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

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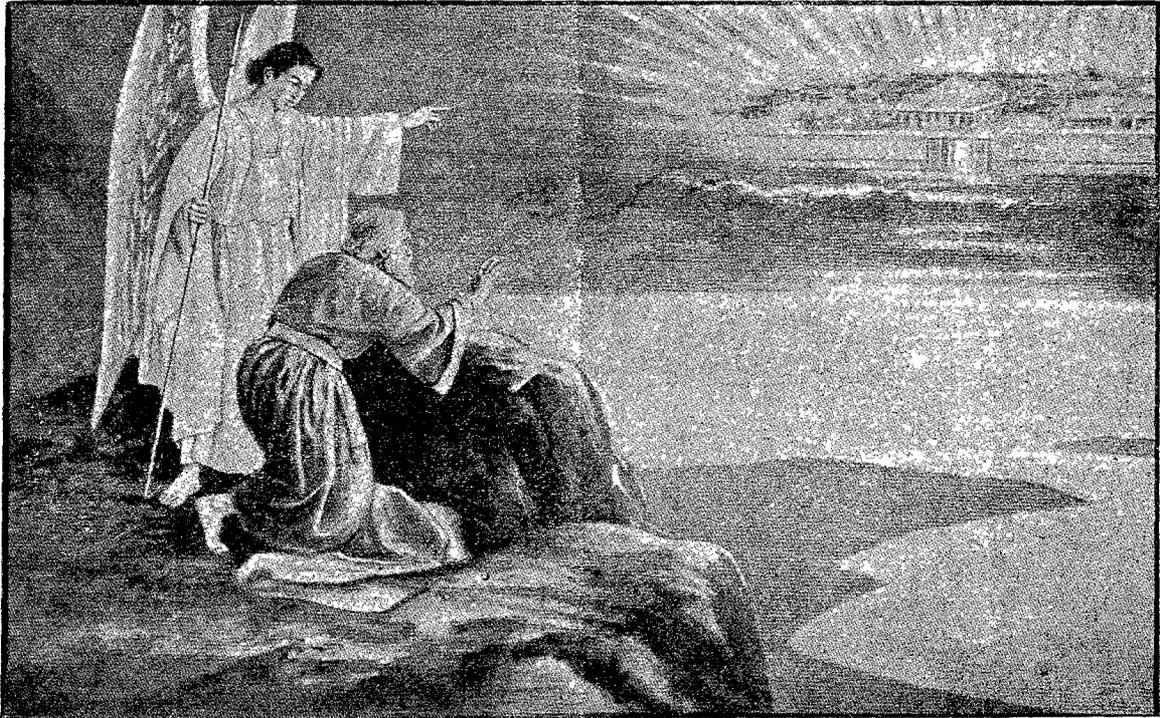
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NOT FAR AWAY.

"HOME, home, rest for the weary,
Peace, peace, to the torn breast;
Hope, hope, hope of the erring;
There in Thy bosom we'll rest,
Home, home, home, home,—
There will the wanderers rest."

to be His workers, wholly consecrated to His service, what a work might be done! When God's people surrender themselves unreservedly to Him, they will use every power of mind and body to His glory; and His work will make rapid advancement.

The things that concern our eternal welfare are now



"If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever and forever blessed."

Opportunities for Service.

God expects those who claim to be His children to bring others to Him. I wish that all our people could see the many doors that are opening before them. Beside all waters the seeds of truth are to be sown. To all the world—to every nation and kindred and tongue and people—the message is to be proclaimed. If those who have received the light of present truth would have a living faith in Christ, if they would realise that they are

to absorb our attention. We cannot afford to give heavenly things the second place. Christ says, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

A CLOSING WORK.

As I hear of the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place in the world, I ask myself, What do these things mean? Are they permitted to come to arouse those who are transgressing the law of

God? The most awful disasters, by fire and flood, are following one another in quick succession. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

There are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which say so plainly that the end is near. O how many who have not sought their soul's salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved"!

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is rapidly fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields. They will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth, and who will devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.

HOMeward BOUND.

The Lord is soon to come, and we must be prepared to meet Him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is coming soon, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O how glorious it will be to see Him, and be welcomed as His redeemed ones! Long have we waited, but our faith is not to become weak. If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever and forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward bound." We are nearing the time when Christ will come with power and great glory, to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

Look up and not down, look forward and not back, look out and not in; and lend a hand.—Edward E. Hale.

Honor the Lord.

"HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of thine increase." If this was carried out by those who name the name of Christ, it would not be long till the gospel would be preached in all the world. God would be honored, because it would manifest the unselfishness of His children. The plan of salvation is shown in the sacrifice made by the Father and His Son. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." Paul, in his epistle to Timothy, says, "Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches." How much better it is for us to lay up in store a good foundation against the time to come. 1 Tim. 6:17-19. The time is not far distant when men will throw their idols of silver and gold to the moles and to the bats. They will call for the rocks to fall upon them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne. What a contrast as they view their past selfish lives, time, talent, money,—all expended to please self. They cannot behold the lovely, unselfish Man of Calvary as He comes to receive those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice. Ps. 50:1. Stop and consider whose you are. He has bought you with His precious blood. In Him you live, and move, and have your being.

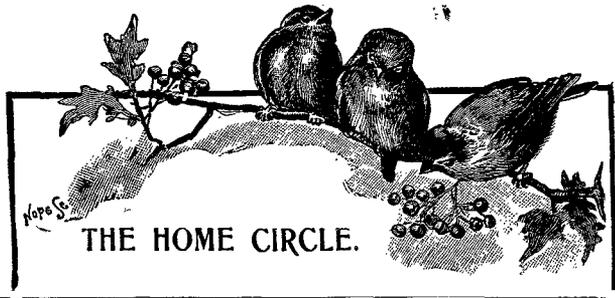
Remember it is the Lord thy God that giveth thee power to get wealth. The silver, the gold, the cattle upon a thousand hills are His, the earth, the sea,—all are His; for He made it. You hold in trust all you have. Be wise, seek first the kingdom of God. Sell that ye have and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not. Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail, they (the angels) will receive you into everlasting habitations. He shall send His angels to gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Do not be deceived by Satan. Giving that to God which rightfully belongs to Him, will not impoverish, but will enrich the giver. Spiritual blessings will abound. "Honor the Lord with thy substance."

W. WOODFORD.

Statistical Report of Conferences in Australasian Union Conference, Quarter Ending June 30, 1903.

Name of Conference or Mission.	Number of Churches.	Membership of Churches.	Number of Sabbath Schools.					Tithe Paid.	First-Day Offerings to Foreign Missions.	Sabbath School Donations to Missions.	Annual Contribution to Missions.	Miscellaneous Individual Gifts to Missions.	Donations to School.	Sales of Subscription Books.		Sales of Trade Books and Tracts.	Value of Conference Property.	Indebtedness of Conference.										
			Number of Sabbath Schools.	Membership of Sabbath Schools.	Average Sabbath School Attendance.	Number of Ministers.	Licensed Preachers.							Bible Workers.	Colporters.				Canvassers.	Retail Value.	Value of Conference Property.							
Victoria	9	518	17	609	495	3	2	2	401	18	6	25	19	9	44	3	547	19	6	47	10	0	389	14	3			
New South Wales	13	601	20	795	547	1	3	3	401	6	8	33	4	3	60	16	583	2	8	128	11	7	276	2	5			
New Zealand	15	402	30	470	325	3	4	3	391	14	3	12	6	6	94	1	810	14	6	112	15	2	150	0	0			
Queensland	6	225	7	166	125	2	1	1	94	0	5	14	6	6	14	4	111	2	0	37	13	3	50	13	0			
South Australia	3	264	15	346	276	2	4	1	140	5	11	13	7	0	24	14	239	19	0	66	16	8	156	3	6			
Tasmania	1	187	11	292	219	2	1	1	165	15	11	13	0	10	15	18	147	4	0	41	1	0	122	0	0			
West Australia	3	261	11	211	174	2	1	1	185	0	6	30	1	4	39	2	398	19	0	49	4	7	132	14	11			
Totals	57	2458	111	2799	2161	10	13	10	764	178	0	156	11	8	293	1	2839	0	8	483	12	3	1277	8	1	181	10	1



AN ANSWERED PRAYER.

O GIVE me a message of quiet,
 I asked in my morning prayer;
 For the turbulent spirit within me
 Is more than my heart can bear!
 Around there are strife and discord,
 And the storms that do not cease,
 And the whirl of the world is on me.
 Thou only canst give me peace.

I opened the dear old Bible
 And looked at a page of Psalms,
 Till the wintry sea of my trouble
 Was soothed by its summer calms.
 For the words that have helped so many,
 And that ages have made more dear,
 Were strong in their power to comfort,
 And they brought me my word of cheer.

Like music of solemn ringing
 Their words came down to me:
 "The Lord is slow to anger,
 And of mercy great is He.
 Each generation praiseth
 His works of long renown.
 The Lork upholdeth all that fall,
 And raiseth the bowed down."

I found that when He gives quiet
 No other can trouble make;
 Pardon and peace and safety
 Lie in the path I take.
 So, stronger to carry the burden,
 I met my day of care,
 For my heart was lightened and joyous
 With the peace of an answered prayer.
 —Marianne Farningham.

TRUST AND NOT BE AFRAID.

LET us trust and not be afraid. Let us not be content with sullenly making up our minds to stoical endurance. We must not only bear the will of God, but rejoice in it. It is a blessed thing when we come to rejoice in tribulations and to glory in infirmities. It is fine music when we can sing "sweet affliction." If thy will is brought to thy circumstances, and, better still, if thy will is brought to delight in God's will, then the fangs of the serpent are extracted. The bitterness is sucked out of sorrow by the lips of acquiescence. When thou canst say, "Not my will but Thine be done," thou shalt have thy will. There is always something better on for those who believe in Jesus.—*Spurgeon.*

ARE YOU READY FOR MOVING DAY?

WE all remember "moving day," and how carefully we preserved certain things, and how we left other things behind, because they were "not worth moving."
 When the gospel shall have been preached to all the world, then we shall move from this world over into the next. Matt. 24:14.

There will be some, who, like the rubbish on moving day, will be left behind; not because the Lord hates them, but because they will not be worth moving. Noah built an ark, and at the same time built character, and was ready when the crisis came. Heb. 11:7.

There came a time when the Lord wanted to move those who were worth saving out of Sodom. Lot reluctantly responded. Lot's wife was so wedded to earthly belongings that she had to look back to them, and so she was left behind. Gen. 19:14-26.

The apostle James speaks of a time when the rich are heaping treasures together for the last days. "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth." James 5:4.

When these things come to pass, the Lord admonishes us: "Stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:8.

When you read in the daily papers of the terrible perplexities growing out of the present relations between the rich and the poor, do they not sometimes suggest the thought to your mind that "moving day" is rapidly approaching?—*The Life Boat.*

SURCHARGED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHEN a lecturer on electricity wants to show an example of a human body surcharged with his fire, he places a person on a stool with glass legs. The glass serves to isolate him from the earth, because it will not conduct the fire—the electric fluid; were it not for this, however much might be poured into his frame, it would be carried away by the earth; but when thus isolated from it, he retains all that enters him. You see no fire, you hear no fire; but you are told that it is pouring into him. Presently you are challenged to the proof—asked to come near, and hold your hand close to his person; when you do so, a spark of fire shoots out toward you.

If thou, then, wouldst have thy soul surcharged with the fire of God, so that those who come nigh to thee shall feel some mysterious influence proceeding out from thee, thou must draw nigh to the Source of that fire—to the throne of God and of the Lamb—and shut thyself out from the world, that cold world which so swiftly steals our fire away. Enter into thy closet and shut the door, and there, isolated "before the throne," await the baptism; then the fire shall fill thee, and when thou comest forth, holy power will attend thee, and thou shalt labor, not in thine own strength, but "with demonstration of the spirit and with power."—*Rev. Wm. Arthur.*

POWER TO SAVE.

MEN sometimes, by the power of their own resolution, coupled with favorable circumstances and surroundings, are able to reform temporarily. They are free for a season. But the blessedness of salvation's freedom is that it is not for a season, nor yet for time, but for eternity. Jesus is able to save to the uttermost. He is willing to break asunder the bands of habit that bind the sinner,—those who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron. . . . Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder." Ps. 107:10-14. The power that can deliver from the slavery of habit to-day, thank God, is also the power that can keep you from the evils of to-morrow, for

this is the promise that God has made to the one who puts his trust in Jesus: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24. We can not of ourselves give up our evil habits, but God is able, if we are only willing, to take them away from us: "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." 2 Cor. 8:12.—*W. S. Sadler.*

FAMILY PRAYERS.

SOME of us have positive convictions on the subject. We have memories that confirm us. Whatever other people do now, or did once, we know what our fathers did. Twenty years of family prayer, morning and evening, was likely to leave an impression on the children.

What if they did "not like it" because it was "tiresome," or because they had "no taste for it"? What if they occasionally wished that "father would forget it some mornings"? What if, when they visited other homes where prayers were omitted, they wished that at their house they could have the same freedom from the restraints of religion? What if they did resolve not to bind their own children by any such invariable custom when they should become heads of families?

When at last father died, they missed the usual service, and as they looked into the thin face and remembered how those lips, now silent, had faithfully called on God every morning and every evening, they were glad that this record had been made by the departed saint, and they quietly resolved to make the same record. Prayer may interfere with business plans now and then for five or ten minutes in the morning, but no one ever regrets it when the last morning has come, and the coffin is in the parlor.—*Christian Work.*

THE WORLD'S DEMAND FOR THE BIBLE.

IT is great, and rapidly growing.

Voltaire, who died in 1777, prophesied that within a hundred years the Bible would be an unknown book.

The number of volumes of Holy Scripture that come from the press now every twelve months is about eight million, more than the total number that saw the light during the first eighteen centuries after Christ.

The Bible, which in Voltaire's day existed in only thirty-eight tongues, is now being read, in whole or in part, in over four hundred. One hundred and fifty of these languages were for the first time reduced to writing by Bible translators.

The chief instruments, under God, for meeting this great need have been the Bible societies, of which the American and the British and Foreign are foremost. They co-operate to the fullest degree, but thus far the British Society has been able to do a work more than twice as large as the American.

Here is an "open door" that challenges America's most noble enterprise.

With the years, the American Bible Society has gained in strength, wisdom, and opportunity. For the first period of twenty-five years, 1816-1841, it issued 2,798,366 volumes; in the second, 18,987,210; in the third, 32,478,138; and for the fourth period would reach 50,000,000, at the present rate of about 2,000,000 a year.—*Selected.*

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

ECHOES FROM THE VICTORIAN FIELD.

IT is very cheering to note that though we are surrounded with the after effects of drought and strike, still the Lord's work is onward, and though at times it may receive apparent checks, still it is only that the workers may place their confidence in God, and draw from Him that support needed for successful service. There has been good work done in the field, as the following reports from workers in different parts will show:—

I have had a most blessed experience while delivering. I had walked several miles, and feeling somewhat in need of a little rest, I sat down on a log by the wayside for a few moments. I had no sooner done so than a gentleman approached me. Soon we found that each was a lover of the Lord, and as I spoke of the coming of Christ and the signs of the times, my friend was deeply interested, as he found that they were Bible truths whose beauties he had not considered. On ascertaining the direction I was going, he asked if he might accompany me. I gladly assented, and for three miles communed on the subject dearest to my heart, viz, present truth. Before parting he promised to visit me, which he did later on, when I gave him some literature. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon it and cause it to bear fruit is my prayer.

Another writes,—

I feel so grateful at being privileged to be a co-worker with Christ. To-day I called at a house, and being invited in, opened up a conversation on the Christian life. My audience was an old Christian of seventy-five years, and his married daughter. After canvassing them, in taking my departure I bade the aged one good-bye till we should meet on that blest shore where there will be no more good-byes, and we shall have the eternal bloom of immortal youth. But at this I heard a sob from an adjoining room, and presently the aged husband came in with tears streaming down his face, and with extended hand that soon grasped mine, he asked, "O sir, is there any confidence here of eternal life? If so, I have not got it." I pointed him to God's promises, and soon found out that he was overwhelmed with the burdens of life. I told him of the burden bearer who is a present Saviour, and as we knelt in prayer, asked that the Lord would pilot our frail barks over the ocean of life to the haven of rest.

Another:—

I have had a good time this afternoon, well repaying the labor of the day, as I find that there is an unseen power controlling, filling one with joy again. I have to report an experience which I shall never forget. Where I was staying there was a young man who had been ailing for twelve months. The other occupants of the house were his mother and sister. On Thursday night we had quite a good time, as we had a Bible study together for about three hours which was enjoyed by all. Early in the morning I was called into the young man's room. He had a severe coughing attack which broke a blood vessel, and as I held him in my arms he passed away. I afterwards gave all the assistance that was in my power to the sorrowing ones, the Lord helping me, and the relatives expressed their thankfulness.

Thus the work goes on, and in these last days the Lord calls for faithful workers. Let him who is grateful for past mercies yoke up with Christ in working for the good of others. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.
G. HUBBARD.

TO THE CHURCHES OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN a recent communication we called your attention to the importance and necessity of a line of work which has been overlooked. We pray that there will be a willing and quick response on the part of every one. We cannot estimate how much good will be accomplished by the assistance thus rendered to those who are suffering.

As stated before, we find many who need the special treatments given at our sanitarium, and are not able to pay for them. Now if we all do our part, be it little or much, the work will be done, and God will be honored, and health restored to the afflicted. In Isa. 58:7 the

Lord speaks to us in no uncertain tones: "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out (margin, afflicted) to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" We are God's children, *one flesh*. So let us do good unto all, especially unto those who are of the household of faith. Let us not put off what should be done to-day. God has promised to make all grace abound towards us, "that ye having all sufficiency in all things may abound to *every good work*." In order to receive the benefit of this promise we have our part to perform. Do not delay. As the calls may come from time to time, answer them, and in so doing we shall receive the promise in its fullness; and so we shall be channels through which the Lord will pour means to be used in doing His service to mankind. Our Saviour set us the example. Baptised with the Holy Ghost and with power, He went about doing good. Let us follow His example.

"Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. . . . I was sick, and ye visited Me."
W. WOODFORD.

FOOTSCRAY AND YARRAVILLE.

SINCE the camp-meeting closed in Footscray, the interest awakened has been followed up by tent effort in the district. The meetings have been conducted by Pastor Hennig and the writer. Concerted action on the part of the so-called Protestant churches made an already difficult field much harder to work. God, however, had a few honest souls hidden away among the numbers. These responded to the voice of truth, and some have identified themselves with God's sacred cause. They have been baptised, and on Sabbath, August 8, the church was organised. The Rechabite Hall, Yarraville, in which meetings are now held, was well filled. The remarks by Brother Hennig were based on the scripture found in Acts 7:34-39. The fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message so necessary to complete emancipation from the traditions of Egypt, that land of darkness and bad habits, were clearly elucidated. Thirteen names were presented for membership. The following Sabbath the ordinances of the Lord's house were engaged in, the officers appointed, and a deacon ordained. The Lord came near by His tender Spirit. Several who accepted the truth here have united with other churches. Others are awaiting baptism.

J. H. Woods.

WEST MAITLAND "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" JUBILEE.

SABBATH and Sunday, August 22 and 23, were to the West Maitland Church days of great spiritual help and blessing. This church, although few in number, has accomplished the work that the Lord has given them to do in relation to "Christ's Object Lessons," so this was a jubilee occasion. The quota for this church has been sold, and the work has proved a great blessing to the brethren and sisters here. They all entered into the jubilee services with hearts full of praise to God, who has given them such success.

The services were not of the nature of celebration, but a time of seeking God, and a renewal of consecration. The tender leading of the Holy Spirit was manifested in great measure.

Sabbath forenoon, "The Sabbath" afforded a very profitable Bible study, and in the service following, the

subject dealt upon was "Walking in the Light." "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all," so to walk in the light is to walk with God, that "we may have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." In walking with God we are not only cleansed but kept cleansed, an experience we do not lose as long as the seed remaineth in us (1 John 3:9). A jubilee over sin was the keynote, a definite experience in the Lord's ways, rather than a celebration over so many books sold. Sabbath afternoon we met in social meeting, and again the Lord came very near to us. Every one present responded by testifying to God's goodness and love, and the desire for this experience. Truly, it was a time of drawing near to God.

Sunday afternoon the meeting was for the purpose of bringing before the people the nature of "Christ's Object Lessons" work. We were thankful for the presence of a goodly number of outsiders, all of whom manifested a lively interest in the meeting. First, the book was brought to their attention, its nature, and its relation to the Avondale School, and why we as a people are pressing the sale of it. Next an interesting account of the pioneer work of the school was given by Brother G. W. Tadich, one of the first students. One of the present students gave an account of the school as it is at present. A practical illustration of the way the book is sold was given by one worker canvassing another for the book. God certainly gives grace to overcome all objections that are raised against this book. The children assisted very materially in the success of the meeting by their sweet singing, several songs being rendered by them. We all felt deeply grateful to God for His blessing during this service.

The jubilee meetings were concluded with an evening preaching service, which brought out an unusually large attendance. J. L. McElhaney spoke on "The Searchlight of Prophecy on Nations of To-day." We know that much good has come to the Maitland Church through these meetings, and seeds of truth have been sown in other hearts as well. For this we praise God, and count His service most sweet.

OUR FIRST NEWS FROM FAR ASSAM.

WITNESS is being borne for the truth of this advent message in far Assam. This is a province buried away in the northeast corner of the Indian empire. It is a hill country, on the southern slope of the Himalayas. Assam is beyond the bounds of our organised work in India, but God has blessed an English sister there with the knowledge of the truth, and she is letting her light shine. The following is the first word we have ever had from Assam:—

"Do you remember us in Calcutta, how for eighteen months we came and went to the medical branch before we heard the truth? When I look back upon it, I wonder at the merciful, patient way the Lord has led us, how gently He caused us to have to return to these people who were to become the bearers of the King's message for us. Day by day I thank God for the love and mercy shown.

"And now I am standing for the truth, so far the only Seventh-day Adventist representing our people in Assam. I am doing, I must not say all, but something toward spreading the message here. It is in my thoughts by day and night, lest the blood of souls be found on my garments. With the aid of 'Bible Readings,' I have

been getting the readings printed in order, beginning with the four kingdoms of Daniel, and going right on through the three messages with the solemn work of the cleansing of the sanctuary. These readings I am sending the length and breadth of Assam, to missionaries and other people, and I hope the Lord will hear my prayer and cause others to see what He has shown to me.

"A Baptist missionary told me the other day that there are one hundred and seventy-five different tribes and tongues in Assam. Every group of hills has its own tribe and tongue, and many have never even heard of the gospel. I do wish some of our people in America could see the fields here ready for laborers. I do pray that God may put it into the hearts of some to come here and 'compel' the people to come into the feast that will soon be ready, and to show them how and through whom they may claim the robe of righteousness that will give them entrance to the King's palace.

"Our workers in Calcutta are doing their uttermost. In the midst of the heat they work, work, work, as if there was no time to be lost, as if the Lord might be expected to-morrow. They are cheerful, hopeful, loving, forgetting themselves in their service for others, and I am sure they are gaining ground. It has been my privilege to live among them, and I thank the Lord for it. They have worked against great odds, but the lump is leavening. If only more workers would come—if people would only listen to the voice of God through His prophet, how loud the cry could be made in India and everywhere! We in India believe we are going to see an advance all over the fields. Sister White's warning will surely not be in vain.

"A few days ago an Assamese Mohammedan left this place for Calcutta, to be baptised. He is a store-keeper in the public works department. He had been reading the Bible, and was impressed with our Lord's prayer for His murderers, 'Father, forgive them.' This convinced him that Christ was the Son of God. Such a return of good for evil sank deep into the mind of this Assamese, and some time ago he decided upon renouncing the religion of his fathers. Various denominations tried to lead him, but he is also convinced on the Sabbath question, and has decided to keep it. This man has suffered persecution from his own people, but is of good courage, and says he knows the Lord is leading him. I pray the Lord may lead him into all the truth and into service.

"Do you remember how indifferent I used to be to heavenly things? Well, the Lord has shown me the way of life, and now people say I have this truth on the brain. My answer is that I hope I shall never be able to refrain from taking up the general cry of warning that will, I believe, go quickly through all the earth. May the Lord hasten the day. Yours in the blessed hope."

This blessed hope makes us one the world over. I know that many an isolated one, working alone, will be cheered by this letter from the banks of Brahmaputra, one of the streams most sacred in Hindu superstition. The little jets of light are springing up in the darkness. Pray that other lights may be kindled among the Assam hills.

W. A. SPICER.

We have just learned of one gentleman, a staunch vegetarian, who visited our Café at 283 Pitt Street, Sydney, and became so enthusiastic in his admiration of the institution that he induced fourteen others to follow his example.

Sabbath School Quarterly Reports.

For the Quarter Ending June 30, 1903.

South Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
Adelaide ...	93	£5 19 7	£3 5 5
Broken Hill... 29	1 8 2	15 3	
Gawler ... 13	3 9 0	2 10 0	
Parneroo ... 22	1 12 6	1 7 7	
Kangarilla ... 12	1 5 9	17 10	
Queen's Own Town ... 38	7 6	5 9	
Kensington ... 49	1 15 4	1 0 0	
Mt. Gambier ... 31	1 12 4	5 8	
Wallaroo ... 12	14 4	9 4	
Meadows ... 7		3 6	
State Class ... 2	2 6	1 3	
Total ... 307	£18 7 0	£11 1 7	

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, £2 6 5.
Tithes paid by schools, £1 15 6.
MRS. E. SEMMENS, Sec.

Tasmania.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
Hobart ... 82	£4 12 9	£2 14 5	
Launceston ... 26	1 14 6	18 5	
St. Marys ... 27	13 9	11 1	
Lillydale ... 6	1 0 11	17 2	
Little Hamp'n ... 7	2 13 6	2 4 3	
Devonport ... 20	1 18 5	1 1 1	
Burnie ... 14	13 0	10 8	
Bismarck ... 55	2 10 2	1 7 3	
Upper Huon ... 27	1 5 0	11 7	
Latrobe ... 13	6 6	1 0	
State Class ... 15	1 3 9	18 5	
Total ... 292	£18 12 2	£11 15 4	

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, £1 13 6.
Tithes paid by schools, £1 16 5.
MISS EDITH HILL, Sec.

Victoria.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
Ballarat ... 58	£2 1 3	£ 14 10	
Bendigo ... 41	2 16 8	1 12 11	
Beechworth ... 9	1 10 7	1 7 0	
Brunswick ... 64	4 8 3	2 8 0	
Brighton ... 12	2 7 5	1 4 11	
Footscray and Yarraville ... 26	1 15 0		
North Fitzroy ... 144	9 10 6	5 11 10	
Geelong ... 20	1 16 6	15 0	
Hawthorn ... 27	2 3 6	5 0	
Isolated ... 27	7 0	6 4	
Lara ... 8	3 0	2 9	
Williamstown ... 38	2 5 9	1 5 1	
Windsor ... 67	3 18 3	2 14 10	
Wyche ... 3	6 6	4 10	
Yambuk ... 16	2 12 10	2 3 3	
Dandenong ... 11	1 9 4	17 5	
Sassafras ... 19	8 11	8 0	
Creswick ... 16	1 10 10	10 3	
Totals ... 609	£41 12 11	£22 12 3	

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, £3 7 6.
Tithes paid by schools, £4 2 11.
MRS. W. A. HENNIG, Sec.

Queensland.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
N. Brisbane ... 32	£1 9 8	£1 1 3	
S. Brisbane ... 24	2 15 5	1 7 5	
Toowoomba ... 65	17 4	10 0	
Rockhampton ... 19	5 0		
Grantham ... 9	15 7	13 0	
Bundaberg ... 4	11 3	8 8	
Maryborough ... 6	3 9	3 4	
State Class ... 7	1 10 6	1 0 6	
Total ... 166	£8 8 6	£5 8 8	

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, 16s 10d.
Tithes paid by schools, 15s 10½d.
LOUISE TUXEN, Sec.

New South Wales.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
Ashfield ... 37	£ 1 15 3	£ 9 3	
Auburn ... 56	1 8 6	...	
Avondale ... 191	13 5 10	10 2 9	
Corndale ... 21	1 5 6	19 11	
Cranebrook ... 3	1 0 0	10 0	
Cobar ... 28	6 6	...	
Epping ... 23	1 2 0	9 6	
Goulburn ... 10	7 0	7 0	
Hamilton ... 40	3 0 11	1 15 5	
Kellyville ... 16	7 11	...	
Nullawa ... 3	1 10 0	1 5 0	
Prospect ... 33	10 6	1 7 2	
Parramatta ... 16	1 17 10	1 0 0	
Stammore ... 100	4 10 6	1 19 7	
W. Wallend ... 38	2 16 6	1 6 3	
W. Maitland ... 17	1 1 6	9 11	
Woolahra ... 17	15 11	5 0	
Wollongong ... 16	5 0	5 0	
Wahroonga ... 53	4 8 5	3 15 3	
Eugowra ... 6	1 6 1	1 6 1	
State Class ... 40	2 3 0	2 1 0	
Totals ... 705	£44 14 8	£28 14 1	

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, £3 10 1½.
Tithes paid by schools, £3 16 9½.
MISS A. E. PEARCE, Sec.

West Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
U. Preston ... 13	£19 5 7	£16 18 9	
Spring Valley ... 4	8 0	6 2	
Collie ... 7	1 3 11	18 0	
Jumpersing ... 16	18 11	14 10	
Cookernup ... 12	2 0 4	17 0	
Capel ... 22	3 2 4	1 19 3	
Bokara ... 20	1 7 2	18 6	
Plympton ... 14	1 17 10	10 1	
Bunbury ... 17	1 1 6	17 6	
Perth ... 62	4 14 5	3 8 7	
York ... 24	2 12 6	13 1	
Totals ... 211	£38 12 6	£28 1 9	

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, £1 19 7.
Tithes from Schools, £3 17 1.
MRS. L. V. FINSTER, Sec.

New Zealand Sabbath-School Report.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
Aratapu	11	£1 0 0	£ 13 5
Cambridge	6	1 17 6	1 8 8
Christchurch	87	6 4 8	4 2 10
Dunedin	18	2 19 3	2 10 6
Epsom	22	1 5 1	15 0
Gisborne	26	3 16 5	2 11 4
Hastings	20	1 2 3	1 0 0
Kaero	27	3 12 3	1 16 1
Kaikoura	...	...	...
Napier	64	4 1 10	3 1 0
Norsewood	5	10 0	10 0
Ormondville	12	14 0	8 9
Palmerston N.	20	1 5 5	16 5
Parkhurst	15	1 0 3	12 6
Petone	16	12 9	10 5
Ponsonby	45	2 3 6	1 4 8
Pungare	9	5 5	3 9
Tologa Bay	22	5 7	3 6
Wanganui	20	2 16 9	2 5 2
Wellington	25	2 9 3	1 18 10
Westport	...	...	...
State Class	...	...	...
Family Schools	...	...	3 1 7
Total	470	£38 5 2	£29 16 6

Special Donations for Melbourne Ship Mission, £4 11 6.
 Tithes from Schools, £3 17 2.

MRS. J. BAKER, Sec.

Total Summary.

Name of Colony.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Melbourne Ship Mission.	Donations to Indian Tract Fund.
N. S. Wales	705	£44 14 8	£3 16 9	£3 10 1	£28 14 1
N. Zealand	470	38 5 2	3 17 2	4 11 6	29 16 6
Queensland	166	8 8 6	15 10	16 10	5 8 8
S. Australia	307	18 7 0	1 15 6	2 6 5	11 1 7
Tasmania	292	18 12 2	1 16 5	1 13 6	11 15 4
Victoria	609	41 12 11	4 2 11	3 7 6	22 12 3
W. Australia	211	38 12 6	3 17 1	1 19 7	28 1 9
Cook Island	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	2760	£208 12 11	£20 1 8	£18 5 5	£137 10 2

MRS. C. W. IRWIN, Sec.

New Zealand.

JULY, 1903.

Coming King— Orders. Value.
 F. Johnson, Palmerston N. 4 £ 2 2 0
 D. M. Adam, Wellington. 21 10 0 0
 J. Macintosh, Fielding..... 19 8 6 6
 Miss Hamilton, Pahiatua. 1 7 6

Desire of Ages—
 A. Bathgate, Waikato 14 31 15 0
 W. H. Pascoe, Waikato ... 18 20 10 0
 C. Reynolds, Canterbury... 7 9 10 0

Home Hand Book—
 Mrs. Hamilton, Pahiatua... 28 43 10 0
 J. Macintosh, Fielding..... 4 6 10 0
 F. Johnson, Palmerston N. 42 43 10 0

Man the Masterpiece—
 G. Hansford, Palmerston N. 73 87 12 6
 F. Johnson, 65 70 12 6
 J. Macintosh, Fielding..... 31 32 17 6
 D. M. Adam, Wellington 6 6 0 0
 G. Masters, Auckland..... 2 2 7 6
 A. Bathgate, Waikato 1 1 0 0

Ladies' Guide—
 Mrs. Masters, Auckland... 5 5 0 0
 F. Johnson, Palmerston N. 1 1 0 0
 J. Macintosh, Fielding..... 1 1 0 0

Patriarchs & Prophets—
 W. W. Ward, Apiti 2 1 15 0

Daniel and Revelation—
 A. Bathgate, Waikato 2 12 6

Family Bible—
 W. Pascoe, Waikato 4 7 0 0

320£352 18 6

Good Health subscriptions..... 151
 Signs sales, Miss Owen 2016
 „ Miss Bader 377

New South Wales.

JULY, 1903.

Daniel & Revelation— Orders. Value.
 A. Hodgkison, Narrabri.... 3 £ 5 17 6
 G. Wood, Walgett 8 11 16 6
 A. Reekie, Moruya..... 40 30 15 9
 Mrs. Reekie, Moruya..... 9 7 9 6

Desire of Ages—
 C. S. Badger, Raymond.... 28 29 0 0

Patriarchs and Prophets—
 J. Mitchell-May, Nambucca 11 11 10 6

Coming King—
 G. Ryder, Corowa..... 19 8 3 6
 E. C. Harlow, Berry 20 9 18 0
 Frank Hedges, Singleton... 2 1 4 0
 M. A. Connell, Bombala... 15 6 18 6
 A. G. Baker, Bombala..... 5 3 14 6
 Various Workers 22 8 11 0
 A. Potter, Burragarang ... 8 4 1 0
 Miss C. Allum, Camden H. 34 14 18 0
 „ (other books) 3 4 5 0

Home Hand Book—
 A. G. Baker, Bombala..... 2 3 0 0
 M. A. Connell, Bombala... 12 19 10 0
 „ (other books) 2 3 15 0

Ladies' Guide—
 Miss E. Adcock, Coogee... 12 14 18 0
Sunshine—
 Miss E. Misson, Strathfield 16 4 13 6

Totals for July, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
New South Wales.....	270	£203 19 9
Tasmania	122	73 14 6
Victoria	173	203 10 0
West Australia	174	165 7 0
South Australia	123	120 15 6
New Zealand	320	352 18 6
Grand Total	1182	£120 5 3

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

Victoria.

JULY, 1903.

Home Hand Book— Orders. Value.
 G. Burgess, Wangaratta... 54 £86 0 0
 L. Currow, Telangatek... 17 27 10 0
 (Other books) 4 4 0 0
 J. Anderson, Pakenham... 10 15 10 0
Desire of Ages—
 J. F. Ward, Colac..... 20 23 5 0
 J. H. Vernon, Colac..... 12 15 0 0
Coming King—
 W. Ryder, Ballarat..... 14 6 3 0
 B. Judge, Ballarat..... 10 4 4 0
 F. E. Leeworthy, Brighton 9 3 16 6
Bible Readings—
 Mrs. L. J. Lear, Auburn ... 6 4 2 0
 Mrs. E. M. Royal, Auburn 2 1 8 6
 Miscellaneous 15 12 11 0
 173 £203 10 0

South Australia.

JULY, 1903.

Desire of Ages— Orders. Value.
 Mrs. Arnold, Broken Hill... 2 £ 2 18 6
 J. E. Steed, 2 2 12 0
 A. H. White, Nailsworth... 8 10 4 0
 Miss Gunther, Moonta..... 14 18 8 0
 Miss Roesner, Broken Hill 2 3 7 6
 Miss Goodhart, Moonta ... 2 3 5 6
 Miss B. Davey, Moonta ... 3 5 1 0
 A. P. Roesner, Broken Hill 2 6 9 0
Home Hand Book—
 J. E. Steed, Broken Hill... 18 25 19 0
Man the Masterpiece—
 H. E. Hughes, Adelaide... 10 14 3 0
Christ Our Saviour—
 Miss Gunther, Moonta 25 6 0 6
 Miss Goodhart, Moonta ... 3 13 6
 Miss Davey, Moonta..... 21 4 16 6
 A. H. White, Nailsworth ... 11 3 1 6
 Miscellaneous 13 16 6
 123 £120 15 6

Tasmania.

JULY, 1903

Coming King— Orders. Value
 T. Howse, Deloraine Dist. 12 £ 5 8 0
 N. Kennon, Deloraine Dist. 22 10 10 0
 Miss M. Voss, Deloraine... 35 16 17 0
 Miss E. Voss, Deloraine ... 21 9 13 6
Ladies' Guide—
 Miss F. R. Horne, Stanley 26 27 10 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—
 Miscellaneous, Devonport 6 3 16 0
 122 £73 14 6

West Australia.

JULY, 1903.

Ladies' Guide— Orders. Value.
 E. Cleal, Perth 10 £10 0 0
Desire of Ages—
 F. Masters, Coolgardie ... 38 41 15 0
 „ (Other books) 42 39 9 0
 R. A. Caldwell, Claremont 29 34 10 0
Daniel and Revelation—
 T. Whittle, Boulder..... 53 37 2 6
 „ (other books) 2 2 10 6
 174 £165 7 0

THE CANVASSERS' RESTING PLACE.

FOR some time I had known that canvassers should not make their homes in hotels, but rather seek a resting place in the country, and aim to do fireside missionary work. So on rising in the morning, I asked the Lord please to prepare a home for me where I could be of the most service and the greatest blessing when the days' work was done.

On starting out one day there were twenty-five miles of unknown country and several stations to canvass on my way, and it being preparation day, I was anxious to be on good time. On my journey Satan tempted me very sorely because I had not always followed the above rule, it being very convenient to stay almost anywhere when one is travel worn. I cried once again to the Lord, claiming His promise that He would choose my inheritance, temporary though it be, and I felt that God heard me.

On my arrival there was a neat little room vacated for me, and I told the lady I had prayed for that early in the morning (it was then vacated), and then how Satan had tempted me, and she asked me in. I spent the Sabbath evening in a most profitable way by reading "Christ's Object Lessons." The lady then suggested prayer. She also asked me if I was an Adventist. This opened up sweet memories, and I found she was acquainted with, and dearly loved, some of our people.

God has said, "I will teach thee, and instruct thee in the way which thou shalt go, I will guide thee with Mine eye." But we wickedly hurry on, and wait not for His royal counsel. We pass on and receive no instruction, and missing our guide, we are off the royal road to heaven, so quickly, so easily, all because we do not accept the promise as our own personal privilege and blood-bought right.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

PASTOR E. W. FARNSWORTH and wife arrived at Avondale from Melbourne, August 27. They are expecting to remain through the coming conference, and are among the first arrivals.

PASTOR G. A. IRWIN reached Adelaide, Monday, August 24, and after visiting Melbourne arrived at the Wahroonga Sanitarium the following Wednesday. He is looking well, and had a pleasant voyage from Europe.

PASTOR A. T. Robinson spoke to a company of believers at Hemmingford, Nebraska, U. S. A., on July 4, on the message to all lands, after which the church donated £4 10s 6d toward the work in Australasia.

A MOVEMENT has been started in America of enlisting the youth and little children in the work of selling that charming little paper, *Our Little Friend*, for the purpose of raising funds for carrying the gospel to the heathen of Africa. This is indeed a worthy enterprise. The *Life Boat* is also being sold for the purpose of forwarding the gospel in mission fields abroad. Are we doing all we can toward disposing of the *Australasian Signs of the Times* and *Good Health* among the homes of the people?

The September Good Health appears in a new and attractive dress, and is a journal of especial interest. The frontispiece is a photo engraving of the buildings of the Avondale School. The circulation of this issue will awaken an interest in the Avondale School, will bring the people to a better understanding of the principles of Christian living, and result in strengthening the cause of temperance reform. It should receive the support of all. An edition of 10,000 copies has been issued. Send in your orders early.

An Era of Advancement is certainly being realised in our missionary operations in China and India. Or it might be more properly stated that God is raising up instrumentalities in various places who will co-operate with divine agencies in cutting the work short in righteousness. The report from Assam on page five presents one more waymark which brings cheer to the heart that has waited long and sighed oftentimes for the better land beyond. The old ship Zion is homeward bound, praise God!

As It Should Be.—"Never since my connection with the work here has it made such progress as during the last six months. Over one hundred have been baptised, making the number of baptised Sabbath-keepers on the island about 1,300." The above quotation is from a

report recently received from Jamaica. It has the right ring, and is similar to the echoes which come from other mission fields and conferences; but strange as it may seem, some professed servants of the Lord have little or nothing to report of victories gained and of souls being rescued from the power of Satan. Is it not time for us to arouse, one and all, to the conflict, and give the trumpet a certain sound, that we may see of the salvation of the Lord?

After the Drought.—Copious rains have fallen quite generally over a large portion of New South Wales and Queensland. The cry of woe has in some respects lessened. The bleating herds no longer sigh for the grassy paddocks and refreshing water holes. The effects of the drought still linger, and will doubtless continue to be seen in bleaching bones and ruined homesteads till time shall be no more. The lesson which we would do well to learn by these sad experiences is that of centering our hopes and our affections in that better world beyond, where calamity and adversity will not be found, but the sons and daughters of God shall find happiness without alloy. How much are you ready to invest in the heavenly Canaan?

The Reign of Terror in the Balkans.—A more deplorable and gruesome state of things could scarcely be imagined than that existing throughout Turkey and Macedonia at the present time. The followers of Mahomet and the so-called Christian elements are endeavoring to exterminate each other: thus demons and evil men glory in hellish scenes of bloodshed and violence. Massacres follow one another in quick succession, while the European powers look on, and storm about, demanding of the Sultan numberless things which he is either unable or unwilling to perform. Russia has sent a squadron into Turkish waters, and there are various rumors regarding the probabilities and necessity of European intervention. Greece appeals to the powers to terminate the excesses which are daily growing more intense. The "sick man of the East" is reaching a critical condition, and the day is apparently very close at hand when the Turk shall bid adieu to Constantinople, and proceed to "plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain," as Scripture hath foretold. That event is the last incident in the long line of history given in the eleventh chapter of Daniel, and immediately precedes the coming of Christ and the end of the world.

A Significant Movement.—Just at the very time when our missionaries are entering Spain with the Third Angel's Message, and praying the Lord of the harvest to break down the barriers of prejudice and papal opposition, there has arisen from among the very priests of Rome a strong movement against clericalism, and a cry in favor of freedom of thought. The leader in this movement has already been persecuted and denounced by Rome as a heretic. He is forbidden to speak in the churches, but addresses large congregations in the streets and public halls. It is reported that there are some two or three hundred priests of Rome who are largely in sympathy with or closely allied to this truly Protestant movement. God's providences are certainly in advance of His work, and it can truthfully be said "there shall be delay no longer."