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

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## THE SECRET OF POWER.

IN a niche in the wall just over the way,  
Is a pipe hidden deep 'neath the mortar and  
clay;  
Though unseen, and unheard, and im-  
movable too,  
'Tis a marvellous thing what a work it can  
do.

To the rich and the poor, to the young and  
the old,  
It dispenses its blessings more precious than  
gold;  
Not a child but looks brighter for having  
passed by,  
Not a maid but looks fresher for having  
drawn nigh;  
By two's and by three's it is sought for all  
day;  
Just a moment they stop, and then go on  
their way.

But that moment has brought them fresh  
courage and life  
To engage in earth's battles, its hardness  
and strife.  
What's the water-pipe's secret of power,  
can you tell?  
Only this: *It is joined to the life-giving well.*

O, Thou Fountain of life, draw me closer,  
I pray,  
That Thy fulness may flow through me, day  
after day,  
To the thirsting and fainting. I'm helpless  
and weak  
As the pipe in the wall; 'tis Thy power that  
I seek.

JESSIE F. WAGGONER.

## The Value of Christlike Love.

### PART II.

I GREATLY desire that you should follow the directions that Christ has laid down. As you do this, He will certainly help you to adjust the difficulties that exist. He will help you not to make dissension by magnifying little mistakes. The light that the Lord has given me is that He will greatly bless His people, if they will not think or speak evil of one another, but go directly to the one they think is in the wrong, and in a kind, com-

passionate manner point out his mistake. May the Lord help those who have learned to criticise, to learn to think no evil, and to speak only good words,—words of comfort and healing. Then they will rejoice; for they will have evidence that they are laborers together with God.

Christ loved the church, "and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish."

My brethren and sisters, I beseech you to give diligent heed to these words, because the day of the Lord is right upon us. You have no time to lose. Do not neglect the word of God to you.

"We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee.)"

Will you not, as servants of the Most High God, give heed to these words? Will you not respond to God's mercy and compassion and love towards you by loving one another as Christ has loved you?

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed." Remember that when you speak words that disparage one another, the ministry is blamed. The lack of power in the church is charged to the ministry, when often it is directly chargeable to the members, because they do not mix faith with their hearing.

The ministers are to be men of faith, men who give expression to

the pure love of God. And the members are to give no offence in anything, "that the ministry be not blamed." No unkind dealing or harsh words are to find a place in their experience.

"In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings." We should be preparing for these things; for they will come. Those who share in Christ's glory must share in his sufferings.

May the Lord lead every minister and every lay member to turn to Him with full purpose of heart, and make diligent work for repentance. Thus only can they obtain the sanctification of the Spirit. How true are the words of Paul: "Ye are not straightened in us, but ye are straightened in your own affections." Many complain of others because their own hearts are not in unity with the Spirit of God. When self is crucified, Christ will take possession of the soul-temple.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father

unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters."

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Let every one humble his heart before God, and make a surrender of body, soul, and spirit to Him, that He may give His people His rich grace abundantly. Let the heart be closed against selfishness. Let us follow the example of Christ. If we fail of doing this, we shall fail of receiving a welcome into the city of God. He who continues to be a transgressor of the law of God, even though he break but one precept, can have no place in the royal family.

I entreat those who have given so much time to talking of the faults of others, to cease this cruel work, and obey the words, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life." The divine directory, God's Holy Word, is in our hands. In the toil of business, and the unceasing activity of daily life, this Word is to be our guide. This Word is appreciated by him who is striving to overcome. It is to him as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Let God's people set a perfect example, honoring Christ in every place, in every difficulty following His directions. Then at last they will be received into the family of the redeemed, and there will be given unto them a crown of immortal life.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### SMALL GIFTS.

"I CANNOT hide from view,  
Or cover from the cold,  
The limbs of children pinched and blue,  
In warm and clinging fold.  
Yet," said the Button, "I've the grace  
To hold the garment in its place."

"I cannot rear a wall,  
Or build a haven warm,  
The mother and her children small  
To shelter from the storm.  
Yet," said the Nail, "I have the grace  
To hold the shingles in their place."

"I cannot be a book  
Filled with a precious store,  
Wherein the learned, the wise, may look,  
And gather wisdom more.  
Yet," said the Pen, "I have the grace  
To set each letter in its place."  
—Mrs. Elizabeth Rosser.

"God help me! help me to suppress  
All longing for what cannot be,  
And grant me means wherewith to bless  
Whoever may have need of me."

## Our Mission Field.

### FAITH AND WORKS.

NO ANSWER comes to those that pray,  
And idly stand  
And wait for stones to roll away  
At God's command.  
He will not break the binding cords  
Upon us laid  
If we depend on pleading words,  
And do not aid.

When hands are idle, words are vain  
To move the stone;  
An aiding angel would disdain  
To work alone.  
But he who prayeth, and is strong  
In faith and deed,  
And toileth earnestly, ere long  
He will succeed.  
—J. C. Rockwell.

### Samoa.

ACCOMPANYING Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is the beautiful promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Wherever the Lord places us, this is our field to labor for Him, and it is part of His great world, whether at home or in a foreign land, and how cheering is the promise, "I am with you always." With this precious thought, need we be discouraged when we encounter trials or hardships by the way? Trials are only God's workmanship to better fit us for His service, and happy is that individual who willingly and cheerfully submits to the refining process of the Master workman. He will come out as gold tried in the fire.

The medical missionary has as wide a scope for work as any other laborer. His experiences with the sick are many and varied. While relieving physical pain, he has an opportunity to teach a better way of living and how to care for the body to keep it in health, besides ministering the Bread of Life to the hungry soul. Thus a threefold work is being done, and not until every man is rewarded according to his work will we know how much has been accomplished through our labors.

It was a source of great encouragement to me while nursing a patient, the wife of a Wesleyan minister, on the island of Savaii, to find how truly anxious she was to learn the better way to live. Like Manoah, her most important question was, "How shall

we order the child, and what shall we do unto him?" She felt that no sacrifice on her part was too great in the way of giving up tea, condiments, etc., if they interfered with the health of the new-born.

She asked many questions, and was eager to learn all she could regarding the proper care and clothing of her infant. That she was anxious to learn, and that the suggestions and hints given were appreciated, was evident in that she carried out as well as she could what she saw was right. Both she and her husband are very anxious for the welfare of their little one, as all parents are, and they thanked me heartily when they learned that there is a right and a wrong way of combining foods. We trust that when they visit us here at our Sanitarium, help in this line will be given them in introducing our health foods. Meat is very seldom used on their table, for the reason that only tinned meat comes to them, and they think it is harmful.

Our medical branch of the work here in Samoa may not be as flourishing as we would desire, yet we are glad of the opportunity we have of reaching the hearts of a few. We are full of courage, and enjoy our work. We know the Lord blesses our good intentions, even though the work seems small.

S. MARETA YOUNG.

### From Rarotonga to Singapore.

AS THE freshness of spring has been the love of the brethren of late. "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people." The tender mercies of God that visited us at our Raiatea meetings are still fresh in our minds. Our brethren on Rarotonga also have submitted to a loving and humble spirit that has come in among them. All this to us is like the sweet fragrance of the summer rose, even the "Rose of Sharon."

We have felt it a severe trial to part from our brethren as we take our departure to a far away field. I have observed while visiting some of our companies a clinging tenderness of love such as I have never seen before, and such as is expressed of Jonathan and David.

We were much encouraged at meeting our brethren at Auckland, and by their hearty good wishes for our Singapore work. Dr. Caro kindly

kept us at his sanitarium, and showed his interest in the opening of the work in Malaysia by promising us help for that field.

Brother Gates met us upon our arrival at Sydney, and took us to our neat, well ordered, and well provided café,—a credit indeed to that branch of the cause.

Thence we went to our Sanitarium at Wahroonga. Here, the love of God is manifested in the consecrated lives of all the workers. I never before met such a zealous lot of workers. There was a feeling of home everywhere in the building.

A great treat awaited our visit to Cooranbong. It was an easy matter to see "missionary" impressed upon everybody, student and teacher, at the place. It seemed to me that all who can ought to have a preparation at the school so as to have a part in the closing work of the Third Angel's Message. I have often felt the need of the practical knowledge that is taught here to make one an efficient worker.

We had the pleasure also of meeting with our churches at West Maitland, Epping, and Stanmore. May God bless them all in their faithfulness to the truth and to the work which needs everyone's hearty co-operation. We go to our new field full of good cheer.

G. F. JONES.

### Missionary Sabbath at Avondale.

SABBATH, September 24, was the usual fourth Sabbath missionary day. This was a very precious season at Avondale.

The reading which had been prepared for the occasion was a report of the Eastern Polynesian mission. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to God, as we heard how the glorious truth is being spread in the islands, and at the close of the reading this gratitude found expression in stirring testimonies of praise. The aged fathers, no longer able themselves to go with the message as before, praised God that the young were being prepared to go forth to carry on the work, and the young, filled with a desire to give their lives to God, praised Him that He had called them to prepare for His service.

An exhortation was given to remember in prayer the tent work, and the work which is to be done in the

cities during the summer months, and a blessed meeting was closed by singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

EDITH FORD.

### Help for the Helpless.

SISTER M. CARO, of Napier, sends £3 15s for half a year's maintenance for one of the seven Chinese orphans mentioned in Pastor Munson's appeal in the last number of the RECORD. Sister Caro says she will continue this amount in half-yearly payments towards the support of one of these children. She prefers that it go to the eldest boy if he has not already been spoken for. The Napier Young People's Society, of which Brother Eric Caro is leader, has undertaken to pay £7 15s annually for another of these orphan children. They speak for the next in age. We have written to Brother Munson for the names and ages of these children, that we may be able to pass them on to those who are undertaking their support. We praise the Lord for the deep interest that is being manifested in these helpless little ones. We hope, with Sister Caro, that before Matthew, the father, passes away, he may have the assurance that all his children have been provided for, and will be brought up in the truth, and saved from the dreadful fate of becoming slaves among their heathen relatives.

### An Interesting Case.

SISTER EMMA HILL, Secretary of the Queensland Tract Society, furnishes us with some very interesting facts pertaining to the experience of a young half-caste Chinese whom Brother Costello first met in Charters Towers. On August 28, Brother Costello wrote of this young man as follows:—

On Friday I spent two or three hours with a most interesting youth named Hing, a half Chinese. Hing is well educated, having, as a boy, passed for a scholarship in the public schools. But owing to the prejudice existing against his father's countrymen, he decided not to pursue his studies at the Grammar schools. He has been engaged as clerk for two or three years in a lawyer's office, but from his experience in the work he found that as a Christian he could not conscientiously continue it, and so resigned his situation about a fortnight ago. He has been a subscriber to *Good Health* for some considerable time, and was so

impressed with its teaching that he became a vegetarian and adopts every ray of light in the health reform, even to the two-meal system. He is now studying with the view to preaching for the Wesleyan denomination. About a fortnight ago I called upon him and had over an hour's conference with him over the Sabbath question. He does not assume a combative attitude. At the end of the last interview, preparation afternoon, he told me he would carefully study "Daniel and the Revelation," of which he has a copy. He has also "Bible Readings" and "Great Controversy," which he got cheap from some man who desired to sell them. He told me that if he was satisfied that we had the truth he would accept it, but that it was a very serious step and demanded the fullest consideration. I have great hopes that this young man will accept the Sabbath.

September 21 Sister Hill wrote us as follows:—

Brother Hing has accepted the truth, and is now staying at Brother Cooper's home, Brisbane, where I am also living. He is going out to canvass for "Coming King" until the camp-meeting. His ambition is to be a doctor or a minister. I am so glad that some of our brethren will have the privilege of meeting him themselves at the camp-meeting. I trust that the way will open for him to enter the School to be fitted for a missionary. Brother Hing expresses gratitude that he had not previously become engrossed in worldly business, as he fears in this case that the light of present truth might not have reached him.

We heartily welcome Brother Hing to our number, and thank God that out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people He is gathering out those who will not only walk in His ways, but who in turn will give the message to others of their countrymen.

"A MISSIONARY in Borneo writes to the *Missionary Review*,—

I learned a lesson from a Dutchman who had been three months 100 miles farther up the river buying rubber, and 100 miles from any civilised person. I said, 'Isn't it lonely up there?' He answered, after a shrug of his shoulders: 'Yes, but that is the place for rubber.' So, if you ask me if I am lonely, I may say, 'Yes, but this is the place for the missionary work.'

The Lord sends His people where the light is needed. Worldly men are willing to undergo hardships and privations for earthly riches. The eternal riches, souls saved from sin, are worth all that they cost."

"WHEN you hear of good in people—tell it.  
When you hear a tale of evil—quell it.  
Let the goodness have the light,  
Put the evil out of sight,  
Make the world we live in bright,  
Like to heaven above."

Our Canvassers.

**KEEP SWEET.**

DO BURDENS press sorely? Just ask Him  
for grace:  
He'll give it, and help thee "keep sweet."  
Let sunshine and gladness illumine thy face,  
'Twill help someone else to "keep sweet."

Do troubles oppress thee? Let God be thy  
stay,  
'Tis easy to sigh, but 'tis better to pray.  
Thy sunshine will come in His own blessed  
way;  
So trustingly try to "keep sweet."  
—Selected.

**Monthly Summary of Austral-  
asian Canvassing Work.**

**Victoria.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
H. C. Harker, Bangerang .....	28	£42	10 0
"    (Other Books) .....	10	4	0 0
J. B. Anderson, Casterton .....	12	18	0 0
G. Burgess, Yarrowonga .....	38	11	17 0 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
C. P. Michaels, Northcote .....	71	34	14 6
Miss Robinson, Moonce Ponds .....	118	40	19 7 0
Miss M. Currow, .....	120	32	15 3 6
B. Judge, Dimboola .....	113	22	14 15 0
L. Coyte, Dimboola .....	103	14	9 16 6
<i>Coming King</i> —			
W. Edwards, Glen Thompson .....	201	59	25 10 6
<i>House We Live In</i> —			
Miss M. Barlow, Malvern .....	91	39	8 1 6
"    Hawthorne .....	40	37	7 2 6
"    Albert Park .....	80	29	21 4 0
Miscellaneous .....	115	13	6 4 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....	7	19	6
1019 417 £251 8 6			

**New South Wales.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Coming King</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
A. E. Hodgkinson, Tamworth .....	164	159	£74 7 0
F. Parkin, Tamworth .....	145	148	73 11 0
G. Wood, Tamworth .....	164	55	23 0 6
G. Parkin, Bingara .....	32	15	15 0 0
"    (Other Books) .....	...	...	2 15 0
W. Harrison, Sydney Suburbs .....	66	17	8 12 0
F. Hedges, Armidale .....	33	2	1 0 0
A. Potter, Grenfell .....	34	8	3 13 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —			
R. Salton, Newcastle .....	116	23	18 8 0
W. R. Lamb, Newcastle .....	35	8	5 18 6
C. E. Harlow, Newcastle .....	161	15	10 1 6
Miss Robertson, Maitland .....	14	9	17 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —			
F. W. Reekie, Booral .....	41	15	17 0 0
<i>Bible Readings</i> —			
Allan Wood, Junee .....	61	27	20 10 0
Mrs. Wood, .....	24	6	3 18 6
<i>Patriarchs &amp; Prophets</i> —			
J. H. Thompson, Condobolin .....	64	2	1 5 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —			
M. A. Connell, Richmond R. ....	79	8	11 0 0
G. A. March, Richmond R. ....	56	4	6 0 0
J. Mitchell May, Cobarr .....	42	4	6 0 0
<i>House We Live In</i> —			
Miss Lambert, Strathfield .....	19	4	18 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....	29	9	0
1369 551 £342 19 0			

**New Zealand.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Coming King</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
D. M. Adam, Nelson .....	60	21	£10 10 6
H. Blunden, Timaru .....	122	114	65 16 6
J. A. Macintosh, Timaru .....	146	72	33 6 0
W. G. Washer, Waverley .....	55	12	7 0 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —			
A. G. Mackenzie, Hawera .....	37	15	15 10 0
C. Reynolds, Hampden .....	73	19	23 15 0
G. Smith, Napier Hills .....	54	2	2 0 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —			
W. W. Ward, Fielding .....	66	10	7 3 6
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —			
G. Smith, Napier Hills .....	2	11	0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —			
G. Masters, Fielding .....	25	3	5 0 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —			
Mrs. Masters, Fielding .....	55	12	11 15 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....	13	6	6
693 282 £195 14 0			

**Queensland.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Daniel &amp; Revelation</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
C. Vere Bell, Roma .....	42	2	£1 5 0
B. Cozens, Rosedale & Gl'dstone ..	79	5	3 2 6
E. Harlow, Isis District .....	136	30	24 12 6
Miscellaneous .....	2	1	5 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —			
Miss H. Cozens, Rockhampton .....	86	15	15 0 0
Miss A. Cozens, East Brisbane .....	64	8	8 0 0
A. Costello, Charters Towers .....	1	1	0 0
Mrs. Hewitt, Brisbane .....	20	20	0 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —			
Miss H. Cozens, Rockhampton .....	3	4	10 0
A. Costello, Charters Towers .....	36	1	2 0 0
P. Reekie, Mackay .....	69	19	29 0 0
A. W. Horwood, Wondai, Etc. ....	127	16	24 0 0
F. Allbon, Warwick .....	51	6	9 0 0
J. H. Hewitt, Rosevale .....	36	11	18 10 0
Mrs. Hewitt, Brisbane .....	3	4	10 0
<i>Coming King</i> —			
Q. T. Society, Staf'd-on-Kedron ..	17	5	2 2 6
C. Grevell, .....	25	4	2 0 0
E. Bernoth, Toowoomba .....	141	41	24 2 6
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —			
A. Start, Mullgrave, Etc. ....	163	39	29 12 0
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —			
A. Start, Port Douglas, Etc. ....	17	5	10 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i> —			
A. Horwood .....	3	15	6
Helps Sold by Agents .....	12	15	6
1074 251 £242 13 6			
<i>Good Health sales and subscriptions per A. Costello and A. Horwood.</i> .....			
£5 16 0			

**West Australia.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Bible Readings</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
J. W. Thompson, Northam .....	58	12	£ 8 5 0
A. A. Shapcott, .....	93	34	25 5 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie .....	108	18	13 2 0
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —			
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie .....	2	0	9 0
<i>House We Live In</i> —			
Miss Dawkins, Perth .....	16	12	2 14 0
F. Masters, Kalgoorlie .....	9	2	0 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....	1	3	0
275 87 £52 18 6			

**South Australia.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
L. A. Apollon, Hawker .....	7	£10	10 0
G. Hubbard, Saddleworth .....	147	37	63 10 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —			
L. W. Gericke, Snowtown .....	29	3	4 0 0
Mrs. Gericke, .....	34	4	4 15 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —			
J. L. Branford, Freeling .....	149	35	25 2 6
J. J. Potter, .....	121	19	13 1 0
A. N. Lawson, Broken Hill .....	159	24	16 18 6
W. W. Fletcher, .....	38	26	10 5
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
F. W. Behrens, Mt. Pleasant ..	74	10	6 12 6
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —			
Mrs. Arnold, Minlaton .....	63	8	8 7 6
Miss Roesner, Minlaton .....	67	8	8 15 0
<i>House We Live In</i> —			
Miss Kildael, Unley .....	41	8	1 16 0
Miss Woodford, Unley .....	41	8	1 16 0
Miss Hames, Kent Town .....	18	4	18 0
Miss Steed, Thebarton .....	30	5	1 2 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....	10	11	0
973 218 £204 6 0			

**Tasmania.**

AUGUST, 1904.

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
N. R. Kennan, Apsley Line .....	183	22	£34 10 0
B. Worth .....	93	15	23 0 0
A. N. Harker, St. Leonards .....	20	5	8 0 0
<i>Coming King</i> —			
M. Voss, Campania .....	28	5	2 8 6
E. E. Voss, .....	38	10	4 18 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....	363	57	£75 9 6

**Totals for August, 1904.**

	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
West Australia .....	275	87	£ 52 18 6
New South Wales .....	1369	551	342 19 0
South Australia .....	973	218	204 6 0
Victoria .....	1019	417	251 8 6
New Zealand .....	693	282	195 14 0
Tasmania .....	363	57	75 9 6
Queensland .....	1074	251	242 13 6
Grand Total, 5766 1863 £1365 9 0			

**Some Field Experiences.**

FOR the encouragement of those who are finding their work hard, we will quote from some of the letters received from our agents this week.

Brother Fletcher, who has recently connected with this field, writes:—

I have had some very pleasant experiences this week. Tuesday and Thursday nights I stayed with farmers, and was made very welcome. On Tuesday, my host bought a "Home Hand Book," also "Christ's Object Lessons." A young man working for him ordered "Coming King." My host, when he saw the book, said, "I think you had better bring me a copy of that also." This will make four books for the one home. We shall also send him the *Good Health* for a year. This is a Christian family, and I enjoyed my stay much. On Thursday I called on Mr. —, a brother-in-law to the above-mentioned family. They had already heard about the "Home Hand Book," and were prepared to give me the order. He then said, "You have some other books, also, haven't you?" I then

showed him "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Coming King," and he told me to bring him a copy of each also. He gave me a hearty invitation to return and spend the night with them, which I was glad to accept. He then asked me to show his wife the books, and the result was they bought "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Coming King" for cash. The latter they wished to present to a young man; they then ordered another copy for their own use, thus there will be four books in this home also. They are a Christian family, and at evening worship Mr. ——— prayed for the Lord's blessing to rest on the literature that was being circulated, and also asked the Lord to impress the people to buy the books. It would take me a long time to tell you of all the kindness these people have shown me. I believe they will receive great help from the books, because their minds seem to be open to receive light.

Sister Robinson also tells of some interesting experiences in her work, showing how the Lord helps His people:—

I can say that the Lord has been with me and helped me to speak to the people. I feel I am depending on Him each day and moment for strength and courage to do this work. Sometimes we feel so tired and unable to put the energy into our work we would like, but our Father sees our weakness and answers our prayers. One day I really felt too weary to talk, and had I followed my inclinations, would have stopped work, but I did want to secure one order before stopping. On going to the last house, I felt that I could not give the canvass, but the lady answered the door, I told her my object of calling, and she took the book inside to show her husband. I stood at the door and prayed that the Lord would put it into their hearts to take the book, for I could do nothing. She came back and said her husband would like a copy the next week. I gave the Lord all the praise.

Later she writes:—

We worked hard last week, and the Lord gave us some success. On Friday I worked very hard, but it seemed that Satan worked harder. You know we do not like to go home without one order, but it seemed that such would be the case; however, I felt the Lord knew just what experiences I needed. We were returning home, and passed a gentleman. He stopped and said, "Well, young ladies, how are the books getting on?" I replied, "Very nicely, thank you, but I would like to show you the book." I canvassed him in the street, and he said, "Well, you may bring me a copy for my mother," so you see how wonderfully the Lord works for us.

Another agent writes:—

I worked sorely against my feelings all the week, but my heart is rejoicing in the results. On Tuesday I was brought to that position where I could not see one step before me. I had no money, and my rent was due, to say nothing of other necessities, but I went out feeling that the Lord would help me through, and that He would supply my needs. He did so; for the second house at which I called an order was waiting for me, with a deposit just sufficient to help me over my difficulties. The Lord is good, and we appreciate His kindness toward us.

These are but a few of the experiences which come to us from time to time, and we know the final results of the hard work of our canvassers will only be seen in eternity.

L. M. GREGG.

A Queensland agent writes:—

The other day every house I went to they cried, "too poor." I was pointing out to one man how soon the end would be, and how we need to be prepared to meet it. He said, "Yes, that seems true, but the farmers cannot afford to buy the book, so they will have to study the Bible themselves, and prepare the best they can." I thought if that were the case, I would try harder than ever to make the truth plain when canvassing. There was an old bachelor living away over the mountain, and I was told it would not be any use going to him; for he was nearly sixty years of age. Well, I thought I ought to go and tell him the Lord is soon coming, whether he bought a book or not. I canvassed him, and he gave me an order for the best binding. I asked could he give me a deposit of 2/6, so he pulled out 10/-, and as I had no change with me, he gave me that. So you see the Lord was good, and crowned the day with success, as it was just sundown and the last house I canvassed.

ONE of our agents working on the "Coming King," writes:—

The Lord has been blessing and prospering us in our work; my mate took 148 orders and I 159. We have yet several days to work. The money value is nearly £150. Our sales of helps amounted to £10 10s, while our deposits came to over £15. We praise God for it.

### What Canvassers Should Read.

1. WHEN we would like to see the loved ones at home. Num. 32:6-18; Luke 9:62.
2. When you fear you will not have means to live on till delivery is made. Matt. 10:9, 10; Mark 6:8, 9.
3. When you fear your health may fail. Isa. 58:6-8.
4. When you feel that you and your work are looked down upon. 1 Cor. 4:12, 13.
5. When you fear to meet the people. Isa. 50:7; Eze. 3:8, 9.
6. When you are denied a dwelling place. Matt. 8:20; 1 Cor. 4:11; Gen. 28:11-15.
7. When it seems you are not succeeding. Josh. 1:7-9; 2 Chron. 31:21.
8. When you feel like slighting territory. Matt. 10:11.
9. When your meals are few and far between. 1 Kings 19:4-8; Isa. 33:16; Ps. 37:25.
10. When you are not utilising every moment of time. John 6:12.
11. When you are not putting in

enough hours per day. Neh. 4:21.

12. When you begin to feel self-confident and exalted. Luke 18:14; Phil. 2:3-9.

13. When you are in danger of being too close in your dealings. Luke 6:38.

14. When you are afraid you will not succeed. Isa. 40:29; Isa. 31:10-13.

15. When you are afraid the canvassing will fail. 1 Cor. 15:57, 58.

—Selected.

## The Sabbath-school and Our Young People.

### Stanmore Young People's Society.

ABOUT three months ago, our society was re-organised according to the plan adopted by the Sabbath-school Department of the Union Conference, and since then increased interest has been taken in the meetings.

The study of the doctrines of our faith has proved of great interest and much benefit to all. We feel much encouraged as we see the results of the meetings.

In the children's division the time is spent mostly in missionary exercises and reports of work.

Several lines of work are engaged in by the members. The hospital is visited each week, and flowers and texts, together with words of hope and cheer, are freely distributed. The young men visit the ships in port every Sunday, and about 300 papers and tracts are distributed each time. The reports of the workers are full of encouragement as they tell of the great interest the sailors take in the papers and how eager they are to get them. One man asked for papers that he might distribute them at the ports at which he called. The sailors' home and kindred institutions are also regularly supplied with reading matter.

The younger members of the society take great interest in missionary correspondence and the posting of papers, and each week they seek to do some little service for the Master.

Our prayers ascend that God will bless the work, and that in the kingdom above we may see some fruit for our labors.

EDITH FORD.

## Missionary Work.

### GO WORK IN MY VINEYARD.

A LITTLE here, a little there,  
O how the harvest grows!  
How many hands its gleanings bear,  
Its joys how many toilers share,  
As God the fruit bestows.

The blessings of requited toil,  
How sweet to patient hearts;  
No worldly bitterness can spoil  
The joys which its anointing oil  
To all life's hours imparts.

With holy purpose join the throng,  
Who seek His will to do;  
Though weak your hands, they  
shall be strong  
If to this service they belong,  
With zeal attent and true.

Then you the harvest-home shall  
share  
When all are gathered in,  
What joy your sheaves shall bring  
you there  
As they with you His glories wear,  
So pure, so free from sin.

*Selected.*

### Experiences in Sydney.

A YEAR ago I began work in Sydney and suburbs with the *Signs of the Times* and *Good Health*.

During this time I have sold about 12,000 copies of the *Signs*, and quite a large number of *Good Healths* and *Life Boats*. The Lord has promised that His Word shall not return unto Him void. We therefore know that the precious truth contained in those pages have reached some honest souls, and the seed sown will spring up and bear fruit. I have at the present time a number of customers deeply interested. They are in harmony with the truth, but cannot see their way clear or have not enough faith to walk in all the commandments of God.

If only one of these dear souls is saved in the kingdom of God through reading these good periodicals, I shall feel well repaid for the many steps taken. I have never before in my work enjoyed so much of God's blessing. The work has been hard, but I believe the harder the battle, the greater the blessing.

I have had all kinds of experiences, which have done me good, and through these, I have learned to love my dear Saviour and His precious truth more and more. As we see darkness covering the earth and gross darkness the people, we should work more earnestly than ever before.

We are having a little time of peace, and then will come the great final conflict, and all will be over.

P. SKADSHHEIM.

### Hold On.

"If your hand's on the plow, hold on, hold on,  
Tho' the soil may be sterile and hard,  
The plowshare will make the fallow ground  
break,  
And the plowman will have his reward."

I do not know of anything more conducive to success as a worker than that of holding on, and perhaps to no class of people is it more applicable than to those who are giving the last message to the world. As I go out day by day, I find plenty of opportunity of proving this, but, whatever the circumstances may be, it is good to know that in the Lord's work there are no failures, but all successes.

A short time ago I visited Devonport. This is a pretty watering place just across the harbor. Ferry boats ply back and forth every half-hour. Here, Nature has been very lavish in her gifts. All around the coast can be seen the beautiful, sparkling waves glistening in the sunshine like so many diamonds, while inland, the trees and grass are of varying tints of green, so restful to the eye. At this place the people purchased about twenty dozen *Signs*, besides a goodly number of *Good Healths*. One lady, who invited me into her house, had a Chinese husband. She was much interested in the health principles, and agreed to take the paper regularly. Another paid for a year in advance.

During my stay here, nothing had been done in the back streets of the city, so one day I determined to visit the occupants. As I looked at the houses, it was not without some feelings of fearfulness. Upon reflection, I knew such thoughts were unworthy of a follower of Christ, so I started out in faith, and found the people kind and more willing to receive the literature than some living in better localities. Although their exterior is rough, yet they are very susceptible to kind words and sympathy. Four of these families are taking the *Signs* regularly, and one the *Good Health*.

Last week, while working in the suburban district of Avondale, I met an aged brother who had been keeping the Sabbath some two or three

years. He had a fair knowledge of the Bible, and was doing what he could to spread the truth among the neighbors. The houses were very scattered and far apart, but most of the families bought two papers apiece, some three, while others did not want any.

The quiet, peaceful surroundings of the place brought pleasant memories of the past to my mind, and many times during the day I wished it were the "Avondale of New South Wales." I feel encouraged to press on; for the day is not far distant when we shall hear the loud "Harvest Home." Even now the angels are singing.

"Hold on, hold on, my brother hold on,  
Hold on till the prize is won;  
Hold on to the plow, and weary not now,  
For the work is almost done."

E. BREBNER.

### Encouraging Words.

THE following letter just received shows that the *Signs* is being appreciated:—

I do not know whom I have to thank for sending me the *Signs of the Times*. They have been a blessing to me. I have not kept one after reading it, but sent it right on to another Christian, who enjoys the reading of them very much also.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters;  
for thou shalt find it after many days."

### Our Pioneer Paper.

WE know that all of our people in Australasia are interested in the circulation of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Australasian Signs of the Times*. This is one of the very best means we have at our disposal of bringing the knowledge of the blessed truths of the Third Angel's Message to our neighbors and friends. It is published for the express purpose of enabling you to do this. It is the constant aim of the publishers to furnish instructive, up-to-date articles in each issue, dealing with the different phases of the message, and also to improve the paper in every possible way as the months pass by. To this end, any suggestions you may have to offer in regard to its publication will be gladly received and carefully considered.

Our paper is intended to be a special blessing to our own people as well as to those not of our faith. This is true of our isolated members

more particularly; those who are removed from the centre of the work, and have not the privileges of their more fortunate brethren. By this means, at very small expense, precious messages, valuable information, and timely exhortations are placed in their hands each week. Our good paper is a means of grace which none should neglect. It stimulates growth, induces Bible study, and inspires Christian work. If you are not a reader, subscribe now, and give the matter a personal test.

We often ask ourselves the question, What can we do to hasten the coming of our Saviour? Truly the best answer that can be given is to circulate our truth-telling literature. Let us all take hold anew, and put forth our best efforts to "scatter the sunshine" of truth.

For your encouragement we present herewith report of the circulation of the *Australasian Signs of the Times* for the quarter just closed. May we not look for an increase during the quarter which is just before us?

This is an *individual* work. We trust your part will be "well done."

### Circulation of "Signs" for Quarter Ending September 30, 1904.

State.	Circulation per quarter.	Average per week.
New Zealand .....	33,832	2,602
New South Wales .....	20,080	1,544
Victoria .....	18,483	1,422
W. Australia .....	11,451	881
S. Australia .....	9,504	731
Tasmania .....	9,271	713
Queensland .....	7,875	606
Foreign .....	1,143	88
Missions .....	1,950	150
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>113,589</b>	<b>8,737</b>

### Educational Meeting.

THE quarterly educational meeting is appointed for Sabbath, October 8.

The reading is entitled "The Benefits of Bible Study," by Sister White. If the date of this meeting should come too near the beginning of the month on account of quarterly meeting or delay in receiving the pamphlets, it would be well for the church elder to postpone the meeting to Sabbath, October 15.

We trust our people will receive great good from the study of this pamphlet.

THE missionary day, Sabbath, September 24, was of special interest in the Stanmore Church. Pastor Piper took the service in the morning, giving a very interesting account of his labors in Rarotonga. Those who have accepted the truth on that island have done so under trying circumstances, meeting with much opposition and persecution, but they have remained loyal to the message. It was indeed touching to learn of the transformation of character that has been wrought by the Spirit of God in those who have accepted Him. In the afternoon Pastor G. F. Jones took the meeting, telling us of many interesting experiences in the South Sea Islands, and what the Lord had wrought. Following this meeting, Sister Jones addressed the children assembled in the Young People's meeting, relating many interesting incidents in connection with their work that were calculated to draw our hearts out more and more in love and pity toward these dark skinned races, and to inspire us to do more in their behalf.

ON the same day that our missionaries left for Singapore, and almost at the same hour, Sister Piper with her little son sailed for Rarotonga in the Cook Islands. It was impossible for Brother Piper to get away on this boat, and as Sister Gooding has been holding the fort alone since the departure of Brother and Sister Jones, Sister Piper has undertaken the trip alone, that she might go to her assistance. Brother Piper follows on the next boat, leaving in a month's time.

### Notes and Personals.

PASTOR MUNSON'S son and daughter, and Miss Witton, from Sumatra, arrived on the *S. S. Prinz Waldemar*, September 14, on their way to the Avondale School.

A CHURCH of twenty-six members was organised by Pastor Hennig in Devenish, Victoria, about the first of September. Several others are keeping the Sabbath, and will doubtless unite with the church soon.

BROTHER A. E. HODGRISON, who has done faithful work in the canvassing field in the New South Wales Conference, has been called to the position of General Canvassing Agent for South Australia. He left Sydney for Adelaide, September 20.

PASTOR MUNSON baptised seven Chinese, August 6, at Padang, Sumatra. He writes that the outlook in Padang is very encouraging.

PASTOR CRADDOCK is still carrying on the Payneham Mission near Adelaide, South Australia. Some there are taking their stand in the face of the bitterest opposition.

PASTOR COBB writes from Oberon on the Forbes line, that twenty-three have taken their stand for the truth there, and that quite a number now are deeply interested.

BROTHER and Sister Sydney Gardiner of West Australia are spending a few weeks in New South Wales visiting the School, the Sanitarium, and other interests centered here.

PASTOR IRWIN spoke in the Perth, W. A. church on Sabbath, September 17, to a good audience. In the afternoon he was present at the organisation of the Fremantle Church. The membership of this church is twenty-five.

SOME of the brethren and sisters in New Zealand have donated between two and three hundred pounds to the work in Washington, D. C. Donations are also being made from Australia. It seems very fitting that responses should now be made to the earnest appeals for help to establish the work in Washington, from fields that have been raised up and helped so much financially by the Conference in America. Let the good work go on.

BROTHER and Sister Sharp, accompanied by their two youngest children, left Sydney, September 21, by the *S. S. Wakatipu* for Launceston, Tasmania. Brother Sharp goes to connect with the Conference work in the Tasmanian field. Brother and Sister Sharp carry with them our prayers and best wishes for success in their new sphere of usefulness.

SIX persons had decided to obey the truth in the Manildra district where Brother McGowan is working, on September 6. The whole district far and wide is stirred over the Sabbath question. A strong opposition has been manifested by some of the church leaders, but many of the influential people in the place have acknowledged the truthfulness of our positions. Brother McGowan has written making an earnest request that our brethren remember the work there in their prayers as it seems to have reached a very critical point.

PASTOR GATES spoke in the Stanmore Church on Sabbath, September 17, on the subject of True Greatness. He contrasted the world's ideal with God's standard. As an example of those whom the Lord esteems great he cited John the Baptist, of whom it was said, "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord." All who would attain true greatness must say from the heart as did John, "He must increase, but I must decrease." In this lies the secret of true greatness.

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WEDNESDAY, September 28, Pastor G. F. Jones and wife and Brother R. A. Caldwell sailed on the *S. S. Prinz Waldemar*, for Singapore. Our readers will be rejoiced to know that definite plans have at length been effected to open this new field to the message, and that the missionaries are now on their way. These workers have requested that we bear them up in our prayers, especially asking that they may be enabled to acquire the language speedily, so that they can enter upon their work for the natives as quickly as possible.

## Had Never Seen a Sabbath-keeper.

A MAN from a country district in New South Wales came into the Tract Society office a few days ago, and asked for a copy of the pamphlet, "Origin of Sunday Observance." This led to some conversation on the subject, and it was found that he had been keeping the Sabbath for about fourteen years.

He received an old copy of the *Bible Echo* from which he became interested in the Sabbath question. Then he saw a copy of the "Origin of Sunday Observance" somewhere, and decided to obey the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. He was a Roman Catholic at the time and his relatives Protestants. They had not opposed him up to this time, but as soon as he commenced to keep the Sabbath, they began to persecute him, and have done so ever since.

Up to the time he called in at the office, he had never seen a Seventh-day Adventist. He had obtained our Tract Society's old address at Glebe Point from the *Echo*, and had gone there to look us up. Failing to find us there, he kept on making inquiries each time he came to town, until he

was finally directed to our present address.

He said he wanted the pamphlet to try to convince his friends and neighbors. He has been seeking to spread the light just as far as possible. We gave him a liberal supply of papers and tracts, and he promised to call again next time he came to town.

Who sent the paper? This will probably never be known until we enter the kingdom of God. But although the sender is not known, the result of that one missionary effort has caused joy among the angels.

A. S. HIGGINS.

## Notice.

THE office of the New South Wales Conference and Tract Society has been removed from 56 George Street West, Sydney, to 80 Hunter Street, Sydney. We trust all will note this change, and address all business communications for them in future to their new address. As the new location is within a few minutes of the General Post Office, it is requested that all money orders be made payable at the General Post Office instead of the George Street West office. It is also requested that all drafts, cheques, money orders, and postal notes sent to the Society be made payable to the New South Wales Tract Society, rather than to any individual connected with the office. If all will bear this in mind it will save much inconvenience.

## Appreciates Good Health.

A GENTLEMAN of Northern Queensland who has just sent in several subscriptions to the *Good Health* and ordered a large quantity of old journals for free distribution, writes as follows:—

I am pleased to state that my health is in excellent condition as a result of the teachings, and mastication of the contents of *Good Health*. I am sending through a friend for £2 worth of health foods to the Brisbane Depot. I should be glad to become agent for both the journal and the foods as it would be more satisfactory than selling poisonous tea and coffee, as I have done very successfully for eight years.

The light regarding health reform has dawned upon the pathway of this gentleman, who is a professed Christian, and so precious it seems to him that he wishes 1,000 copies of the journal for free distribution. With

the ardor of first love he wishes to win others to the precious principles. The Lord will have the world warned, and is raising up faithful men to carry the message. Are those of us who have long known the better way going to show less zeal than the new converts? There is still much territory unworked in the Australasian field, where canvassers can do a good work with our periodicals. One sister went to Newcastle for two days last week, and while the wind blew a furious gale she sold seventeen dozen papers on the streets and in the shops. At this time Newcastle is suffering from business depression, as some of the mines are closed. Such work could just as easily be done in any other city of the Commonwealth. We should have one hundred periodical sellers in the field at once. Let there be no delay as times are rapidly getting worse, and the present favorable opportunities will not long continue.

E. C. CHAPMAN.

## How to Gain an Education.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made between the Avondale School and the *Australasian Good Health* whereby any and all of our young people within the Commonwealth may earn a year's schooling at Avondale. Handsome subscription receipts are just being prepared to aid in canvassing for the journal. Four hundred yearly subscriptions to the journal at 2/6 each, will entitle the agent to a full year's schooling, which usually costs £30 or more.

In the event of failure to secure the 400 subscriptions, it has been agreed that 135 subscriptions will pay for one school term of three months. Anyone failing to obtain even that many subscribers will be allowed one shilling commission on each subscription. In this way, there is no risk incurred, but a decided blessing is brought within the reach of all. One hundred old journals will be donated to each applicant, for use in selling where subscriptions are not obtainable. These back numbers will be charged for at one penny each, in case applicant withdraws from the effort without securing 135 subscriptions. Subscription blanks will be furnished free upon application. For further particulars address the *Good Health* Office, Cooranbong, New South Wales.