

Union Conference Record

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

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CALLED AND CHOSEN.

CALLED to learn some lesson new
From Himself alone,
That among the multitude -
He could not make known.
Shall we murmur if His hand
Leads in lonely fields,
Knowing that the deep, still stream
Fruit abundant yields?

No, dear Lord, we murmur not,
But, with loving trust,
Joyfully we say, "Thy will,"
Not because we must;
May we choose Thy way for us,
And we yield to Thee;
For in all Thy blessed will
Deepest love we see.

Oh! His service is so sweet,
'Tis so blest to share;
Need it matter unto us
If He chooses where?
And His methods are so vast,
Need we question, "How" ?
Who shall take the full command?
Lord, we answer, "Thou."

—Sel.

Work for Students.

To us is given the commission, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." Are we preparing ourselves to engage in evangelistic house to house work?

When school closes, there will be opportunity for many to go out into the field as evangelistic canvassers. The faithful colporteur finds his way into many homes, where he leaves precious reading-matter containing the truth for this time.

THE TRAINING OF MISSIONARIES.

Parents, train your children to become workers with you in the church. Educate them to take delight in the thought of being workers together with God. Impress upon their minds the fact that as they grow older, their opportunities for service will enlarge, and their power and

ability will proportionately increase. Let them understand that those who give themselves to God will become channels of blessing to others who know Him not. Teach them how to have power to prevail with God. If this were done faithfully by every parent, we should see consecrated workers everywhere.

I hope that many of those who are receiving an education in our schools, will go forth as missionaries accepted of God. I have faith to believe that He will work upon the hearts of teachers and students, and that they will be clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness.

THE MINISTRY OF SONG.

In every school, instruction in singing is greatly needed. There should be much more interest in voice-culture than is now generally manifested. Students who have learned to sing sweet gospel songs with melody and distinctness, can do much good as singing evangelists. They will find many opportunities to use the talent that God has given them, carrying melody and sunshine into many lonely places darkened by sin and sorrow and affliction, singing to those who seldom have church privileges.

Students, go out into the highways and hedges. Endeavor to reach the higher as well as the lower classes. Enter the homes of the rich and the poor, and as you have opportunity, ask, "Would you be pleased to have us sing? We should be glad to hold a song-service with you." Then as hearts are softened, the way may open for you to offer a few words of prayer for the blessing of God. Not many will refuse.

Such ministry is genuine missionary work. God desires every one of us to be converted, and to learn to engage in missionary effort in earnest.

He will bless us in this service for others, and we shall see of His salvation.

OUR HIGH CALLING.

Students, educate yourselves to speak in the language of Canaan, the language spoken in the heavenly school by the members of the royal family. Sternly determine to put away all foolish talking and jesting, all selfish amusements. By faith grasp God's promises, and determine that you will be Christians here below, while preparing for translation.

If you strip yourselves of every hindrance to progress in the Christian life, your minds will be worked by the Holy Spirit, and you will become indeed "fishers of men." The salvation of God will go forth from you as a lamp that burneth. If your own hearts are filled with light from above, you have the privilege, wherever you may be, of shedding light upon those who are in darkness. Continuing steadfast in God's service unto the end, you will be granted an abundant entrance through the pearly gates into the heavenly city, where you will be greeted with the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"THERE is a Watcher standing by the side of all those who are filling positions of trust, ready to reprove and convict of wrong doing, or to answer their prayers for help."

"THE Lord is soon coming. The end of all things is at hand. We are not only to talk of Christ's coming, but in every action we are to reveal the fact that He is soon to be manifested in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

THE FIELD.

Perth Camp-meeting.

THE Perth camp-ground is in a central position on Hay Street, near the new parliament buildings, and about half a mile from the heart of the city. It slopes back from the street, and can be seen for some distance round on the lower side. The electric trams run past it. The ground itself is not very good, being loose sand and scrub. The sand does not hold the stakes very well, and they have to be constantly watched. But it has one advantage,—that rain runs rapidly away and leaves no mud.

The camp opened October 8, with thirty-three family tents arranged in a semi-circle, the large pavilion in the centre, and children's tent and book tent close to the entrance. There is a galvanised iron building on one side used for a kitchen and grocery. The kitchen turns out good wholesome food, with which everyone seems pleased. There are 150 people, including children, camped on the ground.

The first meeting was held on Thursday night, but as it was thought advisable, on account of opposition, not to advertise much before Saturday night, there was no outside attendance.

Sabbath was showery and cold, but a good number assembled for the Sabbath-school. Brother Howie reviewed the children, the senior review being divided, each two verses being taken up by a different person. The Sabbath-school was well organised, and all spent a pleasant time in an animated study of the lesson.

There was a preaching service at 11 A. M., and social meeting in the afternoon, at which many expressed their praises and thankfulness to God for blessings received.

The first meeting of the Conference was called Saturday night for the purpose of organising and appointing committees. After it closed, a number went to the city, and distributed invitation bills.

Sunday dawned bright and clear. The conference met at 9:30 A. M., and received reports from the committees. Two recommendations on tract work were discussed with much interest, and some experiences were

given, showing that a good deal is already being done here on those lines.

In the afternoon Brother Pallant addressed a good congregation on "The Prophetic History of Nations," based on Daniel 2. The tent was fairly well filled, and all listened attentively. In the evening the tent was packed, and two hundred or so stood at the back. Brother Farnsworth spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ, Why and How Will He Come?" The large attendance has greatly encouraged us, as conditions here are such that we hardly dared hope for it.

Monday morning was devoted to conference business. The work on the *Signs of the Times* and *Australasian Good Health* was considered, and many present gave their experiences. Brother Shapcott sold 180 in two hours the previous Saturday night. His testimony was that though he might get many refusals, yet in a given time, he usually sold about the same number. The secret of success was to put the heart into the work, and work fast, "asking everybody to buy, and seeing as many bodies as possible." He goes to Fremantle, eleven miles from Perth, starts to sell on the platform while waiting for the train, continues in the train, and when on his territory enters the first shop, asks everyone there, everyone between that and the next, and so on. Many others are taking part in selling the *Signs* in this way, and all have had good success, and testify that it needs no experience to sell the paper on the streets, as those who are new to the work do as well the first time as those who have been at it for some time.

After the conference meeting, Brother Johanson occupied an hour in practical instruction. In the afternoon Brother Walldorff spoke on "Church and State," and in the evening Brother Farnsworth gave "The Reason Why We Keep Saturday for the Sabbath instead of Sunday." The tent was about half full, and close attention was paid. We believe there is some genuine interest here, and that souls will be gathered in.

The conference meeting Monday morning took an unexpected turn. A recommendation was brought in to take up a collection once a year for the missionary work of the State tract society. In connection with this, some questions were asked on the origin of the indebtedness of the

society, and it was explained that this came from getting stock on credit, no capital having been provided. It was then suggested that those who had money in banks might deposit it with the society, and enable it to pay for its stock. A brother rose, and said it would be better to give it than to lend, and emphasised his words by starting the list of donations. The spirit spread, and one after another various amounts were specified, until a total of £62 10s was reached. In addition to this, eight others put their names down, the amounts to be given in later. It was a good meeting, and we felt it was good to be there, as the brethren and sisters with beaming faces gave in their pledges with evident pleasure in having a part in this good work. They all testified that it was the best meeting we had had.

The camp will be continued until next Monday morning. We trust that the blessing of the Lord will continue to abide on this meeting, and that it may be the means of bringing many into the truth.

E. M. GRAHAM.

Orange, N. S. W.

BROTHER JAMES and family and the writer reached Orange October 5, about five o'clock in the morning, and began at once to look for a suitable place to hold our meetings. After looking the town all over, we decided on one of two places, but finally took the one that a little later proved to be the right one, and Tuesday, October 6, we pitched our small tents, and waited patiently for the field tent that the tent maker was to send us.

We waited Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday till 4 P. M. before the tent came. We then made haste to pitch it, and pinned a large notice on the wall of the tent that meetings would begin Monday evening. By working hard we were all ready to begin our meetings on time, as advertised in our bills. We had seventy in attendance at our first meeting. The second night it was so dark and rainy we did not think anyone would come, but for all this about forty were out to the meeting.

The third meeting we had 104 in attendance; since then (the last two meetings) it has been very cold, and our attendance has dropped off some, but we have now bought some coke,

and borrowed a large oil drum, and by burning the coke in this drum, we are able to make the large tent warm and comfortable. It is much colder here than at Sydney.

The people receive us kindly, and manifest an interest in our work. We request the prayers of our people in the interest of the field work.

S. M. COBB.

The Work in Dunedin.

AFTER the camp-meeting held last January in this city, Brethren G. A. Wantzlick, W. L. H. Baker, and the writer re-pitched the tent in Caversham, a borough near Dunedin, and on the first of March began a series of meetings. From the first night a good interest was manifested, and for about six weeks we held a meeting every night with the exception of Sabbath night. The weather was fine, and the attendance good.

Many individuals stayed every night after the meeting was dismissed to inquire further about the truths presented, and ask questions on various topics. Soon eight or ten adults began the observance of the seventh day according to the commandment. Most of these continue to walk in this way, and rejoice in the assurance of the soon coming of their Saviour.

The success of the tent effort soon met with fierce opposition, for the enemy hates God's truth and His people now as much as ever he did, and nothing arouses him so much as when the law of God is given its proper place in the gospel message.

Pastor Baker left us after two weeks, as duties further north required his attention and presence, but we continued the meetings until the weather became too cold for tent work. When the tent came down, the necessity of a church building presented itself, and we determined to act at once.

A meeting was called of the church members, new Sabbath-keepers, and other persons interested, and the matter was laid before them. All agreed that we must have a building at once. We opened a subscription list, and those present pledged over £60.

Having done what we could, we thought it would be a kindness on our part to offer our neighbors the privilege of sharing what we were enjoying,—the blessing which comes

from giving; so we immediately sent letters in all directions, asking for help, and have since been overjoyed many times by the substantial gifts we have received.

At the present time we have a neat building 30 x 20 ft. completed, with a lean-to 8 x 20. When the remaining pledges are paid, which are only a few pounds, we will have more than enough to pay all accounts.

The preachers have of necessity been the builders. Brother Wantzlick has acted as architect and master builder, and God has given strength and skill with which to labor. The physical exercise has proved a great blessing to those exercised thereby.

Sister Mary Owen and her mother have just moved to New Plymouth to open up the work with the *Signs of the Times*, preparatory to a camp-meeting in that place. Two of our new church members, young ladies, have taken Miss Owen's place in this city with the papers, and are doing an excellent work.

The health foods have created a market for themselves here in Dunedin, and are much appreciated. Several leading doctors use them and recommend them to their patients. We hope before long to see a health food depot in this centre.

We are sure that all who have had a part in the work here, either by donation, in person, or in prayer, will be glad to learn of the work here and its development.

May God through His people soon plant the standard of this mighty truth in every honest heart throughout the land, and thus hasten His coming and His kingdom.

C. A. PAAP.

A Note of Courage.

THE blessing of the Lord is resting on the church at Napier, New Zealand, in a very marked manner, and there seems a genuine awakening among its membership to some realisation of the work to be done to prepare the way for the fast approaching King. The Spirit has been working for some time in a quiet way, and to-day, praise God, there is unity and harmony among the believers.

The church building is well filled every Sabbath, and on Sunday even-

ing a goodly attendance of our own people and others can be relied upon in all weathers. Last Sabbath morning nearly eighty were present. The Sabbath-school is a source of courage to the church, and the church school, which commenced only three weeks ago, now numbers about twenty-five members. Last Sabbath it was a most interesting sight to see the large gathering of happy little faces, members of the Sunshine Band, assembled to listen to a short missionary talk. A weekly Bible study, which is very largely attended, is conducted at the home of a sister; and the missionary and prayer meeting, which for some months was almost without attendance, is now an occasion of blessing to the goodly number who are present from week to week.

With this personal blessing, some in the church are arousing to work for the unbelievers by means of journals and tracts, and by giving readings. We are grateful to God for this small shower of His Spirit, but realise that far greater earnestness is yet needed to meet the mind of God.

E. R. CARO.

West Australian Conference.

THE first annual session of the West Australian Conference was called in connection with the Perth Camp-meeting, October 8-19. Nine meetings were held, in which the business of the Conference was considered. The following committees were appointed:—

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: J. Pallant, L. V. Finster, J. M. Johanson, James Clarke, J. Lang, N. J. Walldorff, E. M. Graham.

NOMINATIONS: E. W. Farnsworth, Edward Chapman, W. Brittain, J. Giblett senior, J. Edwards.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: E. W. Farnsworth, W. Howie, H. Ward, E. Chandler, R. A. Caldwell.

The president, J. Pallant, gave a short, general report of the work and standing of the Conference. At the time of organisation, eighteen months ago, the membership was 133; now it is 260. The Sabbath-school membership was 176, and now is 271. The tithe amounted to £1,003-10s 10d; Sabbath-school contributions to £178 6s 4½d; annual offerings to £82 1s 8½d; second tithe to £101 16s 9½d; Sanitarium, £2; miscellaneous, £1 12s; Avondale School, 9s; Camp and Tent Fund, £337-2s 8½d; Foreign Missionary support,

£28 18s 4½d; Conference donations, £25 0s 9d; Students' Aid Fund, £20; making a total of £1,780 18s 6d paid into the cause of God. About 900 "Christ's Object Lessons" had been sold.

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

FOR PRESIDENT: J. Pallant.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: L. V. Finster.

FOR SECRETARY: Mrs. Freeman.

FOR TREASURER: West Australian Tract Society.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: J. Pallant, L. V. Finster, W. Howie, H. Ward, E. Chandler.

FOR TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Miss S. Gunder.

FOR GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT: R. A. Caldwell.

FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY AND TREASURER: MRS. FINSTER.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented the following report, which was adopted:—

FOR CREDENTIALS: J. Pallant.

FOR ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS: L. V. Finster.

FOR LICENSE: N. J. Walldorf.

FOR MISSIONARY LICENSES: W. Brittain, R. A. Caldwell, Miss Farquhar, Miss M. Chandler, Miss S. Gurner.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented its report as follows, which was adopted:

1. We recommend, That in order to follow the work of our canvassers by missionary correspondence, and by supplying subscribers to our books with suitable tracts, our State tract society secure, at the close of each delivery, complete lists of the names and addresses of those who have purchased books; that these lists be prepared so as to enable the State tract society secretary to keep a complete record opposite each name of all letters sent, literature supplied, replies received, and literature sold; that a copy of each list be sent to the Echo Company, and that we enlist the co-operation of as many of our church members as can undertake missionary correspondence; these workers to report monthly to the State tract society; that the State Secretary or someone appointed to assist her, carefully supervise this work, and send monthly reports to the RECORD for publication.

2. That a vigorous tract campaign be inaugurated and maintained throughout the field, and special attention be devoted to the distribution of tracts by visiting from house to house in our large towns and cities.

3. That a strong and persevering effort be put forth to give a wider circulation to the *Signs of the Times* and the *Australasian Good Health*—(a) by encouraging and instructing the rank and file of our people in the sale of these papers; (b) by our Conference laborers and local church officers keeping before our people the advantages of mailing the *Signs* for a time to interested persons, and to combine this with judicious missionary correspondence, using the *Signs* as an introduction; when necessary, names for such correspondence, to be furnished by the tract society.

4. Whereas, it is essential in order that the *Signs of the Times* should maintain its existence as a registered newspaper, that a large portion of its matter should be news items, therefore we recommend, That each Conference worker supply a frequent report for publication in the paper.

5. That our State tract society take steps to place the book "Rights of Man" in the hands of members of Parliament, barristers, teachers, and other leading men, as a means of education in right principles of religious liberty, and that a united effort be made to give this book a wide circulation throughout the field.

6. That on the first Sabbath* in January a special collection be taken for the missionary work of the State tract society.

7. That all Sabbath-school contributions be used in work as outlined by the Sabbath-school department of the Union Conference, except the donations of one Sabbath of each quarter, which are to be used for Sabbath-school expenses.

8. That the Sabbath-school officers be elected by the church.

9. That all our Conference officers and laborers be requested to put forth their best efforts in encouraging young men and women of some maturity and experience to enter the Avondale School, that they may receive a training for some branch of the Lord's work; and that an educational secretary be elected to supervise this line of work.

10. That church schools be established in all our churches as rapidly as conditions are favorable.

11. That we adopt the plan of having a missionary service on the fourth Sabbath of each month.

12. That our people lay aside a certain proportion of their second tithe for our island mission work.

13. That we urge every family of Sabbath-keepers to subscribe to the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD.

In harmony with the report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses, Brother L. V. Finster was ordained and set apart for the gospel ministry on the last Sabbath of the meeting.

The attendance was good, and all manifested a deep interest in planning for the work of the coming year. The burden to work more directly for the Lord came upon some of the brethren and sisters, and several began to lay plans to enter the canvassing field, while all showed a disposition to work all they could where they were. The good Spirit of God was present in a marked manner, and the Conference closed with a praise service, in which almost all present testified to their gratitude for blessings received during this meeting.

J. PALLANT, *President*.

S. GURNER, *Secretary*.

"WHEN everything looks most forbidding, then the Lord will reveal His power to the faithful ones."

Our Mission Field.

The Blessings of Service.

In the *Review and Herald* of September 10, 1903, Sister White makes a statement of the following most important truths:—

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.

Work is what the churches need. They need an unreserved consecration to service. Never can the church reach the position that God desires it to reach until it is bound up in sympathy with its missionary workers. Never can the unity for which Christ prayed exist till spirituality is brought into missionary service, and until the church becomes an agency for the support of missions. The efforts of the missionaries will not accomplish what they should until the church members in the home field show, not only in word, but in deed, that they realize the obligation resting on them to give these missionaries their hearty support.

God calls for workers. Personal activity is needed. But conversion comes first; seeking for the salvation of others next.

It is here shown that only as the Lord's people exert themselves to bless others, by imparting the gifts of Christ, can they themselves prosper spiritually; and that the missions themselves will not accomplish the results desired by the Lord until the members who remain at home shall be bound up in active sympathy with the laborers who are in the front of the battle.

A healthy spiritual condition does not exist by accident, but is the result of compliance with certain fixed laws ordained by the Creator. Just as physical health is maintained by the exercise of the muscles of the body, so spiritual vigor is kept up by putting the spiritual muscles into active use.

A church that exerts itself to impart light and truth to those who sit in the shadow of death, is invariably a healthy church. The members have no time to accuse and condemn their brethren and sisters, nor have they any inclination to do so. Every effort to help others brings its own immediate reward,—increased vitality. Christ says that the gift of even a cup of cold water will receive its reward. Matt. 10:42.

And not only will the worker for Christ be rewarded with increased spiritual life, but he will also experi-

ence a joy that is paramount to all others. He will "enter into the joy of his Lord." Matt. 25: 21. What is this joy?—It is that supreme pleasure that Paul experienced when he wrote to the Thessalonian brethren, for whom he had labored, prayed, and sacrificed: "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even *ye* in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For *ye are our glory and joy.*" 1 Thess. 1: 19, 20.

This joy is unknown to those who have never made a sacrifice for the lost. Years ago I heard the following story, which is a true one: In one of the cities of America lived a wealthy man who was never known to give to any charitable objects. He simply lived to himself. Late in life he got into a condition of despair, and determined to end his life by drowning in the harbor.

On his way down the street to the water, he was accosted by a little beggar boy, who told a sad story of a sick mother and starving children at home. The man had in his pocket quite a sum of money, which he thought might as well be given to this poor family as to be lost in the harbor when he should commit suicide. At his request the boy led the way to his wretched home, a miserable, tumble-down hovel. On a bed of sickness lay a poor woman, with her poor starving, half-frozen children round her. All were clad in rags. There was no money, no food, nor any fuel in the house.

This was the first time the rich miser had seen such extreme poverty and suffering at close range. His heart was touched at the sight, and he sent out for food and fuel, and with his own hands kindled a fire and gave the children food. By this time the poor widow was weeping for joy. Again and again she thanked the man for his kindness.

Before leaving he took out all the money he had and gave it to her, and after receiving her blessing, proceeded on his way to the—harbor?—No. He went straight home, and became one of the most benevolent of men. He had experienced a feeling to which he had been stranger all his life. It was so pleasurable that he wanted to have it repeated. All idea of ending his life was abandoned. From that time his chief joy was to minister to the needs of suffering humanity.

This story faintly illustrates the grand work that will be accom-

plished for our churches when all go to work for somebody who needs their ministrations.

In "Testimonies for the Church," No. 6, we read:—

The church of God on earth *was organized for missionary purposes*, and the Lord desires to see the *entire church* devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth. Not all are called to personal labor in foreign fields, but all can do something by their *prayers and their gifts* to aid the missionary work. . . . Why should not the members of a church or of several small churches unite to sustain a missionary in foreign fields? If they will deny themselves of selfish indulgences, dispense with needless and hurtful things, they can do this.

We are glad to announce that our brethren in the Avondale Church have voted to support a worker in Fiji. This will be a great help to those who have to plan for the support of the island missions. In a letter just received from the Union Conference office are the following words:—

Our island work is growing in magnitude and importance, and the eyes and hearts of our people are turning toward those dark-skinned races in their heathen darkness. I have received several donations since the Conference from individuals for the island work, with the intimation that I might expect regular contributions from them. One sister who was not at the Conference, and who knew nothing of what was suggested there, said she had decided to set apart a portion of her second tithe for this work. It seems as though the Lord is moving upon the hearts of the people in this direction.

In the next issue of the RECORD we expect to present a plan which we believe will enable our people everywhere to lift unitedly in the support of our island missions, and at the same time help our publishing houses, while doing a good work for the people in general.

E. H. GATES.

From Mangareva to Rarotonga.

OUR journey from Mangareva to Papeete was on a schooner, taking eight days for the passage. We had excellent opportunities for doing missionary work among the crew. The owner, a prominent merchant of Tahiti, was also on board; being an unbeliever in the Bible, he had expressed to others his desire to meet us on this score and "have it out." I believe I can truly say this man has now stopped making and firing his bullets at the truth, and has accepted the Bible as his guide in future. He desired our books to help him

out, and we presented him with "Eden to Eden" in French. There are so many like him; they only know the counterfeit, but they are honestly seeking after light. "Sow thy seed . . . for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that."

On the steamer from Papeete to Rarotonga, we had also Bible studies and talks. I observed, as we opened up the Scriptures, some had thought they had already and forever settled it in their minds that the Bible should not disturb them any more, but in spite of this, it did.

Upon landing at Rarotonga, we were met by Brother and Sister Piper and their little boy. A drive of four and a half miles (by a lovely road that only occasionally permitted us a peep of the grand and well wooded peaks of Rarotonga), brought us to our Mission Home at Arorangi.

Here, indeed, is a model home, such as can attract any discouraged sinner's aimless and homeless life. The Third Angel's Message is well preached in the neat and unextravagant arrangement of things by Sister Piper. I am not surprised to find prejudice to our work here taking to itself wings. So as not to disarrange things, we have bought all the furniture over from Brother Piper, although we do not expect to find our enjoyment here, but out in the unworked fields among the natives, and so we are hastening on to master the language to that end.

Equally attractive and restful is the school arrangement by Sister Gooding. With her sincerity and love for her work and pupils, this must be a success. The brethren also, I find, are well instructed by Brother Piper, and have a good spirit and "a mind to work." We are much encouraged in our new field.

G. F. JONES.

Rarotonga, September 22, 1903.

"CHRIST-LIKE activity pursued with persevering zeal will bring large returns."

"THE saving of human souls is an interest infinitely above any other line of work in our world."

"THERE is no one inactive in heaven, and no one will enter the mansions of bliss who has failed to show love for Christ, who has put forth no efforts for the salvation of others."

Our Canvassers.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

New South Wales.

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	Orders.	Value.
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i> —		
A. E. Hodgkison, Angledool	33	£30 7 6
G. Wood, Carinda	15	13 2 6
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
J. Mitchell-May, Wellington	8	5 0 0
" (Other books)	1	1 0 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
G. March, Maitland	13	4 7 6
Frank Hedges, Narrabri	15	5 18 6
E. C. Harlow, Milton	65	27 13 6
Miss C. Allum, Nubiach	5	2 6 6
Andrew Potter, Narrandera	17	7 5 6
M. A. Connell, Delegate	8	3 0 0
Various Workers	14	5 5 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
M. A. Connell, Delegate	5	7 10 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Miss Robertson	3	3 10 0
Miscellaneous	13	11 4 6
		215 £128 1 0

South Australia.

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	Orders.	Value.
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
Miss Gunther, Wallaroo	15	£18 9 0
Miss B. Davey, Wallaroo	2	2 13 6
Miss Roesner, Jamestown	15	20 18 6
Miss Goodhart, Jamestown	7	11 0 0
Mrs. Arnold, Jamestown	16	23 5 6
A. P. Roesner, Jamestown	1	2 2 0
J. E. Steed, Broken Hill	18	18 10 0
A. H. White, Saddleworth	4	5 18 6
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i>		
H. E. Hughes, Bowden	1	1 9 0
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —		
Miss Davey, Wallaroo	9	2 2 6
Miss Gunther, Wallaroo	18	4 9 0
Miss Roesner, Jamestown	7	1 15 0
Miss Goodhart, Jamestown	13	4 2 6
Mrs. Arnold, Jamestown	11	2 15 6
Miss Davies, Alberton	21	7 9 6
H. E. Hughes, Alberton	4	1 4 0
Miscellaneous	4	4 1 6
		162 £132 14 6

New Zealand.

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	Orders.	Value.
<i>Coming King</i> —		
D. M. Adam, Wellington	6	£2 14 0
N. Mead, Christchurch	4	2 2 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
C. Reynolds, Christchurch	14	18 0 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Mrs. M. Masters, Auckland	15	17 12 6
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
G. Masters, Auckland	3	5 0 0
<i>Man the Masterpiece</i> —		
G. F. Hansford, Palmerston N.	2	2 0 0
G. Masters, Auckland	1	1 7 6
D. M. Adam, Wellington	1	1 0 0
<i>Patriarchs & Prophets</i> —		
W. W. Ward, Apti	4	2 10 0
		50 £52 6 0
Signs sales		5070
Good Health subscriptions		38

Victoria.

SEPTEMBER, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
G. Burgess, Violet Town	45	£68 0 0
J. B. Anderson, Dunkeld	17	27 10 0
C. P. Michaels, Melbourne	10	16 10 0
" (Other books)	4	2 13 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
J. F. Ward, Korumburra	24	32 5 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
Miss L. Gibbs, Kensington	26	12 6 0
B. Judge, Lismore	27	11 3 6
W. Ryder, Mortlake	24	10 13 0
<i>Bible Readings</i> —		
Mrs. L. J. Lear, Auburn	8	5 18 0
Miscellaneous	30	19 4 0
		215 £206 3 0

Queensland.

SEPTEMBER, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —		
Q. Tract Society, Cairns	17	£10 4 6
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —		
Q. Tract Society, Townsville	3	2 12 6
B. Cozens, Nanango	28	20 18 2
W. Patava, Nanango	14	10 14 9
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —		
Q. Tract Society, Townsville	8	8 0 0
A. Costello, Cairns	17	18 10 0
Mrs. Kemsley, Charter's Towers	13	13 10 6
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —		
A. Costello, Cairns	15	26 10 0
P. Reekie, Mackay	55	90 14 0
<i>Coming King</i> —		
N. Kemsley, Charter's Towers	45	23 16 6
		215 £225 10 11

Tasmania.

SEPTEMBER, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
<i>Coming King</i> —		
T. Howse, Burnie Dist.	7	£2 15 6
N. Kenion, Burnie Dist.	24	10 18 0
Miss M. Voss, Ulverstone	16	7 4 0
Miss E. Voss, Ulverstone	11	4 14 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —		
Mr. R. K. Young, Wesley Vale	2	2 10 0
		60 £28 1 0

Totals for September, 1903.

	Orders.	Value.
New South Wales	215	£120 1 0
Tasmania	60	28 1 0
Victoria	215	206 3 0
South Australia	162	132 14 6
New Zealand	50	52 6 0
Queensland	215	225 10 11
Grand Total	917	764 16 5

"ALL that we as individuals are responsible for, is the unwearied, conscientious discharge of duty that some one must do, and if we fail to do that which is placed in our way, we cannot be excused of God. But having done the best we can, then we are to leave all results with God."

"CHARGE not thyself with the weight of a year,
Child of the Master, faithful and dear,
Choose not thy cross for the coming week,
For this is more than He bids thee seek;
'Daily' only He said to thee,
'Take up thy cross and follow Me.'"

My Experience in Periodical Work.

NEARLY fourteen years ago I accepted the truth at Union College, Nebraska. It was very dear to me at that time, and seemed so simple and plain that I longed to present it to others. I felt a special burden for my own people, particularly for my eldest brother, who had been preaching for over twenty years. While it has been a great disappointment to me that none of these have as yet accepted the light, I have realised the blessing of the Lord in my efforts to present the truth to others.

During the last few years, my time has been devoted largely to canvassing, and the Lord has helped me to place hundreds of books, tracts, and papers in the hands of the people. About a year ago the burden was laid upon me to go to some foreign field, but I did not think much about Australia until I read of its needs in the *General Conference Bulletin*, when I decided at once to join the party which was leaving the United States soon after the close of the Conference.

I brought with me almost a thousand copies of the *Life Boat*, most of which were disposed of the first month. The Lord is blessing me in my work with the *Signs* and *Good Health* in Sydney, although I am not selling so many copies as I might do if the times were better. It is almost a surprise to me that I have sold as many copies as I have among the poorer classes that scarcely know how the next loaf of bread can be secured.

Last week I sold over thirty-five dozen *Signs* and about two dozen *Good Health*. Several sisters joined me in the work on Saturday night, and did well considering it was their first experience in working in this way. This city has room for a hundred such workers every Saturday night.

I have been treated with great kindness and respect, even in the lowest slums. When working among the large offices and business houses, one of the clerks will often come to the counter and take the paper to the different ones in charge, showing the copy, while my prayers have ascended to heaven, asking the Lord to give them a desire for the truth. Many papers have been sold in this way. I also have an opportunity to sell the papers to the customers who are waiting to be served in the shops

and to men and women upon the streets.

The truth has never been so precious to me as at the present time, neither have I before possessed such a hatred for sin, nor such a longing for a heavenly home, where sorrow, pain, and sin will never enter. My heart and soul are in this work, and by the help of God I shall do all that I can to hasten the Lord's coming. Brethren and sisters, let us work while it is day, then the battle will soon be over and the victory won.

PETRA T. SKADSHHEIM.

"Owe No Man Anything."

THE above is an inspired injunction given in the form of a command, and should be considered and treated as such by every Christian. To owe a person, company, or institution a sum of money, and delay the payment of it for months or years, and then perhaps repudiate it altogether, may seem like a small matter; but it is by just such failures upon the part of individuals that firms and institutions are brought to bankruptcy. Such dishonesty is to be deplored even among worldly people, but when it is practised by church members, and with the cause of God, it becomes a grave offence, if not an out and out sin.

I have of late been looking over the books of some of our institutions and societies, and I find, in every case where they have been running any length of time, long lists of unpaid accounts, amounting in the aggregate to large sums of money. Quite a large proportion of the capital with which our institutions and societies operate is borrowed money upon which they are paying interest. This interest must be met promptly, whether individuals pay or not. Somebody must rack their brain and spend precious time to obtain the money necessary to pay the obligation that your account should have paid. It is these unpaid accounts that are crippling our school, publishing house, and tract societies, and holding them back from doing the aggressive missionary work that the Lord wills they should.

To allow unpaid accounts to run from year to year or until those whose duty it is to look after and collect them lose all heart, and with reluctance submit to having the name and account dropped from the regular

list and placed on the list of "bad debts," may seem like an easy way to get rid of the obligation. But while it may be dropped from earthly books, it is not dropped from the "Ledger of Heaven." Years may elapse, and the matter pass out of the mind as had Jacob's dishonest act toward his brother, yet, like him, before such an individual can return to his home in peace, the obligation must be faced and satisfaction rendered. How any one can enjoy a horse and trap, bicycle, kodak, or any other luxury for self or family, while knowing that the money that went to purchase these things rightfully belonged to the cause of God, and was badly needed, is more than I can understand.

It has been my observation through several years of experience in connection with our churches in various portions of the world, that those who rob God either in tithes, offerings, or by failure to pay their just accounts, have a hard time to get along. And no wonder; for the Lord nowhere promises to bless unjust dealing.

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?"

The "Testimonies" say that we should shun debt as we would shun the leprosy. Leprosy is one of the most loathsome diseases known, and always terminates fatally, unless a Divine hand is outstretched to arrest its course. If leprosy and debt are analogous in their operation, as the statement implies, is it not high time that an effective remedy be applied? The same Jesus that responded to the leper's cry for help, "I will; be thou clean," will help you to rid your soul of covetousness, the most hateful of all sins.

Reader, if this article applies to you, do not cast it aside indifferently, but begin at once the work of reform. First, ask the Lord to forgive your sin, and then claim His promise of help. Begin by acknowledging your debt. Then pay what you can, and keep on paying until the debt is wiped out, even though it be at the sacrifice of some accustomed comforts. Persevere in your effort until you can stand free before God and man, and say truthfully, "I owe no man, institution, or society anything, but love and goodwill."

GEO. A. IRWIN.

Notes and Personals.

BROTHER WOODFORD writes that they arrived safely, and are well pleased with their new field. His address is Grace Cottage, Darling Street, Medindie, Adelaide, South Australia.

SISTER EDITH FORD, who has been connected with the school, and with the Avondale Press for some years, has been engaged by the New South Wales Tract Society as secretary.

BRETHREN Walston and Gibson with their families left Sydney, October 16, for South Africa. They are returning there to connect with the work in that field.

BROTHER SOUTHERN and Sisters Eva Hare and Hannah Williams arrived October 21 on the *Warrimoo* from New Zealand. They have come to connect with the work of the Wahroonga Sanitarium.

HAVE you been encouraged by the progress of the work as reported in the RECORD? If so, we would kindly ask that you call the attention of others to these good things, and solicit their subscriptions, that they also may be helped by its fortnightly visits.

MISSIONARY services were held in the various Sydney churches on Sabbath, October 24, at which time the "Fourth Sabbath Reading" was presented with other appropriate exercises. The collections taken in all the churches were given to the Union Conference to be used in the island work. Pastor Irwin conducted the service at Wahroonga, and Pastor Starr at Ashfield.

In a private letter Sister Haskell writes: "I was glad to hear of the work in that field once more. It is pleasant to think of the different ones scattered all over the earth, each in his allotted corner diligently working to carry this precious truth to the world." "Although Elder Haskell passed his seventieth birthday last April, he is stronger in many ways than when in Australia. He is very happy in his work, and always sees the Lord's hand in everything."

LETTERS from Brother and Sister Snyder tell us that they are now at College Place near Walla Walla, Washington, where Brother Snyder is teaching the Bible in the school. They are in good health and pleasantly situated. Both express regret that their health would not permit them to remain in this field, to which they still feel strongly attached. They ask that the Lord may abundantly bless His work in Australia, and keep us all faithful to Him until we are through with moving from shore to shore and ready for our final move into the New Jerusalem.

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EIGHTEEN subscriptions were obtained for the RECORD at the West Australian Camp-meeting.

PASTOR IRWIN is leaving Sydney November 3 for Adelaide, where he goes to attend the South Australian Conference.

BRETHREN Paap and Lyndon have begun a series of tent meetings in Dannevirke, New Zealand. A beautiful place, central and near the post-office, has been selected as the site for the tent. They feel the Lord has guided them, and that a favorable field has been entered.

IMPROVEMENTS are being made at Avondale during the vacation period. Timber is now being carted for the new boat landing; work has already begun upon the addition to the Food Factory; a handsome new School calendar is being issued; new land is being ploughed, and brought under cultivation; and an atmosphere of progress is everywhere manifest.

BROTHER J. E. FULTON, Brother L. Currow and family, Sybil Read, and Eva Edwards reached Fiji in safety, though they experienced some bad weather. A heavy sea broke in the skylight, and flooded the cabin with tons of water. As usual, of course, there was much seasickness. The Fiji brethren were very glad to see our workers. Prospects are excellent for a good work to be done there. Brother Fulton found the new oil launch running successfully, which will provide a way now for the workers to get around to the different towns.

WE will be glad to receive reports of young people's societies and their work for publication. If there are churches that would like to organise their young people for work, and feel the need of instruction, we would be glad to have them write to us.

IN reference to their tent meetings at Blayney, Brother Tadich writes: "We have had a good attendance, about sixty or seventy every night. Brother McGowan and I visited the three ministers of the town, and had a very pleasant conversation with each. Many are deeply stirred. We have found one Sabbath-keeper, and another family, I understand, intends to keep this coming Sabbath. The rain has interfered somewhat, but not very much. We are all of good courage in the Lord."

SINCE receiving Brother Cobb's report that appears in this issue, letters have come to hand giving further information with reference to the interest in Orange. From his last letter written October 21, we quote the following: "Our attendance is good, over 100 each night. Several nights we had more than we could seat in the tent. I am leading the people step by step up to the Sabbath question, and praying daily that the Lord may impress hearts with these wonderful truths of His Word, and that souls may be brought into the fold here. We will present the Sabbath question next Sunday at 3 P. M."

Notice.

THE Queensland Tract Society Office has been removed to more commodious quarters. Their new address is 186 Edward Street, Brisbane, Queensland.

New Zealand Camp-meeting.

THE time of the New Zealand camp-meeting is appointed for January 14-31, and the place selected is New Plymouth, Taranaki District. In connection with this meeting, the annual session of the New Zealand Conference is to be held. The churches will kindly see to the usual election of delegates. No doubt many important matters will be considered. We are expecting with us Elders Irwin and Farnsworth, also Elder Santee of America, as well as all the New Zealand laborers. It is hoped that there may be a general attendance of the brethren and sisters of New Zealand. We are expecting a blessed time, and it is now none too early to plan at once with a view to coming to this important gathering.

W. L. H. BAKER.

The Victorian Camp-meeting.

THE camp-meeting of Victoria will be held in the Royal Park, Melbourne, November 12-23. For years our people have desired to hold a camp-meeting in the park, but the privilege had never been granted till this year. That is the most favorable place in all Melbourne for the camp-meeting. Thousands of people go there for a walk and a quiet afternoon and evening. We feel sure that many thousands of people will hear the message at the coming meeting. All who love the Lord in this conference, should, if possible, be at the meeting to become better acquainted with the Lord and to be used in leading others to Him. The meeting will be held near the Flemington Bridge station. The North Melbourne trams run along the side of the grounds.

W. A. HENNIG.

Treasure the Fragments.

WE should treat as a sacred treasure every line of printed matter containing present truth. Even the fragments of a pamphlet or of a periodical should be regarded as of value. Who can estimate the influence that a torn page containing the truths of the Third Angel's Message, may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth? Let us remember that somebody would be glad to read all the books and papers we can spare. Every page is a ray of light from heaven, to shine into the highways and the hedges, shedding light upon the pathway of truth.

IN the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who accepted it. Thus it will be in the distribution of our publications. God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly. And as the disciples by Christ's directions gathered up the fragments which remained, that nothing should be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE article entitled "Success in Canvassing" which appeared in our last issue should have been credited to J. M. Johanson.