun of righteousness,  
Gladden our sight,  
O'er this dark world of woe  
Shed forth thy light.

Thy healing beams impart,  
Saviour divine,  
Fill every worker's heart  
With love like thine.

### A Plea for Our Sanitarium.

How many of us who have read of the wonderful success of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and kindred institutions in America, have wished we had similar institutions in these colonies? More especially has this been the case with those of us, who have had loved ones under our care who needed skilful treatment.

We who know, that "drugs never cured anyone" and are aware of their deleterious and poisonous nature, have feared to trust these precious lives in the hands of physicians whom we knew would prescribe such remedies.

Some of us too, have had to lay in the grave dear ones who have fallen victims to a so-called successful operation.

In our hospitals to-day, in many instances, there is too little regard for human life. In many cases where the patients are poor, they are looked upon as subjects to be practised upon by doctors, and students, rather than sufferers to be cared for and helped.

What we need is physicians who realize the value of human lives, and their accountability to God for their treatment of their patients. *Christian physicians, and fully equipped sanitariums.*

Now that we have such an institution started in our midst, great responsibility rests upon us.

God has given us great light, and He holds us responsible for that light; a good sanitarium is one of the best

means by which we can spread the light on health reform; but in order to do its work effectually it needs a *suitable building*, with proper surroundings, etc. This, of course, means the expenditure of a large amount of money, besides time and thought.

The curse pronounced upon *Meroz* was not on account of any evil done, but of good left undone, of not coming up to the help of the Lord.

God has chosen to work through human agencies, and we are privileged to be co-workers with Him, let us then value our privileges, and come up to "the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty."

### Our Adelaide Institutions.

"We are inexcusable if we destroy God's building by taking into the system poisonous drugs under a variety of names we do not understand. It is our duty to refuse all such prescriptions.

"We want institutions where maladies may be cured by nature's methods, and where the people may be taught how to treat themselves when sick, where they will learn to eat temperately; and to be educated to discard all narcotics; tea, coffee, and stimulants of all kinds, and the flesh of dead animals."

With the above excellent thoughts in mind our brethren and sisters will see the reason for the establishment of our medical institutions in every favourable locality. They are designed to be a blessing to the sick among our own people, teaching them how to keep well, and also to carry the blessing of physical reform to the suffering, dying people about us.

One of our best equipped institutions is located in Adelaide, S.A., under the management of a tried and successful worker and manager, Bro. A. W. Semmens. He is assisted by Mrs. Semmens, Nurse Pallant, and Nurse Currow.

Bro. Semmens and wife were formerly manager and matron of the Sydney Sanitarium, and were selected to pioneer the medical work in Adelaide because of their valuable experience in the Battle Creek Sanitarium and in Sydney. After close association with them both for some months the writer is prepared to recommend our people of S. Australia and the West to place themselves under their care when ill, for God is with them and their work.

Opened only a few months ago, the Medical Electro-Hydropathic Institute is steadily gaining in patronage and influence among the people. Already many of the Adelaide physicians are sending their patients there for treatment, and our nurses have been called upon to minister to physicians and their families.

Few physicians have faith in drugs; they rarely prescribe medicine for themselves or their families.

What the Institute needs is that our people in its neighbourhood manifest sufficient confidence in it to urge their friends to go there when sick. This will place the institution on such a sure financial footing that it will be able to treat its friends at a minimum price. Let our people come to the help of the place *now* when it most needs their assistance.

We are glad, indeed, to read from time to time interesting reports from the Adelaide Helping Hand Mission. It is right that we should remember the poor and unfortunate. This establishment also requires the earnest co-operation of friends throughout the colony.

Dr. E. R. CARO.

### Medical Missionary Conference.

THE twenty-four students, who graduated last June from the American Medical Missionary College, together with a few other missionary physicians, encamped recently at Gull Lake, which is described as "a beautifully isolated spot some seventeen miles from Chicago."

This encampment was planned for the purpose of holding a conference, three weeks being profitably spent in "studying missionary fields and methods, and the openings and calls for work in the various missionary lines."

After four years severe study, combined with actual missionary work in "a great disease and vice-ridden city," this encampment gave opportunity for a short season of much-needed rest and physical recuperation, part of each day being devoted to various out-of-door exercises.

The remainder of the service was spent in studying together "Mission work, individual duty," and "Seeking a more thorough consecration to the work of God and humanity."

We trust this Conference will be fruitful in results, and the prayers of God's people will go out after these workers as "sharp sickles" as they go to their various new and untried fields of labour.

## PERSONAL

ON his way to Queensland, Brother Salisbury spent a few days at Avondale, attending the closing exercises of the school.

SISTER RUTH JONES is on her way to New Zealand to connect with the Christchurch Health Home. She has been in West Australia two years.

BRO. F. J. BRAINERD Superintendent of the factory of the Echo Publishing Company, has recently spent a short holiday in Sydney.

A letter from Dr. J. E. Caldwell, of Raratonga, states that he and his wife arrived home from their visit to Australia, in safety, and found their family and friends all well.

BRO. JOHN H. MILLS has definitely settled in Cooranbong. He has just returned from Brisbane with his wife, and is now taking up active work as accountant for the Health Food Company. He has our best wishes.

BROTHER ARTHUR CURREW has left the Sanitarium at Summer Hill, for the purpose of spending a few months canvassing. He is attending the camp-meeting at Toowoomba before commencing active work in the field.

BRO. F. L. SHARP now occupies the position of accountant at the Summer Hill Sanitarium. Bro. Sharp, has had a long experience with business firms in Sydney. We wish him God-speed in his labours in connection with the Sanitarium.

WE learn by a private letter from New Zealand that Pastor Geo. Teasdale is now in Auckland beginning preparations for the camp-meeting appointed for that city. Good. We hope the Auckland meeting will be a grand success.

ON the evening of October 11, quite a party of friends left Sydney and Newcastle to attend the Toowoomba camp-meeting. Included in this party were Bro. Daniells, and his stenographer, Mark Steed; also Sister E. M. Graham.

BRO. PALMER, Principal of Avondale School, and his wife, were also among this party. Bro. Palmer is working in the interests of the

educational and School work. We trust that as the result of his labours the attendance at the School may be increased.

A day later Sister E. G. White, accompanied by Sister McEnterfer, left for the Toowoomba camp-meeting. Our brethren and sisters in camp are grateful to have Sister White in attendance at this meeting. Her labours are characterized by her usual zeal and earnestness.

WE are pleased to hear that Dr. F. E. Braucht has succeeded in securing his registration papers, which entitle him to practice as a physician in New Zealand. He is now in Samoa settling his affairs in connection with the Sanitarium, and expects to return to New Zealand in December.

BRO. H. C. LACEY has gone to Queensland to engage in ministerial work, and is at present attending the Toowoomba camp-meeting. We hope that he will be greatly blessed in his labours, and that he may be the means in God's hands of leading many of the Queensland people to heed the last message of salvation to the world.

AT the close of the Avondale School Bro. Johanson returned to Central Australia, taking with him seven students who intend canvassing in that field. It is encouraging to see so many young people leaving our school, to work for the Master. We shall expect to see a large increase in the canvassing reports from Central Australia.

BROTHER G. W. TADISH and Sister Georgina Jennett were united in marriage, Tuesday, October 3. The ceremony was performed by Pastor W. A. Colcord at the home of the bride's parents in Petersham, N.S.W. The happy couple left immediately by boat for Queensland, where Brother Tadish will engage in ministerial labour.

OUR readers will be glad to learn that the canvassers whose departure for West Australia we chronicled last month, have reached their destination in safety. Brother Ross Lewin has left Perth on his bicycle for the gold-fields, expecting to join Brother F. Masters at Northam. They intend to thoroughly canvass the Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie gold-fields. Brother Anderson is located in Northam, and expects to canvass between that place and Albany.

BRO. G. W. MORSE has disconnected from the Summer Hill Sanitarium in order to devote his time more fully to the work of the Health Food Company. He is now attending the Toowoomba camp meeting in the interests of this work. It is his plan to give health lectures, and health food demonstrations, in order that our people may become more fully acquainted with correct principles of living, and with our various health foods. He spent a few days in Brisbane before attending the camp-meeting.

BRO. W. D. SALISBURY, Manager of the Echo Publishing House, intends visiting the various camp meetings to be held this Summer. He is at present in Toowoomba, attending the camp-meeting being held in that place. Bro. Salisbury is visiting these camp-meetings especially in behalf of the publishing work, and his talks, illustrated by limelight views, give those who have not seen our publishing house, and other institutions, a good idea of these buildings and the work they are doing. These talks are calculated to give broad views of the extent and importance of our publishing work.

PASTOR HILLIARD and party, consisting of his wife and little daughter Alta, Miss Sarah Young, formerly of Pitcairn Island, and David Holland, a native who has come to attend Avondale School, arrived in Sydney on the S.S. *Manapouri*, Friday, October 13, from the Tongan Islands, where Bro. Hilliard has been stationed for the last three years. Pastor Hilliard comes to this field to labour in accordance with a recommendation passed by the Union Conference. We extend to them a hearty welcome, and trust that their labours in the Australian field may be richly blessed of God. After spending a few days in Sydney they went to Cooranbong, and from there on to Maitland, where they were expecting to settle until after the camp-meeting. In the field department of this issue, Bro. Hilliard gives an interesting account of their trip, and tells of the island work at the different places they visited on their way over.

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“KINDNESS is the music of good-will to men, and on this harp the smallest fingers may play Heaven's sweetest tunes.”

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**Record.**—Our purpose is to have every Sabbath-keeper in these colonies have the opportunity to read the RECORD. The subscriptions are coming in. If you have not subscribed do so before the new year.

**Herald of Health.**—The publication and management of the *Herald of Health* has been transferred from Melbourne to Sydney. Plans are being made to improve the journal in a number of respects, and vigorous efforts are being made to extend its circulation. Our brethren will hear more about this soon. If you are without this important journal of health, subscribe at once.

THE staff of workers in our office has lately been increased by the addition of two young ladies from Avondale. One of these is Miss Tuxen, who has been engaged in teaching during the past term. She is to devote special attention to the matter of working up the circulation of the *Herald of Health*.

MISS LILY BROWN has also connected with our office. She is to assist in the circulation of the RECORD and other important work requiring attention. We are glad to have the assistance of both of these workers.

**The Special Echo.**—We wish to speak a good word for the *Bible Echo* dated October 16. This is the first of a series of special numbers designed especially for circulation at the various camp-meetings to be held this summer. We understand that orders have been received for 14,000 copies of this number. The leading theme of the paper is "The Time of Trouble." It deals

with the time of trouble spoken of by the prophet Daniel, in the religious, commercial, and national divisions of the world; showing how the church has drifted into formalism, how rich men are heaping up riches while the poor are becoming poorer, and how the "nations are angry." The article is illustrated by three engravings—two of which are original—and contains many excellent quotations showing the terrible condition of the world at the present time. We think this is a splendid number for circulation, not only at the camp-meeting, but all through the colonies.

### Camp-Meetings.

Let all remember the time and place of the following camp-meetings:—

Maitland, N.S.W., November 2 to 13.  
Launceston, Tasmania, November 23  
to December 4.

Auckland, New Zealand, December  
22 to January 1.

### The New Church at Hamilton, Newcastle.

SINCE our last issue the new church at Hamilton has been completed, and dedicated to the service of God. Mrs. E. G. White, Pastors W. C. White, G. B. Starr, and A. S. Hickox were present, and took part in the dedicatory services. The singing of Mrs. Hickox and Mrs. Boyd added to the interest of the service.

The church is 59 feet long by 30 feet wide. The rear portion is cut off from the main room by upward sliding doors, and is used as Sabbath-school rooms. The ceiling is lofty, and the room well ventilated. The outside of the building is painted a light stone colour, and inside the natural wood is varnished. The community are well pleased with its appearance, and many words of commendation have been spoken. A vote of thanks has been given by the officers of the church to Brother M. Hare for his painstaking effort in superintending its erection.

Mr. John Miller, one of the new members, kindly arranged to lend a sum of money for a long period, sufficient to meet all obligations to merchants and workmen, while pledges and donations are being gathered in.

All bills from outside parties have been promptly paid upon presentation. The interest in the community is still good, and the public services are well attended. The church now numbers nearly forty members, and the Sabbath school about one hundred members.

### New South Wales Camp-Meeting.

THE New South Wales Camp-meeting is to be held in West Maitland, November 2-13. Beautiful grounds have been secured. The City Council have granted the free use of a portion of the city park, near Church Street Station. The people of West Maitland have been specially cordial in their invitations to the Conference officers to locate the camp in their midst.

The city and surroundings are at their best at this season of the year.

We hope to see a good attendance of our people from this colony.

Among the labourers expected are Mrs. E. G. White, E. H. Gates, A. G. Daniells, Dr. E. R. Caro, A. T. Robinson, and the ministers and workers of the Conference.

Reduced railroad rates may be obtained from October 31, good to return by November 30, by handing in your names *at once* to the clerk of your church, or by applying directly to F. L. Sharp, by letter, at the Sanitarium, Gower Street, Summer Hill, who will furnish certificates properly filled out. Certificates must be obtained in every case. Church clerks should obtain from F. L. Sharp the number required for their church.

**Tents.**—Persons wishing to secure tents during the camp-meeting should order at once. Address M. Hare, G.P.O., West Maitland, stating size. The prices will be the same as in past years:—10 x 12, 10s.; fly, 5s. 12 x 15, 12s. 6d.; fly, 6s. 6d. 12 x 18, 15s.; fly, 8s. 15 x 15, 15s.; 18 x 18, 20s.

Wire stretchers, tables, and chairs will be furnished at the lowest rates obtainable.

There will be no dining-tent or grocery this year. Come prepared to entertain yourselves. Grocers, milkmen, bakers, and fruiterers will take orders and deliver goods on the ground.

Purchase tickets, label luggage, and book all freight to Church Street Station, West Maitland.—G. B. STARR.