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

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ALMOST HOME.

WE'RE almost home. Cheer up, sad heart!
Haste, weary feet, along the way!
See yonder towers of heavenly mart
Rise, brightening in the perfect day.
And, though the path has thorns of pain,
We're near the goal we hoped to gain.
Though foes oppress, and shadows gloam,
Cheer up! Press on! We're almost home.

As we march through the gates of God,
The tears will all be wiped away;
And we'll forget the path we've trod,
In paths that bloom with joy for aye.
Our care-worn brows will light and shine
With marvellous beauty, all divine.
Beneath the smile of Heaven we roam,
Redeemed, restored. We're almost home.

Our hearts, that throbb'd with woe and want,

Shall never more reach out unfilled.
Our voices holy songs will chant,
The surge of storm forever stilled.
We'll love the Shepherd and His flock.
We'll drink the water from the Rock.
From Him we love no more we'll roam.
Oh! strike the harp, we're almost home.
—Selected.

Words of Counsel.

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN AUSTRALIA,—

I read with the deepest interest the letters that come to me from you. My prayers often ascend to God in your behalf. I pray that you may be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." We are living amidst the closing scenes of this world's history, and to us comes the warning, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

By our unity we are to bear strong, indisputable evidence that Christ came to this world to save sinners. Satan works with all his ingenuity to prevent human beings from bearing this evidence. He wants them to develop an unsanctified individuality, so that they shall not love one an-

other. Too often professing Christians yield to him, and then the merest trifle causes a difference to spring up amongst them. Men and women professing godliness build walls of separation between them and their fellow-workers, because not all think in exactly the same way, or follow exactly the same methods. Those who stand apart, refusing to harmonise, dishonor God before the world. Christ prayed for unity. It is His will that His followers shall labor together in Christian fellowship. Shall it be thus, or shall we grieve Him by disunion and lack of harmony?

Let us respond to Christ's invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." To respond to this invitation, we must let go all self-importance, all feeling of superiority, and bow in submission to the will of God.

"And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me."

What a wonderful change would be seen in our world if all would obey Christ's words. He has united His interests with those of humanity, that men and women may receive from Him power to do His will. Those who through His grace become partakers of the divine nature, receive the rich blessings that in the councils of heaven it was declared should be bestowed on those who believe in Christ as a personal Saviour.

"If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

Why do not these words make men afraid to sin against God? There are many to-day who, though professing Christians, are not one with Christ. They are drifting hither and thither. May God pity them. Unless help from above reaches them, they will be lost, eternally lost.

The members of our churches need to be converted, that they may understand what the love of Jesus means,—the love that He revealed in His life of meekness and lowliness. Profession without practice is of no value. Position can not gain for us salvation. Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of the greatest of earth's kingdoms, but his greatness did not give him acceptance with God. In a moment his power was taken from him.

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Fruit-bearing, then, is the condition of discipleship. What is the fruit that is to be borne?—Purity of character, unselfish deeds, Christlike words. Those who do not bear this fruit, those whose lives do not reveal the tenderness of Christ, are not accepted as representatives of God.

In order for us to bear the fruit that glorifies God, our hearts must be filled with the love of Christ. We must learn of Him His meekness and lowliness. Then we shall not strive for self-exaltation. Those who retain their own unchristlike peculiarities are not sanctified through oneness with the Saviour. Self is so prominent that Christ is not seen. When men see more clearly the completeness of Christ's sacrifice and con-

descension, they will better understand what is comprehended by oneness with Him.

A Christian is one whose heart is controlled by the Holy Spirit. The love of God pervades his soul. He desires to live, not to get glory for himself, not to serve himself, but to serve and glorify the One who gave His life for him. He may have business to attend to, but it is not unlawful business. And his business life is not separate from his religious life. His business is a part of his service to God. He worships God as verily when attending to this business, as when offering prayer. Daniel and his fellows had important duties to perform in connection with the government of Babylon, but they were none the less in the service of God.

All have not the same office. God's workers are given different duties to perform. Some are entrusted with the spiritual interests of His cause. Others are given lowlier duties. But all are in the service of the Lord, and His blessing rests upon every one who puts forth faithful effort.

My dear fellow-workers, whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might. Make your work pleasant with songs of praise. If you would have a clean record in the books of heaven, never fret nor scold. Let your daily prayer be, "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour."

Look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred, because it is part of God's service. Do not allow anything to make you forgetful of God. Bring Christ into all that you do. Then your lives will be filled with brightness and thanksgiving. We need a deeper faith. To each one of us God has assigned a certain task. Let us do our best, moving forward cheerfully in the service of the Lord, with our hearts filled with His joy.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"GOD answers prayer; sometimes when hearts are weak

He gives the very gifts believers seek;
But often faith must learn a deeper rest,
And trust God's silence when He does not speak;

For He whose name is love will send the best.

Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure,
But God is true, His promises are sure
To those who seek."

Our Mission Field.

CALLING FOR HELP.

THERE'S a cry in the wind to-night
From the lands where the Lord is unknown;
While the Shepherd above, in His pitiful love,
Intercedes at His Father's throne.

There's a pain in my heart to-night,—
From the heart of God it came;—
For I cannot forget that He loves them yet,
And they've never heard His name.

There's a sob in my prayer to-night,
When I think of the million homes,
Where never a word of the Lord is heard,
Not a message from Jesus comes.
—Selected.

Australasia's Burden.

THE Lord has greatly honored the Australasian Sabbath-keepers in sending them word through His Spirit that "upon the Australasian field there rests the burden of carrying the message to many of the islands of the Pacific."

This is not to be counted as an imposition, a heavy, galling task, but an honor conferred. When Jesus said to His disciples, "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to *every creature*," He also said, "I am with you *always*, even unto the end of the world." With the burden laid upon them, there was given the assurance of Christ's abiding presence—an honor above every earthly honor.

When upon Moses was laid the thankless task of expending his mighty talents, during the remainder of his long life, on a stiff-necked people, he counted the honor of being connected with God's work so great that he voluntarily chose "to suffer affliction" with them, and esteemed "the reproach of Christ greater riches" than the glories of earthly empire. He knew that Christ was by his side to bear his heavy burdens, and "he endured as seeing Him who is invisible."

As we in Australasia accept the "burden of carrying the message to many of the islands," we do it with the understanding that we receive with it the presence of the Saviour, which confers the power and ability to do the work laid upon us.

Though our people in this field

are comparatively few, and financially weak, a united effort will accomplish wonders. With the most widely extended mission field in the world (though not the most populous), and with 50,000,000 heathen and Mahomedans to whom we must give the message of present truth, "we must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare."

"Our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land.' 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down till the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord."

THE FINANCIAL BURDEN.

With our burden of carrying the message to the people of our home conferences, how is it possible to take on the added responsibility of supporting the work in our new mission field? Well, if God lays on us the burden to do that work, He will give us the means whereby it may be done. When Paul was making efforts to raise a Palestine famine fund for the relief of the poor believers, he wrote thus to the poverty stricken church in Corinth: "God has power to shower upon you every kind of blessing in abundance, so that, having in all things and on all occasions a full supply for all your wants, you may be able to do an abundance of good actions of every kind. . . . And He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for eating, will supply you with seed, and cause it to multiply, and will increase the fruits of your righteousness."—"Twentieth Century New Testament."

At the recent Union Conference, it was recommended that "our people lay aside a certain proportion of their second tithe for the support of our island missions." This recommendation carried into effect will give a nice sum for the island work. But there are many who do not pay the second tithe. There are also youth and children who have no regular income.

Those who were present at the closing missionary meeting of the Union Conference, probably remember that Brother A. W. Anderson, of the Echo Office, spoke of a plan by

which he proposed to help the island missions, and at the same time work for home mission fields. He agreed to get at least one yearly subscription each month either for the *Signs* or *Good Health*, and give the profits, one shilling, to the Island Mission Fund, or failing to secure the subscription, give to the fund a sum equivalent to the profit on the papers. A few others promised to do the same.

Now, why should not all our people in Australasia adopt this plan of work? Look at the advantages of this plan. If adopted by all, it would, within a year, bring in 30,000 new subscriptions to our two papers; the subscribers, while getting the full equivalent for their money, would at the same time contribute the sum of £1,500 to the island missions; the two best papers in the southern hemisphere would be placed in the hands of many thousands of readers besides the regular subscribers, and souls would be brought into the truth; while our own people, as the result of this personal missionary work, will receive the greatest blessing of all.

Now, shall we not adopt this plan? Some companies have already voted to do so, and are obtaining subscriptions to the papers. Even if they are not able each month to get a subscription, it means only a three-pence per week from each one to make up the £1,500 per year. Of course, many will be willing to do much more than that. Some neat envelopes have been prepared for the fourth Sabbath contributions, which will be sent out to all the churches. Let these be placed in the hands of every member of the congregation, young and old, and let all be encouraged to place in these their donations, whether it be a portion of their second tithe, the profits on their subscriptions, or other donations.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has had interesting experiences. This will be passed on to others.
E. H. GATES.

PASTOR PARKER writes October 4 from Lomaloma, Lau, Fiji: "Yesterday I baptised a leading man of this district, after which we partook of the ordinances. It was a spiritual refreshing. A much more friendly spirit is now being manifested. We are of good courage, and the work is very precious to us."

THE FIELD.

Maryborough, Queensland.

OUR interest continues remarkably good, considering all that has been said against us.

The Baptist pastor attacks us openly through the daily paper, denouncing us as impostors and deceivers, to which we make no reply.

But when he announced that he would take up the question of the law, and more especially the Sabbath, that was troubling the people of the place, we were present, and subsequently reviewed his statements.

A large number of people were present, many of whom acknowledge the truth of the Bible.

The pastors of this city are now erecting a large tent over 100 feet long, and have telegraphed to an evangelist in Sydney to come to their assistance, ostensibly to break our interest. Their effort begins to-morrow night.

We feel that God has in a wonderful manner vindicated His truth. As we see the manifestation of His guiding hand, we are full of courage. Though we have reached another Mt. Carmel experience, we are sure of victory, and have faith in God as we look to Him for a vindication of His law (Ps. 119: 126) and its divine principles. Brethren pray for us.

S. W. NELLIS,
R. D. QUINN,
A. SMART.

Oct. 30, 1903.

Orange.

COMMENCING the work here Monday evening, October 12, we have, up to the date of this writing, November 1, held twenty-eight meetings in the tent, and though one-third of the time it has rained almost night and day, and our large tent was flooded several times by the heavy downfall of rain, and though the weather has been cold and disagreeable, and the Dill Mackey excitement was here for one week of our meetings, yet we have had a good congregation all the time.

We secured a large oil drum with holes punched in it for burning coke, and kept a hot fire in the tent for a short time before and during service to overcome the dampness, so the people could with safety sit through

the meeting with no anxiety about taking cold.

Better attention could not have been given than has been given by the people here.

The whole town is greatly stirred, and the Bible and the tent are discussed freely. We have now spoken upon the various lines of prophecy in Daniel and Revelation that are usually taken up in a tent effort; have given the Sabbath and its kindred subjects; and this evening we present the "Nature of Man."

We have not called publicly for any decision of the people yet, but quite a goodly number have commenced the observance of the Sabbath. As near as we can learn, up to this date there are about twelve who have decided to obey, but we cannot draw the line yet distinctly. The number may be less, but we expect it will be more.

On account of an urgent call to Eugowra, which has been sounding for more than six weeks, I have promised to go to that place and help the struggling company there for a week or ten days; and that the work at Orange should not suffer, I have asked Pastor Starr to come to our assistance during my absence. He will be here to-morrow, November 2.

Brother and Sister James and I have been very busy, but have enjoyed much of the blessing of God as we have labored together. Pray for us.
S. M. COBB.

Caversham, Dunedin.

THE first quarterly meeting was held in the new church October 10. The weather being delightful, as compared with the dark, gloomy days of winter, tended greatly to shed gladness all around, and inspire all with fresh hope and new life, to which all nature responded freely, as expressed in the singing of birds and the budding and blossoming of trees and flowers, shedding their rich fragrant balm in the air for man to drink in "without money and without price."

Grateful hearts were uplifted, and voices ascended (while met to commemorate the divine ordinances) to our beneficent Creator for all His goodness bestowed so bountifully in all the earth, emblematic of the new earth state.

Both old and new members testified to the work of grace upon their

hearts by the Holy Spirit, causing it to become "a springtime of the soul," initiative to a summer that shall never end. Heartfelt gratitude was expressed in reconsecrating all to the service of our Lord, that others likewise might learn to sense the warming and quickening influence of the Sun of Righteousness upon the heart, causing it to respond and spring forth into life everlasting.
G. A. WANTZLICK.

A Work of Reform.

IN connection with the good work done by the Café, an interesting experience might be related. A prominent business man in the city has evinced great interest in this work and given strong support to it. Since its inauguration he has not only attended regularly, but has thoroughly followed out every principle of health reform. His first step in the "new life," as he terms it, was to give up the use of liquor. As he was not strongly addicted to this habit, it was not fraught with so much trouble as was the next step,—the discontinuance of tobacco-using. Moreover, he had been a martyr to indigestion for many years, and was prepared to give our health foods a thorough trial. The use of meat and tea was finally discarded, and during the twelve months' trial he has really "entered a new life." Like a good many others, he wishes for more enlightenment in the way of healthful living and cooking, and would be prepared to spare no expense in order that his wife might learn the art of cooking and judiciously combining foods.

In this way the truth opens up to these individuals; for the Christian life of health in this world is as nothing to that which is beyond. This gentleman has already interested himself in our literature, notably in connection with "Christ's Object Lessons." This book he purchased from a friend, and in recommending its perusal to another friend, met great abuse and opposition even from a professed minister. But this only strengthened his opinion of the work, and helped in spreading it further.

We pray that the Lord may help these individuals, and prepare them for the acceptance of the truth in all its phases.
C. H. SCHOWE.

Missionary Work.

After Many Days.

SOME years ago one of our brethren from a suburb of Sydney went to one of the large inland towns to canvass for our periodicals. After remaining for a brief time, he returned home feeling disappointed with the effort. A few days ago he received a letter from the lady with whom he was lodging while there. We will quote portions of this letter:—

You, dear brother, were the means of saving me, and I thank God for His goodness in sending you to our home at that time. You did not do so well in — as you thought you would (I mean in your canvassing work), yet God had a purpose in sending you to our home. Many of your words set me to thinking, and I used to go into my room and ask God to show me where I was wrong.

I have been in — Street close on three years now, and my shop door is closed strictly at sundown on Friday. I will not sell a single thing once the Sabbath comes in. People look at the closed shop week after week, and it is a sermon in the very fact that it is closed. I am called a very strange woman by most people, but we are also called a "very honest sect" and of "good principles." "There must be something good in a religion when people can close up their shop or stop from working for God's sake" on the best day in the week. I constantly hear people talking in this way.

I had one great trouble, and that was that my husband did not share all these privileges with me. Now I must tell you that the Lord has answered my prayers, and only last Sabbath he told me that he was quite willing to accept the truth. In fact, he rejoices in God's mercy in sparing him to follow where He sees fit to lead. All is joy now. Although I am poorer in worldly goods, I am rich in grace. I often think what a lot one can do, and what a lot of worldly things one can give up when one wishes to please and serve God. Nothing seems too much to do or give for Christ."

Although the brother to whom this letter was written knew that this sister was keeping the Sabbath, he did not know until he received this letter that she attributed it to the direct result of his efforts. He now understands why it was that the Lord sent him to that place, and feels amply repaid for going. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

"A HOLY life has a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof."

Missionary Work in the Stanmore Church.

DURING the past quarter, with the exception of a few evenings, the missionary meetings have been well sustained, and good reports have been given, showing that the members are actively engaged in various lines of missionary work. Some are distributing tracts, and visiting the sick and discouraged, and some are selling *Signs* on Saturday nights. A club of 1400 "Capital and Labor" number of the *Signs* was taken, and the papers sold from door to door.

There have also been about 600 *Signs* taken and posted during the quarter, and considerable missionary correspondence done. Up to the present 385 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" have been sold by the members of the church, some selling as many as thirty copies each.

We are glad to see the missionary spirit growing among our young people. A good work has been done by them in visiting the hospital. Ship work has also been done with good results. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccles. 11:6.

MRS. M. E. LLOYD,
Secretary.

The Lord Cares for His Own.

Two brothers in the Eugowra district, who are engaged in farming, having a few days that they could spare, decided to spend them in the Lord's work. In a letter dated October 6 one of these brothers writes,—

My brother and I will be starting out next week to try to do something to help this glorious cause, and we feel sure that the Lord will open the way for us. We expect to be a fortnight away, and are planning to take a dozen "Christ's Object Lessons," hoping to get orders for others that can be procured later.

On October 18 this brother writes again:—

We commenced our canvassing trip, and were away about one day and a half when we met with an unpleasant accident. It happened while giving our horse a drink in a dam without taking him from the buggy. When through drinking, he made a plunge and broke one of the shafts. He then plunged into the dam, which was full of water. All our luggage got wet with the exception of our books, which were in a tin box. This box floated out of the buggy

Our Canvassers.

Conducted by J. M. Johanson.

Results of the Canvassing Work in West Australia.

WE had an interesting time at the social meeting held the first Sabbath afternoon on the camp-ground in Perth, W. A., as one after another related how the truth first came to them.

One brother told how he first became interested through reading "Patriarchs and Prophets," and when some time later another canvasser came along, he obtained a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation." This book brought the truth so forcibly before him, that he began to keep the Sabbath, although he thought he was the only Sabbath-keeper in West Australia.

The same canvasser sold the book "Daniel and the Revelation" to a Roman Catholic who, on finding what the book was, left it with a storekeeper, requesting him to sell it for him. A man who was away on the gold-fields when the canvasser was in that district, came to the store, saw the book, and bought it. His brother was living near, and on reading the book, they both, with their families, became deeply interested in the truth. Some time after, another canvasser came along, and going through the bush

HE MISSED HIS WAY,

and instead of finding the place he had set out to reach, he found himself at the homes of these people. It did not take them long to find out that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and when he saw how interested they were, he sent for a worker, and in a little while they had eleven Sabbath-keepers there, who now in their turn are doing all they can to spread the message.

Some of our workers also related instances where they had found people deeply interested in the truth as the result of the work of our canvassers. One lady brought out a copy of "Bible Readings," and said she

WOULD NOT TAKE FIVE POUNDS

for that book. She was rejoicing in the light and truth it had been the means of bringing to her.

At another meeting one of our

sisters told with tears of joy how, when one of our canvassers called with "Bible Readings," she felt impressed that she ought to have that book. She hardly knew how to get the money, but she ordered the book, and the Lord helped her so that when the book was delivered she was prepared to pay for it.

While her husband went out to direct the canvasser to a neighbor's place, this sister opened the book, and the first heading that caught her attention was "The Change of the Sabbath." She began to read, and the Spirit of God impressed her mind with the truth. She kept the following Sabbath, and now her family is rejoicing in the truth with her.

In one of the conference meetings, consideration was given as to the best plan for

FOLLOWING UP THE CANVASSER'S WORK.

During the discussion one brother said he believed the plan suggested to follow up the canvasser's work with missionary correspondence and tract distribution would result in much good. Speaking for himself and others in his district, he felt safe in saying that if they could have been brought into touch with our people in that way, they would probably have been keeping the Sabbath four years sooner than they did. They bought our books, read them, and were convinced of the truth; but knew nothing of our work or people. It seemed a great undertaking to step out, but all they needed at that time was a little help and encouragement. He felt sure that this suggestion carried into effect would be the means of bringing direct results in winning souls for the truth.

It is now ten years ago since the first canvasser was sent to this field with his family; the following year another brother and sister, both canvassers, were sent over, and these two families with a brother who came into the truth in this field and took up the canvassing work, organised

A CANVASSERS' SABBATH-SCHOOL, consisting of five adult members. It was a small beginning, but God has blessed the seed sown by the efforts of these workers, and the earnest work that has been and is still being put forth in this field has resulted in a rich harvest of souls. And as one and another of those who now rejoice in the truth have come to me and told me how the books sold here years ago were the means of arous-

ing their interest in the message, I have praised God for the privilege of having a part in the work of circulating our literature, and trust that the time has come when we shall see ever increasing results from the influence exercised throughout these fields by the work of the canvassers.

Sow Beside All Waters.

RECENTLY I met an aged couple who had just settled on the land. They were unable to purchase my book; but they were Christians, and asked me what church I represented.

When I told them I was a Seventh-day Adventist, they seemed interested to know what we believed, and after telling them about the near coming of the Saviour, and that the seventh day is the Sabbath, the old lady said, "That seems very clear, and is easy to believe." On leaving she shook me by the hand, and said, "I believe God sent you here."

Since then I have sent them tracts and papers, and was pleased to receive a letter from them a few days ago. The old lady writes, "We both read them and talked over the beautiful truths they contain. I think Elihu makes it very clear that we are keeping the wrong day for the Sabbath, and so does my husband. We never heard anything about it before; but which ever way you turn the matter over, Saturday is the seventh day; so we must all be wrong, ministers and all. I wonder they do not set the matter right. They must know they are wrong."

These good people are convinced of the truth; so, dear fellow-workers, let us sow beside all waters, "for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

R. A. CALDWELL.

Faithfulness in Little Things.

I WISH to call attention to some things which may not appear of very much importance in themselves, and yet which materially affect the success of the canvasser. God says, "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much;" and again, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." So the Lord tests people by their faithfulness in small things before He trusts them with great success in His work.

THOROUGH WORK.

The first point I will mention is faithfulness in calling at every house in the territory. It may not seem of much importance if a few houses are missed, either because they are too large and grand, or too small, or isolated, so as to require extra travelling to reach them; but it may be that the eternal salvation of some soul depends upon that call. We do not know where the honest hearts are, and sometimes the richest harvests are gathered from the most unpromising soil. So visit every house, as one who earnestly seeks for souls.

FULL TIME.

Another thing is faithfulness in the number of hours worked each day. At a worldly business, at least eight hours is required to be spent in labor, and shall we give our Lord less than we would man? Time is a talent, for which God holds us responsible. It is very easy, when we have the management of our own time, to let minutes leak away, and they soon run into hours. So it is very important to watch this point, and be prompt in getting started each morning, and then to work as rapidly as possible, as late as circumstances will permit. You will find persistent, faithful work of this kind result in largely increasing your orders. Your earnestness will impress people that you have something they need, and the blessing of God will witness to your efforts.

COMPLETE REPORTS.

Be faithful in reporting orders taken, time worked, canvasses and calls made, as well as books delivered. This may not seem very important, but the neglect of it causes a good deal of trouble. From the reports of orders, the stock of the publishing house is kept up, and it is not difficult to see that failure in this respect falls back upon the canvassers. All the items on the blanks are of use, and it is easy for each agent to fill in one weekly, work it out carefully, and forward it to the office. Those who are putting in good time, and having success in their work should report all particulars faithfully for the benefit of the weaker members of the family, who may learn much from their methods of working, while those who are not making a success of their work, or are not doing as well as they feel they ought to do, should report all items, that the State agent may

be able to detect the weak point in their way of working, and give them intelligent counsel.

From the delivery reports is compiled a territory book for each State, showing what districts have been canvassed, for what books, and how many have been placed there. This enables the State agent intelligently to locate his workers. I presume many of our canvassers have been sent to canvass some place for one of our books, and have found that a number had already been sold there, how many could not be ascertained, and have suffered annoyance and disappointment about it. They might have been spared this trouble had the agent who preceded them filled in his delivery report and sent it in. So please think of those who may follow you, and do not neglect this item.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Another point on which some fail is that of keeping careful account of all receipts and expenses. The "Testimonies" have called our attention many times lately to the necessity of every child, youth, young man, and young woman being taught to keep their personal accounts. The Lord never gives needless instruction, therefore we should heed what He tells us. When no accounts are kept, money leaks away, and debt is incurred, but a careful account keeps a check on expenditure, and will be found a great help towards keeping out of debt. Try it.

At the Perth camp-meeting, W. A., there were over one hundred people camped on the ground, and most of them first had their attention called to the truth by the books sold by our canvassers. So take courage, dear canvassers, only be faithful, going forth as those who are earnest in seeking souls, and you will find a larger harvest in the kingdom than you ever dared to hope for.

E. M. GRAHAM.

AN article appeared in a recent number of the RECORD on "How the Eugowra Company Received the Light." This brought a letter from Brother Philip Reekie containing the information that Brother F. W. Caldwell, now in America, and himself canvassed that district for "Great Controversy," and that he is rejoiced to hear of the outcome. He says, "I put in months and years of hard labor with 'Great Controversy,' and I knew I was sowing seed that would one day bear fruit. Our rejoicing now will not compare with the joy we shall feel when we meet in the kingdom of God those for whom we have labored."

Notes and Personals.

PASTOR STARR has gone to assist in the tent meetings at Orange.

BROTHER JOSEPH MILLS is assisting at present in the Union Conference office.

L. J. IMRIE, of Newcastle, came to Sydney November 11, to connect with the work at the Cafe.

BROTHER GEORGE MARCH, one of the students from the Avondale School, has decided to enter the canvassing field.

MRS. FREEMAN was appointed at the close of the West Australian camp-meeting to assist Sister Gurner in the tract society office.

THE South Australian Conference was held in Adelaide, November 5-8. Among those in attendance were G. A. Irwin, C. W. Irwin, E. W. Farnsworth, W. D. Salisbury, J. M. Johanson, and Sister Graham.

BROTHER E. E. THORPE and Miss Lily Williams, who have just completed the nurses' course, were united in marriage, October 28, at the Sanitarium, and left Sydney on the 30th for New Zealand, where they were called to connect with the Christchurch Sanitarium.

SISTER ELLA HAWKINS, who is spending a few weeks with her sister in Hobart, sends in five subscriptions for the RECORD. She hopes to make arrangements to supply the paper to several families who are not able to take it for themselves.

WE received two shillings a few days ago from an isolated brother, for the purpose of supplying free literature to the Cafe. An invitation is extended to any others who would like to assist in this good work. Many in regular attendance at the Cafe seem open for further truth, and excellent opportunities are afforded for seed sowing.

AN excellent meeting was held in the Windsor Church Tuesday evening, October 27. Pastor J. H. Woods, in his discourse, showed that in accepting Christ, one must be willing to "accept the cross" also. Four candidates then followed their Master in the ordinance of baptism, Pastor W. A. Hennig administering the rite.

BROTHER T. J. SHERWIN, of the New Angledool district, is spending a few weeks in Sydney. It is five years since Brother Sherwin had the opportunity of church privileges. He is much encouraged by what he sees and hears of the progress of the work. He is planning to spend some time at the Sanitarium before his return.

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PASTOR GATES left Sydney on the *Aramac*, November 10, for Melbourne, where he goes to attend the camp-meeting.

SEND in the addresses of the blind that you may know, and also addresses of Blind Institutions, that we may forward them on in response to Brother Wilson's very liberal offer as found in another column.

WE have received at the last moment a report of the South Australian Conference. We regret that this has come too late for insertion in this issue, but it will appear in our next.

OUR friends in correspondence with the South Australian Tract Society and Conference are requested to notice the change of address from Hughes Street, North Unley, to 93 Franklin Street, Adelaide, S. A. In future all correspondence should be directed to the latter address.

BROTHER CALDWELL has been appointed State Agent for West Australia. All communications should be addressed to him at 201 Newcastle Street, West Perth. The Lord has greatly blessed Brother Caldwell in the canvassing field, and we trust the same blessing will follow him in planning for and encouraging the circulation of our literature in West Australia.

THE "Fourth Sabbath Readings" for November 28 were sent out from the Union Conference office to the various State Tract Societies November 6. We trust that they will reach all the churches in good time. The reading is an excellent one, and will furnish very interesting and instructive matter for the Sabbath service. So far as we have had reports, all the churches that have commenced to hold these special meetings on the fourth Sabbath are much gratified with the result. Small envelopes

have been especially prepared and sent out for use in the churches in taking up the collection on that day.

Free Reading for the Blind.

IN the last American mail I received a letter from Brother A. O. Wilson, of Battle Creek, Michigan, a portion of which I herewith append, as it will speak for itself, and bring the matter to the attention of the readers of the RECORD better than I could do it in any other way. Brother Wilson and his wife are both blind. They were educated at the Nebraska State Institute for the Blind, and hence are both quite competent people. They have felt a great burden for the blind, not only of our denomination, but for the blind people in general.

Brother Wilson has been publishing a paper for about four years in the American system for the blind, and has met with considerable encouragement. He has had many letters to testify to benefits received from reading his paper. The paper is entirely devoted to the present truth.

You will notice from his letter that he has published an edition in the system used in England and Australia, and he offers to send these papers free of charge to those who will furnish names. This is certainly a rare chance for our blind people and those interested in the blind, to get reading matter into their hands on the message, and I trust that the conference officers and church elders will aid Brother Wilson in his efforts to get the truth into the hands of those afflicted like himself. Anyone knowing of blind people, or having any information in regard to institutions for the blind, can either correspond directly with Brother Wilson, or send the information through our general office at 56 George Street West, Sydney, and we will see that it is forwarded.

G. A. IRWIN.

Elder G. A. Irwin,
Dear Brother in Christ,—

I write you at this time to communicate to you something of the movement that has been started in our work for the blind, which I trust will meet with your hearty approval, and that you, with the presidents of the different conferences and churches in your field, will be glad to accept and push for the sake of the blind people who are in your midst. You will remember that for about four years we have been printing a pioneer missionary

paper for the blind in America, and that it has had quite a circulation in this country. We are now issuing one copy of this paper in the system used in Australia as well as that of the rest of English-speaking people of the world, and desire to have this number placed in the hands of just as many of the blind of Australia and New Zealand as is possible. They are free to those who wish them, but we desire in return to know whether the blind would like to have the paper continued, and if so, that they send, or you send for them, their names and addresses, and also the addresses of all of the institutions there where the blind are educated, so that if the papers shall be continued, we may have the addresses to be placed on the subscription list. The paper is from this time on to be free to all who desire to read it. We therefore earnestly petition all who are interested in its work, whether seeing or blind, to send us donations of such sums of money to support the work as they can; for it is the Lord's work, and deserves our encouragement and support.

I am sending you a few copies, and also expect to send some to the tract society at Melbourne. If more are desired, please write and let us know where they are desired to be sent. I trust that you will place these in the hands of some persons whom you think would be interested to see that this is done just as soon as possible, and then I will be very glad if you will please write and let me know of your views and those of our brethren there, and if they would like to support such a work in that field, and what the blind people think of the paper.

Trusting that much of the blessing of the Lord is attending you in your work,
I remain,

Very truly your brother in Christ,

A. O. WILSON,

267 West Main Street,
Battle Creek, Mich., U. S. A.

Teachers' Institute.

THE Educational Department of the Union Conference is planning to hold a Teachers' Institute in Cooranbong or vicinity, December 24 to January 3, 1904. All persons interested in the subject of Christian education are cordially invited to attend. All church school teachers, or those contemplating this branch of the work, who come to the Institute from a distance, will be provided free accommodation and board.

The Institute is appointed to convene during the holiday season, as it was thought that all our schools would be having a vacation at that time. The railways also give special rates during this season. We are expecting to have a profitable meeting, and trust that those interested will begin at once to plan on attending.

C. W. IRWIN.