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

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NOTHING TO DO.

Nothing to do! Oh, folded hands,
Why will ye lie so white and fair,
When the busy world on every side
Calls for your labor, your earnest care.

Nothing to do! There are tired feet
Walking with thee life's weary road;
Show them the way in paths so sweet
That leads to heaven, that leads to God.

Nothing to do, but live at ease,
When thousands fall on every side;
You might have helped to bear the pain,
And breasted the swift and rushing tide.

Nothing to do! Thy days are light,
With golden eves and sunny morn;
You gather flowers, fresh and bright;
Some are tortured with cruel thorns.

Nothing to do! What will you say,
When the Lord of the harvest asks of
you,
"What gleanest thou in My field to-
day?"—
"Lord, there was nothing for me to do?"
—Selected.

Who Will Do It?

It is not additional evidence that we need, but the impression of the truth that we already understand made deep and thorough by a faithful impartation of it to others. Every one is first to attend to his own individual case. Then he is to act in perfect unity with his brethren. The hearts of the believers are to be as the heart of Christ. Every pulse is to beat in harmony with the heart of Christ. We are to be one with Christ, and one with each other, that the world may believe that God has sent His Son into the world.

We are living in a time when men are dead in trespasses and sins. Dead men cannot realise anything. Let us bear a testimony that is in accordance with the truth that we

believe. Let us be united in co-operation as a living whole. The dry bones need to be breathed upon by the Holy Spirit of God, that they may come into action, as by a resurrection from the dead.

It is not because of niggardliness on the part of God that there is a dearth of the Holy Spirit in our churches. This dearth the churches alone can change. God says to His people, "Arouse and create an interest in holy things." Where is our faith? Wherein do we sustain a proper relation to Jesus Christ? Do we follow Him in self-denial and stability? Do we talk the truth with the understanding? When God pours out His Spirit upon the churches, they will bear fruit to His glory. The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power, will cut both ways.

In God's vineyard there is earnest work to be done. The Third Angel's Message is to be proclaimed with a loud voice all over the land. Every vestige of business that breeds dishonesty, every thread of selfishness, is to be swept away by the latter rain. All idolatry is to be consumed. Let every altar be thrown down, save the one that sanctifies the gift and the giver,—the cross of Calvary.

New territory is to be added to God's kingdom. New tracts of moral vineyard are to be cultivated as the garden of the Lord. The honor of the law of God is to be vindicated before the unfallen worlds, before the heavenly universe, and before the fallen world. The bitterest persecution will come, but when Zion arises, and puts on her beautiful garments, she will shine forth in

the beauty of holiness. God designs us to have more life and more power, because the glory of God has risen upon the church. If the truth is received, unsightly barrenness will not continue to exist. Christ's word is eternal life to the receiver.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. The world can only be warned by seeing those who believe the truth sanctified through the truth, acting upon high and holy principles, showing in a high, elevated sense, the line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God, and those who trample them under their feet. The sanctification of the Spirit signalises the difference between those who have the seal of God and those who keep a spurious rest-day. When the test comes, it will be clearly shown what the mark of the beast is. It is the keeping of Sunday. Those who after having heard the truth, continue to regard this day as holy, bear the signature of the man of sin, who thought to change times and laws.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

"THE only way to keep the blessing of God is to give it away."

"No good deed dies; be it a rejoicing river, be it but a tiny rill of human nobleness, yet, so it be pure and clear, never has it been lost in the poisonous marshes, or choked in the muddy sands. It flows inevitably into that great river of the water of life, which is not lost save—if that be to be lost—in the infinite ocean of God's eternal love."—Canon Farrar.

In and Among
THE ISLANDS.

In Melanesia.

FIVE days' pleasant sailing from Brisbane brought us to Samarai, a small, beautiful island just off British New Guinea. We had less than an hour on shore, not too short a time to drop a few seeds of truth on our journey. One of the natives understood me in the Rarotongan language, which he interpreted to a group of others. Two more days' sailing among islands on the left and on the right, and we anchored at Herbertshohe, New Britain—the place of the recent massacre of Catholic missionaries.

New Britain natives are without doubt the worst kind of cannibals in the islands; by what we heard. Only a few near the coast have been reached by the missionaries, but none of them can be trusted. The whole of the interior of this large island has not yet been entered by the white man. The missionaries we saw here trade in tobacco with the poor natives, and use the vile stuff themselves. No wonder that gross darkness covers the people. I believe that the most degraded heathen would welcome the light of the Third Angel's Message if they had the opportunity to see it shining among them. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come."

One of our lady fellow-passengers landed here, and she has started a blue-ribbon temperance movement among the white residents, who much needed such a work done for them. Our lady friend had read *Good Health* and "Christ's Object Lessons" while on board, and we also gave her a small supply of temperance tracts to help carry on her good work. In this place we also distributed our literature among the white people. This interest can be profitably followed up by our Young People's Society. I will forward the names of two or three interested ones to the Union Conference.

Our steamer called at two other places in New Britain. Many of the men have a long bone stuck through their noses, and they take great pleasure in hideously painting their faces. Many are covered from head to foot with an ugly ringworm disease. Their teeth are a shiny

black, caused by using the betel nut, which they use "from the least unto the greatest of them." The constant chewing keeps their teeth in a healthy condition. Some have their teeth filed down to the gums, and others have each tooth filed to a point. The latter is said to be a sign of extreme cannibalism. Many other curious things we observed among this cannibal race, none of whom cared to be closely scrutinised, and they appeared very shy when we attempted to get a good look at them. Our hearts yearned to help these poor souls who know no better way of living. They need the gospel, pure and simple.

Our message is to go now, and without delay, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and some are to be found in New Britain who will accept it. There must be some consecrated ones who will go with Christ to this darkest of savage lands; for without Him no missionary should dare venture among the cannibals.

The late Cuban and Boer wars, and the present struggles in China and in the Balkan States, show that thousands of men—and women too—are eager to brave the dangers of horrible warfare. For worldly gain, there are traders among these islands who daily risk their lives in spite of malaria and savages. All these trust in the use of carnal weapons for their defence. Much more should be the Christian's eagerness and much less his fear, to brave danger for the interests of His kingdom, because his weapons of warfare "are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

Not I, but Christ, my every need supplying,
Not I, but Christ, my strength and health
to be:

Christ, only Christ, for body, soul, and
spirit.

Christ, only Christ, here and eternally.

G. F. JONES.

A Visit to Fiji.

ON Monday, November 7, just one week from the day we left Sydney, the *Moana* pulled into the beautiful harbor of Suva, Fiji. The charming tropical vegetation and the nicely laid out little town of Suva presented a very pleasing sight. It was about two in the afternoon of a beautiful day when we arrived.

Brother Arthur Currow and his

wife were the first of our friends to reach the boat, and we were glad to return with them to Suva. On our way they pointed out Suva Vou lying a few miles across the bay, and as we looked we could see the mission launch just starting across to meet us.

While making a hurried tour of the little town, in which there was much to interest us, we were happily surprised to meet Sybil Read, who had come in search of us, and a little later, Brother Lou Currow and his family. Presently the mission launch arrived, bringing Brother and Sister Fulton, Sister Parker, and Brother Carr. We cannot express our pleasure at meeting all of these dear friends.

Our boat was soon to start, but we learned that she was going a few miles up the coast to take on sugar, and that passengers would be taken on a launch to join the boat at 10 P. M. This was very welcome news to us, and soon we were on our way in the fine little mission launch to Suva Vou. On our way, Brother Fulton pointed out the little cemetery, and the very spot, as nearly as possible, where our dear Brother Tay lies sleeping. Brother Tay, of California, was the first of our brethren who visited the South Sea Islands with the present truth. It was through his efforts that the inhabitants of Pitcairn Island received the message. While laboring in Fiji, he fell asleep. What will be his joy in the awakening to greet the many precious souls in these islands who have been won to the Third Angel's Message!

Suva Vou is a pretty little native village, surrounded by an abundance of rich tropical vegetation, and close to the bay. It was our privilege, for the first time, to see the native huts of which we have heard so much. We called upon a number of our native Fiji brethren and sisters in Suva Vou, and this indeed was a great pleasure to us.

In Brother Fulton's comfortable home we were very pleasantly entertained during the evening. A variety of choice native fruits was spread before us, which were very refreshing after a week at sea. One room in Brother Fulton's house is occupied by the printing office. Here we saw the little printing press, donated by the Avondale Press, where the *Rarama*, our monthly Fijian paper, is printed. The *Rarama* is just the size of the RECORD, and is doing a

grand work in spreading the light [Rarama means light] of the Third Angel's Message in the Fijian group. The type in the last number of this paper was set entirely by Sister Guilliard, a member of the mission family.

The new church building in Suva Vou is a very neat little wooden structure, which at present serves also as a school-room. We wished with all our hearts that our dear brethren and sisters in Australasia, and especially the members of our Sabbath-schools who have donated so liberally toward the church building, the launch, and other enterprises in this field, could see what we were privileged to see during our brief visit. At the present time, including the youth and children who are keeping the Sabbath understandingly, there are about 150 Sabbath-keepers in the Fijian group, with four organised churches.

A council meeting had recently been held at Suva Vou, which had called Brother and Sister Parker and Sybil Read from their mission station at Lomaloma, Lau. Brother Parker had returned to his field of labor, but Sister Parker and Sister Read were spending a little time with Brother and Sister Fulton. We were glad to learn that Sister Parker's health is much improved. Pauliasi Bunoa, our native worker, had returned to his interest in another district, so that we were not privileged to meet him.

Brother and Sister Fulton with their two daughters were just ready to start out in the little launch to visit an island eighty miles away. When the time came for us to leave, we joined in a season of prayer, and Brother Fulton, with three young Fijian brethren, took us [this time in their little row boat] across to Suva, where we boarded the launch for the *Moana*.

Let us remember the work in Fiji by our prayers. Our laborers there are carrying a heavy burden for the work and are few in number.

A. L. HINDSON.

"ANYTHING is better than being a debtor."

THIS generation is so busy working for God, that it has little time or inclination for communion with God, and therefore much of its work is worthless.—*Alex. McLaren.*

Stand Fast in the Lord.

As we draw near the time of the end, we see how Satan is indeed working with great power; for he knows he has but a short time. To the majority, this multitude of calamities, trials, and deceptions, is a source of perplexity and fear for the outcome of all that is coming upon the earth. To the Christian, however, it foretells the near and sure finishing up of everything that has any connection with sin. We are told that such a condition of things will exist just previous to the coming of Christ. It therefore inspires the true-hearted with greater faith and courage to endure to the end. Satan would, if possible, deceive the very elect. We all have the privilege of being among the elect, for they are the ones who have a close connection with heaven and seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness. As many as do this will not be deceived, for God will enlighten them. Should we place some other object *first*, we can never stand through the sifting, or deceptive time.

As one after another drops out of the ranks of God's professed people, we know it is because something else engrossed the mind, and is considered of greater importance than the seeking of God's kingdom.

It is sad to see the success that attends the efforts of our great enemy in planting wrong principles in the hearts of those who have once been "soldiers of the cross," but we have the assurance that truth will finally be triumphant; and we rejoice to know that "where iniquity abounds, grace doth much more abound." Amid the darkest surroundings, the light of truth shines the brightest; and when the true-hearted behold it, they seek for a richer experience and a closer walk with God.

Satan is not idle among the islands. His workings are the same here as in every other place. We had a native family among our number, which, in the past, was God-fearing, but that family has since been broken up. The father became entangled in worldly business. It took his means, time, and attention, and he gradually grew cold and careless. He is now addicted to drink and leads a wicked life. When his wife tried to entreat him, he beat her and twice threatened to kill her with the axe. She had to separate from him, and dares not go out

alone for fear he will overtake her. He took the three oldest children, leaving the baby with her. She came to the meeting last Sabbath, and as she bore her testimony, telling of the love of God toward her in all her trials, she broke down. Her up-most desire is to be a true servant of God and be ready to meet Him at His coming.

The work of salvation is an individual work. God takes a personal interest in each one of us; and though there may be only one faithful person in a city, yet that one person will not be forgotten. If we, by faith, take hold of Him and let Him lead us and keep us from falling, He will finally bring us unto our desired haven.

ANNA M. NELSON.

Counterfeit Christians.

Looks don't count. Many a deception these days. Men and women alike are counterfeit.

I handled a queer five-dollar bill the other day. It had done a heap of good—paid the widow's rent, bought food for the hungry, squared up three or four bad accounts that had been worse than cancers for worry, made a church treasurer happy when he found it on the plate, and made the sexton happier when his back salary was partly paid by it; but in due course of time, it came to the bank whose name it bore, and lo! the teller threw it out.

"What's wrong?" asked the depositor.

"Counterfeit."

All its good deeds did not make it pass the bank where its real character was discovered.

I'm thinking of another day that is yet to come. It may be that some have done a heap of good, plenty of people pass them on for genuine Christians. They looked all right; sat in the pew like saints; scattered dollars like dew; but they have no God. He does not dwell in their heart. They have His name, but not Him.

There are counterfeit Christians, just as there are counterfeit bills, both are bad, in spite of looks.—*C. H. Yatman.*

PRAY for patience. Every day will bring something that will call for its exercise.—*Jerome.*

Our Canvassers.

THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE.

IN the secret of His presence
How my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons
Which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me,
Neither trials lay me low,
For when Satan comes to tempt me,
To the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty,
'Neath the shadow of His wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter,
And a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Saviour rests beside me,
As we hold communion sweet:
If I tried, I could not utter
What He says when thus we meet.

Only this I know: I tell Him
All my doubts, and griefs, and fears.
Oh, how patiently He listens!
And my drooping soul He cheers.
Do you think He ne'er reproves me?
What a false friend He would be
If He never, never told me
Of the sins which He must see.

Would you like to know the sweetness
Of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow;
This shall then be your reward.
And when'er you leave the silence
Of that happy meeting-place,
You must mind and bear the image
Of the Master in your face.

—*Christian Herald.*

The Canvassing Work.

No. I.

SINCE 1849, when Elder James White published 300 copies of the little sheet called the "Present Truth," along down to the present time, the Lord, through the teachings of His Spirit, has called the attention of His church to the importance of getting reading matter before the people around us. In 1865, when Seventh-day Adventist literature was simply the *Review* and *Instructor* monthly, and a few small pamphlets and tracts, and when the sales from our one small office in Battle Creek did not amount to more than £310 per year, this testimony was given to encourage getting the reading matter before the people:—

There are many honest souls who would be brought where they would embrace the truth by this means alone. Vol. 1, p. 551.

In 1867 Brother Matteson had just started in America, the publication of tracts and pamphlets in the Scandinavian language. Then this encouraging testimony was given:—

The proper circulation and distribution of our publications is one of the most important branches of the work. Vol. 1, page 687.

Comparing the efforts that our people were then making, with what was being done by other denominations in their work, it was said:—

Liberality is carried out in the sale and donations of Bibles and tracts. Seventh-day Adventists should be as far ahead of these in the book matters as in other things. God help us. Vol. 1, page 690.

In 1871, when the sale from the *Review* office had increased to about £1,400 a year, it was said to us:—

There has never been a more important period in the history of Seventh-day Adventists than at the present time. Instead of the publishing work diminishing, the demand for our publications is greatly increasing. There will be more to do instead of less. Vol. 3, page 92.

The publications which go forth from the office bear the insignia of the Eternal. They are being scattered all through the land, and are deciding the destiny of souls. Men are now greatly needed who can translate and prepare our publications in other languages to reach all tongues, and that the message of warning may go to all nations, and that they may be tested by the light of the truth, that men and women as they see the light, may turn from the transgression to the obedience of the law of God. Vol. 3, page 207.

In the year 1879 the sales from the shelves of the two offices in Oakland and Battle Creek, amounted to the sum of £6,535 12s 4d. This, to those who had seen the publishing work start from almost nothing, looked like "a big thing," but with the opening of the next year, the Testimonies began to speak of a new line of work. Then, for the first time, we began to read of securing canvassers for our books. In the instruction we note these words:—

Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light all through our cities, villages, and towns. In all parts of the field canvassers should be selected. Not from the floating element in society, not from men and women who are good for nothing else, and who have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability. Such are needed to make a success as colporteurs, canvassers, and agents. Vol. 4, page 389.

If there is one work that is more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Vol. 4, page 390.

Two years after this, in November, 1881, a brother in Battle Creek was going from one to another of our ministers, and reasoning with us that if "Thoughts on Daniel," and "Thoughts on Revelation," were combined in one book and illustrated,

canvassers could be secured, and could sell it as other publishers were selling their books. It looks strange to us now that we were so slow to believe what the Lord had said two years before about the success of the canvassing work.

When it was seen that books could be sold by Adventist canvassers, many presented themselves who were in no way qualified for the business, and then came these words:—

Canvassers are wanted to labor in the missionary field. Persons of uncouth manners are not fitted for the work. The work of the colporteur is elevated, and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken. His heart must be in the work, he must rise early and work industriously, putting to proper use the faculties God has given him. Difficulties must be met. If confronted with unceasing perseverance, they will be overcome. Much is gained by courtesy. The workers may be continually forming a symmetrical character. Great characters are formed by little acts and efforts. Vol. 4, page 603.

Testimony 32 was published in the year 1885 a year in which our canvassers sold £12,600 worth of books. In that Testimony I note these words:—

The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many that would not otherwise be impressed with the truth. The work is a good one, the object high and elevating, and there should be a corresponding dignity of deportment. The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it, and as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry. Lift up the standard, and let the self-denying, the lovers of God and humanity, join the army of workers. Let them come not expecting ease, but to be brave and of good courage under rebuffs and hardships. Let those come who can give a good report of our publications, because they themselves appreciate their value. Pages 161, 162.

ELDER J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH.

(To be continued.)

"ABILITY never amounts to much until it acquires two more letters—stability."

"THE cause of Christ does not so much need martyrs to expire for it as it needs men to perspire for it."

"I WOULD rather be able to appreciate things I cannot have, than to have things I am not able to appreciate."

LIVING for others is life's fullness; living for self, its poverty, nakedness, starvation.—*Selected.*

The Hedge of Angels.

God placed a hedge around Job, about his house, and about all that he had; and prospered the work of his hands. Job 1:10. The hedge spoken of here is no doubt composed of angels, spoken of in other parts of the Bible, and acts as a wall of protection around those who walk in God's commandments and delight in His service.—“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them.” Ps. 34:7. “He shall give His angels charge over thee....” Ps. 91:11.

The following incident in the life of Moses will illustrate how this hedge can be broken, and the child of God imperilled. While Moses and Zipporah were on their way from Midian to Egypt, the angel of the Lord appeared before Moses, and was about to strike him. This was an act of mercy on the part of the Lord to bring before Moses a neglected duty and to give him an opportunity of seeing his neglect. Moses had been persuaded by his wife to put off the rite of circumcision upon their youngest son.

Circumcision was a ceremony ordained of God for that time, which served to impress the mind with the thought of God's abundant grace in the new covenant to save,—hence a very important duty. Zipporah then performed the duty herself, for she feared her husband would be slain by the angel.

“In his mission to Pharaoh, Moses was to be placed in a position of great peril; his life could be preserved only through the protection of holy angels. But while living in neglect of a known duty, he would not be secure; for he could not be shielded by the angels of God.” “Patriarchs and Prophets,” page 256.

In these last days of peril and emergency we need the special protection of God's angels over our families and ourselves as individuals from a thousand evils,—from destruction of life and property, from the sword, from epidemics, from perils on land and sea, and from Satan's deep-laid plots to draw us out of the “truth.” But God's promises of protection and care are given on condition of obedience, and faithfulness in the performance of every known duty.

In the time of the plagues just before us, with probation closed, with

no intercessor in the heavenly temple, the righteous *will be* shielded by the angels.

The Spirit of God will help us to bring to remembrance all covered up sins, to put them away, and to walk in the light; for only in so doing will it be possible to have the promise verified: “There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.”

F. E. LYNDON.

**The Sabbath=School
and Our Young People.**

Programmes of Young People's Meetings.

THE following programmes were prepared for the Perth Young People's Society, and afterwards sent out to the other societies in West Australia for their use. Thinking that they would be helpful to our societies in other States, we have given them here. We have omitted the names after each exercise in the programmes, but all were taken by the members, even to the lesson. We should be glad to receive programmes from other societies.

I.

- Song.
- Prayer by Several.
- Secretary's Report.
- Song.
- Short Reading—Being Young, What Can I Do for Jesus?
- Short Talk—How to Become a Unionist, or Co-operation With Christ.
- Reports of Work.
- Lesson.
- Song.

II.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Secretary's Report.
- Song.
- What Are the Little Foxes That Spoil the Vines?
- The Cup of Cold Water.
- Our Work in Africa.
- Reports.
- Lesson.
- Song or Prayer to close.

III.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Secretary's Report.
- Responsive Reading.
- Song.
- Short Reading—The Effects of Tobacco on the System.
- Ten Minute Talk—The Signs of Christ's Second Coming.
- Reports of Work.
- Lesson.

IV.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Secretary's Report.
- Responsive Reading. 2 Timothy 3.
- Song.
- Reading—Why I Keep the Sabbath.
- Reading—On Some Part of Mission Work.
- Reports.
- Lesson.
- Song.

V.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Secretary's Report.
- Song.
- “God is Love.” How Can I Apply This to My Life?
- Each One to Repeat a Text and Tell Where Found, on—“Is the Soul Immortal?”
- Reports.
- Lesson.
- Song.

VI.

- Song.
- Prayer by All.
- Secretary's Report.
- The Effects of the Christ Life in the Home. Short Essays.
- A Talk on the Second of Daniel.
- Reports.
- Committee to Nominate Officers for Coming Quarter (Must Advise with Church).
- Lesson.
- Song.

VII.

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Secretary's Report. (Full report of work done during quarter).
- Committee's Report.
- Election of Officers.
- Consecration Meeting.
- Reports of Work.
- Lesson.
- Song.

How a Missionary Was Made.

BISHOP FRANK W. WARNE, of India, gives the following account of his early missionary experience:—

“I was but a boy in Canada, and when the annual missionary meeting was held and the collection was about to be taken, the preacher said: ‘I want every person in the house, including boys and girls, to subscribe something, no matter how small, and two months will be given in which to pay the subscriptions.’ The collector came down the aisle with a slip of paper, and the people wrote their names on the paper. I had never subscribed to anything, but I decided I would subscribe one dollar; and when it came to me, I took the paper, and wrote my name, promising to give that amount. I was very much excited, and began at once to plan how I should earn the money. I saved pocket-money, ran errands, found eggs, and, as it seemed to me, long before the time

I had my dollar ready, and wished either that the collector would hurry up, or that I had subscribed more. I got so much pleasure and profit out of that subscription that I have been giving ever since, and at last I gave myself."

Twenty Miles to Sell the Signs.

WE have just received a letter from one of the members of the CHILDREN'S GOSPEL BAND, reading as follows:—

Bookara, Midland Railway,
West Australia.
November 1, 1904.

Australasian Signs of the Times,
North Fitzroy, Victoria.

DEAR FRIENDS,—

My mother read your letter from the RECORD, in which you asked the children to join the CHILDREN'S GOSPEL BAND. If you will send me ten Signs, I will try to sell them. I should like to do some work for Jesus. I remain,

Yours faithfully,
IRWIN F. HOLLINGSWORTH.

(The following was added by Irwin's mother):—

P. S.—Irwin is eleven years old. He lives in the country, so will have to ride *twenty miles each week to sell Signs*. He is of good courage; for he wants to work for the Master. May God bless him in the work.

Well done, Irwin. If all our people were as enthusiastic as some of our children, the truth would soon be carried to the whole world.

Oberon and Tarana.

SINCE our last report of the work in this locality, we have had a varied experience. As the work was spreading over so great a section of the country, Brother Carswell and family and Sister Burgess joined us at Tarana to carry on the work in that part of the district, while Brother and Sister James were left to follow up the interest in the vicinity of Oberon. The Spirit of God is working upon the hearts of the people, and some are receiving the light of truth. The spirit and power of darkness is also working to blind the minds of them that believe not. There are between thirty and forty who are firm in the truth. On Sabbath, December 3, seven were baptised, and it was a good day, spiritually, for the people. Pastor Paap and wife and Sister

Skadsheim drove out from Bathurst and assisted us in the Sabbath services. Altogether, seventeen have already been baptised, and others are to participate in the same ordinance in a few days.

S. M. COBB.

New South Wales Camp-meeting.

AFTER careful consideration and counsel with the Conference Committee, it has been decided to hold our camp-meeting December 29 to January 8, instead of in April as formerly advertised.

There are several reasons for this change, but space will not allow me to enter into details. We will mention a few of the reasons, however, which seem to warrant the change; and we, as a Committee, believe that you will all see it in the same light.

During the next ten days three of our tent companies will be finishing their first effort, and will then be prepared to begin work in another place. Owing to the near approach of the holidays, it would be unwise for these companies to begin a fresh effort just now, and it was thought that by advertising our camp-meeting we would be able to get a large attendance of the city people at that time. At this time, all can have the advantage of cheap excursions. The weather also is likely to be more favorable than in April.

Having the camp now will cost the Conference much less than if it were held later, in addition to the fact that when the laborers separate to their respective places for tent effort after the meeting, they will be able to continue their meetings until the weather gets too cold without any interruption.

The place chosen for the meeting is a beautiful grove in a private park at Mosman. The Mosman tram passes the place, the fare from Milson's Point being twopence. The camp, though sheltered by a grove, is in full view of the tram. The ground may also be reached by ferry steamer from Circular Quay to Mosman's Bay, and by tram thence to the camp-ground, the fare this way amounting to fourpence.

The Spirit of the Lord has spoken to us concerning the importance of these meetings and our duty to be present thereat; and it is certainly

time to arouse, and in no uncertain tone proclaim aloud this closing message. The nations of earth are marshalling their forces in readiness for the last great struggle, and the conflict is between truth and error. Shall we not do all in our power, aided by the Holy Spirit, to do our part in this closing work?

We would earnestly request that all our people camp on the ground, and this will make the meeting more interesting. Come and make the occasion a blessing to yourself and also to others. Pray for its success. We feel very anxious that this meeting will be a success, as we desire to follow up the work with a good tent effort.

We earnestly solicit all to send in their orders for tents as soon as possible. By complying with this request you will be assisting us in arranging matters more satisfactorily. Orders for tents should be sent to Brother C. H. Schowe. The prices are as follows:—

10ft. x 12ft. tent 10/-, with fly 5/- extra.
12 " x 12 " tent 12/-, fly not available.
12 " x 15 " tent 12/6, with fly 6/6 extra.
15 " x 15 " tent 15/-, fly not available.
18 " x 18 " tent 20/-, fly not available.
20 " x 20 " tent 25/-, fly not available.

The dense shade from the trees will retard the sun's rays, so that the absence of the fly will not be so noticeable. Provision will also be made for supplying things that are usually needed at such a meeting. There will be a book-tent, dining-tent, and a food and grocery tent.

Donations toward defraying camp-meeting expenses will be much appreciated. We trust to meet you all at the camp, and that God's richest blessing may attend you and crown our meeting with great success.

S. M. COBB.

Special Donation, Sabbath Schools.

It has been decided to give the donations collected by the Sabbath-schools the last Sabbath in December to aid in building the church in Sumatra. The last special collection was given for the same purpose, and amounted to £36; but as it will take £100 to build the church, and our brethren there, who are all Chinese with the exception of Brother Munson's family, will not be able to raise very much toward it, we believe our schools will be willing to give further assistance. A church

in this place is an imperative necessity, to hold together those who are coming into the faith.

Recent reports in the RECORD show that the effort put forth in this place is bringing returns not only in Sumatra, but also in China.

A Call to Our People.

At a recent council of the Union Conference Committee, held at Melbourne, the recommendation was unanimously adopted that we urge our people everywhere to engage in the circulation of the *Australasian Good Health* by a systematic house to house canvass, in the sale of single copies, or taking yearly subscriptions.

Much more can be done than has been done to get this fore-runner into the homes of the people. Old and young may do this work, and make a success of it. Special inducements are offered to all who desire to take up this work. It is a mistake to neglect to carry this periodical with you as you go out with the *Signs of the Times* or with other strictly denominational literature. The world is anxiously waiting for the principles of health. May we not ask every member of the church to do something toward circulating the *Good Health*?

The following quotation from the "Testimonies," Volume 7, pages 62 and 63, should be acted upon:—

"We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of the medical missionary work. Everywhere people are perishing for a lack of knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realise their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light bearers to the world. The message to God's people to-day is, 'Arise, shine.' Wait not for others to urge you to action. In the fear of God go forward without delay. Look not to see who else is ready.

"All can do something. In an effort to excuse themselves some say, 'My home duties, my children, claim my time and means.' Parents, your children should be your helping hand, increasing your power and ability to work for the Master. Let our people show that they have a

living interest in medical missionary work."

Remember that even the children may assist in this effort. They are to "arise and shine" as well as the older members of the Lord's family. Let them take a certain number of copies each month, then make a systematic canvass from house to house. They will find that in a few months their monthly visits will be welcomed, and their list of subscriptions will increase. There are many in England who sell from fifty to one hundred copies in a day. Do not merely read this, but sit down and order a supply of twenty or fifty copies, and begin the work at once. Give it a trial. *Begin with the new year*—the January number. Let us see if we cannot double the sale of *Good Health* in the next few months. If we ALL do something, this may easily be done. Who will come to our help? Let all say, "Here am I; send me." Send all orders to the *Australasian Good Health*, asking for special rates to house-to-house workers, during the next three months.

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

New South Wales Camp-meeting Fund.

In order that there may be funds in hand to meet the necessary expenses accruing from freight, cartage, timber, etc., in the immediate preparation for the camp-meeting to be held at Musman, December 29 to January 8, we, the undersigned, cheerfully donate the amount set opposite our names:—

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| Mrs. R. Salton, Stanmore | £5 0 0 |
| Mrs. Peterson, Stanmore | 1 0 0 |
| Miss E. Mason, Stanmore | 1 0 0 |
| D. H. Kress, Wahroonga | 1 0 0 |
| G. B. Starr and wife, Wahroonga | 1 0 0 |
| A. G. Waugh, Wahroonga | 1 0 0 |
| J. H. W. Geiss, Wahroonga | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. J. H. W. Geiss, Wahroonga | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Lewis, Wahroonga | 1 0 0 |
| Walter Lewis, Wahroonga | 10 0 |
| Mrs. G. A. Irwin, Wahroonga | 10 0 |
| Mrs. Goldthorpe, Stanmore | 5 0 |
| Miss Smith, Stanmore | 5 0 |
| C. H. Schowe, Stanmore | 5 0 |
| F. Martin, Auburn | 2 6 |
| TOTAL | £14 17 6 |

We invite others to join us in increasing the total of this fund. All cash and pledges should be forwarded to the Treasurer, C. H. Schowe, 80 Hunter Street, Sydney. Payment may also be made to the church treasurer or librarian.

Notes and Personals.

ON Monday, November 28, Sister Lydia Crase set sail in the *Anglian* for Tasmania, her future field of labor

SISTER JANE PRICE left Sydney, November 29, to connect with the work in the West Australian Conference.

A TELEGRAM has recently been received, stating that Brother J. J. Stuckey died at sea, on his return trip from England. We hope later to give further particulars.

BROTHER PASCOE, of New Zealand, reports that two others have recently started keeping the Sabbath at Dannevirke, and that some thirteen meet together on the Sabbath at Woodville.

BOTH Sister Crase and Sister Price are recent graduates from the Sanitarium nurses' class. As these new workers go out to engage in untried duties, we trust that their courage and strength will continue to increase as they realise that others are praying for their success.

BRETHREN C. A. Paap and F. E. Lyndon have recently begun tent meetings at Stratford, New Zealand, a place of some 3,000 inhabitants. They are but twelve miles from Mt. Egmont, and so are experiencing changeable weather. We hope to be able to give a report of the meetings in a later issue.

By the last American mail we received word of the death of Sister Marion Davis, who for many years has labored faithfully for Sister White, and who was with her while in Australia. Sister Davis has been failing for a long time and has at last been laid to rest, worn out with life's trials and labors, but with the bright assurance of soon seeing the return of the Lord.

A LETTER just received from Brother Caldwell says, "We arrived safely in Singapore, thanking our Father in heaven for His protection during the long voyage. We have not yet settled down, as there is not a house suitable to be had, unless we pay a large rent. The weather has been tolerable so far. The boat was one month on her trip here. Her speed was only ten knots an hour, and the different ports of call made it a long, but pleasant voyage."

ABOUT the middle of November Miss Jessie Johnstone, one of the secretaries of the New Zealand Tract Society, was called to the death-bed of her half-brother, who died of typhoid fever at the place where he worked near Wellington. She was made acquainted with his condition only three days before he died. Her father came up from Dunedin, and she has returned with him for a needed holiday, after two years steady office work. She will be at the camp-meeting and will return to the office immediately after it.

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Notice.

THE New South Wales Camp-meeting is to be held at Mosman, Sydney, from December 29, 1904, to January 8, 1905. For further details, read the article in another column of this issue.

INASMUCH as the camp-meeting will extend over the first Sabbath in the new quarter, it will be well to postpone the "ordinances" until January 14 or 21. We desire the church elders and leaders of companies to take special notice of this announcement.

AT the meeting of the General Conference Committee held in September, \$2,000 (£412) was appropriated to start the work in the Philippines. These islands are in the mission field of the Australasian Union Conference. In view of this it was decided that it would be well for Pastor G. A. Irwin to go to the General Conference by way of the East Indies, calling at Singapore to counsel with the brethren who have recently gone there, and visiting the Philippines. He will thus be better prepared to present plans to the General Conference for starting the work in those islands. He sailed on December 1, by the *S. S. Guthrie*. During the absence of Pastor Irwin, Pastor W. L. H. Baker, Vice-President of the Australasian Union Conference, will take charge of the work.

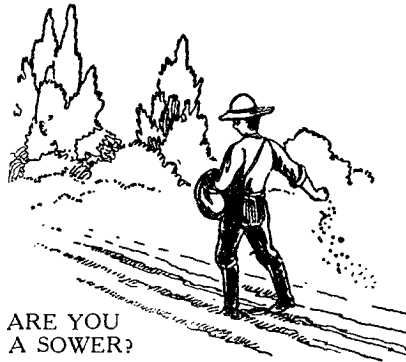
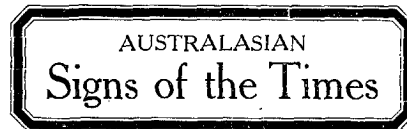
Educational Meeting.

Sabbath, January 14, 1905.

WE would call the attention of all our church elders and laborers to the fact that Sabbath, Jan. 14, 1905, is the date for holding our next Educational Meeting. The reading will be entitled "Our Youth and Children Demand our Care." This is a timely article from the pen of Sister White, and is filled with valuable in-

struction in reference to the work that should be done for our youth and children. We trust that all who are called to lead the meetings on this Sabbath will do their utmost to make the meeting interesting and instructive.

C. W. IRWIN.



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Australasian Signs of the Times.

CONSCIENCE in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.—*Solomon.*

The "Record" List.

IN looking over the RECORD subscription list, we find that a number of individual subscriptions as well as clubs expire with this issue, hence, in order to secure its regular visits, such subscriptions should be renewed at once.

Time is advancing rapidly, and events that have a bearing upon our work are following each other in rapid succession. In order to keep pace with the onward march of events, you need the fortnightly visits of our little paper, THE UNION CONFERENCE RECORD.

One reader, renewing his subscription, writes to us as follows:—

"I cannot afford to miss the visits of this little paper, for my heart has often been cheered by reading its pages, especially the reports from foreign fields, and also from our own land, how the message is winning its way. All points out to the believer that the end is near. Let us all strive to make our calling and election sure."

We feel sure that there are many others who feel the same as this brother: We trust that the librarian of each church will look into this matter, and ascertain the number of subscriptions that are expiring or that have previously expired and have not been renewed, and solicit renewals at once. Do not stop with renewals, but keep on, perseveringly, until every family in your church or single individual who is not a member of some family, is taking the paper. Our subscription list should be greatly increased within the next few months, and can be by a little energetic effort on the part of the librarian, or church clerk where there is no librarian. Such effort will be benefiting individuals, as well as advancing the cause of truth. Let all put "heart and soul" into this work.

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