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

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"God is our Refuge and Strength."

"In God's own might
We gird us for the coming fight;
And strong in Him whose cause is ours,
In conflict with unholy powers,
We grasp the weapons He has given—
The light and truth and love of heaven."

The Lost Piece of Silver.

"WHAT woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?"

In the East the houses of the poor usually consisted of but one room, often windowless and dark. The room was rarely swept, and a piece of money falling on the floor would be speedily covered by the dust and rubbish. In order that it might be found, even in the daytime, a candle must be lighted, and the house must be swept diligently.

The wife's marriage portion usually consisted of pieces of money, which she carefully preserved as her most cherished possession, to be transmitted to her own daughters. The loss of one of these pieces would be regarded as a serious calamity, and its recovery would cause great rejoicing, in which the neighboring women would readily share. "When she hath found it," Christ said, "she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

The lost coin represents those who are lost in trespasses and sins, but who have no sense of their con-

dition. They are estranged from God, but they know it not. Their souls are in peril, but they are unconscious and unconcerned. In this parable Christ teaches that even those who are indifferent to the claims of God, are the objects of His pitying love. They are to be sought for, that they may be brought back to God.

The piece of silver was lost in the house. It was close at hand, yet it could be recovered only by diligent search.

This parable has a lesson for families. In the household there is often great carelessness concerning the souls of its members. Among their number may be one who is estranged from God; but how little anxiety is felt lest, in the family relationship, there be lost one of God's entrusted gifts.

The coin, though lying among the dust and rubbish, is a piece of silver still. Its owner seeks it because it is of value. So every soul, however degraded by sin, is in God's sight accounted precious. As the coin bears the image and superscription of the reigning power, so man at his creation bore the image and superscription of God; and though now marred and dim through the influence of sin, traces of this inscription remain upon every soul. God desires to recover that soul, and to retrace upon it His own image in righteousness and holiness.

The woman in the parable searches diligently for her lost coin. She lights the candle and sweeps the house. She removes everything that might obstruct her search. Though only one piece is lost, she will not cease her efforts until that piece is found. So in the family, if one member is lost to God, every means should be used for his re-

covery. On the part of all the others, let there be diligent, careful self-examination. Let the life-practice be investigated. See if there is not some mistake, some error in management, by which that soul is confirmed in impenitence.

If there is in the family one child who is unconscious of his sinful state, parents should not rest. Let the candle be lighted. Search the word of God, and by its light let everything in the home be diligently examined, to see why this child is lost. Let parents search their own hearts, examine their habits and practices. Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we are answerable to Him for our management of His property.

There are fathers and mothers who long to labor in some foreign mission field; there are many who are active in Christian work outside the home, while their own children are strangers to Christ and His love. The work of winning their children for Christ many parents trust to the minister or the Sabbath-school teacher; but in doing this they are neglecting their own highest privilege and most sacred responsibility. What human heart can feel for the children a love deeper or more tender than that of the father or the mother? Who is so well acquainted with their needs and their dangers? Who is so well fitted to point the children to Christ as their sin-pardoning Saviour? This is the work to which God has appointed them.

With their own hearts warm with the love of Christ, let parents speak to their children of His love. Let them work and pray for these souls for whom Christ has died.

The lesson of persevering faith and labor Christ himself has taught

us. In the parable of the lost sheep He has presented to our imagination no picture of a *sorrowful shepherd returning without the sheep*. The shepherd's search ceases not until the lost is brought back to the fold. The woman whose coin is lost *searches till she finds it*. These parables do not speak of failure but of success and joy in the recovery of the lost. Here is the divine guarantee that not one lost soul is overlooked, not one is left unsuccored. With all our efforts in seeking for the lost, Christ will co-operate. Then with love and faith and prayer, let parents work for their households, until with joy they can come to God saying, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The Ecumenical Conference of Foreign Missions.

[THIS interesting account of the greatest conference of missions ever held, comes to us in a private letter from Brother Guy Dail, who is connected with the *Missionary Magazine*.—EDITOR.]

"I tell you I really honour our good brethren who are in the regions beyond. I have all the greater reverence for them since enjoying one of the greatest privileges of my life—attending the Protestant Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, which was held in Carnegie Hall, New York, U.S.A., April 22-May 1, 1900.

"This was, to my mind, the greatest gathering of the Christian world since the beginning of the Christian era. It was not a church council. It was not convened to pass any ecclesiastical laws, or to settle any theological controversies. It was simply a *conference*, in which men and women of broad experience in the mission field met together to consider the various and difficult problems that confront them in the Master's service. Here were 1666 delegates, and 750 missionaries, representing about 150 missionary societies and organisations in all parts of the Protestant world.

"Hoary-headed John G. Paton was there. J. Hudson Taylor, through whose instrumentality more than 600 missionaries have gone forth in obedience to the Gospel commission within the last quarter of a century, told of the miracles God had wrought through the faith and prayer of him-

self and his fellow labourers. Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, the author of 'In the Tiger Jungle,' spoke on several occasions. Dr. William Ashmore, of China; Eugene Stock, of London; Dr. R. W. Thompson, of the British delegation; Dr. Schreiber, of Germany; Dr. Joseph King, of Australia; A. T. Pierson, R. E. Speer; J. R. Mott; and a number of other men and women who have had actual experience in assisting to translate the Bible into 421 languages, spoken by 1,200,000,000 of the world's inhabitants, and through whose personal efforts some of the 4,414,000 adherents to Christianity in semi-civilised and heathen lands have been secured, and who are a part of the 15,464 Protestant missionaries of all churches in all lands, graced the assembly with their presence.

"The average daily attendance was 15,000. Men who stand high in the realms of education, science, politics, and finance, took an active part in the gathering. I enjoyed seeing Miss Singh, a professor in the Woman's College, Lucknow, India. She is a Hindoo woman, of the Rajput, or Warrior caste. I heard her speak, and she uses good English. The daughter of Ramabia was also there, and I heard her. Then there was a poor, little, red-dressed child-widow. The sight of her on that great platform, touched my heart.

"Ex-President Harrison was hon. president of the Conference. President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt spoke. But why need I say more? You have read better reports of this meeting than I can write. You have seen more than I can tell you. There is just this one point I may speak of,—there is a tendency to come together among the churches. They are talking this more and more strongly. They will one of these days form a Theological Trust. Looking at it from the standpoint of the missionary, there seems to be no good reason why there should not be some inter-denominational agreement with reference to the division of territory. This would save strength. It would save the competition which is seen in the field. It would save hard feelings. It would enable the world's surface to be more quickly covered. There are yet 1600 languages without the written word of God. These tongues are spoken by about 300,000,000 human beings. Look at the work yet to be done! Why should not denominations that

are essentially different in nothing, that are really united on all important theological beliefs, strive to keep from stepping on one another's toes? This is a growing sentiment in America and England.

"One of the chief benefits I derived from the meetings was a quickening of my spiritual life, a deepening of my religious experience, a broadening of my mental horizon, a widening of my sympathies, an increasing of my faith in missions and in the power of the Gospel of Christ, and a strengthening of my belief that it is possible for the Third Angel's Message to be carried to every nation, and kindred and tongue and people within the present generation. Mr. Taylor, in speaking of the power of the Word, even if heard but once, told of a man who came to hear a sermon that was preached by one of the missionaries. The man listened, and repented of his sins, and was converted. He purchased a Bible. He went far into the interior, among his people. Fifteen years later his neighborhood was visited by the missionaries with the view of opening up gospel work there. That man was universally known as a 'Jesus man.' He had studied his Bible. He had established the family altar in his home. His entire family were Christians, and ready to receive the white missionaries. So much for one sermon, and the word of God. Who can tell how many cases there are like his. Who can tell what God can do when His church gets ready for Him to act?

"But I see in this coming together of the different sects of Protestantism the last struggle of our own denomination. I see that we shall be alone the 'peculiar people.' Out of this conflict, however, we hope to be delivered—every one whose name is written in the book. But there are some men who will not take the wrong side. There are some who stand high in other denominations who will not be led astray. They will see the truth for this day and will accept it. One reason why this is not the case now, is that the people of God are not ready to receive them."

"PEOPLE who scarcely have power to cheer us are often able to sadden us. They seize on the weak points of our souls, even as a London fog seizes on our physical infirmities. Gnats and fleas have little power to do us any good. But they can always worry and sting!"

Reasons Why We Should Join the Missionary Reading Circle.

1. How should the Bible be studied?

The Word of God should be *thoroughly* studied. All other reading is inferior to this.—*Gospel Workers.*

2. By whom should it be studied?

We must study the truth for ourselves. No man should be relied upon to think for us, no matter who he is, or in what position he may be placed.—*G. W.*

3. Why should all study it?

We should all know what is being taught among us; for if it is truth, we need to know it. The Sabbath-school teacher needs to know it, and every Sabbath-school scholar ought to understand it. We are under obligations to God to understand what He sends us.—*G. W.*

4. Why is it so necessary that all should know for themselves?

Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing the evidence, have confidence in the leading men and accept the decisions they make, and thus many will reject the very message God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept it.—*G. W.*

5. Can simply reading the Bible establish us in the truth?

It is hard study, hard toil, persevering diligence that will obtain the victories. Waste no hours; waste no moments. Those who wish for strong minds can gain them by diligence. The mind increases in power and efficiency by use. It becomes strong by hard thinking.—*Appeal for Missions.*

6. What study is best for intellectual culture?

The perusal of works upon our faith, the reading of arguments from the pen of others, while an excellent and important practice, is *not* that which will give the mind the greatest strength. The *Bible* is the *best book* in the world for intellectual culture.—*G. W.*

7. What should take the place of popular books?

The study of God's Word is to take the place of the study of books that have led minds away from the truth.—*G. W.*

8. What is greatly needed just at this time?

A revival in Bible study is needed throughout the world. Attention is

to be called, not to the assertions of men, but to the Word of God. As this is done, a mighty work will be wrought.—*G. W.*

9. When we awake to our privileges, to whom may we be compared?

O, that those who minister in holy things would awake, and like the noble Bereans, search the Scriptures daily.—*G. W.*

DELLA WALLACE.

News From Africa.

THE following was written by my sister, Mrs. Nora Anderson, of the Matabeleland Mission, dated March 5, 1900. She, with her husband (Harry Anderson), has been in that mission from the first opening five years ago. They have passed through war, famine, and pestilence, and are just seeing the first fruits of their labors. I know that others will rejoice with me that this is so.

MRS. G. T. WILSON.

I want to tell you what a happy experience we have been having of late. We have been seeing the first fruits of our labors here the last few weeks. Several promising young men from my school have started to serve God, also one little girl. Some of the young men will be able in one year's time to go out, under our directions, to teach their people the truths of the Bible, and how to read it, while they will still carry on their studies. I cannot tell you how joy fills our hearts.

One Friday evening we had been reading in the "Desire of Ages" where Christ left the temple for the last time; how His work looked to the people, and even to His disciples, to be a complete failure; then how it really was, and how it looked to Him; how He could see that if He was "lifted up" He would draw all unto Him, and that some from *every nation* would be saved.

We decided that *we* would see the people here saved in God's kingdom by faith, for we had the word of God for it, and we would just go on working and praying and let God give us some visible results in His own good time and way.

My husband had the boys in Sabbath school class the next day, and three or four started to serve the Lord. He then began to hold special religious services with them after school each day, till now there are nine who have started in Christian life.

Our constant prayer is, that we may *live* Jesus before this people. Pray for us that this may be so.

Missionary Correspondence.

A FEW months ago a lady, living near Kalgoorlie, wrote to Brother Pallant, stating that she was troubled about the Sabbath question, and wanted to know what is truth. Being

unable to reply at the time the letter was handed to me, I wrote as clearly as I could about the Sabbath, and sent her some reading matter on the subject. The following are a few extracts from her reply. She says:—"I was much pleased to receive your kind letter and the reading matter you sent me. These I have read over and over and thought it was quite clear to me that Saturday was the true Sabbath. So I kept the next Saturday, which was yesterday, and taught my two eldest children that it was the Holy Sabbath, and helped them to keep it as such. But last evening I was talking to an old lady who has been a Christian for 42 years, and what she said upset me, and made me think that perhaps I had been too hasty in changing the day. To-day I have not done much for fear I should be doing wrong, but it will not do to keep two days. I have prayed to God about it, and I know He will lead me aright if I trust Him fully, which, by His help, I intend to do. I thought I might ask you as a Christian to pray for me, as I am very greatly troubled again. I prayed to God before writing this letter that He would guide and direct me just what to say; so I leave the result with Him and anxiously await your reply."

In my answer to this I took up the different points mentioned which had upset her, and then pointed her to the One who is His own Interpreter and able to lead His children into all truth.

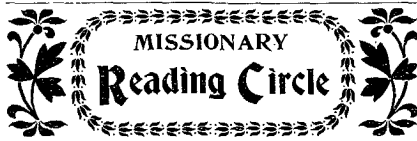
A short time ago she wrote as follows:—"I feel that it is my duty to let you know that your prayers have been answered, as a few weeks ago I decided with God's help to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Lord. By fully trusting in Him I shall grow in grace day by day."

We have been much encouraged by this good news, and we believe that our RECORD family will rejoice with us; and in heart give this lady a glad welcome to the church of Jesus Christ.

ANNIE S. HIGGINS.

Regret.

"WHAT silences we keep, year after year,
With those who are most near to us and dear;
We live beside each other day by day,
And speak of myriad things, but seldom say
The full, sweet word that lies just in our reach,
Beneath the commonplace of common speech.
Then out of sight and out of reach they go,—
These close, familiar friends who loved us so;
And, sitting in the shadow they have left,
Alone with loneliness, and sore bereft,
We think, with vain regret, of some kind word
That once we might have said, and they have heard."



"Seek ye out of the book of the Lord,
and read."

Bible Studies.

Lesson 1—July 1-7.

If possible, have a stated time each day for this study. After a thorough study of the chapter try to answer the questions suggested in the outline, using only the Bible. Refresh the memory when necessary, by referring to the text-book. Fix in mind other Scriptural references that are connected with the events of Daniel 1, so as to be able to find them readily. The members of a family should tell to one another the different points suggested, until both the old and the young become perfectly familiar with each thought.

("Thoughts on Daniel," pages 24-31.)

1. What mention is made of Daniel by other Bible writers?
2. Name the prophets of Daniel's time, and those who succeeded him.
3. In what points does Daniel's life afford an impressive lesson to all, and a rebuke to many?
4. In what respects is the prophecy of Daniel the most remarkable of any in sacred history?
5. What prophecy announces the overthrow of Jerusalem?
6. Where is the fulfillment of that prophecy recorded in the Scripture?
7. Give the historical details:—
 - (a) Siege of Nebuchadnezzar.
 - (b) City recaptured by Nebuchadnezzar.
 - (c) Again taken in the reign of Zedekiah.
8. Why was this destruction permitted? Give text.
9. What was the plan of the King of Babylon for securing and educating "wise men" "to stand in the king's palace"?
10. Who were chosen from among the captives of Israel? Of what significance was their change of names?
11. What test was brought upon Daniel and his companions? Result.
12. What texts and dates does this lesson fix in your mind?

Lesson 2—July 7-14.

CAREFULLY study the pages assigned for this, having a stated time each day for reading, if convenient. Use only the Bible in answering the questions suggested in the outline. Practice telling someone the different points in the lesson. Expressing the thought in words makes it clearer to the mind. The points that we "know, but cannot tell," are the ones we need to study. Present truth must be *told*.

(Dan. 2: 1-30; "Thoughts on Daniel," pages 32-41.)

1. What difference is noted in the method of reckoning the year in which the events of this lesson occurred?
2. What did the magicians and sorcerers of those days profess to be able to do?
3. How were they tested by Nebuchadnezzar?
4. Specify at least three particulars in which the providence of God seems especially manifest in the manner in which Daniel became connected with the matter?
5. How is the power of prayer illustrated in this narrative?
6. What kind of prayer followed the prayer of supplication?
7. How was Daniel's faith revealed, both before and after his prayer?
8. Give Bible illustrations of the lives of the wicked being spared because of the righteous.
9. Who was Arioch? What part did he act in this matter?
10. How was God revealed in the interview between Daniel and the king, and a lesson in humility also taught?
11. Note at least five objects accomplished by this one act of revealing the dream to Daniel?

Lesson 3 (Review)—July 14-21.

1. Give a brief summary of Dan. 1: 1-21.
2. What is the missionary lesson taught in this chapter? How might the purpose of God have been hindered by those who professed to serve Him?
3. What was the diet chosen by Daniel and his companions? In what way was it superior to that provided by the king? Compare the *present* relative values of the two classes of food.
4. What was truly the greatest honor attained by Daniel?
5. What is there in this lesson that shows that faithfulness to God and His cause is not dependent upon personal surroundings?
6. Give a brief summary of Dan. 2: 1-30.
7. What was accomplished for the cause of God by the faithfulness of His servants?
8. How are prayer, thanksgiving, faith, and humility taught by illustrations in this lesson?
9. What connection is there between the test given Daniel as recorded in the first chapter, and his success in witnessing for God in the second chapter?
10. Write the most striking points revealed in Daniel's character. Mark those traits of character that are needed now. Why are they needed now?

Lesson 4—July 21-28.

LEARN the essential historical points so thoroughly that you can lay the text-book aside, and from the Bible alone state each point in the interpretation of the dream, and cite its historical fulfillment. Try this many times; for it is only by constant repetition that we are enabled to make this

knowledge our own. Even the children, if given proper attention and encouragement, may learn the lesson so perfectly as to be able to state each point clearly and intelligently. Special attention should be given to the most important dates. The form of the outline of study differs this week from the preceding ones, but it is hoped that it will be no less helpful.

(Dan. 2: 31-35; "Thoughts on Daniel," pages 41-59.)

1. Fix in mind the details of Nebuchadnezzar's dream as recorded in Dan. 2: 31-35.
2. Study carefully the interpretation in Dan. 2: 35-45.
3. Study to become familiar with the following historical points concerning the kingdoms symbolized in the prophecy:—
 - (1). Babylon.
 - (a) When founded; by whom; when recognised in prophecy.
 - (b) How symbolized; fitness of symbol.
 - (c) Extent of territory. (See map, page 64).
 - (d) Important event, B.C. 606.
 - (e) When conquered; by whom; details of attack.
 - (f) Effort to rebuild the city; result.
 - (2). Medo-Persia.
 - (a) Date of capture of Babylon.
 - (b) Union of Media and Persia under Cyrus.
 - (c) Fitness of symbol.
 - (d) Extent of territory.
 - (e) Important event, B.C. 457.
 - (f) When conquered; by whom.
 - (3). Grecia.
 - (a) Date of the decisive battle between Grecians and Persians.

Mission Studies.

Polynesia.

[Note.—These lessons are a review of an article in the May RECORD. For further information for the month's study, we refer our readers to the May and June numbers of the RECORD.]

Lesson 1.

THE term Polynesia, which means "many islands," was formerly used to designate the many islands and groups of islands between south-eastern Asia and the shores of America. "Oceanica" is a term which comprehends the same part of the earth's surface. In later years geographers have, for convenience, divided Oceanica into five great divisions, viz., Polynesia, Australasia, Micronesia, Melanesia, and Malaysia. What is known as Polynesia, includes the islands of the South Pacific as far as Fiji also the Hawaiian Islands north of the Equator. Melanesia is located north-east of Australia. Malaysia includes the islands in the north-eastern part of the Indian Ocean, between south-eastern

Asia and Australia, also the Philippines. The total population of this great mission field is about 45,150,000. Most of the islands are high and mountainous, though some are low and flat. The former vary in altitude from a few hundred feet to many thousands, and are generally covered to the very peaks with beautiful tropical plants and trees. Around the border of these islands is a narrow strip of nearly level land, which is about the only part cultivated. A coral reef usually surrounds these islands. The low islands are usually coralline, lifted only a few feet above the surface of the sea, and having a thin covering of earth on which cocoanut trees grow.

1. What does the term "Polynesia" mean?
2. What islands is it used to designate?
3. By what other name is this part of the earth's surface known?
4. How is Polynesia divided?
5. What is its population?
6. Describe the physical appearance of the islands in Polynesia.
7. With what are the mountains usually covered?
8. What part of the land is cultivated?
9. What usually surrounds the islands?
10. What is said of the low islands?

Lesson 2.

Careful students of these countries believe that the natives are of Malay origin. As to color, they are divided into brown and black. The natives of Polynesia proper are brown, while those of Melanesia and Australia are black. The brown races are of medium stature, well and strongly built, with quite regular features, and curly or wavy hair. The blacks are of smaller size, more slim, with black, bushy hair. The common dress of the natives who live in the country places is merely a strip of cloth around the waist, reaching nearly to the knees:

In towns, where white people live, the natives are adopting the habit of dressing the upper part of the body. Before the introduction of Christianity they usually wore nothing.

The principal food is breadfruit, taro (a root), yams, bananas, coconuts, shell fish, and some pork.

The houses are built with light frames, thatched with palm leaves or the leaves of sugar cane or other plants. In some groups they are sided with split bamboo, or cocoanut fronds woven together like basket-work, or of reeds. The floors are simply the earth levelled off a few inches above the general level of the ground, covered with leaves, on which are placed neat mats. These

mats also serve as beds, though the chiefs have beds raised a foot or more above the floor. In consequence of unhealthful habits and improper food (in itself the food is good), the natives suffer much from skin diseases, elephantiasis, and leprosy. Consumption is a very prevalent disease. All use tobacco, drink kava (an intoxicating drink), and many use distilled liquor. With them contagious diseases are very fatal.

1. Give the origin of the Polynesian races.
2. What is their color?
3. What is said concerning their stature?
4. How are they usually dressed?
5. What do they use as food?
6. Of what are their houses built?
7. How do they furnish their homes?
8. From what diseases do they suffer?

Lesson 3.

The principal exports are copra (dried cocoanut), sugar, pine apples, coffee, bananas, and oranges. Lemons, limes, and mandarins are abundant, in addition to which there are guavas, mangoes, alligator pears, grenadillas, rose apples, and mummy apples. Indian corn, kumeras (sweet potatoes), Irish potatoes, beans, figs, and watermelons grow well in many groups.

Before the introduction of Christianity the natives were in a state of debasing superstition, idolatry, and savagery. Their gods were horrible in appearance, and savage, cruel, and licentious in character. Cannibalism was practiced in many groups, and war was the order of the day. Many of the white traders who went to the islands where more savage in their cruelty than the savages themselves, and in consequence the natives of some groups have sunk lower in sin than before the islands were discovered by the whites.

The first effort to teach the gospel to the natives was in 1797, when the London Missionary Society sent out a missionary ship, the *Duff*, which visited the Society Islands and the Marquesas. Sixteen years passed before any fruits of their work was seen. Then large numbers turned to the Lord. The effort in the Friendly Islands was not successful till years later.

1. What are the products of the islands in Polynesia?
2. Describe their religion before the introduction of Christianity.
3. What was the moral condition of the people?
4. Give an account of the first effort to teach the gospel to the natives.
5. How many years passed before fruit was seen as a result of this effort?

Lesson 4.

After the Catholic priests went to the Society Islands, the Protestant missionaries left there largely, though some from the Paris Missionary Society are in the field now. After preaching some years in the Society Group, John Williams evangelised the Cook Islands, which to-day are under the London Missionary Society. This same society is the dominant religious body of the Samoan Islands. In 1826 the Wesleyans began work in the Friendly Islands, the natives of which are largely connected with that society. In 1835 the Wesleyans from Tonga began to preach in Fiji, which resulted in the rescuing of that fine group from cannibalism. Nearly all in this group are Wesleyans, though Catholicism is gaining ground. The same may be said of Catholicism in nearly all the groups. The Hawaiian Islands heard the gospel from the American Board of Missions in 1820, but to-day Catholicism has more adherents there than has Protestantism. Some islands in the Tuamotus are entirely under Catholic rule. Native missionaries are sent out by the different societies to the islands still in heathenism. The Church of England has missions in Melanesia, with headquarters in Norfolk Island. The Scotch Presbyterians also have missions in this group. In Micronesia much mission work has been done by the American missions. While much good has been done in all the islands, there is the same apostacy that is seen in all the more highly civilised countries, which calls for a special message from God, with power from on high. See RECORD for June, for an account of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in these islands.

1. Give an account of missionary operations in the Society Islands.
2. What missionary evangelised the Cook Islands?
3. What Society is dominant in the Samoan Islands?
4. Give a brief account of the labours of the Wesleyans in the Friendly Islands and Fiji.
5. What is said of Catholicism in the different groups?
6. From whom did the Hawaiian islanders hear the gospel?
7. What is said of native missionaries?
8. Where have other societies done mission work in Polynesia?
9. What can be seen in all the islands which calls for a special message and power of God?

Our Sabbath Schools.

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

Sabbath School Quarterly Reports,

For the Quarter ending March 31, 1900.

South Australia.

Name of School.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
Adelaide ...	93	£5 7 2	£0 10 9	£3 0 0
Queen's Own Town ...	6	12 3	1 3	10 6
Prospect ...	30	1 1 3	2 3	8 3
Kadina ...	26	1 1 5	2 2	13 5
Kangarilla ...	12	1 1 11	1 9	15 8
Broken Hill ...	28	1 5 2	2 5	3 9
S. Broken Hill ...	17	10 0	1 0	...
Total ...	212	£10 19 2	£1 1 7	£5 11 7

Special donation for the Christchurch Health Home ... £2 11 10
MRS. A. H. PIPER, Secretary.

Tasmania.

Name of School.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
Bismarck ...	49	£2 8 4	£0 4 10	£0 0 0
E. Devonport ...	...	...	...	...
Hobart ...	61	3 12 3	7 3	1 14 11
Launceston ...	24	14 2	1 5	...
Latrobe ...	16	14 10	1 0	5 10
St. Marys ...	19	...	...	...
Trial Bay ...	2	6 0	0 7	5 5
Total ...	173	£7 15 7	£0 15 1	£2 6 3

Special donation for the Christchurch Health Home ... £0 8 4
T. HOUSE, Secretary.

Victoria.

Name of School.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
Beechworth ...	8	£0 7 6	£0 0 9	£0 6 3
Brighton ...	15	1 1 7	2 2	10 9
Ballarat ...	78	3 0 7	6 1	...
Dandenong ...	8	4 0 0	0 6	3 6
Geelong ...	40	1 8 9	3 2	7 11
Hawthorn ...	49	3 3 0	6 6	11 9
North Fitzroy ...	252	8 13 4	19 6	1 1 0
Windsor ...	31	4 4 11	7 2	1 4 2
Williamstown ...	61	2 14 10	7 1	1 10 0
Camp Meeting ...	...	...	5 5	2 8 9
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	4 0
Totals ...	592	£24 18 6	£2 18 5	£8 8 1

Special donations for the Christchurch Health Home ... £3 1 10
MRS. N. D. FAULKHEAD, Secretary.

New Zealand.

Name of School.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
Aratapu ...	14	£1 0 0	£0 2 0	£0 11 6
Auckland ...	40	2 4 10	4 6	1 13 0
Blenheim ...	...	...	...	...
Cambridge ...	...	1 3 6	2 4	1 1 2
Christchurch ...	56	5 0 4 1/2	10 0	4 10 0
Coromandel ...	8	5 0	...	...
Dunedin ...	5	1 11 6	3 0	1 8 6
Epsom ...	22	18 9	1 10 1/2	1 3 10 1/2
Irwell-Linc'n ...	11	1 13 7 1/2	3 6	...
Hastings ...	20	1 4 7	2 0	15 6
Irwell-Linc'n ...	19	2 11 5	5 0	2 5 8
Kaero ...	30	2 8 10	6 0	2 3 4
Kaikoura ...	18	1 2 0	1 6	12 0
Makaretu ...	2	2 0	...	...
Nelson ...	64	3 2 11	6 0	1 0 0
N. Plymouth ...	3	5 0	...	2 6 6
Ormondville ...	23	2 0 0	3 4	1 0 0
Otahou ...	1	2 0	...	1 0 0
Palmerton N ...	26	1 14 7 1/2	3 6	1 0 0
Papakura ...	7	4 0	...	2 6 6
Paremata ...	8	5 0	...	5 0 0
Parkhurst ...	22	1 8 11	2 0	18 0
Petone ...	12	1 4 7	...	2 6 6
Peep-o'-Day ...	...	...	...	...
Pungare ...	6	1 8 6	0 7	15 5
Raglan ...	5	7 6	...	2 6 6
Springburn ...	11	3 0 0	...	3 0 0
Tokonui ...	28	1 3 9	2 0	19 9
Tologa Bay ...	18	2 14 7	5 6	1 10 0
Wanganui ...	5	2 0	...	2 0 0
Waikaree ...	5	2 0	...	2 0 0
Wellington ...	32	2 9 2	3 9	1 8 8
Westport ...	21	2 1 9	5 7	1 8 0
Whangarata ...	15	2 6	...	2 6 6
Whangarei ...	41	4 18 0	9 10	4 8 2
Total ...	603	£47 7 2 1/2	£4 3 9 1/2	£31 17 6 1/2

Thirty members of the Colonial class reported, and every one sends a donation to Missions.

Special donation for the Christchurch Health Home, £27 16s. 9d.
MRS. E. STEED, Secretary.

New South Wales.

Name of School.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
Ashfield ...	58	£2 13 7	£0 5 6	£1 1 1
Avondale ...	176	7 12 10	12 7	4 3 5
Kellyville ...	33	1 4 2	2 5	6 8
Nullaw ...	...	10 0	1 0	7 0
Prospect ...	15	11 9	1 3	1 0
Arcadia ...	11	1 1 6	2 2	12 10
Parramatta ...	33	1 11 5	6 9	1 0 0
Carlingford ...	13	...	...	1 0 0
Auburn ...	33	1 17 9	4 0	4 6
Wallsend ...	23	3 9	2 4	2 5
Hamilton ...	58	4 10 6	4 0	1 16 0
W. Maitland ...	38	4 3 4 1/2	8 4	13 5
Dora Creek ...	...	...	4 0	...
Petersham ...	136	4 5 3	8 6	...
Total ...	617	£31 5 10	£3 2 10	£10 9 4

Special donations:—
Christchurch Health Home ... £0 2 6
Melbourne Helping Hand Mission ... 3 4
Orphan's Home ... 2 6
Total ... £0 8 4

ANNA L. COLCORD, Secretary.

In printing most of these reports we give only even numbers, on account of the narrowness of the column and scarcity of fractional type. Secretaries will note this, as the totals may not agree exactly with their own. We shall also be glad to know of any errors that may have crept in unawares.

Queensland.

Name of School.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
Rockhampton ...	50	£2 0 7	£0 4 1	£0 0 0
Brisbane ...	42	1 17 9	3 10	10 6
Torwoomba ...	30	1 13 0	3 4	18 4
S. Brisbane ...	109	4 19 2	9 11	2 14 6
Bundaberg ...	12	1 19 0	3 0	...
Grantham ...	23	13 0	1 3	4 8
Douglas ...	8	7 4	0 9	6 7
Miscellaneous ...	...	9 9	...	9 9
Total ...	274	£13 19 7	£1 6 2	£5 4 4

Special donation for the Christchurch Health Home ... £1 8 7 1/2
G. W. TADICH, Secretary.

Total Summary.

Name of Colony.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Missions.
N. S. Wales ...	617	£31 5 10	£3 2 10	£10 17 8
N. Zealand ...	603	47 7 2 1/2	4 3 9 1/2	59 14 3
Victoria ...	592	24 18 6	2 18 15	11 9 11
Queensland ...	274	13 19 7	1 6 2	7 0 11
S. Australia ...	212	10 19 2	1 1 7	10 19 2
Tasmania ...	173	7 15 7	15 1	2 14 7
W. Australia ...	45	...	...	1 0 0
Grand Total ...	2516	£136 5 10	£13 7 10	£103 16 6

In the amount donated to missions the special donations given the last Sabbath in the quarter are included.

"Consider One Another."

We give this month a report of each Sabbath school in Australasia for the quarter ending March 31. This report should have been given in the June number of the RECORD, but was delayed on account of the week of prayer readings. We hope to give similar reports each quarter, for a time at least, and ask all Sabbath school and association secretaries to assist us by reporting promptly. We invite a careful study of these reports, and hope you will look up your own school and association and compare it with those in other conferences.

We are told to "consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." This is our only object in printing these statistics. All the Sabbath schools have done well, and in future they will do better still. We have no figures to show the self-sacrificing labors of officers and teachers, or the faithful study of the lessons. These are recorded in the books above, and will come into the account when individual names are called.

Our donations this quarter go to Tahiti.



"She hath done what she could."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

"Fear Not."

WHAT dost thou fear? His wisdom reigns
Supreme confessed;
His power is infinite; His love
Thy deepest, fondest dreams above;
So trust and rest.

—*Adelaide A. Proctor.*

A Good Letter.

NOT long ago a letter came giving such an experience of devotion and diligence in working, even while employed in the daily routine of work, that we give it for the benefit of others. The writer is a young lady employed in selling fruit in a shop, her daily cares compelling her to give nearly all her time, both days and evenings, to serving customers who may call. Yet she is constantly watching for opportunities for serving the King whom she loves. We give her experience in her own words:—

"I often think how wonderful it is that the Lord stoops to use such unworthy instruments in His service. He could do so well without us, and yet he allows us to work for Him. What wondrous condescension! He does not call us servants, but *friends*. 'Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.' 'Whatsoever He saith unto you, *do it*.'

"Just a fortnight ago the parents of one of my girls in my Bible class came to the shop to see me. I knew the mother, but did not remember having ever seen the father before, so did not know who he was when he spoke to me. After purchasing two or three little articles, he said to me—

"'Miss Blank, I want to ask a favour of you,' and he seemed greatly agitated.

"I told him I would be willing to do anything in my power to help him, and he said,

"'Will you pray for me?'

"I assured him I most certainly would, and asked him if he had any great trouble. He replied that he had been doing wrong, he had been giving way to drink, and that he had no power to fight against it. He continued—

"'I want you to pray for me *now*,' and as the poor man spoke he shook with emotion, and the tears were coursing down his cheeks.

"It was the middle of the day, and I was the only one in charge of the shop, and by this time several customers had come in. I simply did not know what to do, when, just at that moment, my father came in: I feel sure the Lord sent him. I explained matters to him and asked him to take charge of the shop while I prayed with this poor man and his wife.

"They came with me into one of the rooms at the back of the shop, and together we knelt at the Saviour's feet. I prayed as simply as ever I could, and asked that he might be able to just yield himself fully to the Lord, and that he might have strength to stand firm and faithful among his companions, and confess Christ.

"And then he prayed—such a broken-hearted prayer—and he broke down in the middle of it, and just wept before the Lord. His was indeed true, heart-felt repentance, and before he left that little room he was trusting in a forgiving Saviour. O, praise God for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. I just pointed him to that beautiful promise in 1 John 1: 9, 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' The angels witnessed that beautiful sight of a soul stepping out of darkness into light; out of the bondage of sin into the glorious liberty of the children of God. There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repenteth.

"I have visited these people at their home twice since that day; was there only yesterday, and the gentleman told me that the world seems like a different place to him, that he is so happy, and he is just trusting in the Lord moment by moment. He says he never understood the Bible before, but now it is so plain to him. His wife told me he is a changed man. Will you join with me in praying for this new-born babe in Christ, for he needs our prayers so much. Temptations will be strong about him, but, praise God! He who dwells in the heart is mightier than all the foes without, and His pro-

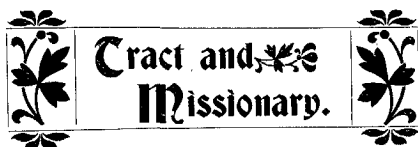
mise is, 'As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so is the Lord round about His people, henceforth, even forever.'

"And so, dear sister, as the days go by these little opportunities of service for the King seem to come across my pathway, and I cannot express to you the unspeakable joy that filled my soul when I was permitted to lead that poor, sin-sick soul to the Saviour's feet.

"About four days ago a poor, sinful woman came into the shop and asked if she might rest till the rain ceased falling. I could see by her face that sin had left no light trace behind. I had the blessed opportunity of pointing her to the living Christ, but she seemed to feel that she had been so wicked that God could not forgive such as she. She said she felt that she was lost. I told her she was just the one whom Jesus died to save, and that His precious blood could cleanse sin of the deepest dye, that He would save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him, that He says, 'Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if *any* man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.' She listened very intently to everything that was said, and told me she longed to live a better and nobler life. She did not say before she left that she accepted Christ, but I believe the message went to her heart. I have been earnestly praying that the seed sown that morning may take root, and bring forth fruit to the glory of God, for has He not said, 'My word shall not return unto Me void (empty); but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it?'

"After all, dear sister, we can but sow the seed and leave results with God, for He alone can give the increase. Let us sow beside all waters, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord, and that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. I do want to be faithful and say just what the dear Lord would have me say. I just *ask Him to speak through me*, and *I believe He does*."

We may all find just as precious opportunities for labouring for God as has this sister, and the Lord is just as willing to help us as He is to help her. In what way are we witnessing for Him day by day as we go about our daily toil? We want to hear the experiences of others.



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

CONDUCTED BY A. T. ROBINSON.

Shall the Old-Time Missionary Spirit be Revived.

IN the year 1867 the following statement was made through the Spirit of Prophecy, with reference to the circulation of our literature:—"When you meet persons in the cars, on the boat, or in the stage, who seem to have an ear to hear, you can hand them a tract. These tracts *should not at present* be scattered promiscuously like the autumn leaves."

The fact that the Spirit of the Lord directed His servant to say, in 1867, that our publications were not then to fall like autumn leaves, implied that there would come a time when they would be so scattered.

Nine years later, 1876, the following statement is made:—"The message of truth is to go to all nations, tongues, and people; its publications, printed in many different languages, *are to be scattered abroad* like the leaves of autumn." This is a statement of what was implied by the words spoken in 1867, that although the time had not then come when our publications should be scattered promiscuously, falling everywhere like autumn leaves, such a time would come before the message closes.

Five years later still, 1881, the same authority states that, "The silent messengers of truth should be scattered like the leaves of autumn."

Would simply handing out a tract to individuals who give evidence of an interest in the truth, whom we may meet as we travel in the cars or upon the boats, which the Lord said should be done in 1867, represent the falling of the autumn leaves? Did you ever see the autumn leaves fall? To appreciate this illustration one needs to see this phenomenon of nature, as it is exhibited in the colder regions of the northern hemisphere. Look upon that forest, clothed in its rich foliage of green. Behold, how in one night it is transformed into millions of different tints and hues. See the leaves begin to fall, one here and another there. Look again,

after the more severe frosts of autumn have further loosened their hold, and the winds begin to rustle among the branches. See the millions of those golden-tinted leaves silently floating about and falling everywhere, until the bleak winter winds are left to howl among the bare branches over your head, while you may walk among the rustling leaves upon the ground nearly knee deep in places.

In the providence of God, the precious truths of the message are now being printed in many languages. "I am the vine, ye are the branches," said Christ. The autumn has come. The gentle breezes of the Holy Spirit are being wafted over the "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord." "The rushing mighty wind" of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is coming.

Years ago, systematic work in the line of missionary correspondence and the circulation of our literature, was engaged in by a large proportion of our people. Vigilant Missionary Societies were formed. Earnest praying bands met every week, and through the efforts of such workers the silent messengers were sent out, followed by earnest prayers for God's blessing upon them, and as the result, companies of Sabbath-keepers were raised up in different countries, who called for the living preacher to be sent to them. Many of those devoted workers, and some who gave their lives to these lines of missionary work, are resting in the grave. Many of us are rejoicing in the precious truth as the result of their faithful labours; but are we emulating their zeal and devotion to the cause? Thousands everywhere have never heard the sound of the message that has gladdened our hearts. Shall we not organise a systematic plan in each church and company of our people, by which tens of thousands of these silent messengers shall constantly be going out in all directions, and falling everywhere "like the leaves of autumn"? Shall the old-time missionary spirit be revived? Who will say, "yes"? Who will respond to the steps which are being taken to accomplish this work? Who will suggest plans by which the work can be done? "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Please study the work of the Missionary Department of the Union Conference, as set forth in this paper, and to which we hope frequently to call your attention, through the RECORD.

Missionary Department

Of the Union Conference.

By a recent action of the Union Conference Committee, the above-named department of work was organised. Its object is to develop and carry forward systematic lines of missionary work, by correspondence, distribution of literature, especially tracts, papers, etc., both in our own field and in "the regions beyond."

A superintendent of this department was appointed, with Brother A. W. Anderson, *Echo* office, North Fitzroy, Vic.; Mrs. A. L. Hindson, 25 Sloane Street, Summer Hill, N. S. W.; and Miss Hattie Andre, of the Avondale School, Cooranbong, N. S. W., as Corresponding Secretaries. Pastor E. H. Gates, Cooranbong, N. S. W., has since been appointed Treasurer of the department.

We most earnestly solicit the co-operation of all our people throughout Australasia to assist in making this department a blessing to the cause, and the means of saving many souls, who would not otherwise have an opportunity of seeing the glorious light of the third angel's message.

The work of this department can be entered upon with a small outlay of means, but funds are needed to procure literature, pay postage, etc. For this object every reader of the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD is invited to make a small donation. Under the blessing of God, the work will surely grow and develop, calling for the continual support of our people. It is work which never fails to bring results, in souls embracing the truth.

We invite those who are in a position to do so, to send us lists of names and addresses of persons living in the back blocks in the different colonies. While we cannot at present send the living preacher to these people, we want to send the silent messengers to gladden thousands of homes with the message of salvation. Who will respond to this invitation and assist in placing in our hands a fund to carry forward this blessed work of sowing the precious seed beside all waters? Write to either of the above named Secretaries, the Treasurer, Pastor Gates, or the undersigned.

A. T. ROBINSON,
Superintendent.

*Avondale School,
Cooranbong, N. S. W.*



EDUCATIONAL.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

CONDUCTED BY E. R. PALMER.

School Notes.

THE attendance of students at the Avondale School now numbers 153.

The Lord is blessing the school with many marked evidences of His love and presence. Harmony and good order prevail to a most gratifying extent.

We extend our best thanks to the friends who have sent us donations to pay for the windmill, pump, etc., for the water service. George Simpson is now making the tanks, and Brother Robinson has the construction of the tower in hand. The windmill and pump are received, and we hope soon to have them in operation.

The old shed in which the horses and cows have been stabled, is now torn down, and we have moved into the new barn. The stables are first class in every particular, and we wish all our friends could see how nicely the horses and cows look in them. Brother John Paap with his gang of young men is now building the yard fences about the barn.

The middle of the present school year was reached on June 6, and still new students are constantly arriving. Although several new rooms had been provided in anticipation of a large attendance this year, every room is fully occupied. We want the students to continue coming, however, for we shall continue to press them down, and crowd them together, until we are compelled to make the buildings larger.

New Seats for the Chapel.

ALL the brethren and sisters who attended the meeting of the Australasian Union Conference last year will remember very distinctly the movable wooden benches used at that time for seats in the College chapel. With use, these have become more squeaky and rickety than ever, and we must have some better ones as soon as they can be obtained. They are so uncomfortable and noisy as to be wholly unfit for a schoolroom, where the students spend so much of their time.

The good Book says, "Ask, and ye shall receive." The Lord has made this promise true to us so far; therefore we propose to keep on asking. We intend to seat the chapel with seventy-two double seats. These double seats, with the desks, will cost about £1 each, making a total cost of £72. This number of seats will accommodate one hundred and forty-four students, which will be as many as we are likely to have in the advanced department for some time to come. The preparatory grades are already provided with very nice desks obtained about eighteen months ago.

We have sent personal invitations for help to the members of the Board, Faculty, and many of our neighbors; but as we cannot write to all, we ask the friends of the school to accept this notice as an invitation for a donation. Many will doubtless be glad to invest £1 in one of these seats. Larger or smaller amounts will also be thankfully received. We hope to have the chapel comfortably seated with these new school desks before the close of the present term.

The Week of Prayer.

THE Week of Prayer, in passing, has left a very precious record at the school. Although the special season is gone, we believe the effects will not soon pass away, or be forgotten. The programme followed was much the same as last year, the first and best part of each day being set apart to the readings and devotional exercises. From the opening day the spirit of revival and consecration was very strong.

Brother E. W. Farnsworth was with us during the last Sabbath and Sunday. With the exception of his help the special services were conducted by the teachers. No special revival effort was made in public, but other efforts were made, which were very effective. The personal effort of teachers and students, and of students in particular, was so constant and persevering that it would not be denied until every student in the school had surrendered his heart to God. The work of repentance and consecration went deeper as the week advanced, and it was indeed a beautiful sight to see the burden which many of the students carried for their classmates until they yielded their hearts to the Lord. The climax was reached on Friday morning, when the last members of the

school family, who had previously resisted the invitations of the Spirit, gave their hearts to the Lord, and requested baptism. At the close of the social consecration meeting, the entire school came forward, forming a large half circle about the rostrum, and there united in giving themselves anew to the Lord. This has been the most precious experience we have ever had at the school. It is indeed a great joy to feel that our harmony is perfect, that our hearts are one, and that, with one purpose, we can go on through the remainder of the school year. We know that there is joy in heaven over these conversions and reconsecrations, and the hearts of many parents will be made glad. We trust the good Lord will prepare many of these young people for good service in the whitening harvest field.

Showers of Blessing.

REMARKABLE showers have fallen during the past two weeks, both inside and outside of the school. Heavy rains have brought on another flood; and although twenty acres of oats, which were coming up very nicely, were entirely covered by the water, they seem to have been improved rather than injured. Our large cisterns are well filled, there being fully 80,000 gallons of water in them. 25,000 gallons were saved during twelve hours. We are very thankful for our large cisterns. Our present supply of water would be ample for one year, provided no more rain should fall during that time.

A Problem.

SOME mathematical friend, who is also expert in times of emergency, may be able to give us a good suggestion, which will assist in working out a little problem presented a few days ago by the matron. Her situation seems to be hopeless, though she does not feel very badly about it. She says that students are flocking in to such an extent, that there are nine who have no chairs on which to sit, or tables where they can be accommodated if they had chairs, and no space for the table if it was provided. We are glad of this, but do not know just how to solve the problem which this pleasant circumstance involves. Who will give us a suggestion?



OUR CANVASSERS.

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

When God Speaks.

SPEAK, Lord! Thy willing servants wait
To hear Thy will.
Thy shining face we cannot see;
Yet when a message comes from Thee,
To cheer or sadden, may we be
Obedient still,—
Ready to go where Thou shalt send,
To do or bear,
Rough words with loving looks to meet,
And, with kind hands and willing feet,
Hard lives to brighten and make sweet:—
Speak, Lord! we hear.

—Selected.

Monthly Summary of Australian Canvassing Work.

Victoria and Tasmania.

APRIL, 1900.

Coming King—	Orders	Value
E. Adcock, Beaconsfield, Tas.	52	£20 0 6
E. Southon, Beaconsfield, Tas.	36	13 5 0
Home Hand Book—		
D. Deering, Bendigo, Vic.	6	13 16 0
W. Pascoe, Zeehan, Tas.	10	16 5 6
W. Redhead, Zeehan, Tas.	12	16 10 0
G. Burgess, Bendigo, Vic.	8	14 13 6
Ladies' Guide—		
R. J. Stoaite, Queenscliff, Vic.	3	4 0 6
Miscellaneous—	13	8 17 0
	140	£107 8 0

MAY, 1900.

Home Hand Book—	Orders	Value
W. Beatty, Bendigo Dist.	8	£13 17 6
Geo. Burgess, "	19	32 7 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. M. Masters, Melbourne ..	7	6 9 6
Miscellaneous, Melbourne ..	3	3 12 6
Masterpiece—		
Geo. Masters, Melbourne ..	11	9 19 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
B. Judge, Seymour, Vic.	7	5 11 0
T. Southon, "	13	8 17 3
W. Ryder, Hobart, Tas.	13	8 13 0
Bible Readings—		
L. P. Larsen, East Coast, Tasmania ..	31	29 0 0
Miscellaneous, Melbourne ..	17	10 14 0
Coming King—		
E. Adcock, Hobart, Tas.	49	18 5 0
E. Southon " "	22	9 0 6
L. Southon " "	12	4 8 0
M. Southon " "	36	13 14 0
E. Roberts, Williams-town, Vic.	30	10 14 0
	278	£185 3 3

Queensland.

APRIL, 1900.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
Mr. Ford, Oakey Creek ..	3	£2 7 6
C. Hughes, Ipswich	13	15 8 6
Coming King—		
C. Prebble, Marybor'gh.	56	15 19 0
Desire of Ages—		
T. Whittle, Inglew'd, &c.	20	24 0 9
Great Controversy—		
C. Bonney, S. Brisbane.	4	3 16 6
Home Hand Book—		
A. W. Horwood, Gladstone	1	2 13 9
R. S. Hodgson, Cooraroo ..	11	15 10 0
A. J. Hewitt, Warwick ..	3	4 17 6
J. H. Hewitt, Warwick ..	9	12 15 0
T. Whittle, Ing'ew'd, &c.	12	24 12 7
Ladies' Guide—		
R. D. Cozens, Marybor'gh ..	26	26 18 6
A. J. Hewitt, Warwick ..	26	28 14 6
J. H. Hewitt, Warwick ..	16	16 9 6
Christ Our Saviour—		
M. Bonney, E. Brisbane.	31	7 13 6
M. Ferguson, S. Brisbane ..	16	3 15 0
W. Codling, Esk	4	0 18 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
G. Tadich, Bundaberg ..	2	1 5 0
W. Codling, Esk	10	8 11 0
Other Books—		
T. Whittle, Ing'ewood, &c.	20	9 9 6
	283	£225 15 7

MAY, 1900.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
C. Hughes, Ipswich ..	2	£4 10 6
Coming King—		
C. Prebble, Maryborough ..	39	11 3 0
H. Cozens, Valley ..	15	4 4 6
A. Ferguson, Cooraroo ..	7	1 5 0
Christ Our Saviour—		
A. Ferguson, Cooraroo ..	24	5 7 0
C. Hughes, Ipswich ..	20	6 0 0
H. Cozens, Valley ..	2	11 0
R. S. Hodgson, Mt. Morgan ..	9	2 0 6
Home Hand Book—		
A. W. Horwood, Gladstone ..	5	8 9 3
R. S. Hodgson, Mt. Morgan ..	9	13 17 6
T. Whittle, St. George ..	2	6 15 9
Ladies' Guide—		
T. Whittle, St. George ..	1	1 15 0
R. D. Cozens, Maryborough ..	7	8 5 8
Mrs. A. J. Hewitt, Warwick District ..	13	13 5 6
Eastern Question—		
A. Ferguson, Cooraroo ..	2	3 0
Desire of Ages—		
T. Whittle, St. George ..	1	1 0 0
	158	£88 13 2

New Zealand.

APRIL, 1900.

Home Hand Book—	Orders	Value
J. Reekie, Ashburton ..	20	£32 15 0
Mrs. M. Hamilton, Carterton	23	33 5 0
I. Johnson, Takapau ..	7	10 5 0
J. Knox, Hawera ..	30	50 12 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. A. D. Anderson, Hokitika	79	69 2 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
A. E. Richards, Balclutha ..	23	15 15 0
W. W. Ward, Inglewood ..	3	2 0 0

South Australia.

APRIL, 1900.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
L. A. Apollon, Gree-nock	34	£24 13 0
Coming King—		
M. Janeczek, Pt. Wakefield	38	14 6 0
Home Hand Book—		
F. Redward, Kalangadoo ..	1	2 0 0
A. W. Waight, Yorkes Peninsula	20	30 19 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. C. Gooding, Mt. Lofty	8	8 17 0
	101	£80 15 0

MAY, 1900.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
J. E. Steed, Springton ..	85	£65 11 0
L. A. Apollon, Caltowie.	45	34 5 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. C. Gooding, Belair and Sturt ..	10	10 13 6
Home Hand Book—		
F. Redward, Maitland ..	15	27 5 6
A. W. Waight, Kadina ..	16	25 12 6
Coming King—		
M. Janeczek, Mallala ..	46	15 19 6
Miss E. Mosedale, Moonta ..	14	4 15 6
Miss E. Underwood, Moonta ..	14	6 2 0
Desire of Ages—		
L. A. Apollon, Port Pirie ..	8	9 5 0
Miscellaneous ..	2	1 0 0
	255	£200 10 0

New South Wales.

APRIL, 1900.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
N. Harker, Moss Vale ..	4	£2 10 0
Mrs. Chapman, Balmain ..	2	1 10 0
W. Smith, Grafton ..	1	0 12 6
J. H. Cooper, Lismore ..	1	0 10 0
Coming King—		
Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Bathurst	31	7 13 0
R. Salton, Muswellbrook ..	9	2 5 0
Daniel and Revelation—		
R. Salton, Muswellbrook ..	24	11 11 6
Home Hand Book—		
W. Smith, Grafton ..	45	65 1 6
M. A. Connell, Grafton ..	40	57 2 6
J. Rodd, Cobargo	8	11 0 0
J. Lord, Cobargo	7	10 0 0
T. W. Palmer, Manning River	1	1 7 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Dubbo ..	76	75 9 6
J. F. Hay, Gunnedah ..	9	8 13 0
Mrs. J. Paap, Maitland ..	8	8 0 6
Man the Masterpiece—		
T. W. Palmer, Manning River	16	17 4 6
J. F. Hay, Gunnedah ..	2	1 18 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
E. Appleton, Drake ..	62	52 16 6
J. H. Cooper, Lismore ..	63	52 4 0
G. A. Wood, Patterson ..	14	10 19 0
Other Books	14	1 0
	423	£412 10 0

MAY, 1900.

Patriarchs—	Orders	Value
E. Appleton, Bungawabin	28	£23 0 0
H. J. Cooper, Lismore	66	55 13 0
G. A. Wood, Dungog	33	20 3 0
Bible Readings—		
H. E. Hughes, Moss Vale	8	7 16 6
Coming King—		
Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Bathurst	37	11 14 0
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Trangie	1	5 0
Home Hand Book—		
W. Smith, Grafton	8	16 10 6
M. A. Connell, Grafton	2	3 10 0
J. Rodd, Cobargo	10	14 10 0
J. Lord, Cobargo	10	15 5 0
J. C. Jensen, Picton	7	12 3 6
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Trangie	1	1 15 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, Trangie	75	73 7 6
J. H. Hay, Gunnedah	15	19 1 6
Mrs. C. Paap, Maitland	12	12 11 6
R. Bell, Hastings River	13	11 11 0
W. Smith, Grafton	1	1 1 0
Man the Masterpiece—		
T. W. Palmer, Gunnedah	13	13 7 0
J. F. Hay, Gunnedah	5	5 1 6
Christ Our Saviour—		
Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Bathurst	2	9 0
Other Books		2 12 0
		347 £320 6 6

West Australia.

APRIL, 1900.

Bible Readings—	Orders	Value
A. Shapcott, Geraldton	70	£52 3 6
Mrs. Clea, Bunbury	10	8 3 0
E. Bailey, Wagin	37	29 3 6
Man the Masterpiece—		
A. Shapcott, Geraldton	2	1 18 6
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie	1	0 17 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. Cicel, Capel	12	12 18 0
A. Shapcott, Geraldton	8	7 10 6
Other Books—		
C. J. Anderson, Fremantle	12	7 4 6
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie	2	1 5 0
		154 £121 4 0

MAY, 1900.

Masterpiece—	Orders	Value
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie	39	£42 7 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie	2	10 0
Bible Readings—		
E. R. Bailey, Albany	19	19 14 9
Mrs. E. Cleal, Bunbury	37	23 12 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. Cleal, Bunbury	60	62 13 0
Miscellaneous—		
C. J. Anderson, Fremantle	1	1 2 0
		156 £151 19 3

We failed to receive the New Zealand canvassing report for May, as this number of the RECORD is issued a little earlier than usual.

Essential Qualifications of the Successful Canvasser.

If there is one work of more importance than another, it is the circulation of our literature. If there is one class of workers who need an especial fitting up for their work, it is the canvassers. The work is not only important, but the preparation for it is absolutely essential.

It is a false idea that "almost any one can canvass," and that if he makes a failing in everything else, the canvassing field is always open to him. It requires tact, talent, and skill to sell books. As in every other business a certain amount of enthusiasm is a very necessary element. The successful canvasser must be in earnest, and feel that his is the most important work now being done; that *time* is golden, and every moment should be improved to the best account.

There is more to be done than simply selling the book. A good impression should be left, if possible, in every case. The individual purchasing the book should be led to feel that it is an important one, one that he really needs and is glad to get, and not that he is forced to buy in order to get rid of a troublesome agent.

With it all, the person handling the books bearing the important truths of the third angel's message must himself be consecrated, enjoying a deep religious experience. Much harm is done the work of God by placing it in the hands of unconsecrated individuals. Often impressions are made that can never be removed, and the cause of truth is brought into disrepute.

I believe the canvasser should be thoroughly prepared for his work, and that in all our schools there should be good, practical courses of study with skillful instructors in charge. It will be worth much to the canvasser, to the publishing house, and to the cause of God in general that those handling the books be trained for their work, and that they possess sufficient enthusiasm to push it to success.

Let the faithful canvassers take courage; let them feel that theirs is an important work,—a work, though silently given, which is to swell the message into the loud cry that all the powers of earth can not stop. Let every canvasser qualify himself in every possible manner to

make his work a success, and in that glad day when the elect of God are made up, if he has been faithful, he will behold the result of his labours, and with them obtain an entrance within "the everlasting gates."

W. T. BLAND.

West Australia.

FROM a letter from T. A. Chapman, canvassing agent for West Australia, we copy the following:—

Although but three agents have reported this month, I feel grateful that God has blessed the work here. Brother Shapcott has just had a very successful delivery; not only financially but spiritually has his work been prospered. Four have decided for the truth in Capel, near Bunbury. Brother and Sister Cleal visited them, and found them studying a copy of "Great Controversy" that Brother Masters had sold them some months before, and the result to-day is that the four of them are walking in the light; so we feel that God is blessing the canvassers and canvassing work in the west.

Membership and Donations of Sabbath Schools.

FROM the reports given on another page it will be seen that we have 81 schools, with a total membership of 2,516. New South Wales has the largest membership, but New Zealand has the largest number of schools. Victoria is not far behind those mentioned in numbers, and would have the largest membership of all had not Tasmania formed a separate organization. Brother Thomas Howse, of Hobart, is the Secretary of the schools in Tasmania.

All will be interested in studying the contributions to missions. The total amount given by the schools is £103 16s. 6d. Of this amount £64 17s. 3d. was given to carry the truth to the Maories. The special donation the last Sabbath in the quarter, amounting to £38 19s. 3d., was given to the Christchurch Sanitarium. It will be seen that New Zealand excelled this quarter, for it gave nearly as much to missions as all the other associations together, and three times as much as all the others the last Sabbath in the quarter. It may be said in behalf of New Zealand, that its contributions are not confined to home enterprises, for when the special donation was given to the Helping Hand Mission, it amounted to £13 17s., and £10 10s. was sent to the Avondale Health Retreat.



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

Queensland.

THE past month has been one of changes and busy work in Brisbane. For the first year or two our Tract Society and Mission were located on Petrie Terrace. Last October the food business was taken over and the Tract Society moved into the quarters on Queen-street. The mission family has been too large for the house all along, and being increased it became necessary to remove to a larger house. This has been found in O'Connell Terrace, Bowen Hills, where we are now comfortably situated. The office and shop in Queen-street being small, dark, insanitary, and back from the street it was desirable to make a change there as soon as consistent. Good quarters have been obtained at 85 George-street, very centrally located and convenient.

We are happy to report many evidences of blessing. Our health foods are well received, our retail book business is increasing, and quite a number of people are becoming deeply interested in the work and embracing the truth. The coming of Brother and Sister C. A. Brandstater, trained nurses from Battle Creek, enables us to open our medical missionary work. From this agency we are confident great good will accrue.

The work in Bundaberg, where Brother Tadich is laboring, is encouraging. Several have identified themselves with the truth. A general meeting and council is soon to convene in Brisbane, at which we expect to have the help of Dr. Caro and Elder Farnsworth. Here we hope plans may be devised and laid for the furtherance of the Gospel.

G. C. TENNEY.

The Hobart Convention.

THIS Convention was appointed April 13-22, and the evening of the 13th found a goodly number assembled in the neat little chapel on War-

wick-street ready for the opening services. Pastor E. W. Farnsworth and wife, A. W. Anderson, J. Johanson (of Melbourne), and F. L. Sharp and wife (of Sydney) were with us. Most of the preaching and Bible study was conducted by Pastor Farnsworth. Sister Farnsworth gave a Bible lesson on, "Woman and Her Work in the Cause of God." It was an interesting study, and we trust did much permanent good.

We were somewhat disappointed in not seeing some there who we expected would be with us. They missed a rich spiritual feast. Some who came thought they could remain but one or two days; but after listening to a few soul-stirring discourses, they changed their plans and stayed to the close of the meeting. One brother sent a telegram to his employer, asking permission to remain longer, and received a favourable reply. If our Sabbath-keeping brethren would ask of their employers favours similar to the foregoing, in faith, they would have more spiritual privileges. Some from the city attended nearly every evening meeting.

The power of the preaching was attributable to the Holy Spirit setting forth the clear, searching truths in the three messages of Revelation 14. The tithing question was also presented, and some who for a long time had been withholding the Lord's money decided to give the Lord His own.

The time from 9.30 to 10.30 A.M. was devoted to social worship. These meetings were characterised with zeal and earnestness. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and convinced of sin. Humble confessions followed, and victories were gained. One of the morning meetings continued till mid-day without interruption. Brother Johanson gave instruction to several in the canvassing work, who, since the close of the meeting, have gone into this line of work. He remained one week with these beginners to give them a good start. Brother A. W. Anderson gave instruction in the tract and missionary work, and spoke once from the desk during his short stay with us. On the last Sunday of the Convention eight were baptised. Four of these were from St. Mary's (the fruit of brother Charles Fehlberg's labors, elder of the Bismark Church), and the others came from places adjacent to Hobart.

Collections were taken nearly every evening and a fair amount received.

Toward the close of the convention Brother F. L. Sharpe, business manager of the Sydney Sanitarium, gave a talk on the work of that institution. He spoke of the new sanitarium which is to be erected near Sydney, and the urgent need of means to complete it. At the close of his talk, Pastor Farnsworth added a few interesting facts, after which pledges were made to the amount of £43.

Four meetings were held in the interest of the S.S. work. These were well attended, and excellent interest prevailed. Much valuable instruction was given, and interesting discussions followed.

It was planned to hold a camp-meeting in Tasmania at the close of this year or the beginning of next, the exact time and place to be fixed after consulting with the Union Conference Committee. It was also decided that one pavilion tent and several small family tents be purchased. About £73 was subscribed to this tent fund. Arrangements are being made with parties for making these tents. Pledges were made for this, and the N.S.W. Sanitarium to the amount of £116, a part of which was received in cash.

It was recommended that the Union Conference Committee invite C. H. Parker and family (now laboring in Fiji) to make Tasmania their future field of labor.

All seemed to leave the Convention with cheerful hearts, increased faith, and a deeper love for the Third Angel's Message. We look for the work to move forward in Tasmania.

Brethren Anderson, Johnson, and the writer remained a short time in Hobart to assist the church there in their Wednesday night missionary meeting. At the close of this evening meeting thirteen orders were taken for Early Writings. This book should be in every family of Sabbath-keepers.

Since the close of the Convention all of the laborers from abroad spent a short time at Bismark. We had some excellent meetings, and it was decided that I remain and follow up the interest. One brother here, who said it was hard for him to submit to God, because of covetousness, thought he might receive help on this point by doubling his pledge to the tent fund, so he raised it from five to ten pounds. May God give the victory to those who are passing through the struggle of submitting their souls fully to God.

E. HILLIARD.

Statistical Report of Conferences in District No. 7, for Quarter Ending March 31, 1900.

Name of Conference or Mission.	Number of Churches.		Membership of Churches.		Number of Sabbath Schools.		Membership of Sabbath Schools.		Average Sabbath School Attendance.		Number of Ministers.		Licensed Preachers.		Bible Workers.		Colporters.		Canvassers.		Tithes Paid.		First-Day Offerings to Foreign Missions.		Sabbath School Donations to Missions.		Annual Contributions to Missions.		Miscellaneous Individual Gifts to Missions.		Donations to School.		Sales of Subscription Books.		Retail Value.		Sales of Trade Books and Tracts.		Retail Value.		Average Number Tracts sold weekly.		Value of Conference Property.		Indebtedness of Con- ference.	
	Ch.	S.	M.	F.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Victoria ..	8	479	10	592	375	6	3	4	18	311	18	7	7	8	3	11	8	13	7	10	9	4	13	10	8	8	13	6	0	0	335	12	0	46	13	1	1344	292	2	9	559	12	11 1/2			
New South Wales ..	7	499	14	617	430	5	13	9	129	12	5 1/2	2	2	8	31	17	6	10	9	4	3	3	2	8	31	17	6	18	0	1,225	11	6	167	12	3	1397	214	4	7	552	15	3				
New Zealand ..	14	441	35	603	469	3	3	6	121	8	11	6	60	3	6 1/2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Queensland ..	4	192	7	274	202	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
South Australia ..	3	187	7	212	156	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Tasmania ..	3	115	6	106	87	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
West Australia ..	1	54	2	45	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Totals ..	40	1997	81	2449	1758	13	17	14	960	1370	18	10 1/2	2	8	8	64	17	3	5	12	3	15	1	5	4	5	15	5	4	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	4	5

South Australia.

OUR summer work in this colony commenced early in September. On our return from Victoria we visited Kadina, and spent a few days with the brethren there. The ordinances of the Lord's house were engaged in. One young man was buried with his Lord in baptism. Brother Knight visited the church later, when two more united with the church in the same way. Brother Piper also met with them. He assisted the church, and succeeded in training two canvassers who are now in the field. The tithe from Kadina last quarter amounted to over £12.

We have conducted two tent missions this season, extending about six months. The first meeting was held in Gawler, commencing October 22 and ending January 14. Sabbath school and church meetings are now held in that place each Sabbath, when about twelve meet together. January 21 we opened in Unley, a suburb of Adelaide. We close next Sunday, April 15. We know of six who have definitely decided to obey God, while many more are deeply interested. The meetings have been well sustained by members of Adelaide church, who have, we believe, been much strengthened. During the quarter fifteen have been added to the Adelaide church; four received letters to other churches, and one disfellowshipped. The tithe of this church for March, over £97, has been the largest ever received here. We are all of good courage, and feel to rejoice in the Lord.

MEDICAL WORK.

We have nothing but encouragement to write concerning the work at the Institute, under the able management of Brother A. W. Semmens. The number of patients is gradually increasing, some of the leading citizens being amongst them. Fresh appliances have lately been added, including an electric battery. The Institute is now placed upon a self-supporting basis.

TRACT SOCIETY.

About £197 represents the amount of business transacted during the past month by our Tract Society. That represents the best month's work since the society was organized. All the canvassers are doing well. We are pleased to welcome two new ones this month, viz., Brothers Waight and Janeczek, Kadina. All deliveries are made by our general agent. In this he has had good success. About 90 per cent. of books have been placed. We find this plan works admirably, and all the canvassers are well satisfied. Brother Piper will be pleased to correspond with any in our sister conferences who would like to canvass in this colony.

J. H. WOODS.

West Australia.

I HAVE recently spent eight days with some Sabbath keepers at Spring Valley. I had a good and profitable time, and am sure that as a result others will take hold of the truth. I had a good letter from Brother Craddock, in which he tells me that since

I left, five more have taken their stand at Bunbury. Among these we have several good men, and they will be a great help to this company which God is gradually building up.

I also have word from Brother Craddock that two more are keeping the Sabbath at Capel, about twelve miles inland from Bunbury. This makes four for the truth in that country place.

And now I have just had news from one of our canvassers, Brother Shapscott, who is working at Geraldton in the North, that God has used him in bringing eight souls to the truth, and that several others are interested, whom he thinks, with but little labor, will also take their position for Christ, and he requests that I visit them at once. This I will do as soon as we get through with the week of prayer.

We are having a precious season during this week of prayer. God is coming very near. Last night the testimonies made by our dear brethren gave evidence of a work of grace on their hearts. There was a tender feeling pervading the meeting, and stirring confessions were made. We are very anxious that these meetings shall be a lasting benefit to us all. "To be like Christ, to work for Christ," I believe is the sincere aim of the West Australian brethren.

JESSE PALLANT.

AMONG the laborers in attendance at the Parramatta general meeting, held May 11-13, were Mrs. E. G. White, Elders E. W. Farnsworth, W. C. White, W. A. Colcord, E. H. Gates, and A. S. Hickox.

Medical Missionary.

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

CONDUCTED BY MISS E. M. GRAHAM.

Our Medical Work.

In our medical work the Lord has given us favor with the people, and has thus opened a way for us to gain their confidence, and to present the truth before them. When they see that we have information relating to the care of their bodies, they are the more ready to believe that we may possess spiritual knowledge also, which may benefit them. Thus prejudice is removed, and hearts are prepared to receive the truth as it is in Jesus. We must keep constantly in our minds the fact that our work is to save souls for Christ. The medical work is to act as a right arm for the gospel, opening a way before it; and if it fails in doing this, it is practically of no use.

The Sydney Sanitarium.

This institution has recently rented another good-sized house, and now occupies three buildings, which are usually full. There have been many encouraging recoveries, and the Lord has blessed the efforts put forth to heal the people of their sicknesses. Each Sunday evening a short Bible study is held with the patients, and, as a rule, every patient who is not confined in bed, attends. From these services a deep interest in our faith has sprung up among the patients, many of whom have requested that Bible readings be held with them. Some have begun the observance of the Lord's Sabbath, and others are in the valley of decision.

The Christchurch Sanitarium.

This has been known as the Christchurch Health Home, but recently a nice looking building, with twenty rooms, and large grounds, has been purchased for a sanitarium. Dr. Braucht, late of Samoa, has taken charge of it, and it is being rapidly equipped with good bath and treatment rooms, and will soon be ready for use. The work has outgrown the building first occupied.

The Avondale Health Retreat.

This building was dedicated to the Lord at the close of last year, and

since then has been doing good work. Several of our workers have spent time there, taking much needed rest, and regaining strength, while enjoying the peaceful country surroundings. Brother and Sister Parker, from Fiji, are staying there for a short time, at present. The patients who visit this place are brought closely into contact with our work, and in some cases have become deeply interested. One very worldly lady has been aroused to take a deep interest in spiritual things, something she had never done before.

Newcastle Treatment Rooms.

This institution, in charge of Dr. Rand, has but recently been opened, but already its progress is encouraging. It has been well equipped, and the patients testify that it is equal to any in the colonies. They have had some good recoveries. One, a boy of ten years, who for two years had not been able to attend school, has made rapid progress, and has returned to his studies. Another case is that of a young lady crippled with rheumatic gout, who has improved so much as to astonish all who know her. The people of the neighbourhood express their gratitude for the establishment of these treatment rooms.

Adelaide Medical Institute.

Here, also, progress has been made. Many of the patients are becoming interested in health principles, and are adopting them as a consequence. The manager, Brother Semmens, has been invited to hold a meeting at the Semaphore, once a fortnight, to lecture to about sixty women who have meetings there to study health topics. There is need of a Sanitarium in Adelaide, where patients can be taken in and treated. It is impossible to deal with some cases without having them under constant supervision. We trust the way may open for the establishment of a Sanitarium before very long.

Brisbane Medical Institution.

This is the infant of the family. Brother and Sister Brandstater have recently arrived from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and are making preparations for opening treatment rooms. They already have their hands full with private work, and are meeting with an encouraging reception. A committee has been appointed to raise money, find suitable premises, and equip them with the necessary appliances. We wish them success in their work.

Our Rescue Work.

Helping Hand Mission, Melbourne.

During the month of April 30 meetings were held, with an attendance of 843; 20 Bible studies were engaged in, with 96 present; and 20 personal studies were given. Three men professed conversion. One had been a schoolmaster. He took a good stand, and seemed genuinely converted. He had expectations of getting employment in one of the large suburban schools. Another case was a master miller, who had held responsible positions in some of the European countries, and who is well connected. Family trouble had led him to drink, but as he had only indulged in it for a few months, it is hoped he may recover. He is hopeful, and those in charge of the Mission are doing all they can to encourage him.

Twelve months ago a drunkard and an outcast gave his heart to God in the Mission. He has stood firm through the year, and is to-day restored to his family, and in a good position in the city of Melbourne.

Other cases might be mentioned, but these will give an idea of the work being done.

Helping Hand Mission for Women, Adelaide.

This institution cared for eight inmates during the month of April. Two young girls, who had recently left, expressed themselves as being determined, by the help of God, to live right lives in the future. The greatest difficulty experienced here is in getting suitable homes for these girls, where they can keep the Sabbath. We appeal to our brethren and sisters to help in this. Will not those who need help in their homes take these girls, and give them the advantages of a Christian home, thus fulfilling the divine command to "bring the poor . . . to thy house"?

Though there is much to encourage us in these reports, those who carry the burden of this work know that there is much done that seems wasted. Yet, the seed that is sown may spring up after a long time; the bread cast upon the waters may return after many days. It is our duty to sow the seed; to do all we can to assist the people, rich and poor, sick and well, prosperous and outcast, in every way possible, temporally and spiritually; and God will take care of the results.

Personal

MISS MARY SCHOWE and Lily Williams are busy among the people of Geelong in Bible and health work.

PASTOR E. W. FARNSWORTH is in South Australia, and expects to attend the Conference at Adelaide, July 12-15.

BROTHER GEORGE HUBBARD has moved his family to Ballarat. He will engage in colporteur, Bible and church work.

MISS EMILY APPELDORFF arrived at the School on June 12th from West Australia, where she has been engaged in Bible work.

MISS E. M. GRAHAM and Miss L. Tuxen left Sydney for Brisbane June 4th. Sister Tuxen has been appointed Secretary of the Queensland Tract Society.

PASTOR S. McCULLAGH is at Ballarat at present, suffering from a slight illness. He is hopeful, however, that with God's blessing, he will soon enjoy more than his usual health.

DR. M. G. KELLOGG and wife arrived in Sydney from the Tongan Islands, June 1st, after an absence of four years, during which time the doctor has laboured in Fiji, Samoa, and the Tongan group.

DR. CARO has recently made a visit to Queensland in the interests of the Medical Missionary Association. He held public lectures in a number of the leading towns, assisted in organising the work of the nurses in Brisbane, and secured several patients for the Sydney Sanitarium.

N. A. DAVIS has moved his family to Geelong, having severed his connection with the Helping Hand Mission, after eighteen months' continuous service there. He will devote his entire time to presenting the Truth in new fields. He is now conducting meetings at Lara and North Geelong.

C. P. MICHAELS is having good success with the *Home Hand Book* among the business men of Geelong, taking four orders one day, and six the next, in one week. He assists in the Sabbath and Sunday night services, and in giving health talks, and Bible readings.

THE mission studies in our Reading Circle Department are prepared by Pastor E. H. Gates. You will find them worth studying.

A GENERAL meeting was recently held in Maitland which was a very interesting and profitable occasion. Our friends are of good courage in Maitland, and the work is progressing there.

SISTER E. G. WHITE has been very feeble for several weeks. She was unable to attend meetings during the week of prayer. We are glad to say at the present time her health is improving.

THE work in Geelong moves slowly. The cooking and nursing classes, conducted by Sister Starr and Miss Lily Rowe, are encouraging. Sixty or seventy persons attend, and appreciate the lessons given.

BRETHREN W. D. Salisbury and N. D. Faulkhead, of the Echo Publishing Company, North Fitzroy, arrived in Cooranbong June 17, to counsel with other brethren concerning the publishing work. All were glad to see them.

PASTOR G. B. STARR has recently visited Ballarat and Bendigo. He assisted at the opening of the new church building at Ballarat, where God has blessed His people in the erection of their house of worship. The brethren are full of courage and gratitude. The church membership is increasing.

ALL will be pleased to know that Brethren A. G. Daniells and John Wessels have arrived safely in Africa. The last letter received from them was written just as they were landing in Capetown. They report a remarkably smooth and pleasant voyage all the way. We hope to have interesting matter from Brother Daniells in our next issue.

SINCE the report from Brother Woods, in another column, was put in type, we have received another. From this we learn five have been added to the church at Kadina, and four have entered the canvassing field. Brother Knight is spending the winter at Broken Hill. Sixteen have united with the Adelaide church, and four have received letters to other churches. The business of the Tract Society is steadily increasing. There are nine canvassers in the field.

BROTHER R. L. BOND, of the Echo Publishing Company, who is an experienced pressman, has spent some time at Avondale, putting the large Cottrell press in working order. This press is to be used to print the RECORD and the *Herald of Health*, and literature to be used in the islands. It is a first-class machine. If our readers could have seen the first impressions of this paper coming from this press at the rate of 1000 per hour, which is but half speed, you surely would have felt, as we did, to thank God and take courage.

District Meeting.

THERE will be a district meeting held in the Avondale Seventh Day Adventist church, Cooranbong, on Sabbath and Sunday, July 14 and 15. The friends from Hamilton, Newcastle, Dora Creek, Martinsville, and Awaba are specially invited to attend this gathering. This meeting will take somewhat the form of a missionary conference. It is expected that the leading ministers and labourers in the conference will be present, and that the meeting will be one of great interest to all. This will afford a good opportunity for our friends to visit our school while it is in full running order.

A. T. ROBINSON,
On behalf of Avondale Church.

Obituary Notice.

THE cause of Present Truth in Australia, and the Avondale church and neighborhood in particular, has lost one of its most devoted and beloved members in the death of Mrs. E. C. Halsey ("Jeannie" Mansell), which occurred June 6, at the Avondale Health Retreat, where she was tenderly and skillfully cared for during the last few days of her illness.

The cause of death was blood-poisoning, complicated by pneumonia.

At Mildura, Victoria, seven years ago, Jeannie Mansell embraced Present Truth under the influence of a dear friend, Sister Blombery. Soon after this she became a student at the Australasian Bible School, and later an assistant to the matron in the Avondale Industrial School, when it was opened in 1895. As an active missionary worker in various departments of our cause, she was well known and greatly loved by a large circle of friends.

Two years and one day previous to her death she was married to Mr. E. C. Halsey, the head baker in the Health Food Factory. Her husband and a little boy, Vernon, of thirteen months, are left to mourn her loss.

Her hope and faith in God were always bright and strong. She loved much; and the shadow of the grave which rests upon the hearts of those who loved her is brightened by the blessed hope that we shall meet her soon. Before laying her to rest, comforting words were spoken to the mourning relatives and friends by Pastor A. T. Robinson

E. R. PALMER.

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NEXT month we hope to give reports from the different conferences concerning the meetings held during the week of prayer.

THIS number of the RECORD was printed at Avondale. Considerable of the work was done by students. Our new press promises to do good work, and it is hoped that the paper will be first-class in every respect. Should you find that which is worthy of criticism, please remember this is our first effort, and that we shall continually try to improve.

ON account of employing considerable apprentice work in getting out the RECORD, it will take longer to print the paper than when the work was done in a large city office. We therefore ask our contributors, and those who send reports, to mail them as soon as possible after the first of each month. They should reach us not later than the tenth of the month. Please make a note of this.

IN almost every paper is found a list of "Wants." Now, the RECORD has its wants, too. It especially wants our ministers and labourers to be untiring in their efforts to increase its circulation. It wants short articles, experiences, and items that are of interest to you and will help others. It wants every Sabbath-keeper in Australasia to read it. It wants every one to begin the studies in the Missionary Reading Circle. It wants your suggestions as to how the lessons can be made better. If the paper is a help and encouragement to you, it wants you to say so. It wants—but it will wait till *these* wants are supplied, then it will tell you of others.

SABBATH, June 16, was a blessed day for the Avondale School. Twenty-two were baptized by Pastor A. T. Robinson, nearly all being students. It was a happy day for the

teachers who have been so untiring in their efforts to seek and save the lost, that every student in the school who had not previously done so, gave themselves to the Lord during the week of prayer, and all renewed their consecration for service in the Master's work. Friday evening a meeting was held at which the Holy Spirit was present in large measure. We only wish parents whose children are here, and all the friends of the school, might have heard the earnest prayers and testimonies of these young people.

Tent Meeting Hymn Books.

THE miscellaneous collection of hymns and tunes, taken from the Seventh-day Adventist Hymn and Tune book, and generally known by the title of "Tent Hymns," is now out of print and cannot be supplied. To take its place, there has been issued an abridged edition of "Christ in Song." This most excellent little work contains 96 pages of choice selections of hymns and tunes, especially adapted for use in tent meetings, lecture courses, Gospel services, revival efforts, etc. It is bound in flexible cloth, and the price is nine pence per copy. Order it of your Tract Society.

A Visit to Queensland.

I HAVE recently had an opportunity to visit the brethren and sisters in Brisbane, Queensland. I was glad to improve this opportunity, for I had heard much of the work there. It was evident to me that earnest, untiring efforts had been put forth to establish the truth in that city. The church numbers over sixty members, and they have a neat and commodious church building, all paid for. In another part of the city they have a mission, with Brother and Sister Tenney at its head. They have several younger workers to assist them, and there seems to be a good interest, and some are embracing the truth.

Brother and Sister Brandstater have begun work in the medical line. They expect to soon have rooms fitted up for the treatment of the sick. Many of the people in Brisbane are interested in our health work, and will, no doubt, give it their support and influence.

Dr. Caro attended this meeting with me. He gave a lecture in the largest hall in the city, but the at-

tendance was not large owing to the heavy rain. He gave two lectures later, which were better attended. Dr. Caro's labours with our people were greatly appreciated.

I spent a short time with Brother and Sister Tadich at Bundeburg. These workers have a good interest. Eleven or twelve have begun keeping the Sabbath, and a large number who are investigating are deeply interested in the truth. I shall expect to see a large church raised up, through God, in Bundeburg.

I was in Rockhampton four days. This church has struggled along for years with very little ministerial help. They have suffered some losses by death and removals; but God has blessed them. I found most of the members of good courage. The church needs help, and I understand Brother Tenney has planned to labour with them this winter.

Brother and Sister Lacey are labouring in Toowoomba. We had planned to meet with the brethren there; but on account of heavy rains and bad roads and the scattered condition of our people, we thought it best not to hold meetings at this time. Brother Lacey is working hard to build up the work there.

I have enjoyed this brief visit to Queensland much. It has been a blessing to me, and I trust also to the cause there. The work is onward in every place. We praise the Lord for it all. E. W. FARNSWORTH.

Appointments

Victorian Conference.

At a meeting of the Victorian Conference Committee, Monday, June 11th, it was voted to hold the next annual session of the Victorian Conference at the Windsor Church, High Street, Windsor, August 3-12.

The churches are requested to elect their full number of delegates and to send their church officers and active men as their representatives. Delegates are requested, as far as possible, to be in attendance at the first meeting, Friday evening, August 3.

The first business session will be held Sunday morning, August 5, at 11 A.M.

Besides the usual annual reports, election of officers, etc., important matters, involving the future policy and work of the Conference and Tract Society, will be considered.

Elder Farnsworth, Elder W. C. White, E. R. Palmer, and Miss E. M. Graham are expected to be in attendance.

As the weather is cold, to insure their own comfort, delegates are requested to bring a roll of bedding with them.

G. B. STARR.