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

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## OUR GOD.

THERE is no God like our God,  
No help so wondrous strong;  
For, few and weary though we be,  
With Him we are a throng.  
No arm in all the universe  
His power can defy,  
Yet in the hollow of His hand  
The weak securely lie.

I can not doubt that searching word  
At which the heavens flee;  
It calms the tempest of my fears,  
And stills my Galilee.  
It thrills the million moving spheres  
That gem the shimmering space,  
Yet finds in hearts that yearn for God  
A glad abiding place.

He whispers in the winds that ope  
His treasure-house of hail;  
He sends the rain and gentle dew,  
That harvest may not fail.  
He speaks adown the darkening skies  
In voice of thunder loud;  
His sword of light, His falchion bright,  
Is brandished in the cloud.

And yet there glows in every rose  
That drinks the sparkling dew,  
In modest grace and smiling face,  
God's wondrous love to you.  
I hear it in the rustling trees,  
I read it in the sea;  
Its carols run from sun to sun  
In one grand harmony.

Oakland, Cal.

C. M. SNOW.

## Our Work.

THE work of John the Baptist is our work. Of him we read, "Behold, I send My messenger before Thy face, which shall prepare Thy way before Thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

By bearing a faithful witness in the daily life, in the words we speak and the deeds we do, we are to prepare the way for Christ's second coming. By revealing the principles of righteousness in our dealings with one another, we are to proclaim the message, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

The conflict is before us. The only safety for any of us now is to be one with Christ in God. Our resources must come from heaven. The Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit revealed truth which, presented to the people, caused the conversion of five thousand souls in a day. In order for the message to go with power to-day, the

Holy Spirit must confirm the word spoken. Jesus is magnified through His sons and daughters when He can impart to them the power of His Spirit. Without this power our efforts are worthless.

Paul declared that neither Jewish learning nor Grecian eloquence could reach the mark of the high calling that is in Christ Jesus. The highest eloquence, the greatest physical strength, can not give a man power to convict and convert souls. It is heart-reception of the pure principles of the gospel that makes a man an honor to God, and enables him to exert an influence that wins



souls to Christ. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Only thus can human beings prevail against Satanic agencies. Without God's aid, human might and strength have no more power than the wind that blows to impress aright the souls of men. The breath of God must be breathed into the soul before it can be filled with power.

We are to strive to enter in at the strait gate. But this gate does not swing loosely on its hinges. It will not admit doubtful characters. We must now strive for eternal life with an intensity that is proportionate to the value of the prize before us. It is not money or lands or position, but the possession of a Christlike character, that will open to us the gates of Paradise. It is not dignity

it is not intellectual attainments, that will win for us the crown of immortality. Only the meek and lowly ones, who have made God their efficiency, will receive this gift.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### Who is My Mother, and Who Are My Brethren?

AND He stretched forth His hand to His disciples and said, "*Behold My mother and My brethren.*"

Christianity does not lessen our affection for the members of our own household; it brings into our hearts something we did not before possess, a love and affection that is pure and lasting. It does more than this, it leads us to look upon others outside of our family circle *as our own flesh* and blood. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from *thine own flesh*? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."

Jesus retained His affection as a son for His mother to the close. He was her support while living. At the cross He taught a lesson that it is well for every follower of Christ to learn and practise. "When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, *behold thy son!* Then saith He to the disciple, *Behold thy mother!* And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home."

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Whenever a woman is deprived of her support by the loss of husband or son, Jesus still says to the disciples He loves, "Behold your mother." When children are brought into the church having poor parents who are unable to give them the advantages and privileges needed to become useful members of society, He says, "Woman, behold your son," or your daughter. We need fathers and mothers in Israel who will look upon the poor children God has connected with the church as they look upon their own. Then, and not till then, shall thy light break forth as the morning, and the Sun of righteousness will arise with healing in His wings. "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am." Then God's glory or character will be seen upon His people; for each will be what God is,— "A father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow."

The poor we shall always have in our midst. They should be welcomed and regarded as a blessing in the church. May it never be said, "But ye have destroyed the poor" by not taking a father's or a mother's interest in them, by hiding from *thine own flesh*.

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

THE Christian may gather worldly wealth in his pilgrimage. But let it not hinder him in his journey. Let him carry it heavenward, or it will carry him earthward. Let him consecrate it for the development of religion, or it will desecrate that religion. Let him sacrifice it on the altar of the Lord, or it will sacrifice his spiritual prosperity on its altar.

### MY AIM.

My God, I want my life to be  
A song of praise unending;  
That in my actions all may see  
Thy character extending.  
I want my soul to get of Thee  
A richer comprehending.

Not me, but Christ who in me dwells,  
My daily walk revealing;  
To go about e'er doing good,  
Both soul and body healing;  
To learn of Him the wondrous power  
Of human hearts unsealing.

My God, what has Thy love not done  
To bring to me salvation?  
Now let the light which on me shone  
Be sent to every nation.  
The bearing of this light alone  
Be hence my occupation.

My only aim to show Thy love  
To those in darkness dwelling,  
My meat to do my Father's will,  
His goodness ever telling;  
His words to speak, His thoughts to think,  
His love each act impelling.

CECIL H. PREYMAN.

### "Why Stand Ye There Idle?"

THE Lord says, "I have work for all who love Me; employment for every soul who will work under My direction," and yet how many there are who, while "looking for that blessed hope," are still depending upon the world to find them employment; meeting with difficulty and disappointment, but fearful of trusting all to the Master, when everyone of them, by heeding His gracious invitation,—

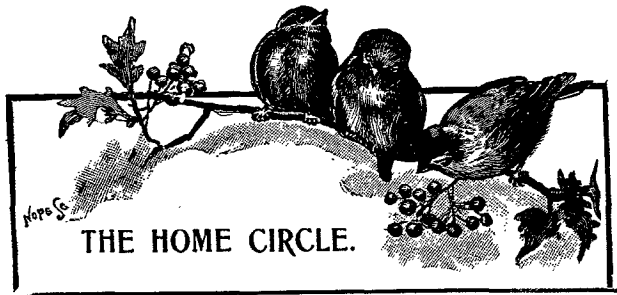
"GO WORK TO-DAY IN MY VINEYARD"

might be actively engaged in soul-saving work, carrying light and peace to those in darkness and error, and at the same time gaining a rich experience in the blessing and power of God. "Canvassing evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and byways," and to all who respond comes the blessed assurance from the lips of the Master,

"AND WHATSOEVER IS RIGHT I WILL GIVE THEE."

"O that thousands more of our people had a realisation of the time in which we are living, and of the work to be done in field service, in house to house labor." It will only be a little while and the decree will go forth that "no man may buy or sell, save he that has the mark of the beast or the number of his name." How will it be at that time? Will looking back upon months and years spent upon the service of the world be conducive to faith in the promise, "Bread shall be given him, his water shall be sure"? or is it the daily experience in true fellowship and in service with the Master for the salvation of souls, that will fill the heart with confidence and assurance in the day of trial? The only assurance we can have that we will trust God in that time is the assurance we gain in trusting Him now, and to all who respond to the call of the Master for active service comes the promise by the Spirit of God that "my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

J. M. JOHANSON.



### The Books of the Bible.

In Genesis the world was made by God's creative hand ;  
In Exodus the Hebrews marched to gain the Promised Land.

Leviticus contains the Law, holy, just, and good ;  
Numbers records the tribes enrolled, all sons of Abraham's blood.

Moses in Deuteronomy records God's mighty deeds ;  
Brave Joshua into Canaan's land the host of Israel leads.

In Judges their rebellion oft provoked the Lord to smite ;  
But Ruth records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.

In First and Second Samuel of Jesse's son we read ;  
Ten Tribes in First and Second Kings revolted from his seed.

The First and Second Chronicles see Judah captive made ;  
But Ezra leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.

The city walls of Zion Nehemiah builds again ;  
Whilst Esther saves her people from plots of wicked men.

In Job we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod ;  
And David's Psalms are precious songs to every child of God.

The Proverbs like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear ;  
Ecclesiastes teaches man how vain are all things here.

The mystic Song of Solomon exalts sweet Sharon's rose,  
Whilst Christ, the Saviour and the King, the rapt Isaiah shows.

The warning Jeremiah—Apostate Israel scorns ;  
His plaintive Lamentations, their awful downfall mourns.

Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries,  
Whilst kings and empires yet to come Daniel in vision sees.

Of judgment and of mercy Hosea loves to tell ;  
Joel describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.

Among Tekoa's herdsmen Amos receives his call ;  
Whilst Obadiah prophesies of Edom's final fall.

Jonah enshrines a wondrous type of Christ, our risen Lord ;  
Micah pronounces Judah lost—lost, but again restored ;  
Nahum declares on Nineveh just judgment shall be poured.

A view of Chaldea's coming doom Habakkuk's visions give ;  
Next Zephaniah warns the Jews to turn, repent, and live.

Haggai wrote to those who saw the temple built again ;  
And Zechariah prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.

Malachi was the last who touched the prophet's chord,  
Its final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John the Holy Gospel wrote,  
Describing how the Saviour died—His life—and what He taught.

Acts prove how God the apostles owned, with signs in every place ;  
And Paul, in Romans, teaches us how man is saved by grace.

The Apostle in Corinthians instructs, exhorts, reproves ;  
Galatians show that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.

Ephesians and Philippians tell what Christians ought to be ;  
Colossians bids us live to God, and for eternity.

In Thessalonians we are taught the Lord will come from heaven ;  
In Timothy and Titus a bishop's rule is given.

Philemon marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know ;  
Hebrews reveals the Gospel, prefigured by the Law.

James says that without holiness faith is but vain and dead ;  
And Peter points the narrow way in which the saints are led.

John in the Three Epistles, on love delights to dwell,  
St. Jude gives awful warning of judgment, wrath, and hell.

The Revelation prophesies of that tremendous day,  
When Christ, and Christ alone, shall be the trembling sinner's stay.  
—Anon.

### How to Confess Your Sins.

THE Lord has not left us in doubt as to how to receive forgiveness of our sins. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper ; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

But to confess our sins means more than simply to confess that we are sinners. The Lord has given us His law that we might know just what sin is, and He would have us be specific in our confessions. When one becomes aware that he is guilty of transgressing any principle or precept of this law, the Lord says, "He shall confess that he hath sinned *in that thing*." Lev. 5 : 5.

Mark Guy Pearce tells the following story illustrative of true and false confession of sins :—

"A member of the church once got drunk. He sought to go back to God and get his peace restored. He could not find the Saviour, so he sought again. His minister called upon him. The minister said, 'You pray again.' They knelt down together.

"O God, Thou knowest Thy servant in a moment of unwatchfulness was overtaken by a sin !"

"Nonsense !" said the minister, "tell the Lord you got drunk."

"That was another matter ; he could not bring that up. He began again : 'O Lord, Thou knowest Thy servant in his weakness and frailty was overtaken by a besetment !'"

"Nonsense ! tell the Lord you got drunk."

"At last the poor fellow said, 'O God, have mercy upon me, I got drunk.'"

"Then very speedily that man was at peace with God again."  
W. A. COLCORD.

"HERE IS THE MAN."—A teacher in a Sabbath-school was once called to the bedside of a dying boy who had been a member of his Sabbath-school class. The boy said,—

"I want to thank you for what you have done for me. When you get to heaven, I will meet you and take you by the hand, and lead you to Jesus, and say, 'Here is the man who put me on the way to heaven.'"

This thought should be an encouragement to Sabbath-school workers and to all who labor for the salvation of others.

"It is not possible for the mother to cultivate too great intimacy with her child. She should have the juvenile heart spread out before her as a mirror, reflecting every thought, every feeling, every passion of the child. Thus she will be able judiciously to administer antidotes to vice and build up safeguards to virtue."

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### WEST AUSTRALIA.

AS ONE of the results of the discussion mentioned in our last report, one of the chief office bearers of the Church of England, Bridgetown, with his wife and family, has decided to obey God. The minister himself has turned against the truth, and is opposing it by using Canwright's wicked misrepresentations. The opposition is strong all around, but God is reaching the honest at heart.

Next Sunday we shall hold our first baptismal service here, when some twenty-two will be buried to arise to walk in newness of life with Emmanuel. I wish that it were possible for all our dear brethren to see these souls, for they are simply rejoicing in the truth. To hear them sing the precious hymns in "Christ in Song" in true advent spirit would do your souls good. Truly I think that it can be said of them they have caught the spirit of the message. To God be all the praise. Since my last writing I have been twice to Beddellia, a small place distant some forty miles through a kauri forest. On the first occasion we held a ten days' mission, consisting of twenty-two meetings, with the blessed result that we left nine adults besides children rejoicing in the truth. Three weeks later we paid another visit, when we conducted three meetings each day for eight days, the first being held at either five or six o'clock in the morning, and all the Sabbath-keepers, twenty-five in number, without a single exception, attending. Some of these brethren accompanied me from Warren and Springdale. I may here say that these brethren have been very anxious that others should hear the message that has done so much for them, and so they have helped by their means, prayers, and presence. It is a common thing to see nine or ten going with me on horseback to the different places. When passing through the bush they would make the place echo with our soul-stirring hymns. After singing we would all dismount and have a good season of prayer. It led me to think of the time when we shall be in mountains. It would have been pleasing to you to have heard our elderly Brother Gibbleth going round the big house ringing the big bell to wake us up for morning study; and if he was at all late, an aboriginal who has taken a deep interest in our meetings would go and arouse him, and tell him it was time to ring the bell. All say the morning meetings were the very best.

In a letter received from Brother Finster he reports a good interest at Quellington, and that four young men have taken their stand for the truth. Brother Brittain reports additions to the York company. It will cause delight to the hearts of the RECORD readers to learn that within this last nine months eighty persons have taken hold of the truth in W. A., and so the good work goes on. Sister Farquhar has recently been paying the Bunbury Church a visit, and reports all of good courage.

Sister Chandler is still persevering in her *Signs* selling and Christian help work. All of our brethren who are selling the *Signs* in the streets are doing well. All of our canvassers are doing well. We have many calls, but no one to send in response. Oh that God will raise up consecrated men and women who are energised by the Holy Spirit, so that they will throw their all into the precious service of soul saving.

Warren, July 7.

JESSE PALLANT.

### NOTES FROM TASMANIA.

AT the last session of the Conference in Hobart, it was recommended that we endeavor to complete the sale of our quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" before April 1. A faint endeavor has been made, but we have fallen far short of completing the sale of the remaining 700 copies. We are glad, however, that some are taking hold of this work. I am just in receipt of a letter from an isolated sister, saying that she would devote one day each week to the sale of the book. Another sister has begun to canvass for it, and has ordered three copies for her neighbors. A few copies are being sold in Hobart, and I understand that some of the brethren at Bismark are preparing to take up the work.

A few days ago I had the privilege of holding a Bible reading with a man who has recently begun the observance of the Sabbath. He purchased a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" saying that he would canvass his neighbors for it. He said one day after he had been reading some of the writings of Sister White and thinking upon them, the Spirit of God convicted him of his sinful, backslidden condition. He turned aside into the bush, and in agony of Spirit poured out his soul unto God. He grasped the promise of pardon and found peace in Christ. He immediately began the observance of the Sabbath, and is now waiting for the Lord to direct him into some branch of the work. Formerly he was a local Methodist minister.

At Kindred, where an interest has been awakened to hear the truth, the hall was closed against Brethren Teasdale and Allen, and they returned to Devonport. They still visit the people there, occasionally holding Bible readings and distributing tracts as opportunity permits. After their return the superintending of the Devonport Church was given to Brother Teasdale. This has given me opportunity to look after other matters in the conference that need attention.

I visited the little company at Burnie, and held several meetings with them. On my way to the place, I stopped at Ulverstone and Penguin, looking for an opening for meetings. While at these places, I spent a few hours introducing the *Good Health* into the homes of the people. In all I canvassed about eleven hours and took twenty-two orders, and sold eight copies. I feel sure that if our people would put forth an effort to circulate this journal among the people, God would bless them in it, and they would be a blessing to others. The Lord has promised to bless every effort put forth to disseminate the principles of healthful living. He has told us that the health reform principles are the entering wedge for the Third Angel's Message to follow. Brethren and sisters, why not move out in this work and give the Lord a chance to bless your efforts? At our last State Conference a recommendation was passed that all our people be encouraged to study carefully our health publications, especially the health journal, thus acquiring the knowledge so much needed by them that they may be able to impart it to others. We earnestly hope that our church members will visit their neighbors with the journal, and induce them to become subscribers for it. We are sorry that some of our own people are not subscribers to the *Good Health*. You who do not take the journal, please send in your name and P. O. address to the State Secretary, 131 St. John's Street, Launceston, enclosing 1/6, and it will be sent to you for one year. For every subscription you send to the office accompanied

by 2/6 you are entitled to 1/-. Let us do all we can to circulate this excellent health journal, and thereby prepare the way for the Third Angel's Message to follow.

E. HILLIARD.

#### MUALEVU, LOMALOMA, LAU, FIJI.

SINCE our last report we have enjoyed the blessing of the week of prayer. Meetings were held every night with the church at this place. I was unable to visit the other two companies, as they are on two other islands, and the wind made it dangerous for sailing. We will await with interest to hear the report of the meetings at each of these places.

The church here donated £1 8s 5d. We think we can truthfully say that at no other time in our experience have we enjoyed so much of the blessing of the Lord as we have at this time.

C. H. AND M. G. PARKER.

#### DO THE NATIVES APPRECIATE OUR LITERATURE ?

It may be a question with some whether, after our literature is printed in the native languages, it is appreciated. Let me relate a little incident to show how eager they are for our tracts and papers. I once set out with a small sail boat with one native for a helper on the trip. We had a hard time with head winds, and had difficulty to reach the place to which we were going, but we were very much gratified to find how glad the Fijians were to receive us and to take our tracts and papers. We visited a number of towns, had pleasant talks with the people, and left supplies of literature. Going along the river one day we saw a large number of men working in a cane field. Some of them knew me, and asked for literature. Immediately it became known that we had leaflets and papers to distribute, there was a wild rush for the boat in which we were sailing. Scores of them came into the water around the boat, until the water fairly boiled. They grabbed the papers given out to them, and, putting them in their teeth, swam ashore. What disappointment when the supply ran out, and I could no longer give them what they so much desired! Some of these same tracts were taken to the interior of the island, and I afterward heard that there was an interest to hear the Word in that part. O what a need there is for our literature! Who will help us to feed the hungry souls with the Bread of Life? Answer this through the contributions of the present quarter.

J.E.F.

#### BROKEN HILL, N. S. W.

THE population of Broken Hill is made up of people from all parts of the Commonwealth, and many seem to have no other aim in life but just living for to-day, little heeding that the events that are occurring around them are the omens of the Saviour's coming. Although the difficulties for earning a living in Broken Hill are very great, yet some see the importance of obeying God rather than serving self.

The advent message has had a varied history in this place. Broken Hill being situated so far from the Conference to which it belongs, and away from any centre of commerce, it is naturally cut off from the ordinary worker going to and fro, and so the little company has had to care for itself a good deal, only getting an occasional visit from a minister or other workers. But with all this and the usual apostasies and discouragements that take place, a few have kept the lamp of truth burning since its inception, the work has been

onward, souls have been added, and others have learned the truth pertaining to the last days. Many here are acquainted with the truths taught by God's people, who may yet be led to take their stand on God's side.

There is at the present time a live interest both in the church and out of the church. The *Signs* club has risen in three months from two dozen up to thirty and one-half dozen, two of the company taking one gross each. This brings each worker some good experiences. The *Signs* being a good medium through which to reach honest souls with the truth, in this work many opportunities arise for other work, and as the result of this there are several interested ones investigating present truth. As one looks at the field of from 25,000 to 30,000 people, one is led to exclaim, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

The little company here has been somewhat cheered by the presence of a corps of canvassers who have come to canvass for "Desire of Ages." While the faithful few have been cheered, the canvassers have been meeting with many difficulties in their work through the expected water famine. And now the crisis has come, everything in the way of trade is at a standstill, and the great topic of conversation is the water question.

All these things help to show us the trials and difficulties that await the people of God as we near the end. This experience has led the people of God here to seek Him earnestly on behalf of His work. This has revealed how dependent we are on Him. Men have sought human help without avail, showing how true it is that it is in God we live, and move, and have our being, and He alone can supply man's needs.

We trust that by the time this reaches our friends of like precious faith the famine will be in some measure past, and that God's work will go forward. This is the prayer of all here.

JOSEPH E. STEED.

#### OUR EXPERIENCES.

THE faithful canvasser meets with many precious experiences which are to him a source of strength and encouragement, and it seems reasonable that these experiences should be related for the help and encouragement of others. Our canvassers are often tempted to think their labor is without result because they do not see any IMMEDIATE fruits for all their toil, but God says, "My word SHALL NOT return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

Our experiences have demonstrated this many times during the past year. We have been passing through a very trying time. The cry almost everywhere has been of drought and bad times, with the result that our work has been considerably hampered, and even now, while splendid rains have fallen in many parts in this State, our workers, in places, are having a trying experience. Yet our hearts are made glad by a knowledge of their faith and courage. From a letter recently received I quote as follows: "I am anxious to tell you that we are of good courage, though all seems dark around. These trials are worth having. We feel sure that God is guiding events, and fully realise that this trouble is to strengthen our faith, as well as having a purpose for the people here. It helps us greatly to know that you are praying for us."

We can see that the Lord is using the experiences of these workers as a means of drawing them nearer to

Himself, and of strengthening their faith in His almighty power to work out all things for their best good and His glory, making their hearts glad in His love. And the knowledge of these things has done much to encourage and strengthen our faith and hope in God.

An agent while canvassing came to a lonely house where only a young girl about thirteen years of age was at home. Of course she could not order the subscription book, but she requested the agent to bring her a shilling Bible. At first the agent hesitated, for it meant a long journey for no financial benefit, but she quickly decided to comply with the request, praying that God would bless His own Word to the child. On calling to deliver the Bible, the mother was met with, and explanations followed. The book "Patriarchs and Prophets" was shown, and a spare cloth copy being on hand, it was sold for cash. The husband having in the meantime been called in, handed 20/- to the agent with the request that other reading matter to the value of 7/6 should be sent. They seemed to be earnest seekers after truth, and we trust that the same spirit by which they were influenced to buy the books will bless them in the reading, and lead them to know and obey the truth.

Another instance of how God is using the canvasser to bring light and knowledge to those who are hungering and thirsting for His truth, came to my knowledge while delivering a week or so ago. I met a gentleman with whom I spent the evening in talking over some phases of present truth, and in course of conversation, he told me of a young man who had purchased a copy of "Bible Readings" from an agent, and was using it in the church service on Sundays. The visiting minister told them it was not a good book, for it taught wrong principles, but despite that fact, the members of the church decided to continue to use it, as they were of the opinion that it taught "sound doctrine." To use the words of the gentleman who related the incident to me, "the book is doing its work."

Many are receiving help and strength through the work of the faithful canvasser. Brethren, fellow-workers in God's great harvest field, let us then press on with confidence and renewed faith and courage, knowing that in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

A. G. MACKENZIE.

#### JAMAICA.

MONTIGO BAY.—For the past three months I have been endeavoring to give the last message of mercy to the people of Montigo Bay. From the first, large congregations have attended the meetings. Services were held every night, and we visited and held Bible readings during the day. A lively interest was awakened throughout the town. I sold over £15 worth of books and tracts, and soon some began to obey the blessed present truth.

A fierce opposition was aroused. The other churches of the town—seven in number—united in their efforts against our work. A house-to-house canvass was carried on by our opponents, who warned the people not to go near our tents, telling them we were false prophets, preaching from a strange Bible, and that God would visit terrible judgments upon those who came to listen to us. Those who persisted in attending were threatened with excommunication.

But the Spirit of God was striving with many, and the people continued to come. The increased interest, and the earnestness with which the people searched the

Scriptures to find out whether these things were so, enraged the enemies of the Third Angel's Message.

A series of union meetings was held for five nights in succession, at which the passions of the people were appealed to, and strong efforts made to excite the people to prejudice against us.

Three great anti-Adventist demonstrations were held in the open air, the people were urged by the excited and angry clergymen to rid themselves of me. Thursday, May 7, was selected as the day when the final blow was to be struck and the voice of the Adventist preacher silenced in Montigo Bay.

But we knew the work was the Lord's, and that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." We never felt any fear, although excitement ran high for a few days, and many times I was insulted in the streets.

We sought the Lord constantly for wisdom, and trusted in His power for safety. And like the church in the time of Peter and John, we said, "And now, Lord, behold the threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may preach the Word." The Lord heard our prayers, and gave us the victory. The great storm raised by the enemies of God's truth spent itself without doing us any harm, and a great calm now follows. The people are more interested than ever. Truly they "can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

Sixteen souls have publicly acknowledged Christ, and taken their stand for the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Others are just trembling in the balance. A sister has given a good lot on which to build a church.

The little company which has come out amid such bitter opposition can all give a testimony which has a clear ring of love and faith, and I believe each one has his face set Zionward with a determination to go straight through into the kingdom. Praise Jehovah.

J. H. STRICKLAND.

#### ARE MISSIONARY MEETINGS DULL?

MISSIONARY meetings dull?—Well, we should say not. Long?—Not half long enough. Wearying?—Rather a tonic, which braces our muscles, and strengthens our spiritual nerves, and sets the blood bounding, and puts us in a glow. "Is life worth living?" asks the woman of the world and the half-hearted Christian. Come out into the kingdom of God and see. When we learn what He is doing with the degraded Filipino, the prejudiced, custom-bound Chinaman, and the darkest African, we want to live to see His work finished. We want to live and work in order to have a hand in this movement. We want to live in order to pray, and so hold up the hands of those heroes and heroines who are doing this magnificent work. We want to live just now and here, to watch with joyful reverence God's majestic march among the nations, and to see in glorious anticipation the speedy coming of His kingdom. You don't feel any of this thrill of enthusiasm? Get on your knees, and if you have never got further than being a member of a Baptist church, ask to be baptised by the Holy Spirit into the membership of the kingdom of God.—*Helping Hand.*

"ACTIVITY is liable to commit some injuries; but indolence is sure to do no good."

**Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work, also of Natal, South Africa.**

**Victoria.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Home Hand Book</i> — Orders. Value. |                |
| G. Burgess, Benalla.....               | 23 £34 10 0    |
| J. Anderson, Pakenham.....             | 11 17 0 0      |
| <i>Desire of Ages</i> —                |                |
| J. F. Ward, Bruthen.....               | 20 24 5 0      |
| L. Currow, Kew.....                    | 2 2 0 0        |
| <i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> —       |                |
| F. W. Reekie, Rutherglen               | 17 11 19 0     |
| <i>Coming King</i> —                   |                |
| B. Judge, Geelong.....                 | 9 4 5 6        |
| W. Ryder, Geelong.....                 | 11 4 10 6      |
| (Other books)                          | 1 1 0 0        |
| <i>Bible Readings</i> —                |                |
| Mrs. L. J. Lear, Hawthorn              | 10 7 7 6       |
| Miss A. Baker, Brunswick               | 7 4 21 6       |
| Miscellaneous .....                    | 33 25 2 6      |
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|                                        | 144 £1363 18 6 |

**Tasmania.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Coming King</i> — Orders. Value |              |
| T. Howse, Deloraine Dist.          | 19 £ 9 7 6   |
| N. Kennon, Deloraine Dist.         | 30 14 8 0    |
| Miss M. Voss, Deloraine...         | 29 13 2 6    |
| Miss E. Voss, Deloraine ...        | 20 8 11 0    |
| <i>Desire of Ages</i> —            |              |
| R. K. Young, Ulverstone...         | 4 4 15 0     |
| <i>Ladies' Guide</i> —             |              |
| Miss F. R. Horne, Stanley          | 2 2 0 0      |
| <i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —   |              |
| Otto Rabe, Ross District...        | 1 16 0       |
| Miscellaneous .....                | 3 1 15 0     |
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**Natal, South Africa.**

APRIL 1903.

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| <i>Home Hand Book</i> — Orders. Value. |               |
| J. H. Camp, Piet'burg ...              | 49 £29 10 0   |
| Mrs. Howard, Jo'burg ...               | 70 131 10 0   |
| J. Stapleford, Georget wn              | 47 72 10 0    |
| Mrs. Smith, Johannes'bg                | 6 9 0 0       |
| <i>Great Controversy</i> —             |               |
| H. Schmidt, Pretoria ...               | 32 32 0 0     |
| F. C. Ernst, Piet'burg ...             | 42 32 10 0    |
| Miss H. Smith, Johannes'bg             | 5 3 10 0      |
| <i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —           |               |
| J. H. de Beer .....                    | 11 12 10 0    |
| <i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —            |               |
| Mrs. Ernst, Piet'burg ...              | 26 5 17 0     |
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**New Zealand.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Coming King</i> — Orders. Value.    |               |
| F. Johnson, Palmerston N               | 17 £ 8 9 6    |
| J. Macintosh .....                     | 10 4 4 0      |
| D. M. Adam, Wellington...              | 16 7 13 0     |
| J. Neno, Napier.....                   | 9 4 8 6       |
| <i>Desire of Ages</i> —                |               |
| W. H. Pascoe, Waikato ...              | 19 21 5 0     |
| A. Bathgate, Waikato .....             | 11 13 0 0     |
| A. Mountain, Waikato.....              | 10 12 0 0     |
| C. Reynolds, Canterbury...             | 1 1 5 0       |
| <i>Home Hand Book</i> —                |               |
| G. Hansford, Palmerston N.             | 3 5 10 0      |
| G. Masters, Waikato .....              | 2 3 10 0      |
| J. Knox, Wanganui .....                | 1 1 10 0      |
| Mrs. E. Smith, Can't'by.....           | 1 1 10 0      |
| <i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —           |               |
| G. Hansford, Palmerston N.             | 19 22 10 0    |
| F. Johnson, .....                      | 42 43 10 0    |
| J. Macintosh, .....                    | 15 16 10 0    |
| D. M. Adam, Wellington                 | 4 4 0 0       |
| G. Masters, Waikato.....               | 1 1 7 6       |
| <i>Ladies' Guide</i> —                 |               |
| Mrs. Masters, Waikato.....             | 9 9 0 0       |
| Mrs. E. Smith, Canterbury              | 5 5 0 0       |
| <i>Family Bible</i> —                  |               |
| A. Mountain, Waikato.....              | 1 4 7 6       |
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|                                        | 196 £190 10 0 |
| <i>Good Health subscriptions</i> ..... |               |
| " " sales .....                        | 90            |
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| <i>Signs sales</i> , .....             | 1515          |

**South Australia.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Desire of Ages</i> — Orders. Value. |             |
| Mrs. Arnold, Broken Hill...            | 15 £20 18 0 |
| Miss Roesner, .....                    | 10 13 9 6   |
| J. E. Steed, .....                     | 27 33 10 0  |
| A. P. Roesner, .....                   | 7 13 5 6    |
| A. H. White, .....                     | 2 2 11 0    |
| Mrs. White, .....                      | 2 2 16 6    |
| <i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —           |             |
| H. E. Hughes, Pt. Pirie ...            | 1 1 13 0    |
| Miscellaneous.....                     | 3 13 6      |
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|                                        | 67 £88 17 0 |

**Queensland.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Coming King</i> — Orders. Value. |            |
| N. Kemsley, Charter's.....          | 27 £15 6 0 |
| <i>Towers</i>                       |            |
| <i>Ladies' Guide</i> —              |            |
| J. H. Hewitt, Brisbane....          | 9 10 10 0  |
| Mrs. A. J. Hewitt, Brisbane         | 14 15 0 0  |
| Mrs. Kemsley, C. Towers             | 1 1 0 0    |
| <i>Home Hand Book</i> —             |            |
| A. Costello, Cairns ... ..          | 2 3 12 4   |
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**West Australia.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Desire of Ages</i> — Orders. Value |              |
| R. A. Caldwell, Subiaco ...           | 55 £65 0 0   |
| (other books)                         | 7 1 18 6     |
| <i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —        |              |
| T. Whittle, Kalgoorlie....            | 40 31 13 0   |
| (other books)                         | 3 5 12 6     |
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|                                       | 105 £102 4 0 |

**New South Wales.**

JUNE, 1903.

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| <i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> — Orders. Value. |              |
| A. Hodgkinson, Inverell....                     | 2 £ 9 1 6    |
| G. Wood, Walgett .....                          | 7 7 19 9     |
| A. Reekie, Bega.....                            | 20 15 9 6    |
| <i>House We Live In</i> —                       |              |
| Miss E. Gregg, N. Sydney                        | 11 2 17 6    |
| <i>Desire of Ages</i> —                         |              |
| C. S. Badger, Raymond ..                        | 40 45 0 0    |
| <i>Coming King</i> —                            |              |
| E. C. Harlow, Moss Vale...                      | 20 9 15 0    |
| Miss Jannett, Bulli .....                       | 14 5 7 0     |
| Frank Hedges, Boggabri..                        | 35 18 14 6   |
| Miss C. Allum, Manning R                        | 30 13 15 0   |
| A. Potter, Burragarang ...                      | 5 3 4 6      |
| <i>Home Hand Book</i> —                         |              |
| M. A. Connell, Monaro ...                       | 6 10 8 0     |
| Mrs. A. Reekie, Bega Dis.                       | 8 13 4 0     |
| <i>Ladies' Guide</i> —                          |              |
| Mrs. A. Reekie, Bega Dis.                       | 4 4 0 0      |
| Mrs. Gregg, Fybble ... ..                       | 3 3 17 0     |
| M. A. Connell, Monaro ...                       | 1 1 0 0      |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i> —                          |              |
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**Totals for May, 1903.**

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| New South Wales.....    | 206 £166 8 3   |
| Tasmania .....          | 108 54 15 0    |
| Victoria .....          | 144 136 18 6   |
| Queensland .....        | 53 45 8 4      |
| New Zealand .....       | 106 190 10 0   |
| West Australia .....    | 105 162 4 0    |
| Natal, South Africa ... | 258 328 17 0   |
| South Australia .....   | 67 88 17 0     |
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| Grand Total             | 1137 1113 18 1 |

**The Coming Union Conference Session.**—Only a few more weeks intervene before our important biennial gathering will convene at Avondale for the transaction of important business relative to the forwarding of the message. If there ever was a time when heavenly wisdom was needed, that time is now, and much can be done by our brethren and sisters around the family altar, by their earnest prayers towards making this meeting a blessing to the world. We have no time to lose in useless talk or in rash moves, and no strength or means to spend for naught. Let us entreat the great Shepherd of the flock to be present and direct in every meeting held and in each move that is made.

**The Roman Pontiff Dead.**—No event of recent days has attracted such widespread attention as has the sickness and death of the pope of Rome. To the millions of Roman Catholics, who look with supreme awe to the head of their church, the occasion is one of extreme sadness. Kings, emperors, and presidents of so-called Protestant nations have shared with the church of Rome in the wave of sorrow which the electric spark has so recently flashed to every earth-born hamlet of civilised



people. Leo XIII justly gained the reputation of being a very good pope; but like all other mortals he has demonstrated by his departure that "death has passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" wrote the prophet Isaiah. How much better than placing trust in mortal man is it to recognise that "We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man," and that "this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

It is reported that the Philippines is truly a wonderful field. Nothing like it has been seen in the history of modern missionary effort. The eagerness of the people to hear the gospel is at once a delight and an embarrassment. The hunger for reading matter, hymn books, etc., is actually pathetic. Bible portions cannot be made as fast as they are wanted. Every page printed goes at cost price as soon as it is dry from the press.—Selected.

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## News and Notes of Importance.

PASTOR G. A. Snyder, late of Australia, has been engaged as Bible teacher for the coming season at the College of the North Pacific and Upper Columbia Conferences, U. S. A. Our loss in this case is their gain.

ONE by one our delegates to the General Conference are returning home. Pastor Gates and Brother W. D. Salisbury were the first to arrive, though by different boats. Sister Graham will doubtless be here before this paper reaches its readers. Pastor G. A. Irwin is supposed to have taken ship ere this, and will doubtless put in an appearance some time during August. We have cause for gratitude that all are returning and bringing several new recruits to aid in the good work.

SOME much needed literature has just been issued in the Tongan language at the Avondale Press. A handsomely illustrated tract on the coming of the Lord is just completed, and we trust will do much to awaken the natives to the importance of present truth. Other literature for the natives of both eastern and western Polynesia is being translated, and is to be published at once, so that there is great need of a liberal response on the part of our Sabbath-schools in the matter of raising the necessary funds for producing the literature.

**The Home Coming.**—A cheerful company of young people were discerned in the distance, driving rapidly along the Morrisset road. The setting sun hung low upon the horizon on that peaceful afternoon of July 24. A busy week of labor was soon to give place to a Sabbath of rest and blessing. What mean those echoes of joyful song that come from the passing carriage? queried the home dwellers. Why sing those young people so cheerily,—

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,

Over mountain, or plain, or sea;

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,

I'll be what you want me to be."

The villagers one and all drew nearer to listen in mute admiration, and strained their ears to catch each strain as the carriage passed by, and the word goes around, "O they are just another company of successful canvassers returning to the Avondale School after a week's canvassing with 'Christ's Object Lessons' in Newcastle." With hearts aglow in gratitude to God, these companies return week after week, singing as they come. We who live upon the highway know them by their ring, and bless God for the heaven-born plan, and for the happy Christian canvassers.

**The Culminating Battle of the Ages.**—These are days of rumors of war and of war preparations. Ponderous and powerful battleships, and cruisers, and torpedo boats, and torpedo-boat destroyers are being built to fight on the seas; and great and terrible cannon, and machine guns, and rapid-fire guns are being forged for both sea and land. Great forts line the coasts of all nations, and armies are being increased, and the call grows louder for more and more marines to man the fighting ships. Just now the war cloud hangs heavily over Corea and Manchuria. While the Russian bear continues to manifest aggressive traits of character, the impetuous Japanese can scarcely restrain themselves from rushing fiercely at their enemy. The recent disquieting reports that train after train crowded with Russian troops, supplies, and ammunition is being rushed forward to Port Arthur, and that great activity is being displayed in drilling and in gun practice on board the fifty-two Russian war vessels which are now on the spot, give startling evidence of an impending whirlwind which may shortly reddens the waters of the Yellow Sea. These strained relations may not result in a conflict immediately, as the angels are still holding the winds of war. Every prophecy shows that the end of time is right at hand. This marshaling of the nations to the battle of the great day of God is one of the incidents in the closing scenes. God's Word foretells it, and the events of the passing days show that the divine predictions are fulfilling right before us. The mere thought of such things is thrilling. And while the spirits of devils are working their signs to lead men to war, God is calling for volunteers who will enter His great school quickly to learn the ways of peace, and then hasten forth to the children of men, to warn them of the dangers that are impending. Where will you stand? It is a vital question.

**Australasia Again Favored.**—Much timely and needed help has in the past come to us from our brethren in America, both in workers of experience and in funds for prosecuting worthy enterprises. Still the present occasion finds us short of both men and means, as the drought has impoverished our land, and sickness and other causes have led large numbers of experienced workers to depart from our shores. The recent appeals placed before our American brethren by our representatives to the Conference were not without a response. Several ministering brethren of experience are already on their way here. But that is not all; earnest appeals for financial assistance have recently been placed before the American churches, and Sabbath, July 4, 1903, was set apart for collections to be taken up for the work in Australasia. Sister White and Pastors Daniells and Tenney all wrote timely articles for our church paper, the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, which placed the situation very plainly before our brethren. A liberal response was expected. In view of the goodness of God, shall we not all lift with renewed courage and enthusiasm until each continent and island of the southern hemisphere shall echo and re-echo the advent message and the King comes in His glory?

**Printers Wanted.**—Any of our brethren or sisters who are adept at type-setting and would like to visit Avondale during the coming session of the Union Conference, could make their visit both profitable and interesting by assisting in getting out the Conference *Bulletins*. We hope to be able to get along without employing unbelievers. For further information address, The Manager, AVONDALE PRESS, Cooranbong, N. S. W.