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

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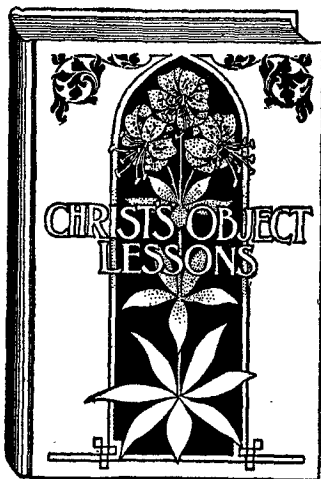
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## Work for the Master.

WITH every age God's plan deepens and broadens. His people are to adjust their movements to His progressive plan. They are to move forward with the force of Omnipotence, because they move in harmony with the divine purpose. They are to seize every opportunity to bless the world lying in darkness.

Our church members should show greater devotion. They should labor with greater zeal for the promulgation of the last message of mercy. Now is the time for all to work. Now is the time to separate from every species of self-indulgence. Those who are engaged in



the Lord's service are to labor unselfishly, pressing together in Christian unity. They are to love as brethren; they are to be kind and courteous; their influence is to be a savor of life unto life.

Many young men and women now engaged in secular labor will feel impressed to give themselves to the service of God. Some will feel a desire to enter the canvassing field, and will become able evangelists. Let these be given the opportunity to obtain an education for the work of God.

Those who are impressed to enter the work, whether in the home field or in the regions beyond, are to go forward in the name of the Lord. If they depend on God for grace and strength, they will succeed. At the beginning, their work will be small, but if they follow the Lord's plans, it will enlarge. God lives. He will work for the unselfish, self-sacrificing laborer, whoever and wherever he may be.

God does not ask His servants to show their devotion to Him by burying themselves in monasteries, or by going on long pilgrimages. It is not necessary to do this

in order to show a willingness to deny self. It is by working for those for whom Christ died that we show true love for Him. By humiliation, suffering, and death Christ purchased the salvation of human beings. Those who love Him will think of how He laid aside His glory, and came to this earth to live the life of the poorest, suffering often from hunger. "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests," He said, "but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

To each human being God has assigned a work. Abraham was called to go forth from his home, a light-bearer to the heathen. And without questioning, he obeyed. "He went out, not knowing whither he went." So to-day Christ's servants are to go where He calls, trusting Him to guide them and give them success.

God's people are to feel a noble, generous sympathy for every line of work carried on in the great harvest field. By their baptismal vows they are pledged to make earnest, self-denying efforts to promote, in the hardest parts of the field, the work of soul-saving. God has placed on every believer the responsibility of striving to rescue the helpless and the oppressed.

To those who profess to believe in Him, God says, "Go forth to all parts of the world, and diffuse the light of My truth, that men and women may be led to Christ." Let us awake to our duty. Let us do all that we can to help forward the Lord's work. Let superficial excuses be blown to the winds of heaven. No longer grieve the Spirit of God by delaying. Forget not the words, "We are laborers together with God." Co-operate with the angels sent down from the heavenly courts to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.



Time is passing; the end is near. While you are unconsecrated, golden opportunities for helping souls to see Jesus as He is—full of grace and truth—are passing by, never to return. That which you have not done as a devoted Christian in the year now past into eternity, you can not now do. But through the grace of Christ, you may redeem the time by redoubling your efforts. Let your interest in the souls for whom Christ has died deepen and broaden. Inquire not, "What shall this man do?" for then Christ would say to you as He said to Peter, "What is that to thee?" Keep your own soul

in the love of the truth, and work with untiring endeavor to win souls to the Saviour.

Earnest, self-sacrificing workers are needed, workers who will go to God, and with strong crying and tears plead for the precious souls who are going to ruin. There can be no harvest without seed-sowing, no result without effort.

The work is fast closing up, and on every side wickedness is increasing. We have but a short time in which to work. Let us awake from spiritual slumber, and consecrate all that we have and are to the Lord. His Spirit will abide with true missionaries, furnishing them with power for service. God is an overflowing fountain of strength. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. When this power is utilised, it will be found to be more than sufficient to meet the power of the enemy.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### A Birth-day Offering.

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY.

GIFTS are very often presented on birth-days. Many look for presents year by year as their birth-days come. How few think of making presents on their birth-days to others who are really in need. But we wish to speak of such a case, for one has really taken place.

We just received in behalf of the Fijian Mission, a little box containing twenty-one shillings. With the box there was a card tied with blue ribbon, and on the card were written on one side these words: "A birth-day offering to the Fijian Book Fund, with best wishes, from—."

On the opposite side of the card were written these appropriate words:—

"Go, messenger of peace and love,  
To people plunged in shades of night;  
Like angels sent from fields above  
Be thine to shed celestial light."

"Go to the hungry, food impart;  
To paths of peace the wanderer guide;  
And lead the thirsty, panting heart  
Where streams of living waters glide."

"Go forth on wings of faith and prayer,  
Ye pages bright with love;  
Though mute, the joyful tidings bear  
Salvation from above."

This offering was from one of the Avondale students, who works hard day by day to obtain an education. To give twenty-one shillings was a sacrifice, but one which is acceptable to the Lord. How appropriate as year by year our lives are spared, that we should remember the poor, or, like in this case, the natives who need literature. If we make gifts of this character, we are making them to the Lord. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The cause to which this offering was made, is a worthy one. Would others like to imitate this good example?

J. E. FULTON.

### The Sheltering Rock.

I REMEMBER an experience I had while in the Rocky Mountains. Desiring to climb to a very high peak, I worked my way up to a certain point, but found that the rest of the way was simply bare rocks. How-

ever, I climbed patiently on until I reached the topmost rock; and as I stood there, I suddenly observed a snapping and cracking all about me. Thinking something was wrong with my gun, I drew it out of its case to ascertain what was the trouble, but was surprised to find it apparently all right except that there was a queer sparkle about the metal. Presently I began to experience a peculiar feeling on the top of my head; my hat seemed to be twisting about, and, reaching up to find what was the matter, I discovered that my hair was standing on end and was raising my hat off my head. Then it dawned on my mind that an electrical display of some kind was going on, and looking across the valley I observed a dense cloud coming my way.

My position was perilous, for I was on top of a lightning rod, so to speak; the mountain was the lightning rod, and I was on the top of it. I knew the storm would burst upon me in a few moments, but I had my pony with me, and it was not an easy matter to get down. I had gotten up by zigzagging backwards and forwards, but there was no time to go down in that way; so hastily making up my mind, I grasped my pony's bridle and started headlong down the mountain, the pony stumbling after me.

It was impossible to get down before the storm broke, but just as the most terrible hailstorm I ever saw came thundering down, I reached the shelter of an enormous rock. Within a few minutes the ground was covered ten inches deep with hailstones as large as a man's fist, and I should certainly have been injured and perhaps killed had I not reached this place of safety. However, as it was, this great rock hung over me and protected me from the storm. There was just enough room for me to hide myself; the hailstones piled up at my very feet, but I was perfectly safe; and I said to myself, "What a beautiful thing to have a rock to hide under," and right there I thanked God for His protecting care.

When the storm was over, I started back. Some of the campers, fearing that I had been severely injured or killed, were out looking for me, but were amazed to see me making my way back unharmed. I was not even wet. I explained to them that I had found a rock to hide under.

My friends, this life is a storm. Every day we live we encounter worse things than hailstorms or lightnings or thunder storms. We have conflicts in our souls that are worse than all these. What a comfort to know that God is a rock in which to hide! The psalmist says, "Thou art my rock," and if we are only willing to yield to His will, willing that He shall guide us, ah, my friends, we are perfectly safe! We cannot be in any place on earth where we are not perfectly safe. It is true, our bodies may be destroyed, but of what consequence is that? This world is such a little moment compared with all eternity, what does it matter whether we stay here a short time or a long time? We are only here to settle the question whether we are wheat or whether we are tares; and when it is positively decided that we are wheat and not tares, that we are on God's side, the side of all that is good and true, all that is sweet and beautiful; if we are on that side of the question and not on the side of evil and error and iniquity, why then, my friends, of what consequence is it if our bodies are dissolved? We know that we have "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." All that is necessary to secure this is simply to live in God's "secret place," in harmony, in communion with God.

J. H. KELLOGG.

## Lip Sins, or Christian Cannibalism.

1. How does the apostle Paul express the cannibalistic propensities of some professing Christians?

"But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Gal. 5:15.

2. What is the principal instrument of their warfare, and what makes it effective?

"The tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison." James 3:8, R. V.

3. What does the Lord say about the warfare of this class of people?

"They bend their tongue as it were their bow for falsehood; . . . for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not Me, saith the Lord. . . . Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaketh deceit; one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for him." Jer. 9:3-8, R. V.

4. How did the prophet feel to have his brethren engage in this kind of work?

"O that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! O that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfar- ing men; that I might leave my people and go from them!" Verses 1, 2.

5. If this evil is not repented of and put away, what will be the result?

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how else should I do, because of the daughter of My people? . . . Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the Lord; shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" Verses 7-9.

6. Where does all the poison come from that supplies their deadly weapon?

"The things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; . . . for out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, . . . false witness, railings." Matt. 15:18, 19, R. V.

7. To what different uses do persons often put the same tongue?

"Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the same likeness of God; out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." James 3:9, 10, R. V.

8. What illustration does James draw from nature, to show that poisoned words do not come from a converted heart?

"Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter? can a fig-tree, my brethren, yield olives?" Verses 11-16, R. V. "So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." Verse 12.

9. In relation to this subject what does God say He hates?

"A lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, . . . and he that soweth discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19.

10. What has He strictly forbidden in both the Old and the New Testaments?

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among My people." Let "evil-speaking be put away from you, with all malice." Lev. 19:16; Eph. 4:31.

11. What does God say through David to persons who are guilty of this sort of cannibalism?

"Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up My people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord." "Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. . . . Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver." Ps. 14:4; 50:19-22.

12. Who do the Scriptures say give heed to wicked lips, and give ear to a mischievous tongue?

"A wicked-doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue." Prov. 17:4.

13. Then, is not a person who gives ear to an evil report, and reports it, about as much of a cannibal as the one who starts it?

"Thou shalt not take up a false report." "I will not justify the wicked." Ex. 23:1, 7, R. V.

14. Who does the Lord say shall abide in His tabernacle (remain members of the true church)?

"He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his friend, nor receiveth or endureth a reproach against his neighbor." Ps. 15:3.

15. What is the cure for all who have the propensity "to bite and devour one another"?

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. . . . And cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them." Ps. 51:10; Eze. 36:26, 27.

16. A people must be developed before the coming of the Lord, among whom there will not be a deceitful tongue, or a mouth speaking guile.

"The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth." Zeph. 3:13. "And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God." Rev. 14:5.

17. What should be the prayer of all who would be of that company?

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to be occupied in deeds of wickedness with men that work iniquity." "O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise." Ps. 141:3, 4; 51:15, R. V.

M. C. ISRAEL.

## Secret of Joy.

THE greatest joy will be found in doing others good. This was the joy of our Lord. "He went about doing good, and healed all manner of diseases, for God was with Him." "Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich."

Though He was equal with God, He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. So fully was His life given to service, that even His enemies said of Him, when hanging upon the cross, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." This was true. His whole life was devoted to others. The happiness brought to others made Him happy. To see those who had been bound by Satan many years, released; to see the lame walk, the blind see; to bring comfort to the comfortless,—this was His constant joy. "Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame," etc.

Into this joy we are to enter; the joy that comes from loving service. Such a joy will enable one to endure the cross. After all, most of the misery that we complain of comes from making others miserable. "Woe unto him through whom the offense cometh." The word spoken that wounds a brother, wounds the speaker. Most of our wounds are self-inflicted. "Thou hast destroyed thyself." "Why art thou sad, and why is thy countenance fallen; if thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? if not, sin lieth at the door," may be said to everyone who is sorrowful and does not possess joy. Withholding from the needy when it is in my power to give, can only result in misery to me. To the anxious inquiry of the rich young man, "What lack I yet?" Jesus said, Go, sell that thou hast and give to the poor. This would have brought to him the joy he so much desired, but failing to do it he went away sorrowful.

FORBEAR; give up a little; take less than belongs to you; endure more than should be put upon you. Make allowance for another's judgment of the case: differing in constitution, circumstances, and interests, we shall often decide differently about the justice and integrity of things; and mutual concessions alone can heal the breaches and bridge over the chasms between us, while quick resentment and stiff maintenance of our position will breed endless dispute and bitterness.—C. A. Bartol.

## ECHOES FROM THE CONFERENCE.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

#### GENERAL PLAN FOR REORGANISATION OF INSTITUTIONS.

1. All institutions to be owned directly by the people, either General Conference, Union Conference, State Conference, or organised mission field.
2. The electors or constituents of each institution to be the membership of the denominational body owning same.
3. Where possible under existing corporation law, the controlling boards of all institutions to be elected by the Conference.
4. The power of all boards to be limited as follows: (a) No disposal or transfer of institutional property to be made without a vote of the electors or constituents authorising same; (b) no large additions or extensions to be made to existing institutions without the electors or constituents authorising the needed improvements; (c) changes and amendments to be made to Articles of Incorporation only by action of electors.
5. Where institutions are of a profit-earning nature, the Articles of Incorporation to be so formed that the electors or constituents be empowered to appropriate the profits at each annual meeting to either the betterment of the existing institution or to the starting or advancement of some other missionary, philanthropic, or benevolent enterprise.
6. Where the law is such that Conference trust associations can not operate institutions, then the Conference Association is recommended to own the property, and same to be operated by a corporation created for the express purpose of operating said plant, but the operating company is to be responsible to, and controlled directly by, the Seventh-day Adventist Conference, as far as possible under existing State laws.
7. All institutional property to be treated as departments of Conference work, and where possible to be represented on the Conference Committee.
8. That an advisory committee of three be appointed by this Conference for the study of institutions and to render such assistance in the carrying out of these recommendations as may lie in their power.

#### OTHER RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

That the General Conference Association reduce its number of trustees from twenty-one to seven.

*We recommend*, That all conferences and mission fields recognise the tithe as the inheritance of God's ministers, and that an allowance be granted from the tithe to support properly sick or aged laborers, also the widows and orphans of those removed by death.

*We recommend*, That the General Conference Sabbath-school Department be directed to lay plans that shall foster, improve, and build up the young people's work.

That the ministers and other workers throughout the field be urged to give this work their hearty support and co-operation.

That we approve of the plan that Sabbath-school officers be elected by the church.

That great care be taken in arranging for the work of the State conference Sabbath-school departments.

(a) In the appointing of capable secretaries, and avoiding frequent changes whenever possible.

(b) In not placing so many other burdens upon those secretaries that the interests of Sabbath-school and young people's work must be neglected.

*Whereas*, The East Indian Archipelago is within easy reach of Australia, and by geographical position naturally belongs within the jurisdiction of the Australasian Union Conference: therefore,—

*We recommend*, That this island group be made a mission field of the said Union Conference, and that an appropriation be made for starting a mission in Singapore as soon as possible; further,—

*We recommend*, That the missions in the Society Islands and in the Samoan Islands be advised to connect with the Australasian Union Conference, and that the workers in these fields receive their credentials or licenses from the said Union Conference.

*Resolved*, That we make an earnest and continuous effort to impress upon our people everywhere the importance of quickly carrying this message to the large cities, giving special attention to the neglected cities in the East and South.

LORD, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

—Count Zinzendorf, translated by J. Wesley.

### PARTIAL REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

#### AS AMENDED AND PASSED.

The Publishing Committee respectfully present the following report for your consideration:—

Whereas, It has been clearly demonstrated that systematic house-to-house canvassing with our literature is a powerful factor in extending the gospel of the kingdom to the world; therefore we recommend,—

That our people put forth a vigorous effort in behalf of the circulation of our periodicals.

That conference and other laborers unite in a systematic effort to engage and instruct members of our churches in this work.

That the large cities be entered and thoroughly canvassed as soon as possible.

That the periodical work be conducted under the direction of the conference committee.

That our ministers, church officers, and the heads of families be asked to unite in an earnest effort to encourage persons of varied age and ability to take up the work of circulating our periodicals and books as resident canvassers.

That conferences give more attention to the character of the work done by each canvasser, and render him the counsel, encouragement, and help that seems necessary, in order that a high standard may be maintained.

That we recognise the church-school teacher as an important factor in the training of our children to become colporters and canvassers.

That the General Conference Committee make liberal provision for the publication of gospel literature in all its mission fields.

That provision be made for one of its secretaries to give special study to the most effective and economical methods of producing this literature in the field.

That greater effort be made to send to the mission fields persons who will engage in the circulation of gospel literature.

That the General Conference Committee make provisions for the publication of large books in the Spanish language, in Barcelona or some other favorable seaport town of Spain; and for the publication of the necessary periodicals, tracts, and pamphlets in Mexico and our South American missions, according to the necessities of the several fields.

That we recognise the right of Union Conferences and union mission fields to establish and maintain book depositories wherever in their judgment it appears best to do so, and that when such depositories are established, they take control of the publishing work in their territory, and that they have the privilege of securing their books from such sources as they may deem best.

That wherever depositories are established which will affect in any way existing publishing houses or their branches, satisfactory arrangements be made so that the interests of all parties concerned may be protected.

That it be distinctly understood in establishing these depositories it is not contemplated that printing offices be started for printing and binding books, but that these be purchased from our regular established publishing houses.

That in case Review and Herald accepts the invitation of the Atlantic Union Conference to establish a plant in its territory, they be requested to arrange with the Pacific Press Publishing Company for the transfer

of its New York branch at a fair valuation, and that in lieu of the territory of the Atlantic Union Conference, now under control of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, they turn over to said company their territory in the Central Union Conference.

That our publishing houses furnish publications to the depositories in Union Conferences and mission fields at publishers' rates.

That a General Advisory Committee for North America be selected for the purpose of unifying and up-building the publishing work, and to assist in strengthening and systematising the efforts of our State tract and missionary societies. This committee to consist of the following: One person from each publishing house, one from each branch office, one from each Union Conference, and one from the General Conference, the selection of these persons to be made by the publishing houses and conferences.

#### OTHER RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

*Resolved*, That suitable men be chosen from the field to lay before our people in the older and more prosperous conferences the needs of various struggling institutions and the missionary enterprises in the South and other needy fields.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Conference that the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association ought not to rebuild its factory in Battle Creek.

*Resolved*, That if the stockholders should deem it advisable to wind up the business of the corporation, such action would meet with the approval of this Conference.

*Resolved*, That we suggest that favorable consideration should be given to proposals which may look to the transfer of the *Review and Herald* and *Youths' Instructor* to some publishing concern organized in the Eastern States, according to the counsel of the General Conference Committee.

*Resolved*, That we request the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association so to arrange its constituency, and its constitution governing the same, that it may be indisputably and always a department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF INTEREST TO US.

*We recommend*, That Elder C. Santee, of Southern California; Elder S. W. Nellis, of Western Washington; Elder R. D. Quinn, of Montana; J. L. McElhaney, of Southern California; N. J. Walldorff, of California; and Elder S. M. Cobb, of Virginia, make Australasia their field of labor.

THE soul that throws off authority of God and man, acknowledging only authority of self, is itself in fearful peril and is an awful peril to others. It has no orbit in a universe of order, but dashes on in its clashing, crashing way, working certain ruin to itself and doing unmeasured damage to others. Law is mercy and kindness to the lawless themselves, for some are kept safe themselves and are safe among others only as they feel the constant restraint of law holding them to decent lives and keeping them from violent deeds.—*Advance*.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SINCE our last report ten more have been baptised and added to the Perth church, which shows a steady increase in the membership. There are still others waiting to connect themselves with God's remnant church by this solemn ordinance.

In the Newcastle district, situated some sixty miles inland from Perth, about nine or ten have responded to the divine call. In this place, Brother Knight has met considerable opposition, but, praise the Lord, there is a company there now who will let the light of present truth shine, and thereby herald the Master's soon coming.

At York, another inland town situated in the midst of a large agricultural area, Brother Finster has been laboring for some time, and the last two or three months Brethren Knight and Brittain have been associated with him. As an evidence of God's use of His servants some sixteen adults have decided for the Master. They have organised a Sabbath-school of twenty-three members.

For the last few weeks I have been working at the Upper Warren, one of the principal fruit growing districts in West Australia. The opposition has been and is of a bitter description. But He who is "mighty to save" is working upon those who are honest at heart, and up to this writing, sixteen have taken their stand, while others are interested. Last Sunday was quite a great day in this place, for buggies and horses came flying in from all directions laden with excited passengers to hear the Church of England minister speak in support of Sunday keeping. All our converts were present, with the usual result that they were confirmed in the truth. In the evening, through arrangements made by his leading church officers and members, I met the minister in an open discussion, and after five and one-half hours' reasoning the man completely broke down and wept, freely admitting that had he known what he had learned in our discussion he would not have used the texts which he did in his sermons against the truth. What the result of this meeting will be God only knows. The next morning I labored with this minister,—for we both slept under the same roof that night,—and he left me quite broken up, promising that he would study his Bible as never before.

I think I can truly say that the most of our people in this State are in earnest about their salvation, and therefore have their faces set Zionward. All the laborers are of good courage. JESSE PALLANT,  
*Upper Warren, W. A., April 20, 1903.*

### ADELAIDE, S. A.

THE heaven appointed entrance into Christ's church is through the grave, the "watery grave." "For by one spirit we are all baptised into one body, whether we be Jews or gentiles, whether we be bond or free." "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." "For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ."

Sunday afternoon, May 10, at the City Baths, before a good concourse of witnesses we buried seven precious souls in a watery grave. All felt the solemnity of the occasion, for the Spirit of Him into whose character the

candidates were immersed, was preciously near. Others are preparing to follow their Lord and Master in the near future.

For the past few weeks Brother Michaels has been with us giving instruction regarding canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." The brethren and sisters appreciate his help and counsel. The church has been organised into companies, and all seem anxious to do their individual part in getting the books into the homes of the people, and also to participate in the promised blessings.

T. H. CRADDOCK.

### THE WORK AT DEVONPORT.

SINCE our good camp-meeting closed, April 19, I have been busy in clearing up, and with others in looking after the interest created. At the close of the last Sunday night's service, a citizen of the place donated an allotment, valued at £150, on which to build a chapel. The deed is now being made out; the stones are on the spot, and part of the timber framed. Some of the conference laborers will spend a few days working on the building, with Brother H. H. Appeldorff as overseer. £71 4s 6d has been pledged, of which £40 14s 6d has been paid. We need about £50 more.

The building will be a neat, plain structure, 28 x 18 feet. We have received donations from Hobart, Launceston, Mathina, and other places. We want to see the cause of God built up in Devonport, and if any one who reads these lines feels free to give an offering to this work that is just being started on the North West Coast, it will help to spread the message in this part of Tasmania, and will be very gratefully received. Please send your offering to Pastor George Teasdale, Stuart St., West Devonport, Tasmania.

The Launceston Chapel was dedicated on Sunday, April 26. Pastor E. W. Farnsworth preached the dedicatory sermon. The day being stormy, but few were present.

E. HILLIARD.

### THE WINDSOR CHURCH.

ABOUT eighteen years ago Pastor J. O. Corliss and a few others landed in Melbourne to proclaim the Third Angel's Message in this country. One of the first places they pitched their tent was in Prahran, where after faithful labor by these brethren a number took their stand for the truth. Some time after this a church was raised up at Fitzroy, but those who lived on the south side of the river decided to rent a hall nearer them and so avoid travelling backwards and forwards on the Sabbath.

For many years the Prahran Company labored faithfully and held meetings from Sabbath to Sabbath. Camp-meetings at Brighton and Armadale were then held; interest aroused in those localities, and small companies raised up. In 1897 a camp-meeting was held at Balaclava in a beautiful green paddock, and was one of the most successful held in Melbourne, quite a number deciding to obey God's law, besides some thousands visiting and hearing the truth. At the close of the camp, Pastor A. T. Robinson and wife followed up the interest, and God greatly blessed their efforts, the outcome being that the Prahran and Armadale companies combined with those who had taken their stand at Balaclava, and the three were organised into what is now known as the Windsor Church, with a membership of ninety-six.

The new church building is of weatherboard through-

out, being twenty-eight feet wide by forty feet long, neatly lined with wood, painted a delicate green, with grained dado. The building is nice and lofty with an arched ceiling which gives a very pleasing and finished effect. The platform with baptistry beneath is neatly finished with a nice polished rail, supported by iron brackets, the latter being painted in dark green and gold. The church is comfortably seated with grooved kauri seats with carved ends, and capable of seating about 200 people. A large class room, twenty by eighteen feet, is attached, and the whole is brilliantly lighted by incandescent lights. Our allotment is thirty-five by eighty-seven feet deep. We would have liked to have had more ground, but this is a scarce commodity in a city like Prahran, where nearly every available lot is built upon, and some of the land realising exorbitant prices. The church all completed, including ground, cost about £540, of which £250 is still owing, being obtained on interest, but we trust this will soon be lifted by those who make His sacred institution their first consideration. Should any of our readers feel disposed to forward a donation to this worthy cause, kindly communicate with the writer, c/o Echo Publishing Co., Melbourne.

The building was formally opened by the president of the conference, Pastor W. A. Hennig, on Sunday, April 26, it having been decided not to dedicate until we could do so free from debt. The interior was very prettily decorated with flowers and palms, which gave a very pleasing effect, and gave the decorating committee great credit.

We all feel very confident that the building is just where the Lord directed it to be, right in the centre of two great suburbs, and within three minutes' walk from Prahran station.

Pastor Hennig is now conducting special evangelical services, and a new interest is springing up which we trust will be the means of many more deciding to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

G. S. FISHER.

### SOW THE SEED.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

It seems to me that there is one field in which we have sown comparatively little seed, and yet perhaps it is a field in which much could be accomplished if it were worked faithfully, and that is, the placing of our books and papers in the public libraries. Although it may be true that a great number of those frequenting these libraries are not looking for literature of a solid class, yet there are large numbers of thinking people who would read and appreciate our books. Thus the truth might be carried to some who would not listen to it in any other way.

Some days ago we received a letter from a gentleman in Ballarat who became interested in one of our books in just this way. He writes as follows:—

"Please forward me 'Rights of Man, or Religion and the State.' I saw one here in the library this morning, and thought it was well thought out. I will send some to my friends in England and elsewhere."

It would certainly be a good thing to place this book in every public library in the land. Nor should our efforts cease with this one book. Church members would be doing good missionary work by placing such

works as "Daniel and the Revelation," "Desire of Ages," and "Bible Readings" in libraries in their vicinity. The trade editions of these books are particularly suitable both in size and style for this purpose.

People whose minds have been stirred on the Sabbath question would be quick to notice a book called "The History of the Sabbath" if its title was found on their library catalogue. The same thing applies to "Coming King" and other books.

Quiet and effective work could also be done by keeping files of the *Signs of the Times* and *Good Health* in public reading rooms.

Let us embrace all these opportunities for spreading a knowledge of the truth, and some of the seed sown will surely bear fruit. W. W. FLETCHER.

We often read of men dropping dead from "heart failure." This is occasioned by the physical organ we call the heart, ceasing to beat. But there is another kind of "heart failure" in which the individual still lives. The Saviour tells of a time when "men's hearts" will be "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

In the time of this failing of the heart for fear, all will be afflicted with the malady, unless they are hid in the Rock of Ages. Do you not see the premonitions of the calamities that will soon and surely overspread this whole world? If you do, you need not give yourself up to "heart failure." The Master says, "Come unto Me." And to all who will come He says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

How good it is that the strength of our Father is not only all-powerful, but *everlasting!* He will never weaken through weariness in protecting us.

"NOT for your sakes, O house of Israel, . . . but for Mine own name's sake." The love of God is self-originated. In it, as in all His acts, He is His own motive, as His name, "I am that I am," proclaims. It is inseparable from His being, and flows forth before, and independent of, anything in the creature which could draw it out. Men's love is attracted by their perception or their imagination of something lovable in its objects. It is like a well, where there has to be much work of the pump handle before the gush comes. God's love is like an artesian well, or a fountain springing up from unknown depths in obedience to its own impulse. All that we can say is, "Thou art God. It is Thy nature and property to be merciful."

"God loved the people." The bed-rock is the spontaneous, unalterable, inexhaustible, ever-active, fervent love of God, like that with which a mother clasps her child to her maternal breast. The fair flower of this great thought came through Judaism. Let no man say that the God of love is unknown to the Old Testament. —Alex. McLaren.

Do you love Jesus? The question is simple, and the thought in its affirmative form quite common. But do you love Jesus? Would you delight to be in His company at all times were He here? If we love a friend, we love his personal presence. If we truly love Jesus Christ, we shall love His coming again, and we will prepare for that coming.

## Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

### South Australia.

MARCH & APRIL, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
Miss M. Gunther, York P.	26	£21 7 0
Miss A. Davey, York P.	6	5 10 0
Mrs. Arnold, Dulwich	3	2 10 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
A. H. White, Riverton	31	39 7 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
H. E. Hughes, Pt. Pirie	4	6 13 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
M. S. Goodhart, Kilkenny	4	1 10 6
E. Goodhart, Woodville	1	6 0
Miscellaneous	19	5 1 6
	94	£82 5 0

### New Zealand.

APRIL, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
W. J. Redhead, Ch. Ch.	4	£ 5 0 0
A. Rickards, Christchurch	13	19 0 0
C. Reynolds, Christchurch	13	18 7 6
Mrs. Rickards, Waiato	8	9 5 0
W. H. Pascoe, Waiato	6	6 10 0
A. Bathgate, Waiato	4	5 5 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
D. M. Adam, Wellington	33	8 11 6
F. Johnson, Palmerston N	29	12 19 6
G. Smith, Gisborne	19	7 6 6
Miss M. Baxter, Hokitika	14	4 4 0
Miss Candy, Christchurch	3	1 6 6
G. Johnson, Parkhurst	2	1 1 0
<i>Family Bible</i> —		
C. E. Reynolds, Ch. Ch.	1	3 2 6
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. Masters, Thames	45	50 5 0
Mrs. Covell, Wanganui	21	21 0 0
Mrs. E. Smith, Ch. Ch.	6	6 0 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
Mrs. Hamilton, Hawkes B.	31	50 0 0
J. Knox, Wanganui	19	29 10 0
G. Masters, Thames	16	29 0 0
Mrs. E. Smith, Ch. Ch.	5	7 10 0
Mrs. Covell, Wanganui	1	1 10 0
G. Hansford, Palmerston N.	1	1 10 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
G. Hansford, Palmerston N.	38	44 10 0
D. M. Adams, Wellington	22	22 7 6
G. Masters, Thames	1	1 10 0

<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
W. Ward, Rangitikei	10	6 10 0
	365	£373 1 6

<i>Good Health</i> subscriptions	134	
<i>Signs</i> sales, Miss Owen	2016	
" " Miss Williams	720	
" " Miss Harker	152	

### Queensland.

APRIL, 1903

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Bible Readings</i> —		
F. Brett, Mackay	6	£ 4 13 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
A. Smart, Ipswich	13	18 10 3
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
J. H. Hewitt, Brisbane	8	9 17 6
Mrs. Hewitt, Brisbane	10	10 3 0
	37	£43 4 3

### New South Wales.

APRIL, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> —		
A. Hodgkinson	33	£34 10 9
G. Wood	12	10 17 9
A. Reekie	19	14 12 0

<i>House We Live In</i> —		
Miss E. Gregg	95	24 10 6
<i>Coming King</i> —		
G. Ryder	20	6 5 6
C. Harlow	37	14 10 3
Miss C. Allum	51	21 17 0
A. Potter	4	2 12 0

<i>Patriarchs &amp; Prophets</i> —		
J. Mitchell-May	15	12 17 0

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
M. A. Connell	14	22 14 0
A. G. Baker	1	1 17 0

<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. Gregg	26	30 9 0
H. J. Cooper	46	59 1 0

<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
H. J. Cooper	8	8 10 0
	381	£256 3 9

### Victoria.

APRIL, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
L. Currow, S. Gippsland	69	£114 10 0
F. W. Reekie, Mansfield	53	81 0 0
(Other books)	4	4 0 0
G. Burgess, Leigh Rd.	19	27 10 0
J. Anderson, Dandenong	4	6 10 0

<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
L. Currow, S. Gippsland	6	6 7 6

<i>Coming King</i> —		
N. Harker, Creswick	34	13 7 0
B. Judge, Creswick	16	7 4 0

<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
J. F. Ward, Bairnsdale	6	7 5 0

<i>Bible Readings</i> —		
Mrs. Arthur, N. Carlton	26	16 5 6
Mrs. L. J. Lear, Camber'11	12	9 6 6
Mrs. Royal, Camberwell	6	4 2 6
Miscellaneous	16	12 10 0
	271	£509 18 0

### Tasmania.

APRIL, 1903.

<i>Coming King</i> —		
N. R. Kennon, Longford	22	10 4 0
T. Howse, Longford	16	7 12 0

<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
Miss E. M. Hawkins, Don	11	7 5 6
Miscellaneous	6	4 2 6
	55	£29 4 0

### Totals for April, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
New South Wales	381	£256 3 9
Tasmania	55	29 4 0
Victoria	271	309 18 0
Queensland	37	43 4 3
New Zealand	365	373 1 6
South Australia	94	82 5 0
Grand Total	1203	1093 16 6

A VERSION of the Scriptures is now being made in China, which makes the Word of God intelligible to 300,000,000 people, amid all the diversities of dialects and pronunciations in China. It is believed that this version in the Mandarin will place the Scriptures within the reach of two-thirds of the vast population of the great empire. The New Testament portion is nearly completed, and work will soon be resumed upon the Old Testament.

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## Items of General Interest.

PASTOR E. W. Farnsworth has, since returning from the Devonport, Tasmania, camp-meeting, and undergoing an attack of influenza, gone to visit and encourage the churches of Queensland.

SINCE returning to their native land, Pastor George A. Snyder and wife report encouragingly of an improved condition of health. Pastor Snyder expects to labor in the southern portion of California.

PASTOR A. T. Robinson, late of Australia, has been invited to act as president of the Missouri Conference, U. S. A. Sister Robinson has already gained in health. We wish them a continuous period of victory in their distant field of labor.

PASTOR E. H. Gates is returning to Australia by way of the Society Islands. He will, by this means, meet our missionaries of the eastern Pacific, and gain opportunity for united counsel regarding many important questions. The work in the Society Islands is to be under the watchcare of the Australasian Union Conference in the future.

THE interesting and uncommon incident related in the report of Pastor Jesse Pallant concerning one who undertook openly to oppose the Sabbath of the Lord in public discussion, and who at the end confessed with sorrow his mistake, demonstrated that it pays to deal very gently and kindly with those who oppose themselves. Some honest hearts, like Saul of Tarsus, are very zealous for wrong principles. Christian meekness, courtesy, and wisdom enable God's children to see the truth in its beauty and to help others to see it.

THE ringing key-note in the recent General Conference was the old, old message of the soon coming of our Lord. The Spirit of God witnessed to every word spoken that aimed in the direction of a definite message and a closing in of the ranks for pushing the work forward into every unentered field. Zion is to shake itself loose from every band that would hold it, and arise, in the name of the Lord, to do the work which will prepare the way of the coming King.

**The Week of Prayer** which was appointed for June 6 to 14 is now almost here. What will its record be for you and for me? Will it mark an important epoch in our experience as individuals and as a people? Will it witness the outpouring of the latter rain, which awaits our demand and reception, and which will bring all other blessings in its train? or will it silently come and go, un-

noticed and unobserved, leaving us without a blessing? Satan would doubtless be glad to induce us to compromise and allow the cares of this world to crowd out the blessing. Shall we not wrestle with God in earnest, heartsearching prayer as did Jacob at the brook Jabbok, and with humble importunity exclaim as did he, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me."

**Gifts Increasing.**—The president of the General Conference remarked that "the largest yearly offering before 1901 was £22,000. In 1901 our people gave to missions £25,400, and in 1902 £28,800." With an increasing membership, with the end rapidly nearing, and with millions of sinners still unwarned, should not our offerings increase by leaps and bounds? Certainly they should. The happiest people on earth when Jesus comes will be those who have spent their lives and their substance in the Master's service.

**An Encouraging Report** was that dealing with the financial aspect of the General Conference Association. The following we quote from the president's address: "Two years ago our General Conference Association was owing £57,600. Nearly every pound of this liability was on notes given for borrowed money. It had only £20,000 worth of property that could possibly be turned into money. The trustees have worked hard to place the finances on a sound basis. Sixteen thousand six hundred pounds of the debts have been cut off, and £20,000 of good, valuable assets in the shape of good notes and accounts, have been added. This has improved the financial condition of the association £36,600. The total liabilities December 31, 1902, were £41,081 16s; the assets were £39,594 16s, leaving a deficit of £1,407. No man nor committee could have effected this change, had it not been that God mercifully moved upon the hearts of His people to help us in this hour of need and effort."

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AS ADOPTED.

THE following persons were elected as officers of the General Conference at the recent session:—

President, A. G. Daniells; first vice-president, L. R. Conradi; second vice-president, W. W. Prescott; secretary, W. A. Spicer; treasurer, I. H. Evans; auditor, D. B. Parmelee.

**Executive Committee.**—The presidents of Union Conferences and Union Mission Fields, the persons named being the present incumbents: Atlantic Union Conference, H. W. Cottrell; Lake Union Conference, A. G. Daniells; Southern Union Conference, G. I. Butler; Southwestern Union Conference, G. G. Rupert; Central Union Conference, E. T. Russel; Northern Union Conference, C. W. Flaiz; Pacific Union Conference, W. T. Knox; Canadian Union Conference, W. H. Thurston; British Union Conference, O. A. Olsen; German Union Conference, L. R. Conradi; Scandinavian Union Conference, P. A. Hansen; South African Union Conference, W. S. Hyatt; Australasian Union Conference, G. A. Irwin; French-Latin Union Mission, B. G. Wilkinson; South American Union Mission, J. W. Westphal; and the following named persons: W. A. Spicer, L. A. Hoopes, A. T. Jones, W. C. White, C. H. Jones, David Paulson, J. C. Ottosen, A. J. Read, Frederick Griggs, W. C. Sisley, S. N. Haskell, R. M. Kilgore.