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

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"MY PEACE I GIVE."

I COULD not see; temptations thronged,
Dark clouds had blotted from above
The sunshine bright. Oh, how I longed
For human sympathy and love!

I seized my pen, intent to tell
My troubles to an earthly friend.
The Saviour whispered, "'Tis not well
To take your sorrows to a friend

"Who has no power to give you peace,
Nor from your heart has strength to roll
Its load of care. My peace I give;
Come, rest with me, O weary soul!"

I looked to Him: the load was gone,
And in my heart was sunshine bright.
And now I say, "His will be done;"
I'm His, He's mine, and all is light,

When trials come, let me but see,
Beyond the clouds, thy face, dear Lord,
And hear Thy voice, and I shall be
Upheld, supported, by Thy word.

If I may know, whate'er the way,
That Thou art ever near my side,
I'll praise Thy name, and calmly say,
"Dear Saviour, I am satisfied."

Canvassers as Gospel Evangelists.

THE work of God is to go into all the world vindicating the claims of Christ, and writing His name on hearts. As laborers together with Him, we must never get above the simplicity of His work; for, unless we walk humbly with God, the Holy Spirit cannot attend our efforts.

The canvassing work is an important field of labor, and will do much toward carrying the gospel to all the dark corners of the world. The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister. Many of our young ministers and those who are fitting for the ministry would, if truly converted, do much good by entering the canvassing field. They would there obtain an experience in faith. Their knowledge of the Scriptures would greatly increase, because as they endeavored to impart to others the light given them, they would receive more to impart. By meeting people and presenting to them our publications, they would gain an experience which they could not gain by simply preaching. As they went from house to house, they could converse with those with whom they met, carrying with them the fragrance of Christ's life. The most

precious ministry that can be done is by ministers working in the canvassing field.

All our ministers should feel free to carry books with them, to dispose of wherever they go. Wherever a minister goes, he can leave a book in the family where he stays, either selling it or giving it to them. Much of this work was done in the early history of the message. Ministers acted as canvassers and colporters, using the means they obtained from the sale of books to help in the advancement of the work in places where help was needed. These can speak intelligently regarding this method of work; for they have had an experience in this line.

Let none hold the impression that it belittles a minister of the gospel to canvass; for by doing this work, he is doing the very work as did the apostle Paul who says, "Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews; and how I kept back nothing that was profitable to you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jew and also to the Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The eloquent Paul to whom God manifested Himself in a wonderful manner, went from house to house with all humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations.

All who want an opportunity for true ministry, and who will give themselves unreservedly to God, will find in the canvassing work opportunities to speak upon many things pertaining to the future immortal life. The experience thus gained will be of the greatest value to those who are fitting themselves for the work of the ministry. It is the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit of God that prepares workers, both men and women, to become pastors to the flock of God. As they cherish the thought that Christ is their companion, a holy awe, a sacred joy will be felt by them amid all their trying experiences and all their tests. They will learn how to pray as they work. They will become educated in patience, kindness, affability, and helpfulness, wherever they may be. They will practice true Christian courtesy, bearing in mind that Christ, their companion, will not approve of harsh, unkind words or feelings. Their words will be purified. The power of speech will be regarded as a precious talent, lent them to do a high and holy work. The human agent will learn how to represent the divine companion with whom he is associated. To that unseen holy One he will show respect and reverence because he is wearing His yoke, and learning His pure, holy ways. Those who

have faith in this divine attendant will develop. They will be gifted with a power to clothe the message of truth with a sacred beauty.

There are some who are adapted to the work of a colporter, and who can accomplish more in this line than by preaching. If the Spirit of Christ dwells in their own hearts, they will find opportunity to present His word to others, and to direct minds to the special truths for this time. Men suited to this work undertake it; but some injudicious minister flatters them that their gifts should be employed in the desk, instead of in the work of the colporter. Thus they are influenced to get a license to preach, and the very ones who might have been trained to make good missionaries to visit families at their homes, to talk and pray with them, are turned away from a work for which they are fitted to make poor ministers, and the field where so much labor is needed, and where so much good might be accomplished for the cause, is neglected. The canvassers in the field, if consecrated to God, will learn every day by practice how to reach the souls for whom Christ has died.

May the Lord help every one to improve to the utmost the talents committed to His trust. May He help them to study the Bible as they should, that its practical teachings may have a practical bearing upon their lives. Whatever your work may be, dear brethren and sisters, do it for the Master, and do your best. Do not overlook present, golden opportunities and let your life prove a failure, while you sit idly dreaming of ease and success in a work for which God has never fitted you. Do the work that is nearest you. Do it, even though it may be amid the perils and hardships of the missionary field, and when tempted to complain of hardship and self-sacrifice, look at Christ and behold the sacrifice that He has made that the light of the gospel might shine into benighted minds.

The preaching of the Word is a means by which the Lord has ordained His warning message to be given to the world. In the Scriptures the faithful teacher is represented as a shepherd of the flock of God. He is to be respected and his work appreciated. Genuine medical missionary work is bound up with the ministry, and the canvassing work is to be a part both of the medical missionary work and of the ministry. To those who are engaged in this work I would say, As you visit the people, tell them you are a gospel evangelist, and that you love the Lord. Do not seek a home in a hotel, but stay at a private house, and become acquainted with the family. Christ sowed the seeds of truth wherever He was, and as His followers you can witness for the Master doing a most precious work in fireside labor. In thus coming close to the people you will often find those who are sick and discouraged. If you are pressing close to the side of Christ, wearing His yoke, you will daily learn of Him how to carry messages of peace and comfort to the sorrowing and disappointed, the sad and broken-hearted. You can point the discouraged ones to the Word of God, and take the sick to the Lord in prayer. As you pray, speak to Christ as you would to a trusted, much-loved friend. Maintain a sweet, free, pleasant dignity, as a child of God. This will be recognised.

Canvassers should be able to give those with whom they stay instruction in regard to the way to treat the suffering. They should be educated in regard to the simple methods of hygienic treatment. Thus they may work as medical missionaries, ministering to the souls

and bodies of the suffering. Now, just now, this work should be going forward in all parts of the country, that many might be blessed by the prayers and instruction of God's servants.

We need to realise the importance of the canvassing work as one great means of finding out those who are in peril, and bringing them back to Christ. The truth must go forward. The church militant is not the church triumphant. Canvassers should never be prohibited from speaking of the love of Christ, from telling their first experience in their service for the Master. They should be perfectly free to speak or to pray with those who are awakened. The simple story of Christ's love for man will open doors for them, even to the homes of unbelievers. Of all the gifts which God has given to man, none is more precious than the gift of speech, if it is sanctified by the Holy Spirit. It is with the tongue that we convince and persuade: with it we offer prayer and praise to God, and with it we convey rich thoughts of the Redeemer's love. Those who are fitted to enlighten minds will often have opportunity to read from the Bible or from books which teach the truth, and thus bring the evidence to enlighten souls. When canvassers discover those who are interestedly searching for truth, they should hold Bible readings with them. These Bible readings are just what the people need. God will use in His service those who thus show a deep interest in perishing souls. Through them He will impart light to those who are ready to receive instruction.

Some have a zeal which is not according to knowledge. Such should not attempt this work; they should not try to converse with those whom they meet; for they would be unable to enlighten them. Because of the lack of wisdom on the part of some, because they have been so much inclined to act the minister and theologian, restrictions have almost had to be enforced upon our canvassers. When the Lord's voice calls, "Whom shall we send? and who will go for us?" the divine Spirit puts it into hearts to respond, "Here am I; send me." But bear in mind that the live coal from the altar must first touch your lips. Then the words you speak will be wise and holy words. Then you will have wisdom to know what to say and what to leave unsaid. You will not try to reveal your smartness as theologians. You will be careful not to arouse a combative spirit or excite prejudice, by introducing indiscriminately all the points of our faith. You will find enough to talk about that will not excite opposition, but that will open the heart to desire a deeper knowledge of God's Word.

The Lord desires you to be soul-winners; therefore, while you should not force doctrinal points upon the people, you should "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Why fear?—Fear lest your words should savor of self-importance, lest unadvised words be spoken, lest the words and manner should not be after Christ's likeness. Connect firmly with Christ, and present the truth as it is in Him. Hearts cannot fail to be touched by the story of the atonement. As you learn the meekness and lowliness of Christ, you will know what you should say to the people; for the Holy Spirit will tell you what words you ought to speak. Those who realise the necessity of keeping the heart under the control of the Holy Spirit, will be enabled to sow seed that will spring up into eternal life. This is the work of the gospel evangelist. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Now I Know Thou Fearest God.

HEROES are not made on the field of battle or in the time of a crisis; they are merely then made manifest.

The tares and wheat grow together until the harvest, until the ear appears. The time comes when all can discern between the wheat and the tares.

In the church both the evil and good are planted. It is difficult to differentiate between them often, but as peculiar tests are permitted to come to the church, the universe, angels, and men will be able to discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that has not served Him, but self. God imparts to us means, then permits us to be brought face to face with difficulties in connection with His work. He permits His institutions to get into financial embarrassment, then He says to each member of the church, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" "Then shall ye discern between the righteous and the wicked," between him that always seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and the one who is seeking what he shall eat and what he shall drink and wherewithal he shall be clothed. The true disciple cannot endure to see God's institutions naked or hungry while he is clothed and fed. "I was naked," the Saviour says, "and ye clothed Me; hungry was I, and ye fed Me." After the multitude were fed by the Saviour, there were left of fragments twelve baskets full, one for each of the disciples, but the Saviour had made no provision for Himself. Here was a test to the disciples; the Lord Himself provided all, yet He Himself had no food. "Lovest thou Me more than these?" They had an opportunity to show their love for their Master in a practical way. God called upon Abraham to offer up Isaac, the one in whom all the promises centered. Here was a test. The words were whispered to Abraham, "Abraham, lovest thou Me more than these?" Abraham made the offering; he gave all; then the angel of the Lord appeared and said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from Me." Then the angel of the Lord said, "By Myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, that in blessing I will bless thee, . . . and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

God's blessing to-day will rest upon those who will demonstrate before the universe, before angels and men, that they love God better than all else, and there is life and health and riches in His blessing. The blessing of God maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. We have one institution in our midst that is both naked and hungry, and needs to be clothed. God has said the erection and equipment of this institution should not be a long drawn-out enterprise. If He has said so, it certainly need not be, but it has been. For two years the building has been in progress. It seems the time has fully come for us to take hold and do our best. We all have been well supplied; to each one has been given a basketful. But the Saviour has made no provision for Himself. What shall we do? Shall it be said of us, "I was hungry and ye gave Me no meat; I was naked and ye clothed Me not. . . . Depart from me"? This remains for each individual to answer for himself.

The time has come, it seems to me, when all should be laid on the altar, the time to "bind the sacrifice with

cords, even upon the horns of the altar." Why bind it? Because we shall be tempted, at the very time when most needed, to withdraw it and place it in earthly banks that may appear to the natural eye more secure. But this is a delusion; the time is coming when everything that can be shaken will be shaken, only that which cannot be shaken will remain. It is well at such a time to have our treasures laid up in the bank of heaven. The time is coming when no further need will exist for means. Many will then bring their treasures because it seems safe, but it will be too late. Now is the time to heed the admonition, "Sell that ye have and give alms."

Our brethren in America have recently made us a gift of one thousand pounds. At the Cooranbong Church about thirty have volunteered to spend one week at the institution in hard work from early morning until night free of charge. Can we not in some way wipe out our entire indebtedness of about six thousand pounds, and thus remove a reproach from God's cause and give the institution a chance to breathe and live after it is started? Young men and young women should be in preparation or receiving an education to take a part in this closing work. Shall we not encourage these young people, even at a great sacrifice to ourselves, to qualify themselves for usefulness? We shall be in need of nurses, church-school teachers, tract and missionary society workers, bookkeepers, workers at our health food cafés. There is a place for every one that is desirous to have a part in the work. God has established an educational institution in our midst, where young men and women may receive the help they need to fit them for usefulness.

D. H. KRESS.

We need strength and courage for our work now. There is a great work to be done. The experiences recorded in the book of Joshua are prophetic object lessons. They are to be reproduced in miniature in the experience of each individual, as well as in the experience of this people as a whole. What the Lord has already promised to us we must go up and take possession of. We must set our feet upon the land which He has given to us. We must reveal the victories which He has wrought for us and offered to us. And the command of the Lord to us is, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. . . . For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in high places." This warfare is very real, and we have come to the time when Satan is beginning to work "with all power and signs and lying wonders." And yet we are abundantly able to go up and possess the land. We simply need to be strong and of a good courage, and to go forward to the work in the name of the Lord. Remember Abraham and the slaughter of the kings. Remember Gideon's army and the Midianites. Remember Elisha and the host of the king of Syria. Remember Hezekiah and Sennacherib's great army. "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"We must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason." "Be strong, and of a good courage."

W. W. PRESCOTT.

THE RELIEF OF OUR SCHOOL.

IF IT WERE IN JUPITER.

If the Avondale School were located on Jupiter, and was in debt, and the Lord of the universe should decide that the debt should be paid by His subjects down here on this little earth, and be paid by their selling "Christ's Object Lessons," then that would be the way to do it. Would it not? It would not be a question, then, of location, but of obedience to the great King.

It seems as though it might make a hitch in the harmony of heaven, if Gabriel should refuse to work in certain localities of the universe, because it was outside of his conference. From his own words we would judge that his custom was to render instant and implicit obedience always. To Daniel he said, "At the beginning of thy supplication the commandment came forth, and I am come." Dan. 9: 23. He came to Babylon, to Elam, to Nazareth, to Patmos,—anywhere he was sent. And why should not we learn obedience to God, by all working together where He tells us, and when that is done, all do what He tells us to do next? It is sweet to do the will of God. Jesus learned obedience on the earth by the things which he suffered. Heb 5: 8. He came down from heaven not to do His own will, but to do God's will here on our earth, and to teach us the importance, the joy, the sweet peace of loving, trustful, unquestioning obedience.

"The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul." Ps. 103: 19-22.

Perhaps the reader will remember that we got into debt once down here on this earth, and that heaven decided to pay the debt, and that Jesus came down here and paid it, and in paying our debt He put every one of us under everlasting obligations to co-operate with Him in paying off all the debts in the world incurred by carrying the knowledge of the cancelling of that great debt to every soul in the world. G. B. STARR.

CANVASSING FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

I DETERMINED by the help of God to gain an experience in the sale of this good book, and to have a share in the fulfillment of some of those most wonderful and gracious promises made to those who engage in this work.

The first few orders I found the hardest to get; then after that it was a question of holding myself right to the work; to go right out, rain or shine, day after-day, and *stay out*, success or no success, and keep right at it, praying and going forward. This I did for one month, as the conference had voted that each worker should do. I had no remarkable experiences of selling any large numbers in a short time, but by steadily plodding sold seventy-eight for the month, delivering about half of them for cash. I have now sold one hundred and ten copies, and am getting to enjoy it so much that I find it quite a trial to drop it now for my regular work, which is being neglected. We sincerely hope that the entire membership of our churches will take up this work, and carry it through in triumph to the full vindication of God's plan.

Sell your quota or more, gain your experience God has for you, prove His promises, join the army of "jubilee singers." Blessings are before you. Take hold of the work and obtain them. G. B. STARR.

FROM VICTORIA.

"I HAD decided that my wife could sell my quota as I was busy, big coward that I was, but the Lord decided otherwise. I lost my work, my wife got ill, and every excuse had gone. I thank the Lord for it. The blessings I have received are worth everything, and I have proved the promise that the Lord will go before us, and prepare the way."

"I had decided that my husband could sell my ten copies, but I have learned that he cannot do it without my losing the blessing. God has helped me and given me courage and success."

The above are but samples of the testimonies we hear constantly from those who have begun this work in our churches. This spirit is also extending to our isolated Sabbath-keepers. One sister who leads a very busy life and thought she could do nothing, writes,—

"Send me twenty copies, I expect to need them all early in June."

Another elderly brother says, "I spent a little time in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons," and have taken four orders, please send them along. I had a good time, and inquiries were made as to my reasons for keeping Saturday, also if any would be admitted to our school who did not keep the Sabbath."

One of our agents says, "I am now in my second 'tenth' and do not feel at all like saying 'enough,' unless the School Board cries, 'Stop it, or you'll drown us.'"

Another very young sister writes, "I have been canvassing "Christ's Object Lessons" and have orders for four copies. I find it an easy matter to sell them, and desire to do what I can in this good work."

These good testimonies all prove that "God is faithful," and that old and young may receive the blessings promised. L. GREGG.

THE ministers and workers of the New South Wales Conference have recently been in session at the Avondale School, districting the State, and making arrangements to begin a general canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons." Brother Michaels was present, and gave valuable instruction in the book, and the methods employed in successful canvassing. Brother Michaels will spend some time among the churches, giving similar instruction. He will commence with the churches in Sydney and gradually move northward to Singleton, where his work for this Conference will probably end for the time being. We shall look for success from this effort, as the brethren seem to be full of faith and courage in going forth to carry out God's plan for the relief of the Avondale School. Let every heart be uplifted to God in prayer for the success of this movement. G. A. I.

"Co-operate with God, and He will co-operate with you. Then you are God's helping hand. Then you can take hold of Him, and He will hold your hand. He says, 'I am at thy right hand to help thee.' As you work for Him with only His glory in view, He will teach you. You are to learn all these lessons that you may teach others."

Statistical Report of Conferences in Australasian Union Conference, Quarter Ending March 31, 1902.

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.	Carpenters.	Canvassers.	Tithes Paid.	First-Day Offerings to Foreign Missions.	Sabbath School Donations to Missions.	Annual Contribution to Missions.	Miscellaneous Individual Gifts to Missions.	Donations to School.	Sales of Subscription Books.		Sales of Trade Books and Tracts.		Value of Conference Property.		Indebtedness of Conference.																					
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Home Hand Book—Orders. Value.
G. Burgess, Ballarat 19 £32 0 0
D. Deering, St. Aruand ... 9 14 3 0
H. Harker, Wimmera 43 68 0 0
L. Currow, Gippsland 13 20 9 0
Other books 8 8 0 0
C. Hosking, Gippsland 40 70 7 0
J. E. Anderson, Kyneton... 6 10 17 0
F. W. Reekie, Winchelsea 16 24 13 0
Other books 1 1 0 0
G. Hubbard, Laaen 6 9 12 0

Coming King—
Miss C. Rule, Benalla 6 3 14 6
Mrs. L. J. Lear, Benalla... 8 5 6 9
W. Codling, Maryboro' ... 11 6 6 0
Other books 2 0 11 0
J. F. Ward, Maryboro' ... 20 11 8 3
G. Stewart, Bunyip 27 14 13 6

Ladies' Guide—
Mrs. M. Masters, Malvern 4 4 7 6
Daniel and Revelation—
R. S. Bell, Shepparton..... 13 8 7 6
Other books 1 1 10 0

Desire of Ages—
H. Hughes, Maggra 9 12 12 6
Other books 10 2 15 0
B. Judge, Alexandra 5 5 0 0
Other books 1 1 0 0
W. Ryder, Benalla 11 14 1 3
Other books 2 0 11 0
Miscellaneous 11 9 4 3

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Home Hand Book—Orders. Value
Major Lackey, Sydney 2 £ 4 0 0
W. Richardson, Manning R. 30 51 10 0
M. Connell, Wollamba R. 39 59 10 0
Other books 1 1 0 0

Daniel and Revelation—
A. E. Hodgkinson, Inverell 97 76 0 0
T. Reekie, Ashford 11 7 5 0
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G. A. Wood, Glen Innis... 1 1 0 0
W. R. Lamb, Kiama 19 15 12 0
H. J. Cooper, Mullumb'by 69 55 17 6
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N. Harker, Newcastle 5 6 10 0
Geo. Ryder, Young 5 6 0 0
Mrs. Edwards, Balmain... 3 3 0 0
Other books 4 2 15 6

Ladies' Guide—
Mrs. Gregg, Camden 14 14 0 0
Mrs. Mobbs, Epping 2 2 10 0
E. Appleton, Hatwood.... 7 7 17 6
Other books 1 2 0 0

Coming King—
Mrs. Guest, Wollongong ... 16 8 7 3
Miss Atkins, " 15 7 8 0

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Tasmania.
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Ladies' Guide—Orders. Value.
Miss Adcock, Ross, etc. ... 35 £43 10 0
Mr J. Allen, Don District 15 20 12 6
Daniel & Revelation—
Mr. J. Allen, Don District 2 1 12 6
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I. W. Rigby, N. E. Coast 22 37 0 0
A. W. Fair, " 20 31 10 0

Coming King—
Miss Horne, Launceston... 10 4 7 0
Great Controversy—
W. Rigby, Bridgworth 26 20 17 6

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West Australia.
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Ladies' Guide—Orders. Value.
Mrs. Anderson, Geraldton 3 £ 3 5 0
Other books 2 2 2 6
Desire of Ages—
R. A. Caldwell, Collie, etc. 50 61 12 6
Other books 19 5 16 0
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F. Masters, Northam 23 43 0 0
Other books 14 8 16 6
Man the Masterpiece—
F. Masters, Northam 15 19 6 0
Other books 5 6 6 6

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Victoria 302 360 10 0
Tasmania 130 159 9 6
New Zealand 177 177 6 0

Orders. Value.
Queensland 172 128 13 9
West Australia 178 196 11 6

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Home Hand Book—Orders. Value.
W. J. Redhead, Christ'ch. 18 £28 10 0
J. Knox, Fielding 12 19 0 0
Mrs. M. Hamilton, Nelson 5 7 10 0
R. L. Irving, Gore 8 12 0 0
A. E. Rickards, Lawrence 4 6 0 0

Man the Masterpiece—
W. J. Redhead, Christ'ch 39 37 12 0

Ladies' Guide—
Mrs. Covell, Greymouth ... 37 37 0 0
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A. E. Rickards, Lawrence 1 1 0 0

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Coming King—
G. Johnson, N. Wairoa.... 21 6 10 6

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A. Hansen, 4 0 18 0

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Mrs. Streeter, S. Brisbane 4 £ 0 19 0
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A. W. Horwood, Mt. Perry 8 1 16 0
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A. W. Horwood, Mt. Perry 24 39 0 0

Coming King—
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WHY NOT CARRY "GOOD HEALTH."

FOR a long while folks in and out of the ranks of the canvassers for our various works have been making efforts—some desultory and some steady methodical efforts—to handle the health journal as a help.

I want to give my ideas on the subject in order to encourage others to look into the matter. I have been in my present field about five weeks, and during that time I have taken twenty-eight subscriptions for the *Australasian Good Health*. That means as many shillings clear. It also means that I have taken hold of those twenty-eight families with the right arm of the Third Angel's Message, and for twelve months this question of "Pure Air, Pure Food, and Pure Water" will periodically be brought before them, and from time to time our various advance moves on hygienic living and rational curative agencies will be impressed on the minds of these people. Some of these folks would simply object to buy a religious book, but the "entering wedge" will do its work.

From the purely "help" standpoint, my experience is that it is the best a canvasser can carry. No weight about it, and very little harder to introduce than a one-shilling book, fifty-six of which I have disposed of in the five weeks, with a much smaller amount of *real* "help" as a result.

My advice is, Fellow-canvassers and occasional workers, carry "Good Health."
H. E. HUGHES.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

AN INTERESTING BAPTISM.

At the time of my second visit to Singapore I received a letter from Brother Anderson, of Hong Kong, China, telling me that a soldier in the British Army who had learned the truth from Brother La Rue, had been transferred to Singapore, and asking me to look him up. I at once went to the fort, and without difficulty found him. He had for some time desired baptism; but as there was no ordained minister in Hong Kong at the time of his departure, he had not had that privilege.

Becoming satisfied of his fitness for baptism, March 9 was appointed as the time for the ordinance to be administered. On that day, Elder Munson, of Sumatra, the young man, and myself drove out into the country a few miles to a quiet spot on the beach. After preparing to enter the water, we sat down under some coconut trees and read from the Bible, talked with the brother of the important step he was taking, after which Elder Munson offered a fervent prayer for God's blessing on what we were about to do. Then I led the brother down into the water and buried him beneath the waves of the China Sea. No person witnessed the scene except one solitary Malay who happened to be near; but we were certain God's angels were near with their gentle presence, which we felt in a marked manner.

The blessing we received was worth more than all the wealth of Asia.

On one side of us, and at but a little distance, was a British fortification, where this brother had for several years trained for service as a soldier of the Queen; while on the other side, in the roadstead, a mile or two away, was the large United States man-of-war *Brooklyn*, which had just come into port. But we enjoyed peace, though seeing on all sides the instruments of war.

E. H. GATES.

THE GENERAL MEETING AT HOBART.

This meeting was held May 22-29. The attendance was not large, but there was a fair interest all the way through. A few were present from the Upper Huon Church, some from St. Mary's, and nearly all the Bismark Church were with us on the Sabbath, and quite a number remained until Monday. Brother Teasdale, who has been assigned to this field to labor, was with us and assisted in the meetings. At present he and family are stopping in Hobart. It was expected that either Pastor Irwin or E. W. Farnsworth would be with us, but their work was so urgent in their home field that they were unable to leave.

Most of the time was consumed in considering the different branches of our work, and laying plans for extending the message. A good interest was manifested in the canvassing work and two promised to enter this line of labor. This will make nine agents in the field. We are just fairly getting started in this branch of the work, and are working for and expecting a steady increase in the sale of our subscription books.

The Sabbath-school department received due attention. The primary object of this organisation with other questions was discussed with interest, the real benefit of which we hope to see in the schools represented.

One evening was given to the consideration of our coming camp-meeting. It was decided to hold it at New Norfolk. If the enthusiasm manifested at the meeting

continues we shall expect a good attendance. Pledges to defray the expenses of this annual gathering and also for a few new tents were readily given. We hold in this fund about thirty-five pounds. We expect it will be somewhat increased before the time of the meeting. The prospects at this early date are very encouraging. If any of our scattered brethren and sisters desire to further assist in meeting the expenses of this meeting or in purchasing the tents, please send your name and amount to Brother P. H. Pretyman, Sandy Bay, Hobart. We shall need several pounds more to carry the meeting through in good shape.

We trust that a healthy interest was reawakened in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." The Bismark Church promised to take hold with renewed vigor. They have sold a few copies, and are intending to canvass New Norfolk, Bridgewater, and perhaps a few other small places. We are thankful, indeed, that all are beginning to see the importance of pushing the sale of this book. Just now is the time to scatter far and wide this valuable book. We find that wherever it has been read it has reached the heart and removed prejudice. This prepares the way for the sale of our larger books. May the Lord help every one of our church members to take right hold of this all important work.

At the close of the meeting six were baptised. May 30, 31, and June 1 we spent with the Bismark Church. Brother Charles Fehldberg, who has borne the responsibilities as elder of this church for twelve years, being desirous of a release for a season, Brethren E. Brandstater and August Sotenhofer were elected to this office and ordained. The Spirit of the Lord was especially manifest on this occasion.

E. HILLIARD.

READING CIRCLE AT SOUTH BRISBANE.

We are enjoying the Reading Circle studies in the South Brisbane Church. They are just what we need at this time. Since Brother Teasdale left us, it has fallen to my lot to lead these studies on Sunday evenings. Strangers are caused to halt and consider these things when they hear them. A man and wife were on a visit to Brisbane. They were Church of England and had never heard of the Third Angel's Message, but they came into our church one Sunday evening, and the next, and the next. They said the studies were such a revelation to them, and gave them so much to think of, that they could not stay away. They stayed behind to ask questions, and I held readings in their lodgings. They remained in Brisbane some weeks, and before they left became convinced of and accepted all the truth. They said they believed the Lord had caused them to come on this visit so that they might hear this wonderful message. They are rejoicing in it, and getting our books as they can. When I wrote to tell them we were to have a baptism, as five others were to be buried with the Lord, the wife wrote,—

Your letter was so kind and made me very happy. It is so nice to know some one thinks about us sometimes. I am pleased to know about the baptism on the twelfth. I shall come, but my husband will not be able to leave this time. We are very sorry, but I will not wait for him, but come by myself. . . . I know you will be glad to hear I have not found much difficulty in keeping the Sabbath. At present I have the most difficulty in making Sunday a week day, but I am trying my best, and so I am sure it will come easy in time.

She came and received a blessing in following the Lord.

One told me yesterday that these studies had helped him more than anything. They are what we need at this time to establish us that we may be fully armed with the sword of the Spirit in the great conflict that is just before us. We need an intimate acquaintance with the Revelation. We cannot become too familiar with it.

L. TUXEN.

REPORT OF WOLLONGONG WORK.

THE work in Wollongong and surrounding districts is onward. Last February the work was begun with distribution of tracts, *Joyful Tidings*, Bible readings, cottage meetings, and hall services. Several adults have decided for Present Truth.

One of my first visits was to a man who had been observing the Sabbath for fourteen years, and who had not seen or known of a Sabbath-keeper, except the canvasser who found him. This man came to the conclusion, after reading his Bible, that the seventh day, in which no work is to be done, is God's Sabbath, and he has not worked on that day since.

Lately five adults have been baptised, and others are waiting until later. We have a little company of twelve adults, and two Sabbath-schools of twelve members each.

The United Tent Mission has just passed through this district, gathering its hundreds of converts. We have to contend with much opposition, and as the collieries are the sole support here, there is very little else for one thrown out of work. To keep the Sabbath means dismissal from the mines, yet some faithful souls have set their faces Zionward as fenced brazen walls, and hope in God. Many are interested, and desire to know why we keep Saturday; as one leading man said, "My people are eager to know when you are to take up the Sabbath question."

We have enjoyed the privileges of the week of prayer. The first Sabbath we had specially good meetings. Sunday, prayers were offered for a sick brother, and we followed the Lord's direction with good results. During the week we held a few meetings. Our brethren being so scattered prevented our coming together often. We are all of good courage, trusting in God.

G. W. TADICH.

SINGLETON, N. S. W.

WE have just completed the seating of our new church building. We are indeed thankful to have been able to do this work in such a time as the people of this place are passing through. Drought all around us, work becoming short among the tradesmen, cattle dying, and many are at the doors of poverty. Yet God has told us that these things would surely come upon the world, that the people might turn to Him, yet how few heed the warning. Surely, brethren, this is our time to work, and to sound the alarm, *Christ is coming*. What has been done here at Singleton and a few other places in our State (companies of believers raised up and churches built) must be rapidly done all over our land. Who will go to work at once? Do that which is nearest to you.

"If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen land explore
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door."

Do you know that you *know* the truth? Has it made you

free? Then tell it, live it, scatter it by the printed page, be it only a small leaflet or a book, do something, do it quickly, and do not become weary in well doing. God's blessings of life come fresh to us every day, He never becomes weary of doing for His creatures.

Dear brethren, unless we keep up our activity working for Christ, we shall grow sleepy and be overtaken in the snare. Let us awake, then, and be indeed children of the day; let us not be carried about with every wind of doctrine. Are we living in the last generation? Is Christ's coming at the doors? Are the seven last plagues about to be poured out? If so, what part are you taking at this time? Ye are the light of the world. Do we gather up the rays of light that are shining from the sure word of prophecy? Are we becoming partakers of the divine nature, through the exceeding great and precious promises? Let us stand firm in the faith once delivered to the saints, and may we all push the triumphs of the cross into all the dark corners of the earth.

W. WOODFORD.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MOUNT GAMBIER AND DISTRICT.—We have much of encouragement to report from here. God has been with us. We have purchased a nice suitable little church in Mount Gambier, quite central and capable of accommodating about 200 people. It has cost £350. We have since built in a baptistry and erected a room on each side of the platform, labor being donated with the exception of one small item. £50 has been paid off the church, the balance covering a number of years at four per cent. We have, promised in pledges and amount in hand, about £20.

A few Sabbaths ago the company here was organised into a church of fourteen members, five joining from Millicent. One was received by letter, one by former baptism, and twelve by confession and faith. The church officers were appointed and ordained. Brother R. H. Constandt was chosen as elder. The ordinances of the Lord's house were administered, and proved a season of great refreshing. All hearts seem melted by the softening influence of the great tender Spirit of God. Twelve were baptised recently by the writer, in the presence of a congregation that filled the church to overflowing. A number were standing, and many turned away. Brother Craddock presented the subject of baptism in a very convincing manner. A number of others are keeping Sabbath, and, we trust, will soon connect with the church here. Many others are deeply interested. Since last report the Sabbath school has doubled. The membership now stands at thirty. About £10 was paid in tithes before the church was organised.

Brother Craddock, whose labor has been much appreciated here, left after the baptismal service for Port Augusta. There are nine Sabbath-keepers there, who, we understand, are awaiting baptism. From Port Augusta he will visit other companies.

We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that His mighty power may be felt in the conversion of many souls.

J. H. WOODS.

THE following appeared in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of May 28, being taken from a letter from Fiji:—

"The Seventh-day Adventists who started a mission in Fiji some years ago have lately had a large accession of natives in the Lakeba district. It is reported that the whole of the people of Cikobia, and about half of the large town of Mualevu, have gone over from Wesleyanism to this new sect."

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WITHIN the past five weeks baptism has been twice administered at Cooranbong by Prof. Hughes. Three of the candidates were students, who have lately accepted the truth, and one was a young man from the north part of N.S.W., who received the truth through reading matter purchased from our agents.

BROTHER and Sister Robinson and daughter, Gladys, arrived at Avondale from New Zealand just as we are going to press. They report a stormy passage, but they came through in fairly good condition. They will spend a few days among their many friends at Avondale and vicinity before going on to Queensland, their future field of labor.

WORK WITH THE "GOOD HEALTH."

IN a letter received from a *Good Health* worker, she says,—

About four weeks ago the wife of one of the wealthiest business men ordered the *Good Health*. She forgot to mention it to her husband. It came with the rest of his mail. He opened the journal, began to read, and read it through from cover to cover without stopping. Looking up, he said, "Where did you get such a paper as this? Now, there is some common sense in printing such a paper as this. *This is worth reading.*"

She adds,—

I wonder why you have the price so low. I am sure I could as easily get subscribers at 4/- as at 2/6. Everyone likes the paper.

We keep the price low in order to give it a wide circulation, and not deprive any one of its blessing. We are glad to learn that the journal is appreciated. It is our endeavor to give its readers all the useful information we can. As we are able, we shall illustrate more fully, and improve the general appearance, quality of paper, etc. All we ask of those who appreciate our efforts, and the matter contained in the journal, is to assist in giving it a wide circulation among their friends. We shall continue our special offer to those who desire to do this:—

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Ten shillings is a small investment. Think of the good it may accomplish. It may mean the reformation of six homes. When the principles are adopted which are advocated in its pages, it cannot help but bring health and happiness.

Every ray of light that proves a blessing to us, we are in duty bound to communicate to others in need. We are their debtors, they have a right to all we have, all God has given us.

God has made us our brother's keeper, the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Deal thy bread to the hungry, "Then shalt thy light rise in obscurity and thy health shall spring forth speedily." We may know these things, but the blessing comes in doing. "He being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the Word, *this man shall be blessed in his doing.*"

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IN AND ABOUT SYDNEY.

WITHIN the city, and a short radius from it, the larger portion of our churches and people in New South Wales is located. This includes the churches of Stanmore, Ashfield, Parramatta, Kellyville, Prospect, and Epping. Regular Sabbath services are held at nine different points. The past year has brought trials to all these companies, in some respects severe and searching. Our faith in God's message has been repeatedly put to test, and a few have given over the battle. Some with whom we have "taken sweet counsel" walk no more with us. But I am glad to say that with nearly all the friends of the truth the bonds which bound them to God's cause, and the ties of Christian brotherhood have been strengthened, even by the efforts of the enemy.

During the period mentioned, the church at Epping has been established and a house built. During this time I think I have administered baptism to not less than thirty-five persons. A good degree of unity, and a disposition to work has come into our churches, and some good work is being accomplished in various lines of missionary effort. A great deal of Christian work awaits the hands of God's people in this most interesting field. As we arouse to meet the situation in the Master's strength His blessing will more fully rest upon us.

G. C. TENNEY.

AVONDALE CHURCH.

SABBATH, June 21, marked the close of a very refreshing session in the above church (the week of prayer). The weather was all that could be desired, and, with a beautiful moon, the meetings were easy of access. There was a full attendance of our members, and all through a good spirit prevailed. As the various lines of important work opened up in the readings, and the many needs of the cause of Present Truth for both money and men, a realisation of duty to God and fidelity to His cause seemed to pervade each heart, and the many fervent resolutions of amendment breathed in testimony betokened the movings of the good Spirit of God. It becomes more and more apparent to the candid mind that God has large blessings in store for those who can lay hold of His promises by faith, and take a right position in respect to our obligations in tithes and offerings. It is for us to hear from the battlements of heaven, clearly and distinctly, God expects that every man, yes, and just where he is in the ordinary walks of life, *to do his duty.*

For the cause which lacks assistance,
For the wrongs which need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we may do.

The freewill offerings amounted to £38.

M. HARE.