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

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The Importance of a Knowledge of Health Principles.

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

We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with the victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realise their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light bearers to the world. To hide our light at this time is to make a terrible mistake. The message to God's people to-day is, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

On every hand we see those who have had much light and knowledge deliberately choosing evil in the place of good. Making no attempt to reform, they are growing worse and worse. But the people of God are not to walk in darkness. They are to walk in the light, for they are reformers.

Before the true reformer, the medical missionary work will open many doors. No one need wait until called to some distant field before beginning to help others. Wherever you are you can begin at once. Opportunities are within the reach of every one. Take up the work for which you are held responsible,—the work that should be done in your home and in your neighborhood. Wait not for others to urge you to action. In the fear of God, go forward without delay, bearing in mind your individual responsibility to Him who gave His life for you. Act as if you heard Christ calling upon you personally to do your utmost in His service. Look not to see who else is ready. If you are truly consecrated, God will, through your instrumentality, bring into the light others whom He can use as channels to convey light to many who are groping in darkness.

All can do something. In an effort to excuse themselves, some say, "My home duties, my children, claim my time, and my means." Parents, your children should be your helping hand, increasing your power and ability to work for the Master. Children are the younger members of the Lord's family. They should be led to consecrate themselves to God, whose they are by creation and by redemption. They should be taught that all their powers of body, mind, and soul are His. They should be trained to help in various kinds of unselfish

service. Do not allow your children to be hindrances. With you the children should share spiritual as well as physical burdens. By helping others they increase their own happiness and usefulness.

THE HOME READING CIRCLE.

Let our people show that they have a living interest in medical missionary work. Let them prepare themselves for usefulness by studying the books that have been written for our instruction in these subjects. These books deserve much more attention and appreciation than they have received. Much that is for the benefit of all to understand has been written for the special purpose of instruction in the principles of health. Those who study and practise these principles will be greatly blessed, both physically and spiritually. An understanding of the philosophy of health will be a safeguard against many of the evils that are continually increasing.

Many who desire to obtain knowledge of medical missionary work have home duties that will sometimes prevent them from meeting with others for study. These may learn much in their own homes in regard to the expressed will of God concerning missionary work, thus increasing their ability to help others. Fathers and mothers, obtain all the help you can from the study of our books and publications. Read the *Good Health*, for it is full of valuable information. Take time to read to your children from the health books, as well as from the books treating more particularly on religious subjects. Teach them the importance of caring for the body,—the house they live in. Form a home reading circle, in which every member of the family shall lay aside the busy cares of the day, and unite in study. Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, take up this work heartily, and see if the home church will not be greatly improved.

Especially will the youth who have been accustomed to reading novels and cheap storybooks, receive benefit by joining in the evening family study. Young men and young women, read the literature that will give you true knowledge, and that will be a help to the entire family. Say firmly, I will not spend precious moments in reading that which will be of no profit to me, and which only unfits me to be of service to others. I will devote my time and my thoughts to acquiring a fitness for God's service. I will close my eyes to frivolous and sinful things. My ears are the Lord's, and I will not listen to the subtle reasoning of the enemy. My voice shall not in any way be subject to a will that is not under the influence of the Spirit of God. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and every power of my being shall be consecrated to worthy pursuits.

The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand. If in every church they would consecrate themselves to Him, if they would practise self-denial in the home, relieving their careworn mothers, the mothers could find time to make neighborly visits; and when opportunity offered, they could themselves give assistance by doing little errands of mercy and love. Books and papers treating on the subject of health and temperance could be placed in many homes. The circulation of this literature is an important matter; for thus precious knowledge can be imparted in regard to the treatment of disease,—knowledge that would be a great blessing to those who cannot afford to pay for a physician's visits, or for drugs, which, even if obtained, are only an injury.

DUTY OF PARENTS TO INSTRUCT AND TRAIN THEIR CHILDREN.

Parents should seek to interest their children in the study of physiology. But few among the youth have any definite knowledge of the mysteries of life. The study of the wonderful human organism, the relation and dependence of its complicated parts, is one in which many, even parents, take little interest. They do not understand the influence of the body upon the mind or of the mind upon the body. Needless trifles occupy their attention, and then they plead a lack of time as an excuse for not obtaining the information necessary to enable them properly to instruct their children.

If all would obtain a knowledge of this subject, and would feel the importance of putting it to practical use, we should see a better condition of things. Parents, teach your children to reason from cause to effect. Show them that if they violate the laws of health, they must pay the penalty by suffering. Show them that recklessness in regard to bodily health tends to recklessness in morals. Your children require patient, faithful care. It is not enough for you to feed and clothe them; you should seek also to develop their mental powers, and to imbue their hearts with right principles. But how often are beauty of character and loveliness of temper lost sight of in the eager desire for outward appearance! Parents, be not governed by the world's opinion; labor not to reach its standard. Decide for yourselves what is the great aim of life, and then bend every effort to reach that aim. You cannot with impunity neglect the proper training of your children. Their defective characters will publish your unfaithfulness. The evils that you permit to pass uncorrected—the coarse, rough manners, the disrespect and disobedience, the habits of indolence and inattention—will bring dishonor to your names and bitterness into your lives. The destiny of your children rests to a great extent in your hands. If you fail in duty, you may place them in the ranks of the enemy, and make them his agents in ruining others; on the other hand, if you faithfully instruct them, if in your own lives you set before them a godly example, you may lead them to Christ, and they in turn will influence others, and thus many may be saved through your instrumentality.

Fathers and mothers, do you realise the importance of the responsibility resting upon you? Do you realise the necessity of guarding your children from careless, demoralising habits? Allow your children to form only such associations as will have a right influence upon their characters. Do not allow them to be out in the evening unless you know where they are, and what they are doing. Instruct them in the principles of moral purity. If you have neglected to teach them line upon line, pre-

cept upon precept, here a little and there a little, begin at once to do your duty. Take up your responsibilities, and work for time and for eternity. Let not another day pass without confessing your neglect to your children. Tell them that you mean now to do your God-appointed work. Ask them to take hold with you in the reform. Make diligent efforts to redeem the past. No longer remain in the condition of the Laodicean church. In the name of the Lord I call upon every family to show its true colors. Reform the church in your own home.

As you faithfully do your duty in the home, the father as a priest of the household, the mother as a home missionary, you are multiplying agencies for doing good outside of the home. As you improve your own powers, you are becoming better fitted to labor in the church and in the neighborhood. By binding your children to yourselves and to God, fathers and mothers and children become laborers together with God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

God's Plan to Enlighten the World.

UNLESS the light which has been given you is communicated to others, unless you let your light shine, it will go out in darkness, and your soul will be in awful peril. God speaks to every one who knows the truth, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." *Communicate the knowledge of the truth to others. This is God's plan to enlighten the world.—Review and Herald, June 25, 1895.*

God has not given us light simply that we may bask in it, and selfishly enjoy it; but it is given to us that we may give it to others. Christ said, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." What was the object of Christ's coming to this world?—It was to reveal the character of God before not only this world, but before the universe. Just as Christ was sent to do that, in the same manner we are sent by Christ to reveal Him to the people of this world as their Saviour. We can do this only by having Him abiding in us, and thus having the same self-sacrificing missionary spirit that was a characteristic of His life.

God's plan is to "communicate the knowledge of the truth to others." We need not rack our brains to make elaborate plans for the extension of this work, for here is given in one short sentence a plan that if carried out will do the work. I know that we all can not leave everything, and go to some foreign country, and "communicate the knowledge of the truth to others," being living epistles, known and read by those people; but we, whose business, it seems, is yet for a little time to remain at home, can give of our means to enable some to go to carry this message to others, and to send the printed page to every land. We must be ready, however, to go to any place when the Lord calls. Notice the following statement, taken from the same number of the *Review* :—

If you do not stand in your allotted place, if you do not let your light shine, you will become enshrouded in darkness. God calls upon all the sons and daughters of the heavenly family to be fully equipped, so that at any period they can step into the ranks ready for action. The heart made tender and sympathetic by the love of Jesus will find the precious pearls designed for the casket of the Lord Jesus.

Please read the following statement in the little pamphlet entitled, "Home Missionary Work." You have doubtless read it before; but it is applicable in this connection :—

We are pressing on to the final conflict, and this is no time to compromise; it is no time to hide your colors. When the battle rages sore, let no one turn traitor. It is no time to lay down and

conceal our weapons, and give Satan the advantage in the warfare; but unless you watch, and keep your garments unspotted from the world, you will not stand true to your Captain. It is no time for watchmen to slumber on the walls of Zion. [We as a people are all watchmen, in one sense of the word; for we are all ministers of the grace of Jesus Christ.] Let them be wide awake. Call to your fellow watchmen, crying, "The morning cometh, and also the night."

When I read the foregoing, my mind was impressed with an experience I had during the late Civil War in the United States. It was my misfortune to be a prisoner of war for a time in Andersonville. Those set to guard the prison were stationed on the top of the wall, perhaps two or three hundred feet from each other, entirely around the stockade. They had a custom, just as soon as dark came on, of calling the hour of night, beginning with the first post, or where the officer's headquarters were. The first guard would call out, "Post No. 1; twelve o'clock; and all is well." The second guard would take it up, and he would call out the same thing; and thus it would go, until it went around the prison enclosure, back to the place where it started.

The object in that was to find out if any one of the sentinels was asleep. We used to listen to that call, and notice that it would go all right for a time, until it would get up to sentinel No. 18 or 20, perhaps, and then it would stop. There would be no response to the call from the next man. Then the one who had called out last, would call out again. No response. He would call the third time. No response. Then he would start that call back from whence it came, and he would say, "Twelve o'clock, and No. 20 asleep;" and it would go back the line to the officer of the guard. Then the officer would immediately send a sergeant with a man to put in the place of the one found asleep who would be placed under arrest, to be tried for sleeping on guard; and any one who has been a soldier knows what that signifies.

We used to notice how some of these men would respond, just like a person partially awakened out of sleep,—so nearly asleep that he could scarcely hear the call, answering more from habit than from an active, wide-awake interest in the work he was set to do,—just barely escaping being caught. Sleeping at our post now will not meet with such summary punishment as was given them, but it will be more fatal in its final consequences.

Thus the Lord says:—

It is no time for watchmen to slumber on the walls of Zion. Let them be wide awake. Call to your fellow watchmen, in no sleepy tones, crying, "The morning cometh, and also the night." It is no time now to relax our efforts, to become tame and spiritless; no time to hide our light under a bushel, to speak smooth things, to prophesy deceit. Every power is to be employed for God. You are to maintain your allegiance, bearing testimony for God and for truth. Be not turned aside by any suggestion the world can make. We cannot afford to compromise. There is a living issue before us, of vital importance to the remnant people of God, to the very close of this earth's history, for eternal interests are involved. On the very eve of this crisis, it is no time to be found with an evil heart of unbelief, departing from the living God.

Let all who read these words resolve to take hold of the work as never before. Librarians, begin a missionary revival in your church. Order a supply of tracts and periodicals, and inaugurate a systematic arrangement whereby each member can to the best advantage "communicate his knowledge of the truth to others." In this manner only can we prepare the way for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is to ripen up the harvest of the earth and insure the speedy return of our Lord.

GEO. A. IRWIN.

The Church—God's Voice.

A PERFECT body is one that is symmetrically developed, one in which each member is perfect, doing perfectly the work for which it was brought into existence. It is so with the body of Christ, the church. In Christ, the living Head, dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. In Him dwells the Spirit of God with its various manifestations in its completeness. He gives, or divides, to each member of the church severally as He will. To every member He gives its work. The work of the hand is never given to the foot, or the work of the foot to the hand. Perfection, or to be Christlike, does not signify that one man will be in possession of *all* the gifts of the Spirit, but he will be so fully under the control of the Head that He will do perfectly the work for which he was brought into existence. The gifts of the Spirit are imparted to every believer according to his need to do the Lord's work. A perfect member in Christ will not feel that *he* is the body, and that he does not need the counsel and co-operation of the other members of the body to make his work a success. "Without counsel, purposes are disappointed, but in a multitude of counsellors there is safety." Even those members of the body which seem more feeble are necessary to ascertain God's mind. The Spirit of God unifies believers. He does not create independence or divisions. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." "By one Spirit are we all baptised into one body." The body is not one member, but many. When Paul, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" the Lord did not encourage independence, but connected him with His church, and said, "Arise, go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." Through his organised church, Saul's duty and future work was made plain. When the time came for him to go to the Gentiles, the Lord again spoke to the *church*, saying, "Separate unto Me Saul and Barnabas for the work whereunto I have called them." It takes all the manifestations of the Spirit, as revealed through the various members of the body, fitly to represent Christ. This is God's voice. A healthy church composed of members that recognise this is a perfect church. The ear will not say, Because I cannot do the work of the eye I am not of the body, and will not do anything. Neither will one member act independently of the others, and say, I have no need of the rest.

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another."

D. H. KRESS.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

NEW SOUTH WALES CONFERENCE.

THE seventh annual session of the New South Wales Conference was held in connection with the Burwood camp-meeting, October 9-19. The twelve churches of the conference were represented by fifty delegates. A large number of other members were also in attendance. Pastors G. A. Irwin, J. A. Burden, and Dr. D. H. Kress of the Union Conference were present. Nine meetings of the conference were held.

Three new churches were admitted into the conference. These are located at Epping, Corndale, and Goulburn. The Goulburn Church was organised after the close of the conference year. Church buildings have been erected at Epping and Corndale. During the fiscal year ending June 30, fifty were received into the conference by baptism and four by vote, making the membership at that date 656.

The reports and financial statements presented by the secretary and treasurer of the conference, tract society, and Sabbath-school department, showed a prosperous year, notwithstanding the severe drought through which we have been passing. The conference receipts in tithes, offerings, etc., amounted to £1,472 7s 3d, while the expenses for the same period were £1,307 7s 2d, leaving a gain of £165 0s 1d. The gain of the tract society on the year's working was £68 18 3½d, while the receipts from the Sabbath-schools for missionary purposes were £172 4s 11d, or 67½ per cent. more than was given the previous year.

The success which has attended the canvassing work has been especially marked. In the face of drought and disaster, the work has gone steadily forward. The number of orders taken for subscription books during the year was 4,533, the value of which amounted to £4,072 7s 3d. In addition to this, helps numbering 5,600 and valued at £287 12s were sold by agents. The increase in the sales made by agents over the previous year amounted to £662 4s 1d. In all this can be seen the manifestation of the Lord's care for His work, and our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving to Him.

The Lord has also blessed in other lines of tract society work, especially in the circulation of our periodicals through the sales made by members, by distribution on ship-board, and in connection with missionary correspondence. Souls are rejoicing in the truth as the result of this work.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:—

FOR PRESIDENT: G. A. Snyder.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: G. A. Irwin.

FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. Hindson.

FOR TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. Hindson.

FOR CANVASSING AGENT: P. B. Rudge.

FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs J. Hindson.

FOR SECRETARY FOR CHURCH AND FAMILY SCHOOLS: Miss Hattie Andre.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: G. A. Snyder, G. A. Irwin, J. Hindson, G. C. Tenney, G. F. Goodman.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: G. F. Goodman, T. H. Patching, A. R. Sherwin, P. H. Lloyd, F. L. Sharp, F. W. Martin.

Corresponding Secretary and Accountant of the tract society to be appointed by the Conference Committee.

Credentials and licenses were granted as follows:

CREDENTIALS: G. A. Snyder, G. C. Tenney, W. Woodford.

LICENSES: F. W. Paap, G. W. Tadich, W. J. McGowan.

MISSIONARY LICENSES: J. Hindson, P. B. Rudge, Mrs. J. Hindson, Miss A. S. Higgins, Miss A. E. Pearce, Miss A. Walker.

The following recommendations and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, The subject of education has come to occupy so important a place in our denominational work, and recognising the fact stated in the Spirit of Prophecy that the "school is the most important institution in our world," also that "all our children should have the privileges and blessings of a training in our schools," therefore,

We recommend, That all our people put forth an earnest effort to forward the cause of Christian education by encouraging and assisting all suitable young people above fifteen years of age to enter the Avondale School for the purpose of fitting themselves for work in the Lord's vineyard.

Recognising the value of early Christian training, we would urge upon all parents the importance of beginning this work through the agency of home training and the church school.

A proper education of our children being a duty highly incumbent upon us, we recommend that this conference appoint a church and family school secretary, whose duty it will be to labor for the establishment and upbuilding of this important branch of the Lord's work, and we recommend that the work of this secretary be carried on under the advice of the Conference Committee and Avondale School.

Whereas, We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy, "If the church would manifest a greater interest in the reforms which God Himself has brought to them, to fit them for His coming, their influence would be tenfold what it now is," (Vol. 3, page 171) and that "God designs that the great subject of health reform shall be agitated, and the public mind deeply stirred to investigate; because it is impossible for men and women with all their sinful, health-destroying, brain-enservating habits to discern sacred truths, through which they are to be sanctified, elevated, and made fit for the society of the heavenly angels in the kingdom of glory," (Vol. 3, page 162),

We recommend and urge upon our people to obtain an intelligent knowledge of the principles of health by the study of our literature, in order that they may be able successfully to impart these principles to others.

We recommend, That a united effort be made to circulate freely our health literature, especially our health journal, *Good Health*; that canvassers be encouraged to take hold of this work, and that the general canvassing agent be requested to give encouragement and instruction to canvassers for the journal. And we recommend that our *Echo* workers sell the journal in connection with the *Bible Echo*.

We recommend, That schools of health be conducted wherever a membership of forty can be secured to the International Health and Temperance Association, or where one hundred yearly full paid subscriptions for the *Good Health* be secured; that their schools be conducted under the auspices of the International Health Association, free of charge to such members or subscribers.

We recommend, That our Sabbath-schools set apart the collections of one or more Sabbaths in the quarter, as may be necessary, for the running expenses of the school, and that all other collections be used only for such mission work as shall be specified by the Union Conference.

Resolved, That we urge the importance of faithful, daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons in the home, and that we suggest that such study occupy a prominent place in family worship.

We recommend, That earnest efforts be made by Sabbath-school officers, teachers, and members to secure the regular attendance at Sabbath-school of all church members, and that we unite in laboring to get all whom we can influence to join the school and share its blessings.

We recommend, The appointment of suitable persons to act as ship missionaries in sea ports where our churches are located. That the selection of these persons rest with the officers of the church and the general agent. That this work be carried forward under their direction. That literature for this work be furnished

by the State society, and that when necessary the society assist the work financially.

We recommend, That each church in the conference be so organised that every member will have some definite line of missionary work assigned him.

Resolved, That we urge upon all our churches the importance of having weekly missionary meetings, in which definite instruction be given on various lines of active missionary work, and members be encouraged to tell their experiences in laboring for others.

We recommend, That each church member be urged to become a regular reader of the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD, and that church elders and librarians be asked to labor earnestly to this end.

We recommend, That wherever there is an organised church or company of Sabbath-keepers, the members be encouraged to circulate the *Bible Echo* and *Good Health* in their vicinity.

We recommend, That periodical sellers be subsidised by the conference to the extent of fifteen dozen *Bible Echoes* and two dozen *Good Healths* a week, to go as pioneers to towns which have not yet been visited by the living preacher. That they be appointed by the Conference Committee and be under the direction of the State agent.

We recommend, That the fourth Sabbath offerings in our churches be taken in the interest of the local tract society work, to be used for purchasing literature, and assisting in other lines of aggressive missionary work.

We recommend, That we set apart the last Sabbath in January of each year for a collection in the churches to go to the New South Wales Tract Society for its missionary work.

Resolved, That this conference extend to the Californian Conference a hearty vote of thanks for assisting us in our financial burdens during the past year.

The following changes were made in the Constitution:—

Article 2, section 5 was amended so as to read, "It shall be the duty of the conference to appoint, in connection with each annual meeting, a committee of six who have not been in the employ of the conference, and who, with the Executive Committee, shall constitute an Auditing Committee to examine and settle all accounts of laborers presented to the conference during the year."

Article 5, section 2 was expunged.

Article 6, section 1 was amended so as to read, "It shall be the duty of the ministers and other laborers of this conference to make to the secretary of the conference at the close of each quarter a detailed and written report of their labors, expenses, receipts on salary, and donations."

Article 6, section 2 was expunged.

The balance-sheet of the conference was read as follows:—

LIABILITIES.		JUNE 30, 1902.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Loans	596 2 10	Stanmore Church Debt	138 0 5		
Material Fund C. O. Lessons	8 0 0	Tents and Fixtures	182 7 6		
Hamilton Church Fund	3 1 8	Other Property	109 8 9		
Maitland Church Fund	10 0 0	Stable Account	12 12 6		
Workers' Audited Accounts	98 14 0	Sundry Accounts	13 9 3		
Sundry Accounts	14 18 11	N. S. W. Bank	12 16 10		
		Cash in Hand	5 18 11		
		Balance	256 3 3		
To Balance	£730 17 5		£730 17 5		
	256 3 3				
Dr.		PROFIT AND LOSS.		Cr.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Loss to June 30, 1901	421 1 4	Tithe for Year	1303 0 0		
Tithe to Union Conference	135 18 2	Donations	61 6 0		
Interest	13 16 8	Camp Expense, Singleton	2 15 1		
Wages	1126 12 3	Church-school, Wallsend	22 4 3		
Stable Account	4 2 1	Tent Fund	23 1 2		
Expense	26 18 0	Balance	256 3 3		
	£1728 10 6		£1728 10 6		
Deficit June 30, 1901	£421 3 4				
Deficit June 30, 1902	256 3 3				
Gain to June 30, 1902	165 0 1				

This report was adopted.

G. A. SNYDER, *President*.

J. HINDSON, *Secretary*.

NEW SOUTH WALES CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE.

It is now five years since the Stanmore camp-meeting, and subsequent ones have been so far from Sydney that but few from this district could attend. Consequently, it was deemed best to hold this year's meeting in the metropolitan district. A pleasant grove on the railway between Burwood and Croydon was chosen. A little over sixty family tents, and three meeting tents, composed the camp. The meeting opened Thursday evening, October 9. The attendance of our own people was remarkably good. On each Sabbath there were nearly 600 Sabbath-keepers on the ground. During the week the meetings were well sustained.

On the part of the general public the attendance was not so large. Both Sundays were rainy. During the first Sunday about six inches of water fell. A third storm during the week fell upon the camp. But through it all we realised the protection of our heavenly Father. The discomfort produced no murmuring, and no harm came to anyone. Elders Irwin and Snyder and Dr. Kress bore the principal part of the public work, though the other ministers were called upon to assist. The early meetings were occupied by Elder Irwin with Bible studies on timely and important themes. The camp was portioned off for devotional meetings at 8.30, the rest of the forenoon being used chiefly for "Christ's Object Lessons" and conference meetings.

The time of the conference was largely employed in considering the practical phases of our work. The statistical reports and minutes will doubtless be furnished by others, and need not be given here. All felt thankful to God for the goodness and prosperity which have attended the work through the year. Three new churches, Epping, Corndale, and Goulburn, were admitted to the conference. Pastor G. A. Snyder was re-elected president, with Pastor G. A. Irwin vice-president. J. Hindson was chosen secretary and treasurer of the conference and secretary and treasurer of the tract society. The Conference Committee is composed of G. A. Snyder, G. A. Irwin, J. Hindson, G. C. Tenney, and G. F. Goodman.

On both Sabbaths there was a special manifestation of the blessing and power of God. This was especially true on the second Sabbath. After an earnest exhortation by Brother Irwin, many responded with contrition of heart to the Spirit's invitation. The Lord graciously drew near in power, and a great victory was gained. The regular meeting closed on Sunday the nineteenth, but evening services were held in the large tent until Wednesday. A smaller tent has been pitched in the neighborhood, and services are to be continued. Pastors Snyder, F. W. Paap, and W. J. McGowan will conduct these meetings as the interest may demand. Not a few, we judge, are deeply interested, and we may hope for good results to the community. It is arranged that Brethren Woodford and Tadich will unite in a tent effort at Wallsend, near Newcastle.

G. C. TENNEY.

Our canvassers in Great Britain sell books five days in the week, and then each sells at least 100 copies of *Present Truth* on Sunday. Brother Brandt who is just beginning that work, stands at the head of the list, I believe, by selling 215 copies in less than five hours. His highest record was 225 copies for one Sunday.

E. R. P.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

New Zealand.

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

<i>Home Hand Book—Orders. Value.</i>	
J. Knox, Wangamui	17 £27 15 0
C. Honour, Auckland	12 20 0 0
Mrs. M. Hamilton, Nelson	9 13 10 0
A. F. Rickards, Invercargill	5 8 10 0
Mrs. Covell, Blenheim	1 1 10 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece—</i>	
W. J. Redhead, Ch. Ch.	76 79 6 6
<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
Mrs. Covell, Blenheim	25 25 7 6
Mrs. F. Smith, Christch'ch	10 10 7 6
Mrs. A. Kinnear, Auckland	4 3 13 6
W. J. Redhead, Ch. Ch.	1 1 0 0
<i>Desire of Ages—</i>	
W. J. Redhead, Ch. Ch.	5 5 0 0
<i>Patriarchs & Proph.—</i>	
W. W. Ward, Wellington	16 11 2 6
<i>II. of the Morning—</i>	
C. E. Reynolds, Ch. Ch.	25 8 16 6
<i>Coming King—</i>	
Miss E. Ward, Auckland	15 4 13 6
G. Smith, Gisborne	10 3 9 0
Mrs. Kinnear, Auckland	4 1 2 0
	235 £225 3 6
Good Health subscriptions	199
Echo sales, Miss Owen	1920

New South Wales.

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

<i>Daniel & Revelation—Orders. Value.</i>	
A. Hodgkinson, Glen Innes	5 £ 5 2 6
R. Salton, Glen Innes	1 1 8 6
G. Wood, Narrabri	35 29 0 4
H. J. Cooper, Blake Brook	4 5 0 0
W. R. Lamb, Berry	20 17 17 6
<i>Desire of Ages—</i>	
T. J. Gibson, Manning R.	11 13 2 0
A. G. Baker, Manning R.	18 22 15 0
<i>Coming King—</i>	
Geo. Ryder, Wyalong	41 14 16 6
Mrs. Edwards, Balmain	2 2 8 6
F. A. Allun, Penrith	71 31 16 6
L. Mobbs, Penrith	49 21 12 6
<i>Home Hand Book—</i>	
M. Lackey, Sydney	1 1 11 0
Mrs. J. Paap, N. Sydney	8 13 15 0
<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
Mrs. J. Paap, N. Sydney	2 2 0 0
Miss M. Paap, Chatswood	4 5 2 6
Mrs. Gregg, N. Sydney	36 39 2 0
F. C. Davis, Macleay R.	16 20 2 0
H. J. Cooper, Blake Brook	16 16 10 0
<i>House We Live In—</i>	
Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Mt. V.	11 1 19 6
	351 £265 1 10

Tasmania.

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

<i>Home Hand Book—Orders. Value.</i>	
I. W. Rigby, Mathinna	6 £9 0 0
<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
Miss Adcock, Glenorchy	5 6 2 6
<i>Moonah</i>	
Miss F. Horne, Devonp't	18 19 17 6
M. Richards, Glenorchy	2 2 7 6
Mr. J. Allen, Ulverstone	54 70 17 6
<i>Penguin</i>	
<i>Daniel & Revelation—</i>	
Mr. J. Allen, Ulverstone	20 18 10 0
<i>Penguin</i>	
(other books)	2 2 17 6
	107 £129 12 6

West Australia.

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

<i>Ladies' Guide—Orders. Value.</i>	
E. Cleal, West Perth	14 £14 0 0
(other books)	13 4 0 6
C. J. Anderson, Carnarvon	4 4 13 0
(Other Books)	6 2 12 6
<i>Desire of Ages—</i>	
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie	58 75 16 6
(other books)	20 18 5 0
R. S. Bell, Kalgoorlie	40 46 10 0
(other books)	21 23 10 0
	176 £189 7 6

Victoria.

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

<i>Home Hand Book—Orders. Value.</i>	
G. Burgess, Melton	18 £28 11 9
H. C. Harker, Wimmera	36 54 10 0
L. Currow, Gippsland	15 26 5 0
(Other books)	2 2 0 0
C. Hosking, Gippsland	7 11 0 0
J. Anderson, Bendigo	16 27 1 0
F. W. Reckie, Warranb'ld	29 57 0 0
C. J. Ellis, Bendigo	5 8 4 0
<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
Mrs. Masters, Maryboro'	13 13 0 0
<i>Coming King—</i>	
Miss C. Rule, Chiltern	3 2 4 6
Mrs. Lear, Brighton	4 2 11 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>	
W. Codling, Ararat	12 11 19 9
<i>Desire of Ages—</i>	
B. Judge, Traralgon	10 14 2 9
W. Ryder, Traralgon	16 20 17 0
J. F. Ward	9 13 8 1
G. Parkin	14 19 12 9
	209 £312 7 7

Queensland

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER, 1902.

<i>Bible Readings—Orders. Value.</i>	
W. F. Ford, Cairns	32 £25 2 0
F. Brett, Cairns Dist.	69 53 2 6
<i>Ladies' Guide—</i>	
Mrs. Hewitt, Taringa	10 10 10 0
(other books)	1 2 5 0
J. H. Hewitt, Taringa	9 9 0 0
(other books)	1 1 10 0
<i>Great Controversy—</i>	
Miss —, Wooloongabba	33 21 12 0
(other books)	1 4 6
<i>Daniel and Revelation—</i>	
Miss Laurisen, Bundaberg	9 6 2 6
<i>Coming King—</i>	
Mrs. Streeter, Spring Hill	6 2 2 0
Mrs. Heatley, Spring Hill	6 2 9 0
<i>House We Live In—</i>	
Miss Laurisen, Bundaberg	6 1 12 0
C. A. Johnson, Ipswich	8 1 17 0
Sundries	4 13 4
	191 £142 1 10

Totals for September, 1902.

	Orders. Value.
N. S. Wales	351 £265 1 10
Victoria	209 312 7 7
Tasmania	107 129 12 6
New Zealand	235 225 3 6
West Australia	176 189 7 9
Queensland	191 142 1 10
Grand Totals	1269 £1263 15 0

THE TASMANIAN CONFERENCE.

THE time for the second session of this annual gathering is drawing nigh. We trust as the time approaches, the desire to attend will intensify. This meeting will afford an opportunity for all to become more familiar with the work, and also to gain a spiritual preparation to spread the message throughout the State. Certainly those who were so anxious to attend the camp-meeting, which now has been postponed, will feel that they must be at this meeting.

The primary motive in holding these gatherings is to gain heavenly wisdom and spiritual strength that efficient plans may be laid and carried out. This can only be done through meeting together in counsel. The wise man says, "Without counsel, purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." Then let the multitude gather at the appointed time, November 20-30, at Hobart, and pray and counsel together that the purposes for advancing the work may not be disappointed.

Let us put away all feelings of variance, and where backbiting and a spirit of maliciousness has led that unruly member, the tongue, to speak evil one of another, let us confess one to another, that we may come before the Lord with pure hearts and wise heads, to plan for the advancement of the work.

Dear brethren and sisters at Bismark, Upper Huon, St. Marys, Wynyard, Latrobe, Launceston, and those who are isolated, lay aside your worldly affairs, and come to this annual feast. Let us seek God together for His Holy Spirit.

I want to give you one or two reasons why we are so anxious for you to be there. First, we want to lay plans for spreading the message as rapidly as possible throughout this island. Second, we are in a crisis, and it is high time that we awake from our torpid condition. Listen to what the Lord says in one of His last communications to us:—

"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 there was ever a crisis, it is now. All are now deciding their eternal destiny."—Vol. 6, p. 16.

O, what a fearful reality for a sleeping world, and shall we have to say, a sleepy church?

Can it be that we are in a crisis, and all are deciding their eternal destiny? It is even so; for God hath spoken, and it standeth sure. Let, oh, let us arouse and seek the Lord. Let us gather together November 20-30, and seek the Lord so earnestly that our eternal destiny shall be decided for the kingdom of God. If difficulties confront you, pray in faith, and God will remove them.

E. HILLIARD.

QUEENSLAND.

MRS. ROBINSON, our daughter Gladys, and the writer came to Queensland at the beginning of July last. After spending two Sabbaths with the North and South Brisbane Churches, where we received a very warm and cordial welcome and formed many new and pleasant acquaintances, we visited Rockhampton, in central Queensland, intending to spend a few weeks with the church in that place and then return to Maryborough, where it had been planned to hold the annual camp-meeting and conference. After our arrival in Rockhampton, it was deemed advisable to hold a series of tent meetings.

WE never know for what God is preparing us in His schools, for what work on earth, for what work in the hereafter. Our business is to do our work well in the present place, whatever that may be.—*Lyman Abbot.*

Brother Arthur Smart came up from Brisbane with the 50 x 80 tent, which was pitched close to the centre of the city. Pastor Irwin and Doctor Kress accepted an invitation to spend a few weeks with us, arriving on July 15, and our meetings opened the following day. There was a most bitter attack made against us and our work by some of the ministers of the place, and a determined opposition has been maintained ever since we began. To this opposition, which has been wholly unprovoked by us, we have paid no attention whatever. The interest in our work developed in such a manner that we were impressed that we ought to remain longer than had been planned, so the Maryborough meeting was indefinitely postponed, and plans laid to continue meetings in the tent. The Lord impressed our minds that a meeting house should be erected, and although it seemed an utter impossibility to accomplish such an undertaking, it was taken hold of in faith, and the Lord has opened the way in a very remarkable manner for the enterprise to be carried forward. A portion of the allotment on which the tent was secured on a twenty-one years' lease at a very reasonable rental. The Lord moved upon the hearts of different ones to come forward with donations in cash, some of those who thus generously responded being persons not of our faith, but who were regular attendants at the meetings in the tent.

The brethren of the Rockhampton Church, owing to the great financial depression caused by the drought, were unable to do very much in the way of cash donations, but all have done all that they were able to do. Some who could not give themselves have collected several pounds from persons who are in sympathy with our work. Others who could not give money have given labor on the building, which counts the same as money.

The hearts of the brethren and sisters in Rockhampton have been deeply moved on the receipt of letters of sympathy, accompanied with good donations, from workers who have formerly been in Queensland and have visited and labored in Rockhampton. One of such letters bringing a generous donation was from Elder and Mrs. G. B. Starr, who were the first to herald the message in Rockhampton, and under whose labors the church was raised up. Another was from Lizzie Gregg, of Melbourne, who lived here at the time when the work first started. It is such efforts as these that will form a bond of Christian love and fellowship among brethren and sisters which knows no conference or State boundaries, but will lengthen and strengthen until we can look upon the whole world as our parish, and the interests of other churches be as dear to us as are those of the one to which we happen to belong.

We now have the building, which is 20 x 32 feet, all enclosed, and in a few weeks more it will be completed. It stands on blocks three feet high, has studding twelve feet high, with a good pitch to the roof, which gives the building a good appearance. We decided not to drive a nail until we had money in hand to pay for it. To this purpose we have adhered, and the Lord has put it into the hearts of different ones to send us in donations, some of which have been wholly unexpected, so that we now hope to complete the building above described, with a small porch on the front end; and if a few pounds more comes in, we hope to add a lean-to at the back, which will form two school rooms which are greatly needed.

God has greatly blessed the members of the church. Steps have been taken to purify the church roll of membership, which has made it necessary to withdraw fellowship from some who have been walking disorderly, and preliminary action has been taken in other cases of members who have drawn away and grown cold. The quarterly meeting last Sabbath was a precious season. At the business meeting held on the following day, when the finances of the church were considered, it was shown that, notwithstanding the terrible depression caused by the unrelenting drought, there was quite an increase in the amount of tithes paid in. God will surely bless this faithfulness on the part of those who bring "all the tithes into the store house."

It is pleasing to note that there seems to be an increased faithfulness in the payment of the Lord's tithe in all the churches and companies of our people in Queensland, resulting in the largest amount being received by the conference treasurer that has been received before for more than twelve months past.

It has now been decided to hold the annual Conference in Brisbane, October 30 to November 4. We are expecting Brethren Irwin, Salisbury, Johanson, and Sister Graham to be with us. A. T. ROBINSON,

Rockhampton, Queensland.

THE KIMBERLEY BATHS.

A RECENT issue of the "Fortnightly Visitor" gives the following encouraging report:—

The Baths are giving me about all I can do. The military patronage still holds good, and more of the officers stationed here are coming in for Turkish Baths, and in addition to this the patronage from the resident citizens is continually increasing.

You know we set our mark to take in £3 on week days and £6 on Sundays. This has been increased till last Sunday we earned between £9 and £10. Yesterday we had the captain of all the police in this district, the secretary of the Kimberley club, and a high military officer here all at the same time.

The secretary of the De Beers Co-operative Society also called in yesterday and told me that the society had a meeting on the first of the month, when our matter came up. He had letters from all their staff of doctors, and they all had written recommending our baths, and advising the society to patronise them. This means a good deal to us, and my heart just gave a bound when I heard it. He also said he had letters from the two test cases they sent here, and they were both so much improved that they were now ready to go to work at their trades. The physicians recommended that they come in for treatment three times a week and the De Beers Company would let them off to do so. Oh, this is from the Lord! These two test cases were of six years' standing. The doctors had given them up and sent them here. They were very bad cases. But now they are preaching up our system of treatment everywhere they go. I tell you many prayers have been offered up for victory in these two cases, and now—thanksgiving.

The one in charge of the police in this district, was down with dropsy, and could not lie down in bed; limbs swollen, and abdomen all bloated and swollen till the skin was glistening, and he could hardly breathe from the pressure on his lungs from below. The doctor came to the Baths personally, and laid the case in my hands, and also told the man that his medicine was not working satisfactorily. He charged me to be very particular on different points, etc. Well, the man got relief in about two treatments so that he could breathe freely. The swelling has gone down and the various organs are working all right. The man has apparently been rescued from the jaws of death. He has called for our cards, and is advertising us in all the police stations. Another gentleman came with a lame shoulder and got well with a few treatments.

I praise the Lord for His goodness and for His truths which He has given us. The day before yesterday a business man came in and said he had never been in before, that he had heard a good deal about our baths, and that they had a splendid reputation out around among the people. So our hearts are cheered. J. V. WILLSON.

WONDROUS is the strength of cheerfulness; altogether past calculation its powers of endurance.—*Carlyle.*

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Items of General Interest.

PASTOR J. E. FULTON and family have arrived at Cooranbong from Fiji. We sincerely trust that the invigorating climate of Australia will bring again to our weary missionaries from the tropics the vigor and energy of youth. While away from the islands, Brother Fulton will superintend the production of some needed literature in the Fijian language.

SINCE the return of Pastor A. G. Daniells from Europe to the United States, he has attended important meetings in the States of Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. Both he and Sister White were planning to attend the Californian camp-meeting and conference which was appointed to convene early in October.

BROTHER and Sister W. E. Floding came by the latest trip of the *Ventura* to Samoa, which is to be their future field of labor. Pastor W. H. Wakeman and family have by this time doubtless arrived in Egypt. Others are under appointment to go to various needy fields.

A COMPANY of nine experienced canvassers have recently been sent from the United States of America to England. The brethren in the mother country were so pleased with the spirit of earnestness displayed by the newcomers that they passed a resolution expressing gratitude to the American conferences for their kindness, and requesting that they send ten more canvassers like them.

THE Third Angel's Message was brought before the attention of thousands of thinking people recently through the favorable notices in the newspapers concerning our camp-meeting at Sydney, N. S. W. Both the *Sunday Times* and *Daily Telegraph* gave excellent reports of the meetings, as well as our work and belief in general.

THE eminent sociologist, Mr. Herbert Spencer, in speaking of the great coal strike in the United States, predicts that "the result of this financial tyranny will be civil war, leading to immense bloodshed, and eventually to a severe form of military despotism." The securities now controlled by the Morgan syndicate are estimated to reach the enormous figure of £1,000,000,000. The one great relief for this strained condition of things is to be found in the coming of the King.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

WE had a very pleasant trip to this place, and I enjoyed it as well as almost any trip I ever took. We were favored with deck state-rooms, which insured good air all the way, and absence of the usual ship odors. We got here in four and a half days, and were met by Brethren Belden and Nobbs. A very pleasant welcome

was given us by all the brethren and sisters, as well as by many others whom we had met years ago. Our landing here lacked one day of being eleven years from the day we first landed in 1891. We have been given the use of part of a house, and are keeping house ourselves. We are just in time to get the finest oranges that you could imagine. Peaches are just coming in, but strawberries will be rather scarce this year.

WE have begun work for the people, and are holding meetings and Bible readings as often as possible. The church officers have turned all the services over to us, and already we have reorganised the Sabbath-school, and are hoping for a profitable time. There are probably fifteen or twenty Sabbath-keepers here.

E. H. GATES.

Notice.

WE expect to print a special number and an extra supply of the December *Australasian Good Health*. This number will be filled with useful information applicable to the summer months, in the prevention and treatment of disease, etc. The following are a few of its contents:—

Hydrotherapy in Hot Weather, Dr. J. H. Kellogg; Simple Home Remedies in the Treatment of Fevers, W. A. George, M. D.; Physical Exercise a Blessing, D. H. Kress, M. D.; The Rise, Progress, and Principles of the Battle Creek Sanitarium; The Practice of Medicine Among Animals, Lauretta Kress, M. D.; Summer Clothes; and a great many other useful topics.

It will also contain a large first-page cut of the new Sydney Sanitarium, now complete and ready for occupancy.

WE ask all lovers of these principles to assist in the wide distribution of this number. It will educate the people, and thus be a blessing to them. It will assist in bringing our new institution into prominence. Let the churches take a special collection for this purpose. Encourage members to sell it from house to house. Let us know how many we shall send *your* church, *at once*, so that we may plan with reference to the number to be printed.

NUMBER two booklet of the *Good Health* library of the International Health Association is just off the press and ready for distribution. It is entitled, "Dietetic Errors and Their Relation to Disease." In a concise manner, some twenty different errors frequently made in eating are pointed out, and general hints on diet are given.

THE booklet contains twenty pages. It is neatly arranged, and convenient in size for missionary work. It can be slipped into an ordinary envelope.

THIS booklet ought to have a very extensive circulation. We ask the hearty co-operation of all lovers of health and humanity in this effort. The price is kept at a minimum.

NEW CHURCH AT LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA.

WE have purchased an allotment at the corner of Percy and Maitland Streets for £88, on which we expect to erect a chapel, the main part of which will be 28 x 20 feet, and the school room at the back 16 x 14 feet. It will be so arranged that it can be opened into one room, if occasion requires, the full size of which will be 42 x 20 feet. We have £210 pledged, of which £207 5s 7d has been paid. E. HILLIARD.