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

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## A Call to Service.

"SAY not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

True indeed are these words. Everywhere there are hearts crying out for the living God. The Lord has His representatives in all the churches. These persons have not had the special testing truths for the last days presented to them under circumstances that brought conviction to the heart and mind; therefore they have not, by rejecting light, severed their connection with God. There are those that have faithfully walked in all the light that has shone upon their pathway. They hunger to know more of the ways and works of God. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the very verge of the kingdom, waiting to be gathered in. These demand the service of those to whom God has entrusted His truth.

And those also who are dead in trespasses and sins demand our service. The man who is wholly absorbed in his counting room, the man who finds pleasure at the gaming table, the man who loves to indulge perverted appetite, the frequenter of the theatre and ball-room, put eternity out of their reckoning. The whole burden of their life is, What shall we eat? what shall we drink? and wherewith shall we be clothed? They are not in the procession that is moving heavenward. They are led by the great apostate, and with him will be destroyed. All around us are souls perishing in their sins. Every year thousands upon thousands are dying without God and without hope of eternal life. The plagues and judgments of God are in the land, and souls are going to ruin because the light of truth has not been flashed upon their pathway.

The heart of God is moved. Souls are very precious in His sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world He was crucified. God gave His only begotten Son to save sinners, and He desires us to love others as He has loved us. He desires those who have a knowledge of the truth to impart this knowledge to their fellow-men.

Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue?—Only a little while. If ever there was a crisis, it is now.

What shall we say, what can we say, to arouse those who know the truth, both ministers and lay members, to a sense of their responsibility? How can they be led to

feel the burden of imparting to others the truth God has imparted to them? O that they were awake to the purposes of God and to their individual responsibility! Then would they use every gift, every talent, in the work of giving to the world the truth for this time. The number of laborers would greatly increase, and the work would grow in influence and extent. God's people would be light-bearers, shining amid the darkness of this degenerate age.

God has given all something to do. Those who are willing to work in self-denial and self-sacrifice will find their place. But those who seek only a safe and easy place need to be converted. Until their hearts are renewed, their purposes changed, God has no use for them in His work. By an unreserved consecration we are to prepare ourselves for His service. Our ministers are not to hover over the churches, regarding the churches in some particular place as their special care. And our churches should not feel jealous and neglected if they do not receive ministerial labor. They should themselves take up the burden, and labor most earnestly for souls. Believers are to have root in themselves, striking firm root in Christ, that they may bear fruit to His glory. As one man, they are to strive to attain one object,—the saving of souls.

All who know the truth should impart this knowledge to others. We need now to train men, and set them at work, giving them every facility for the impartation of truth. There is at this time a great dearth of laborers. Scores of men and women might be set at work. This need should have been foreseen. Our faith is not proportionate to the light God has given us. When our hearts are emptied of all selfishness, and cleansed by the Spirit of Christ, we shall be vessels meet for the Master's use.

God is waiting for men and women to awake to a sense of their responsibilities. He is waiting for them to link themselves with Him. Let them mark the signals for advance, and no longer be laggards in working out the will of the Lord.

Do we realise how large a number in the world are watching our movements? From quarters where we least expect, will come voices urging us forward in the work of giving to the world the last message of mercy. Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to recognise and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of providence. God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## Health Principles,—Their Object.

THE object of our medical institutions is clearly stated in Vol. 3, page 166, of "Testimonies for the Church," as follows: "This institution is designed of God to be one of the greatest aids in preparing a people to be perfect before God." (That means not only us, but our relations and neighbors as well.) "In order to attain to this perfection, men and women must have physical and mental strength to appreciate the elevated truths of God's Word, and be brought into a position where they will discern the imperfections in their moral characters." One of the greatest objects of our health reforms is to bring minds into a condition so that they may be impressed by God's Spirit and be able to discern their defects of character. Until this is done, no effort will be made to put on Christ, for they that feel whole do not feel the need of a physician, but they that are sick.

The great difficulty even with the remnant church—the Laodicean church—is they say and feel, "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." But they are deceived; this is not their true condition. The faithful Witness says, "And knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." The health principles have been given to the remnant church, that by right habits of living, their blood may be cleansed from all impurities, so that the minds which have been dulled and stupefied by these impurities may be brought into a condition to discern their poverty of character, and to discern their soul's needs and the truths of God's Word through which these needs are to be supplied. It is evident before these people can even have a desire to buy the "gold tried in the fire, that they may be rich, and white raiment, that they may be clothed," that they must see that they are poor and blind and miserable and naked, and nothing but the adoption of the principles of health will ever enable them to realise their condition. So long as the evil servant continues to eat and drink with the drunken, he will continue to smite his fellow-servants (and this lies at the foundation of church quarrels), and to say, "My Lord delayeth His coming." The Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and at an hour that he is not aware of." "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came and destroyed them all." How could they know while they were engaged in eating and drinking like the world about them? One of the first things Christianity must do for a man, in order to make development of character possible, is to correct his physical habits.

When the Lord anciently separated His people from Egypt, or the world, He promised to keep them from the diseases and plagues that were prevailing in Egypt, and to make of them a holy and peculiar people, a kingdom of priests, or teachers, to the nations about them. The very first thing He did to make freedom from disease, and holiness possible, was to correct their habits of life, by withholding from them impure and irritating foods and drinks, and replacing them by pure food and water for drink. A religion that does not correct a man's physical habits is not the religion of the Bible. "All these things (the experiences of Israel) were written for our admonition upon whom the ends of

the world are come;" "that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted, and were destroyed of the destroyer." By lusting after diseased and impure foods, they frustrated or neutralised God's efforts in their behalf. They invited the plague from which God desired to save them, for He knew what would result from the eating of flesh foods. To those who did not immediately perish it brought disease and leanness of soul. They remained troublers in Israel, smiters of their fellow-servants, murmurers and complainers. The same causes have largely cut off joy and gladness from the house of God to-day.

We are confronted with the same plagues, the same leanness of soul. "Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. Oh Lord, to Thee will I cry, for the fires have devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto Thee; for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness." Joel 1: 15-20.

Disease is already prevalent among the sheep, cattle, etc. For a long time warning voices have been heard calling attention to this. Owing to the lack of pasture and proper food, these creatures are compelled to eat weeds and rubbish that they would not otherwise touch. Just as the habitual morphine user is able to take enough morphine in a day to kill half a dozen ordinary men, which is nevertheless undermining his constitution, in the same way these animals may eat after a time considerable of these poisonous weeds, but it surely paves the way for an increase of disease. They are also compelled to drink water from stagnant pools,—water that is filled with decomposing matter and germs,—water that is impure. All of these things in connection with the scarcity of food will result in increasing greatly the disease among these animals. It is estimated that thirty-five million sheep have already perished in New South Wales and Queensland during the past year. The increase of disease among sheep is well known to sheep farmers. In a letter recently received from New Zealand the writer says, "I am surprised to see how much disease there is among young sheep. In one run of 500 sheep, scarcely one animal could be found that was free from lung worm." He further said, "The owner asked me to pick out the best of them and fatten them for the butcher." Some one will eat the diseased flesh of these animals, perhaps your relative or friend. The Lord knew what was coming upon the earth in the last days, and for this reason He imparted to us the knowledge which would enable us to escape the plagues, just as in the case of Israel. In no country on the face of the earth is more flesh consumed per capita than in Australasia. No country stands in greater danger of the plague and the pestilence that walketh in darkness. No country is in greater need of the principles of health. The time has certainly come when a special effort should be put forth to enlighten our neighbors who are living in ignorance of the impending evils and the causes of their poverty of soul. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

D. H. KRESS.

## What the Sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" Will Accomplish.

My heart is made glad in the Lord as I hear of the result of the effort to sell "Christ's Object Lessons." The sale of this book is the Lord's own plan, and His blessing is attending the effort being made to carry this plan to completion.

About two years ago, when I was asked what could be done to relieve our schools from debt, I laid the matter before the Lord, and there came to me the thought that I could give the book, "Christ's Object Lessons," to the schools. Then came another thought, "I have depended on this book to pay my workers, and I must be just before I am generous." In the night season I was considering the problem of my finances. I desired to save money to pay my debts, that I might be free from the burden of interest. But I could see no other way for the schools to be relieved than for me to give "Christ's Object Lessons" for this purpose, and I said, "It must be done." Then the conflict ended. Light filled my mind. I began at once to write to our publishing houses, asking them if they would not share the gift with me by giving the work that must be done in the publication of the book.

The plan was presented to me by the Lord as one that would be an all-round blessing. It was a plan by which leaders and people would be enabled to act a part and receive a blessing. Scene after scene was presented to me in which ministers were being aroused to act their part. Church members became interested, and whole families took part in the work. Angels of God united with the workers, opening doors for the canvassers to enter and tell the people of the work they were trying to do in selling "Christ's Object Lessons."

I saw that the book found ready sale. It was bought by thousands not of our faith; and some, after seeing the value of the matter it contained, bought several copies for distribution among their friends.

The workers gave their time, receiving nothing as far as money is concerned, but receiving a reward of infinitely greater value.

Individual action brought a consciousness of well doing. Those who engaged in the work improved in health of body and health of mind. They gained an experience that made their hearts glad in the Lord. They had no time to speak needless words. Their one thought was, "The book must be sold; for the debt must be lifted from the schools." It seemed as if in every place prayer could be heard; and faith in the work constantly increased. A happy enthusiasm filled the hearts of the workers.

I was made very happy by the result of the plan. And those who engaged in selling the book were happy. They helped one another to make the work a success.

I saw that in selling "Christ's Object Lessons" our people were learning how to handle larger books. They were being prepared to enter the canvassing field. The earnestness with which they took hold of the work showed that they appreciated the opportunity of learning how to canvass. Prejudice was removed. In becoming acquainted with the people, the workers gained a valuable experience. And as they were thus sinking fresh shafts, their example helped the church to see that all around them was work to do. There were those in the church who needed the experience to be gained by telling others

of the truth; and as they went forth to this work, their talents were greatly increased. The Saviour went before them, and the blessing of the Lord became His people's strength. The pulpit became a place of power.

I saw that the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" opened the way for the establishment of missions. In the church there was a revival of the missionary spirit. An earnest desire to learn how to work for the Lord was shown. Small companies gathered for prayer and Bible study. All moved forward with harmonious action. Believers went to places where the people have no opportunity to hear the Word of God, and gathered the children for Sabbath-school. Efforts were made to help isolated families. Plans were laid for these families to meet with other families for Bible study. Thus the way was opened for light to shine forth from the Word of God.

The foregoing is a brief description of what can be done by those who know the truth. With this representation of the results of selling "Christ's Object Lessons" before my mind, I have looked for the success now attending the faithful workers. I believe that this effort will arouse our people to see what can and should be done.

### A WORK IN WHICH ALL MAY HELP.

Many of the servants of Christ, although constantly reminded, seem to forget that they are stewards of their Lord's goods. I have been shown that many of them have become rusty from inaction. The Lord in His providence has now given them something to do, and has thus opened the way for them to help others to become acquainted with the special truths for this time. He has given them a work to do that will bring a great and grand result. In getting out of the easy-chair of self-satisfaction, and going forth to give the light of truth to their fellow-men, they will learn an excellent lesson. By selling "Christ's Object Lessons," they are doing a two-fold work,—helping to lift the debt from our schools, and at the same time giving the precious light of truth to those who need it.

I hope that no one who can engage in this work will excuse himself, and so lose the blessing that there is in it. This work is the means that the Lord has ordained for uniting the hearts of His people to one another by the same link that unites them to Himself. "We are laborers together with God." These words seem so appropriate to the work now being done.

There are many, many souls that the Lord Jesus desires to save. And He asks for our co-operation in this work. These souls cost Him an infinite price. Let the questions come home to us, "Are we willing to be workers together with God? Are we willing to go to those outside the faith, and plant in their hearts the seeds of truth?"

The work now being done with "Christ's Object Lessons" is a good beginning of the work the Lord desires to see carried forward by His people, because it calls for sacrifices and gifts, and because it enables all to act a part. It is a work in which old and young can engage. The Lord's plan has provided a way for all to do something. The more you do of this work, the less weary and the less perplexed you will be. As you go forth to sell the book the Lord has declared should be sold, you will realise that to you is spoken the benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you."

The work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons" is to accomplish double and triple good in different lines. Those who purchase the book feel that they are doing something to advance a worthy cause. The work is done with an earnestness that appeals to their hearts. It is a lesson to them, and although they are not of our faith, they appreciate the effort that is being made. They are impressed with the earnestness of the workers. They realise that what they are doing is commended by the Lord, who blesses every good work. Light shines into their hearts. To many the conviction of the Spirit will come through the seed sown by this unselfish work for the Master. The saving of precious souls will be the result of the work done in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons."

IN COMPANY WITH JESUS.

The Lord comes very near the workers, and angels go before them. My brethren and sisters, never forget whose company you are in. See by faith an angelic host around you. Believe that the Lord Jesus is by your side, that His glory enfolds you, that He is pouring upon you the refreshing showers of His grace. Speak and act to the glory of God. Say, "In thought, word, and deed I will be a blessing to those I meet. I will let light shine forth." Enter into conversation with the people. Become familiar with their experience, and from the book you are selling read passages that will help them. Take with you into their homes the sunshine of heaven. Outside of the truth, there is little enough of this sunshine now in the world.

As you seek to become acquainted with those who have no knowledge of the truth, as you strive to speak words in season, remember that you are God's helping hand, and that He will teach you to speak words which will cause light to shine into darkened minds. Doors will open for the work of soul-saving. Many who enter Christ's service at the eleventh hour will labor with great earnestness for Him. They will appreciate the wonderful truths of the Word of God, and will bring these truths into the daily life.

Let the workers remember that their spirit and their actions have a great influence on the minds of those they meet. Let them feel their dependence on God. It is only when we place ourselves in His hands, to be worked by His Spirit, that He can use us in breaking the power of the enemy over souls. Let them remember, too, that to those with whom they become acquainted in this work, they are to speak of the love of the Saviour, who, though He was rich, yet for our sake became poor, that we might be rich. He gave Himself to a life of lowliness, privation, and poverty, that He might know how to reach every suffering child of His. In all our afflictions He is afflicted. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Let us follow where He leads the way, denying self, and taking up the cross. As we share His humiliation in this life, partaking with Him in His suffering, we are preparing to share His glory in the future life.

I have never seen so good an opportunity for those who are willing to work, to give spiritual help to their neighbors and to strangers, as is presented in the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." Let all engage in this work, striving, in the meekness of Christ and the love of God, to communicate the light of truth. Go forward, brethren and sisters, and in forgetfulness of

self and unselfish effort for others you will receive a rich reward. Trust in the Lord for aid. Remember that when with thankful hearts you do the very best you can, you are closely allied with the angels of heaven. There is sympathy and co-operation between divine and human agencies. The Lord will open ways for you. He does not limit His grace to any special time or special effort. Only have a heart to obey His word, and your example will make an impression in favor of the truth. Only be wide awake to see your opportunities, and God will help you to improve them. Only do what you can, in humility and sincerity, and you will not lose the blessing the Lord has for you.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

KEPT.

KEPT by the mighty power of God  
Through faith to be revealed  
In time to come, by Christ our Lord,  
Who is our living Head.

1 Peter 1 : 5.

Kept for the heavenly Master's use,  
His laborer day by day;  
Together with Him in the field,  
And for Him toil and pray.

1 Cor. 3 : 9.

Kept that the crown of life may win,  
A promise, blessed and sure,  
To all who faithful shall remain,  
And to the end endure.

Jas. 1 : 12.

Kept in the fiery trials here,  
Enduring to the end,  
Partakers in the joys above  
With Christ, our dearest Friend.

1 Peter 4 : 12, 13.

Kept for His glory and His praise  
O may I ever be;  
And consecrate my life to Him  
Who gave His life for me.

—Sarah Young.

Let Us Cherish the Sabbath.

"By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." This being strictly true, it certainly becomes us to be very careful to observe the very words which God hath spoken. As a people, we profess to "remember the Sabbath day to *keep it holy*." Will the readers of the RECORD bear with me, and candidly consider two points in our practice of keeping the Sabbath holy that have of late given me some concern?

If we were entrusted with a holy thing with the solemn injunction that we *keep* or preserve its holy character, we would first of all need to be fully impressed with the fact that that object was holy. We would need to realise that contact with unholy things would defile that which is holy. See Hag. 2 : 12, 13. Hence, to keep the Sabbath holy, or to preserve its holy character, it must not be called common or unclean. If it be called so, it becomes so in our estimation, and it certainly can never be anything else than common in the minds of those that hear us.

The Lord says that we should "call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable." Isa. 58 : 13. The mouth and finger of God hath said, "The seventh day is the Sabbath." No other day of the week has been designated by name by divine authority; the Sab-

bath has been so designated. The ancient pagan world, moved by the great enemy of God and holiness, gave to that holy day the name of Saturday, or Saturn's day. God says it is "My holy day;" and He names it the Sabbath. Now we come out from the world on God's side, and say, "Yes, I'll keep it." Keep it how?—If we keep it in God's way, we shall keep it holy. But can we keep or preserve it holy if we call it unholy? To be explicit, is it consistent for people who have declared before God and the world that they believe the seventh day to be a holy thing, and that they purpose to keep it so, to call it by the heathen name of Saturday? To me this appears to be an important consideration, and it causes me no small degree of pain to hear professed Sabbath-keepers thus desecrating God's holy day. Simply refraining from work is not keeping the day holy. To do that we must sacredly regard its holy character. The Lord tells us distinctly that we should call it by a holy and honorable name. He who calls it Saturday or Saturn's day is not doing this, it seems to me. "What God hath cleansed, that call thou not common."

The custom of travelling upon the Sabbath, too, is one sure to encroach upon its sacredness unless held in strict restraint. It is customary to sell on our railways week-end excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates. This concession forms a strong temptation to us to violate the Sabbath. Whether or not it is justifiable to ride on trains on the Sabbath at all, I do not intend to discuss. Upon one point we all agree, that it is not right to do so except on the Lord's business, to visit the sick, or attend divine services.

No Sabbath-keeper should ever enter a train or car on his own business or pleasure on the Sabbath, and as far as it can be done, those going on the Lord's work should go before or after the Sabbath. The simple excuse of saving time or money is not sufficient to justify travelling on the Sabbath. I believe that ministers going on extended journeys should not travel on God's time to save leaving home a few hours earlier. How can we expect to lead people to sacrifice their worldly interests in order to observe the Sabbath if we do not show a deep regard for it? Not a few of our people have conscientious scruples about patronising any public conveyance on the Sabbath. Those who do not fully share these scruples should for the sake of others' consciences avoid giving offence as far as possible.

The following paragraph from "Testimony," Vol. 6, should be carefully considered:—

"If we desire the blessing promised to the obedient, we must observe the Sabbath more strictly. I fear that we often travel on this day when it might be avoided. In harmony with the light which the Lord has given in regard to the observance of the Sabbath, we should be more careful about travelling on the boats or cars on this day. In these matters we should set a right example before our children and youth. In order to reach the churches that need our help, and to give them the message that God desires them to hear, it may be necessary for us to travel on the Sabbath; but as far as possible we should secure our tickets and make all necessary arrangements on some other day. When starting on a journey we should make every possible effort to plan so as to avoid reaching our destination on the Sabbath."

The enemy is seeking in every possible way to weaken our grasp on the truth. Let us therefore cherish it more closely than ever.

G. C. TENNEY.

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Mrs. M. Masters, Malvern	8 8 15 0
<i>Coming King</i> —	
Mrs. Lear, Wangaratta ...	14 11 7 0
Miss C. Rule, Wangaratta	15 9 17 0
W. Codling, Clunes.....	7 5 1 2
J. F. Ward, Clunes .....	23 12 15 9
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —	
C. J. Ellis, Bendigo .....	3 2 9 0
B. Judge, Bendigo.....	5 3 10 6
W. Ryder, Bendigo.....	4 3 5 6
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —	
R. S. Bell, Shepparton.....	10 6 5 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —	
H. Hughes, Maffra .....	23 31 5 0
" (other books)	3 .. 16 6
	234 £284 5 11

Tasmania.

JUNE, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —Orders. Value.	
Miss Adcock, Midlands	23 £26 7 6
Mr J. Allen, N. W. Coast	53 72 2 6
" (other books)	1 1 10 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	
I. W. Rigby, N. E. Coast	12 19 0 0
A. W. Fair, .....	4 6 0 0
<i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> —	
Mr. J. Allen, N. W. Coast	24 19 17 6
<i>Coming King</i> —	
Miss Horne, Launceston..	7 3 1 6
<i>Great Controversy</i> —	
W. Rigby, Queenstown....	38 34 12 6
" (other books)	31 7 17 6
W. Fletcher, Launceston	14 10 0 0
	207 £200 9 0

Totals for June, 1902.

Orders. Value.	
New South Wales ...	411 £322 12 6
Victoria .....	234 284 5 11
Tasmania .....	207 200 9 0
New Zealand.....	157 137 0 6
Queensland.....	156 118 2 6
West Australia .....	132 155 12 0
South Australia .....	53 37 5 0
Grand Totals,	1350 £1255 7 5

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### THE WORK IN NEW ZEALAND.

OUR week of prayer service has been an interesting occasion, and I believe has been of profit to our churches generally. I spent the first part of the service in our little church of Kaikoura, midway between here and Christchurch, and the last Sabbath I spent at the latter place. We had a most excellent meeting on that day, when I read Brother Jones' article on "Our Service." At the close of the meeting I made a practical application of the article by calling on them to tell us with what the Lord has filled our hands, since consecration means the filling of the hand. At first they did not see the point, but later on they said with "Object Lessons," five copies in each hand. Then I asked how many of them would renew their efforts to sell this book, when apparently every hand in the congregation was raised. Just previous to this we had a most excellent testimony meeting as well, in which nearly every one took part. After the close of the meeting I had a good talk with Brother Smith, the elder of the church, and asked him to urge the matter of "Object Lessons" right along, so he has written me that last Sabbath he had another vote, when the church decided, by rising to their feet, that they would take and dispose of their full quota of books. By a second vote the majority of them expressed themselves as willing to pay for their books as soon as they received them. Is not all this good? The quota for this particular church is something over 600 books. Our entire proportion for New Zealand is 4,100 copies, and already we have sent out from our office in Wellington to the different churches, companies, and isolated members something over 2,000 copies. So you see we have got our work about half done. Personally I feel a deeper interest in this enterprise than I have at any time before. My visit to Dunedin did me good. I found our brethren were not doing anything with the book, and so recommended that our mission workers spend two hours every day in working with the book, and also to use the book as a work of reference in giving their regular Bible readings. Brother Pascoe went out that very day, and while giving a reading read a paragraph, when the lady suddenly asked him from what book he was reading. He told her, and then she wished to know if it would be possible for her to get a copy for herself. Of course the sale was very soon effected. In about a week after I left the mission, the folks wrote to Wellington for a fresh shipment of books, stating that they had taken orders for all they had on hand, twenty-seven in number.

Then, too, I had a good experience in Kaikoura. I took with me twenty-four books, and when old Sister Clemett saw what I had, she held up her hands in surprise, saying they could never be sold in Kaikoura. But during the fortnight I was there, I not only sold twenty-four books outright, receiving the cash for them, but I delivered twenty-four more and left seven to be delivered in a few days, making fifty-five in all. I had some most wonderful experiences. They did my soul good and fully vindicated God's promises to me. I had a very interesting time the morning I started out. Feeling it somewhat keenly, I had been praying, and when I rose to my feet, suddenly my eyes were riveted on something I beheld on the wall. I had not noticed it before, and now could not remove my eyes from it. In those words it seemed just as though God was speaking to my soul.

They were the words of the Lord to Joshua. "I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." I realise that the Lord fully vindicated this promise to me as I there engaged in the work. Sister Clemett, who is probably now past seventy years of age, and somewhat feeble, for she has had a severe attack of sickness, lying for a week unconscious, since our camp-meeting, but who has now fairly recovered again, told me that she too was going to sell her ten copies.

The Palmerston N. Church has ordered its full quota, and Brother Lacey is working up an interest in selling the books. The librarian of the tract society of Wanganui, Sister Beavis, was with us here in Wellington last Sabbath, and she told us in our testimony meeting that she was going to return to Wanganui to take hold of this work with more zeal than ever before. I have also asked Brother Lacey to visit them and especially assist in this line of work.

Brother Lyndon has been having grand experiences about Gisborne. He himself has sold about two hundred books, and is succeeding in getting the church to work there. With what he has sold, the Gisborne Church has had its full quota. In one of his recent letters to me he said that he had gleaned his first cluster of fruit as the result of "Object Lessons," in one family coming into the truth. In a second letter I received from him about a fortnight ago, it would appear that there is quite a stir being made by his quiet methods. The interest in the church at Gisborne is still increasing.

W. L. H. BAKER.

### "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" IN VICTORIA.

THE campaign for "Christ's Object Lessons" still continues in this State, and the money is coming in from the various "streams" for the relief of our school. The testimonies of those working are full of encouragement. One brother says, "I would not have missed this experience for anything; I have never felt the preciousness of the Lord's work so much before." Another sister, feeling all the "tremors" of a "new" canvasser, says, "When I started out, I felt I could not knock at the door, but I remembered the promise that an angel would go with me, and sent up an earnest petition that that promise might be fulfilled at once. Immediately I felt a 'divine Presence' with me, courage came, and I was successful in securing an order."

An isolated Sabbath-keeper writes, "We have enjoyed the week of prayer very much, and know the Lord has been near to bless, although we have been by ourselves. We can also testify to the presence of God's Spirit in selling 'Christ's Object Lessons.' I always said I could *never* canvass for a book, but I felt I must let that idea drop in this instance, and do my part in the sale of the book, and have felt when leaning wholly on the Lord that there has been power and influence."

One of the suburban church clerks writes, "We received great benefit from the instruction Brother Michaels gave us. We all felt bad over it, but I think I was the worst; but praise the Lord, pride and fear of meeting the public has been overcome. I said I would get away as far as possible, but at our first lesson the question was asked, 'Where shall we begin?' The answer was given, 'With our neighbors.' I can tell you I did have the 'shakes' as Brother Johanson calls it, but I fought against this, and grace was given me which has conquered. I went to my neighbor, and got a refusal,

but I went on and sold eleven books. Praise the Lord, it has brought blessings to my soul, and this is the experience of several who have engaged in the work in this church. The truth is shining brighter and brighter."

Since writing the above this same sister has sold twenty books, only making twenty-five calls, two being too poor to buy, and three too indifferent, one of which she intends visiting again. L. GREGG.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER IN WEST AUSTRALIA.

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer with the little "few" at Bunbury. I can truly say that God's good Spirit was with us. Each reading was fully appreciated, and the impulse of each heart was to do that which God had set forth in the article, and this appreciation is that which brings to effect the sanctifying power of the everlasting gospel as it is taught in the Third Angel's Message. At each meeting, without exception, each person responded and took part, the result being that each soul was blessed. My own soul was much refreshed. At the conclusion of the meetings we met together and celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and I can only describe the occasion by saying, It was good to be among those who sincerely showed their faith in the death of the Redeemer and the efficacy of His spilt blood. Another good experience we had during this week was in the visiting of the brethren, and on one occasion visiting an aged sister of eighty-three, who was unable to be present at our meetings, and having the ordinances with her. It would have done your soul good to have seen this dear aged sister enjoying this sacred privilege, and the kind thought of the brethren remembering her infirmity. If one may judge from the blessing we all got, I believe that the Master would have us think of our aged and afflicted brethren in this way. The donations of this little company amounted to six pounds. From Brother Knight, who conducted the meetings in Perth, I learn that the brethren there were much blessed. I have not yet heard from the other companies, so cannot report.

JESSE PALLANT.

#### COOKERNUP, W. A.

LAST Sabbath the writer, assisted by Brother Finster, held the first baptismal service at this place, when five men and three women were buried with their Lord and Master, and who have arisen with Him to walk in newness of life. The service was impressive, and hearts were touched. A number of others will be baptised in a little while. Another pleasing circumstance in connection with this visit was the organisation of the church. God has in this place some nineteen adult Sabbath-keepers, who we trust will ever consecrate themselves to Him that He may sanctify them by the power of the truth. JESSE PALLANT.

#### CORNDALE, N. S. W.

ANOTHER week of prayer has come and gone, but "thanks be to God," it came fraught with His blessings, and "glory be to His holy name," many of these were sealed to our hearts. As we look back we can see how God's Holy Spirit came to prepare our hearts to receive rays of precious light. Psalms 105: 1-4 expresses the sentiments of many as a result of this season.

In order that all could unite and enjoy the privilege of seeking God, meetings were held in different localities.

Brother Hindson was with us part of the time, but on account of business was obliged to leave before the close.

The weather was good, and we were thus enabled to carry out our programme. All joined heartily in the sentiments expressed in each of the readings, and expressed a determination, by God's grace, to imbibe every truth grasped, in their hearts and lives.

The offerings amounted to £6 10s 6d. May God's Holy Spirit accompany the amount, and thus gain the object for which it was given,—souls for the kingdom.

At the close of the last Sabbath service, one soul put on Christ by baptism, thus signifying her intention to minister the virtues of Him who hath called her out of darkness into His marvellous light.

F. W. PAAP.

ALFRED DAVIES.

*Elders.*

#### WANGANUI, N. Z.

THE week of prayer was indeed a time of refreshing here. The readings were very much appreciated, and a great blessing was derived from them. We felt that God was with us, and showing us that we were living in a time when He requires us to work in His vineyard, and that the time is not far distant when His laborers are to be rewarded. The meetings were held in the church each evening. In the absence of a minister each member took a reading. The gifts amounted to £4 16s. We are all rejoicing in the thought that the week of prayer has not been in vain. J. McDOUGALL.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER AT PROSPECT, N. S. W.

SABBATH, June 21, marked the close of a week's spiritual blessing. On the above date, all the members present testified of the Lord's goodness to them, and the rich blessings they received during the week. While the offerings were small, we feel sure that in most cases it was the widow's mite. The offerings amounted to two pounds. J. H. S.

THE *Australasian Good Health* appears this month in a new cover. We trust the effort to improve the journal will be appreciated, and that it will result in a renewed effort on the part of all in its free circulation. Let each member in each church take the journal and feed upon the good things it contains, then, if these things be in you and abound, they make you that "ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful" in your labors for others. Canvass your neighbors and your friends. Health reform is the right arm of the message; it opens the way for further truth.

We make the following offer to those who desire to send copies to friends: send two shillings and the name of a friend, and the journal will be forwarded for one year. We will send it to three addresses for five shillings. Send money orders to *Good Health* Office, 283 Pitt Street, Sydney.

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## AVONDALE HEALTH RETREAT.

RECENTLY a school teacher who was a patient at the Retreat, on leaving said, "It was a question with me whether I should come here, or go to my sister for a visit. The good Spirit evidently led me to come here." He further added, "I want to express to you my gratitude for the help I have received physically and spiritually. This has been to me a foretaste of heaven." This is as it should be.

The order, harmony, and spirit of heaven should permeate our institutions, and give to those who come something of an idea of what heaven is like. God is blessing the work and workers in their efforts to raise the standard of truth. *We are in need of a few more young men.* None need apply but those who have forsaken all and are willing to dedicate their lives to the work of blessing humanity. To those who forsake all, as Abraham did, the promise is, "And thou shalt be a blessing."

Those who qualify themselves for this work and are thoroughly dedicated to God and humanity need never seek employment. Disease will continue to increase until God's work for humanity closes. There will always be need of the ministry of love, the laying on of hands, as long as the world stands. We should be pleased to receive word from any who are desirous of taking up this work.

A LETTER just received from Pastor C. H. Parker and wife, tells of their safe arrival at Suva, Fiji. Before the letter was mailed, Brethren Fulton and Parker had taken passage on a small cutter to visit the Law district, where three new companies have just begun the observance of the Sabbath as the result of literature circulated in their midst. The inhabitants of other islands in the Fijian group are becoming interested through the same medium. Let us pray the Lord's blessing upon the seed being sown among this people, and that our brethren may be given wisdom from above to gather in many precious souls for the heavenly garner.

THE first leaflet of the *Good Health* library, entitled, "Food, Its Relation to Health," is ready for distribution. We desire the co-operation of all lovers of reform in its free circulation. The leaflet is neatly gotten up and is attractive in appearance, and just fits an ordinary envelope. It is thoroughly scientific, yet clothed in simple language. It will not create prejudice, but appeals to lovers of truth. Sold at one penny per copy, one hundred copies at 5/-, and five hundred copies at 20/-. Send orders in at once to tract society offices, or 283 Pitt Street, Sydney. It contains the very help the people need.

ENCOURAGING reports come to us from over the water as to the progress being made by the Healdsburg College, California, during the past year. The enrollment has reached nearly 300 pupils, which is the largest it has ever attained. A marked decrease has been made in the indebtedness.

THE Avondale School has during the past few weeks disposed of several allotments of uncleared land, aggregating over seventy acres in all. There is still a large tract for sale in allotments ranging from one acre upwards.

## ANNUAL OFFERINGS, NEW ZEALAND.

THE contributions from the various churches are as follows: Auckland, £4 9s 6d; Christchurch, £12 1s 5d; Dunedin, £1 5s 8d; Epsom, £1 0s 6d; Gisborne, £3 16s; Hastings, £1 10s; Kaeo, £3 11s 8d; Napier, £24 17s 1d; Ormondville, £1 14s 6d; Palmerston N., £2 18s; Parkhurst, 18s; Wanganui, £4 16s; Wellington, £3 11s; Westport, 7s 6d; also from companies and isolated Sabbath-keepers, £10 4s 1d; making a total of £77 0s 11d from the week of prayer in the New Zealand Conference.

## A YEAR OF DISASTERS.

THE following quotation from the *Chicago Tribune* of recent date shows how the minds of observing men are being impressed with the extraordinary and ominous nature of the times we have now reached:—

"One woe doth tread upon another's heel, so fast they follow.' Public interest in the recent disasters among the West Indian Islands has hardly begun to abate before reports come of others, which, but for the exceptional magnitude of the former, would be regarded as unusual in their fatality. The cyclone which struck the little town of Goliad, Texas, on Sunday, not only nearly destroyed the place, but left in its wake ninety dead and over one hundred injured,—an unusual cyclone record for a single locality. The mine explosion at Coalcreek, Tennessee, is the worst of the year, not one of the one hundred and fifty men employed in the mine escaping. Simultaneously with these events comes the news of a terrible hurricane which swept over the Province of Scinde, in British India, carrying away houses, bridges, and embankments, and washing away miles of railroad tracks. The few words, 'many lives were lost,' are significant.

"The prophets who predicted that 1902 would be a year of disasters were correct. . . . Nature has not been so busy with her forces of devastation for many years past as she has been during the first five months of the present year. Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have destroyed 48,450 lives, storms 704, tornadoes 416, cyclones 220, floods 333, avalanches 228, tidal waves 103, snowslides 39, and waterspouts 12, a total of 50,505 lives destroyed by nature's elemental disturbances. If to this were added the lives lost by agencies over which man has more or less control, such as fires, mine disasters, explosions, railroad accidents, and vessel wrecks, it would be increased to over 60,000, and this takes no account of individual lives lost in this country, which would bring the grand total up to about 100,000 lives lost in the short period of five months."

In the presence of these great natural convulsions, man is powerless, and probably always will be.