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

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ARISE AND SHINE.

Arise and shine, ye children of the light!
The night is gone, the sun is shining
bright.

Your light is come, no more in darkness
pine;
Wake from your slumber, and arise and
shine!

We watch each passing day and changing
year,
And know the day of days will soon be
here.

Stirred by a hope so great and so divine,
O, children of the light, arise and shine!

Send forth the light through all the earth
abroad:

Tell out the story of the Lamb of God;
Till all the tribes that now in darkness
pine,

Shall hail the glory, and arise and shine!
—A. B. Simpson.

To Our Church-members in Australasia.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS,—

In the night season I was speaking to assemblies of our people in Australasia. I now wish to say to you with my pen that which, if it were possible, I would gladly say with my voice.

The Lord calls your attention to His Word. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." The truth will triumph gloriously. Let the churches begin to do the work that the Lord has given them,—the work of opening the Scriptures to those who are in darkness. My brethren and sisters, there are souls in your neighborhood, who, if they were judiciously labored for, would be converted. Efforts must be made for those who do not understand the Word. Let those who profess to believe the truth become partakers of the divine nature, and then they will see that the fields are ripe for the work that all can do whose souls are prepared by living the Word. I entreat you to begin to work for those who are unconverted. Let the beams of light shining upon your own pathway shine upon the pathway

of others. Think of how much truth you can give them by presenting a plain "Thus saith the Lord."

"Ye sent unto John," Christ said, "and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me. And the Father Himself, which hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape. And ye have not His word abiding in you: for whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life."

There are many in our churches to whom these words are applicable, "Ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life." I am charged to present this chapter, the fifth of John, to our churches. Unless those who have had such great light, shall awake from their sleep, and keep their lamps burning, they will slumber until they will at last find that their lamps are without oil. Now, now, without delay, let our people improve the opportunity to arise and shine. Let them take the Bible, and on their knees before God confess their sins of neglect. Let every other consideration become secondary. Earthly, common business is of little consequence compared with eternal interests.

Awake, ye sleeping virgins, and trim your lamps. With the Bible in your hands, go to your neighbors with the message of present truth. In the spirit of deep repentance confess your past neglect in the assembly of God's people, as they meet to worship God. Then the Lord will pardon your transgressions and forgive your sin. If you feel that you have not the ability nor the

knowledge that are needed in order to present the truth to others, read your neglected Bible, and seek for an understanding of the truth as it is in Jesus. Many have not developed a Christlike character in the daily life and conversation. They have not lived for the Lord Jesus and for Him alone, daily gaining a fitness to unite with those who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. There are many church-members who have not cherished love and respect for one another. Let the members of our churches in Australasia now obtain oil for their vessels with their lamps,—the holy oil of experience gained by developing Christlike traits of character.

Before it is forever too late, study the Scriptures with prayer. Let all church-members cease to speak the language of condemnation, and begin to work intelligently to obtain the pearl of great price,—the meekness and lowliness of Him who took humanity upon Himself that human beings might be partakers of the divine nature. Let there be heard no unkind comments about others. Let each one remember that his own case needs to be cured by a practice of the precepts found in the Word of God. Let no soul exalt himself or herself. Let not one word be spoken to disparage others. Seek instead to speak words that will bring courage and hope to those who are perishing out of Christ.

Let fathers and mothers seek together for the truths found in the Word of God. Let them clothe their speech with the language of a converted soul, and then, with great earnestness and love, encircle their children with the influence of truly sanctified hearts. The Scriptures are to be to them the bread of life, and their great lesson book.

May the Lord help you to understand His Word. If you will heed and practise this Word, you will become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Let our ministers and teachers seek knowledge from the one true source. Let them seek the

Lord with much prayer, earnestly searching His Word to find the hidden treasure. Now, just now, is the golden opportunity to understand the truths of the Word, and let this opportunity be improved by all. Let the book of Daniel be read, and its instruction heeded.

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. . . . Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou (Daniel) thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Daniel is to-day standing in his lot, and we are to give him place to speak to the people. Our message is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

These words present the work that we are to do in these last days. We are not one-half awake. We have not the power that is essential to the doing of the work that must be done. We must come into life, come into union. Now, just now, we must stand in that position where repentance and pardon shall be the striking features of our work. There must be no quarrelling. It is too late to engage with Satan in his work of blinding eyes. It is too late to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

I am instructed to say that when the Holy Spirit gives tongue and utterance, we shall see a work done similar to that done on the day of Pentecost. The representatives of Christ will work intelligently. There will not be found one man here and another there seeking to tear down and destroy.

"Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you, seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek

meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

ELLEN G. WHITE.

Sanitarium, California, January 17, 1907.

A Reported Cure for the Opium Habit.

IN the December number of the *Malaysia Message* is a report, nearly four columns in length, of the discovery of a plant variously known as Sleeping Dragon, Goose, or Goat's Milk, which, when steeped in water and the decoction drunk, will cure the opium habit. Scores of authentic cases are given in which this has actually been done.

An article appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of January 25, speaking of the same thing. The writer of the article in the *Malaysia Message* is personally known to me, and has been for the last fifteen years, as a minister of high character belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

After relating how the plant was discovered in Jebebu, in the Malay Peninsula, by a Chinaman, and was brought over to Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the federated Malay States, he goes on to say that at his mission house and other places in the town, no less than 2000 persons per day were supplied free with the medicine, until in all some 25,000 men had been supplied with it, and the Government had lost no less than £4000 in the diminished sale of the drug, in a single month. He further says that he has carefully investigated the matter, and found many genuine cures without any bad after-effects or desire to continue the use of the herb.

He waxes very eloquent over the matter, and hopes that now the Chinese have demonstrated their desire to break away from the use of the drug, the Government will take active steps to abolish the sale of the destructive poison, and henceforth abandon such a polluted source of revenue. Inasmuch as the present Government in England has declared in favor of abolishing the opium traffic between India and China, and the Chinese Imperial Government has passed regulations looking to a complete prohibition of the use of the drug within ten years, it seems as though the fullness of time has come for the Lord to work for China and the Chinese.

The Chinese in Singapore are enthusiastic in offering to support our

missionaries in the anti-opium crusade, in every way, and we should rejoice, and pray that this good work may go on until China and the British Colonies shall have as stringent regulations as Japan has. So resolute is the Japanese Government, that several soldiers have been convicted of the use of opium, and after the court-martial, taken out and shot.

Mr. Yee Hing, Chairman of the Anti-Opium League of New South Wales, is taking steps to secure the plant, or seeds of it, and to introduce it into this country, so that opium-users here may have the benefit of this wonderful nature cure.

Should the reports be fully confirmed, this will be one of the most marked providential occurrences that have taken place in many years. I can see how it can be made to prepare the way for the work of evangelizing the Chinese, especially as it brings the well-nigh hopeless opium victim within reach of the gospel that saves.

When men who have smoked opium for twenty-five or thirty years can, in a few weeks, break off the use of the drug entirely, and then bring their pipes and destroy them before their friends, it would seem to be pretty clear proof that the Sleeping Dragon plant possesses a wonderful power to destroy the appetite for opium. Let us hope that it may prove all that it is reported to be.

R. W. MUNSON.

"The greatest men we've ever had
Have started in a humble way:
They have seen the light,—tried to do
what is right,
And kept striving day after day.
So then, let us work for the best in life,
Only rest when our work is done:
Money and leisure others may have,—
What they've lost, we shall have won."

"ALL the work we do that is necessary to be done, be it washing dishes, setting tables, waiting upon the sick, cooking, or washing, is of moral importance; and until you can cheerfully and happily take up these duties, you are not fitted for greater and higher duties. The humble tasks before us are to be taken up by someone, and those who do them should feel that they are doing a necessary and honorable work, and that in their mission, humble though it may be, they are doing the work of God just as surely as was Gabriel when sent to the prophets."
—*Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 79.*

The World-wide Field.

OUR FIELD IS THE WORLD.

“ Our field is the world ; let us forth to the sowing,
 O'er valley and mountain, o'er desert and plain,
 Beside the still waters, through cool meadows flowing,
 Or regions unblest by the dew and the rain ;
 Let us scatter the seed, though in sorrow and weeping,
 Though fields should be verdureless, wintry, and bare,
 The Lord of the harvest has still in His keeping
 Each seed as it falls, and will keep it with care.”

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Letter from China.
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It is some time now since we have heard anything through the RECORD of Brother and Sister Allum. Our readers will be glad to learn that at the latest writing they were both well, and that they were still happy in their work. We quote the following from a letter from Sister Allum, bearing date of January 8 :—

It is indeed good to be out in the field. I feel so rich when I think of all the third angel's message is to us, and of our glorious hope. The Lord blesses us so richly here, and although we have had to face many difficulties, and what would once have been severe trials, yet these are but very small in comparison with the blessings we are receiving.

We have just received a telegram saying that Pastors Prescott and Anderson will be in Tientsin on the 18th of this month, and as the conference of the Honan workers is to be held here at our station, we expect them here about January 21. It is indeed a privilege to have all the workers meet here. We expect about twenty altogether. After the Honan meeting a general meeting is to be held at Shanghai, and Brother Gates expects to be present at that meeting. It is good to think of general meetings in China, and they will surely strengthen the hands of the workers here.

Dr. Miller's brother and Brother Gibson arrived from America some six weeks ago, so we are now a family of five. All are really good company, and we do not get lonely. We are still plodding steadily along with the language, and hope some day to be able to speak intelligently.

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 ONE of our lady missionaries to a foreign field, who had had more experience in office work than in house-keeping, writes thus of her new duties : “ To-day we have been bottling pears and making bread, and have been quite busy. I do enjoy housekeepin’

so much. It is so interesting to learn new ways of doing things, and to see them turn out alright. It gives me just as much pleasure, if not more, to see the bread turn out a success, as it did to have a trial balance come out correctly.”

Our Mission Field.

THE AWAKENING.

It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom. 13: 11.

Lord, Thy ransomed church is waking
 Out of slumber far and near,
 Knowing that the morn is breaking
 When the Bridegroom shall appear ;
 Waking up to claim the treasure
 With Thy precious lifeblood bought,
 And to trust in fuller measure
 All Thy wondrous death hath wrought.

Set on fire our heart's devotion
 With the love of Thy dear name ;
 Till o'er every land and ocean
 Lips and lives Thy cross proclaim :
 Fix our eyes on Thy returning,
 Keeping watch till Thou shalt come,
 Loins well girt, lamps brightly burning :
 Then, Lord, take Thy servants home.
 —Selected.

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Manila.
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ON January 15, Brother Gates, in a letter, gives the following interesting information in reference to his stay in Manila :—

“ Since I came here, we have secured a new place for our mission, Brother and Sister McElhaney having lived in two rooms in an unhealthy part of the city. We are now in the better part of the city, right near the beautiful public park, the Luneta, as it is called. The mission quarters are in a part of a house occupied by another family, but there is space enough in it for us, and a room for Bible-readings and small meetings. As rent is so high we had to do in that way for the present. We are not far from the Intramuros (Walled City), where the big Catholic cathedral and eleven other immense churches are in a space less than half a mile square. Since American occupation the other denominations have been crowding in here, and now there is a very large Episcopal cathedral only a little distance from our mission, while a little further away the Presbyterians have been putting up a fine concrete structure. On the other side of us is a fine, new, Methodist church.

“ We have been out among the people getting acquainted with all classes

Yesterday we called on the editor of the *Manila Times*, one of the leading papers. In the afternoon of the same day the notice of my visit was inserted. The editor was very friendly, and took some copies of *Liberty* that I gave him. I promised that I would send them regularly to him. We also gave him copies of the *American Signs*. He showed much interest in the *Good Health*, and said it was an important thing for the people here, as they had to live so much on canned meats and other canned foods.

“ We called on the publisher of the city directory. He had heard of our people in America, and showed the deepest interest in our health work, as he was not well at the time. We took his order for the *Good Health*, and gave him copies of the *Signs*, for which he was very thankful. If we had a sanitarium here, he would patronize it at once, but cannot go away to do so as it would break up his business. I am certain our health foods will have a good sale here as soon as we get them on the market. Brother McElhaney has already ordered some to see how they will take. This is a hard place to get anything worth eating, and everything is very high-priced.

“ A few days ago an intelligent Japanese and I got into conversation. He seemed interested, and gave me his address, and took some literature. I am satisfied that we will find hundreds of people here who will be interested in our special truths. Yesterday a letter came to Brother McElhaney from a Filipino in the other part of the group, asking the price of the Spanish paper. Brother McElhaney had sent out some papers and tracts, with his address on them, to some names given him, and this name was among them.

“ The night before last, by invitation of the leading men of the Y. M. C. A., I spoke to about forty persons in their fine rooms, on the subject of our missions in the Pacific. The evening after the Sabbath I am to speak again. They gave the best attention. So far there has been no special opposition to our work, but it will come when the people become interested in our special truths.

“ The best work being done here by the other churches is the circulating of the Bible. I had a pleasant visit with the Bible agent of the American Bible Society, and learned some interesting facts about their work. This man alone circulated 13,000 copies of the Bible, besides portions of it, in eight months, in the Cavite Province and in Nigros Island. He goes to the villages with some musical instruments, and after entertaining them for a while

(hundreds come together to hear the music), he brings out his Bibles and sells them. Then he goes to every house, and canvasses the people. A Bible portion is sold for ten cents, Filipino money, equivalent to twopence half-penny. This is less than the cost of it. He told me that if we wanted any Bibles or portions of them, we might have them. I think we will take advantage of the offer as soon as possible, for the people must have the Word of God or we can do but little for them.

"The Bible agent to whom I referred gave me the following facts about the different dialects in which the Bible is being circulated. In Tagalog they have the whole Bible; in Ilocano, the New Testament and a portion of the Old; in the Visayan, Cebuan, and in the tongue of the people of Panay, two different dialects, the New Testament. The Pangasinan people have the Bible portions; the Panpangans have the New Testament; the Bicolans have the Gospel of Luke only. These are but a small part of the different dialects. You can see what a task it is going to be to reach all the natives of these islands.

"I came here at just the right time to see the islands at their best so far as weather is concerned. Though this is a very hot place during the most of the year, the weather now is very pleasant. Up in the mountains at Benguet they have frosts occasionally. This city has been a very unhealthy place, and is to a great extent still; but since American occupation a great change has taken place for the better. It stands on land but a very few feet above the sea level. For centuries this city has had no sewers, but all the drainage has gone into the soil. Previous to the advent of the Americans the streets received most of the filth of the city. Now the Government is putting in a splendid sewer system that will cost millions. This gives employment to hundreds of natives. Extensive dredging operations are being carried on in the harbour, and great breakwaters are being built that will in time make an excellent harbour.

"I have had an invitation from Pastor Anderson of China to attend the general meeting at Shanghai next month. As our field in the East Indies is so similar to the China field, and as we must look to that country for Chinese literature and helpers, I feel inclined to go. Professor Prescott from Washington is to be at this meeting in China."

Singapore.

It is our privilege to write to you of the progress of the cause in Singapore. First of all, we are truly thankful to be entrusted with such an important work in a difficult field. There are times when it looks as if the enemy were getting all his own way, but the sun shines behind every dark cloud. Brethren Mills and Fletcher have been a great comfort and blessing to us since coming here, by the cheerful manner in which they have taken up their work, and they are meeting with some interesting experiences in their labors. We pray that their health and courage may continue to hold good.

Recently two sailor brethren from a British man-of-war landed here, having just come from Calcutta, where they met our brethren in conference. They were filled with the warm, loving spirit they had found among our brethren in India. They had first heard the truth from Sister Zettie Simmonds, of St. Lucia, West Indies, and were never tired of telling of the zeal and vigor of this lonely worker while she visited, held meetings every night, canvassed, boarded ships, and lodged strangers.

Their impressions of Seventh-day-Adventism were gotten from this earnest, working sister, and they turned their backs on the dead formalism of the other churches. They had caught the fire of the apostolic zeal, and desired no more of the husks of Babylon. It did us good to listen to, and learn some good things from, these warm-hearted sailors.

Last Sunday the chaplain of the ship preached a sermon against the Sabbath, which started the crew inquiring, so these two brethren stepped right in with appropriate tracts with which we supplied them, and before they sailed, two days after, there were several men interested in the truth, and we hope a good number will accept it. I trust it will not be long before some warm-hearted worker will take up the ship work. The angel "set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the earth." The message is hastening by sea and land. God speed it until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

We are endeavoring to bring all in our company here under organization for missionary service, although they have before done fairly well in this.

We have visited some places to locate our country school, but have not yet been able to come to any decided terms, likewise with our church-building land in

the city. We are on the wing in these matters. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, . . . spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left." Our confidence is in God and our courage is good.

G. F. JONES.

A LITTLE HELP IS WORTH A DEAL OF PITY.

I have seen the blind man walking
Along the busy street;
I have heard the people talking,
As they watched his shambling feet;
I have marked the words of pity,
As they saw him pass along,
Through the over-crowded city,
Mid the ever-busy throng;
And I've seen the bright-eyed school-boy
Leave his brothers at their play,
To help the sightless stranger
Across the busy way.
Ah, the pity was not worthless,
Though it lent no kindly hand,
But that little help out-valued
All the pity in the land.

I have seen the little orphan
Left without a mother's care;
I have heard the words of sorrow
That the neighbors had to spare;
I've heard them say, "The poorhouse
Is meant for such as she;"
And though very sorry for her,
"Well, she has no claim on me."
And I've seen the toiling widow,
With children half a score,
Take the lonely orphan
To her hospitable door.
There were fifty folks who pitied,
There was only one to aid,
But the one excelled the fifty,
As the sun excels the shade.

I have heard the school-boy sighing
O'er his lessons, home from school;
I've seen him vainly trying
To master some new rule;
I've marked the words of pity
That his brother's lips supplied,
And I've seen the dewy tear-drops
That yet remained undried.
Then I've seen his mother gently
Take his blunder-covered slate
And with loving effort help him
Make his crooked answers straight.
That pity, though a brother's,
Was forgotten in a day,
But that loving help of mother's
Will never pass away.

O, let pity lead to action,
For the world is full of need;
There are many eyes that water,
There are many hearts that bleed,
There are wounds that all want binding
There are feet that go astray,
There are tears all hot and blinding
That our hands can wipe away.
Let us ever act as brothers
Ne'er with pity be content,
Always doing good to others
Both in actions and intent.
Though the pity may be useful,
'Tis but little, if 'tis all,
And the smallest piece of needed help
Is better far than all.—Selected.

A Norfolk Island Letter.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,—

We have been here nearly two months, and are beginning to feel at home on this beautiful little island.

The island is of volcanic origin, and is very hilly throughout, with deep, rich valleys, in which most of the cultivation is done. Quite a variety of native fruits and vegetables grow freely without much labor. The whole island, with the exception of the cultivated patches, is a carpet of green the whole year round.

The natives of Norfolk seem very happy and contented. There is very little money here, as the island is shut away from the great, busy world, where, in all probability, a large trade could be done in fruit and vegetables. But the people generally seem to get along as well as those in other lands, where money flows freely and trade is brisk.

One of the chief industries is whale-fishing and manufacturing sperm oil. But for some years this industry has not proved very lucrative through the scarcity of whales and poor prices for oil.

The people generally are religious; and there being no intoxicating drink allowed on the island, very little immorality is seen. Since the settlement of Norfolk by this people fifty years ago, there has not been a murder, a case of house-breaking, nor a robbery committed.

Until quite recently, they have always governed themselves. The people feel a little uneasy just now, as the British Government has stationed a magistrate on the island to take charge of all civil matters. The old islanders regard this as an uncalled-for action, and feel that they are losing their right of self-government.

I think there is no more favorable place in the world for Sabbath-keeping than here, as everyone is his own master, and can work just when he likes. But in going among the people, and presenting the truth, we find the same arguments used as in Australia. The other missions here belong to the Church of England and the Methodists only. We are of good courage, and feel hopeful that some will be led to take their stand for the truth. The one great trouble is that they fear their own relatives. To turn away from the church of their parents is a dreadful thing in their minds. So many hang back, but we hope to help them over this difficulty. We pray that the Lord will give these dear people courage of heart, and faith in His promises, to step

out and obey.

At present, our little company here numbers thirty, including children of over eight years. We ask the dear ones at home to remember our work in this isolated island, and pray that we may be useful in gathering out some precious souls for the heavenly garner.

Owing to the scarcity of money, the people are not able to purchase much clothing. They make their own hats from straw grown on the island. The people, generally speaking, wear no boots. Men and women alike prefer to go barefooted. The only clothing worn by the men is a cotton shirt and thin cotton pants. This is sufficient in this climate.

We could use literature such as *Signs* and *Signs of the Times* leaflets, etc., to great advantage here, also children's clothing. This would be very acceptable, and would enable some of the mothers to bring their children to our meetings. We shall be pleased to tell you more of our work later. We shall reap if we faint not.

Your Brother in Christ,

HARRY MITCHELL.

January 20, 1907.

OUR FIELD WORK.

Victorian Camp-meeting.

THIS meeting was held at Northcote, on the outskirts of Melbourne, in a district where considerable work has been done from time to time in the circulation of our literature, as a number of our people live in that vicinity.

The meeting opened on Thursday evening, February 14, and closed on Monday morning, February 25. The weather throughout the meeting was very favorable, as was also the location. The camp was composed of sixty-four family tents, not including the meeting tents. The attendance of our own people was considerably larger than that of the previous year. The entire meeting was a very refreshing season. From its commencement to the close, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit's working was very manifest. The attendance from the outside was quite large, especially on the two Sundays of the meeting. There seemed to be a growing interest, the truth being listened to with marked attention. The laborers present, in addition to those of the local confer-

ence, were Dr. Kress, Pastors Fulton, Hoopes, and Hennig, and the writer. The Lord gave much freedom in the presentation of the truth and in the studies that were conducted, both in the large tent and among the youth and children.

One interesting feature was the presence of so large a number of people who have recently accepted the truth, rejoicing in their first love, and so eager to receive every ray of light. It was encouraging to see how the interest grew day by day; this was manifest in the district meetings, in which all took part.

As the solemn message of warning was presented, with the responsibility of our people living in such a time as this, amidst the darkness of the last days, when Satan is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, together with our high calling and privileges in Christ Jesus, a feeling of deep solemnity rested upon the congregation; and there was an earnest reaching out after a deeper spiritual experience, and for the Holy Spirit's power that will enable us to stand in the day of the Lord. Many who were burdened and troubled, some having lost their hold upon the Lord, and others laboring under various discouragements, accepted the invitation to come forward and seek the Lord. Among these was a goodly number of young people who gave their hearts to God for the first time. This was especially so on the two Sabbaths of the camp. These days were days of great blessings to the entire congregation. The young people of the camp made decided advances in their experience, and we were glad to hear their testimonies not only in the young people's meetings, but also in the large congregation. We would have been glad to have seen more of the older believers present.

On Sunday morning eighteen souls went forward in the ordinance of baptism. Two had gone forward on the previous Thursday, making twenty in all!

The business of the conference passed off very pleasantly. Many important features of the work were considered. We are glad to see the work rising in Victoria. We have entered upon most solemn times, times when lines are being drawn, and decisions made that will determine our eternal destiny. May the Lord help us to sense the situation, and be ready to fulfill its demands.

Brother Baker was unanimously elected President of the Conference. We trust that the year to come may be blessed even more than the past one.

The meeting closed with an excellent praise service. A part of the 17th chapter of John was read—that exceedingly precious prayer of the Saviour with all its blessings—and it seemed more appreciated than ever before. This was followed by a most interesting testimony meeting. Many were on their feet waiting for an opportunity to voice their expressions of gratitude and glory to God.

Thus closed this blessed meeting, and all returned to their homes with new courage and strength to press forward to the final consummation.

O. A. OLSEN.

West Australia.

I AM glad to report only courage and progress in the work in this State. I have been on a tour during the past month for the purpose of visiting our people in the eastern district. I first visited Narrogin, where Brother Walldorff has been laboring for the past eighteen months. I was greatly pleased to find twelve earnest people keeping the Sabbath. I felt to praise God for victories in this place. Brethren Howie and Walldorff first sowed the seed in their tent mission eighteen months ago. The Lord has promised that we "shall reap in *due time* if we *faint not*." The work has met with bitter opposition, but thanks be to God, who always gives us the victory, for the success we have obtained.

I next visited our people at Pingelly, and was greatly encouraged to find them full of hope, and working hard to spread the truth. On my way to York I called on Sister Taylor, who has been keeping the Sabbath four years all alone. She has been visited only once by a worker during that time, and I was glad to find her still loving the truth, and walking in the light as far as she knows. Let us remember the isolated ones as we meet for worship from Sabbath to Sabbath.

We had good meetings with the little company at York. Several have moved away, but those remaining are working hard to interest their neighbors; as a result there is some interest which should soon be looked after.

I was glad to meet with the church at Quellington. Over a year had elapsed since my previous visit, and I was

glad to note their advancement in the divine life.

I then spent ten days with our people at Wongamine, Juridine, and Northam, visiting and preparing some for baptism. On February 2, five dear souls followed their Lord in this sacred ordinance. A church of eleven members was organized. Some, whom we hope will unite with the church later on, were unable to be present. This church is largely the result of the faithful work of Brother Howie.

On my way to Perth I held one meeting with the church at Jumperding. There are some interested ones in this place that demand help. Let us earnestly pray "the Lord of the harvest" to send more laborers into the field.

Pastor Hilliard and Brother Howie moved the tent to Busselton, but found no interest there. In some places darkness so enshrouds the people, and the god of this world so blinds the minds of men, that they do not care to hear of the stirring events which are just before us. Brother Prees reports some interest at Caversham, and hopes soon to see some results. Sister Freeman finds many in Perth to whom she is able to speak words of courage and good cheer. Sister Dawkins reports many interested people at Kalgoorlie. Sister Clarke is still working in Bunbury and Brunswick.

The canvassing report for January shows the largest returns since I have been in this State. Our State agent is full of courage, and we are very glad to see God's blessing resting on his faithful efforts.

We are glad to report progress in our school enterprise. There are now six students working on the place and pursuing studies. Brother Martin is working in earnest to get the buildings ready for the opening, soon after the camp-meeting. We hope soon to buy the material for the new building. The work of plastering the old one is going on. Brother Martin of Quellington has kindly offered to plaster it free of charge. The school has a nice garden started now, and things are taking on a changed appearance. Brethren, remember this enterprise in your prayers.

L. V. FINSTER.

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

ON Sabbath afternoon, February 16, a young people's society was organized at Marrickville. We believe these young people will take hold of the plans pre-

sented to them from time to time with earnestness, and do their part in securing funds for our "Singapore Teacher's Fund."

WHAT are you doing for your neighbors? Have they read "God's Message for To-day"? This is a tract which should be used freely by all who love this truth. Send your order to your tract society, and place a copy in your neighbor's home.

THE work at Marrickville is encouraging. As the principles of successful missionary work are studied from the Bible and the Testimonies, a greater desire is created in the hearts of many for that wisdom that "winneth souls."

The following reports were given at the weekly missionary meeting by the members present, for the first month after their organisation. This does not represent all the work of the members, many being unable to attend the meetings.

No. of pages of Tracts loaned ...	4842
" " " given away ...	1933
" " " sold ...	44
No. of <i>Signs of the Times</i> posted ...	20
" " " given away ...	90
" " " sold ...	22
" " " loaned ...	22
No. of <i>Aust. Good Healths</i> sold ...	2
" " " given away ...	3
No. of Christian visits made ...	16
" Bible-readings given ...	18
" Books loaned ...	23
" Cottage meetings held ...	2
" Christian help visits ...	2
" Letters written ...	8
" Letters received ...	2
" Christian visits made ...	25

We know that the Lord will care for this seed, and cause it to bring forth an abundant harvest in His own good time. This being a small company, we consider the report an excellent one.

L. M. GREGG.

IN response to a circular letter sent from our Tract Society office, suggesting that a club of the RECORD be taken weekly, and supplied at one penny per copy, several churches have sent in orders which supply every family with this paper. We are anxious to hear from other churches. No family can afford to be without the reports and counsel given from week to week in the columns of the RECORD. Will our church elders and missionary secretaries help us in this? Visit every family in your church, and endeavor to induce them to buy this paper weekly, if they cannot send in their order for the year. This is good home missionary work, and will result

in awakening an interest in other lines of work in your church. L. M. G.

Mission Studies for the Sabbath-school.

Questions on "Singapore as Our Headquarters for Malaysia."

See last week's Record for answers to these questions.

1. To what was Singapore compared?
2. What form the spokes of the wheel?
3. How was Pastor Irwin impressed with Singapore?
4. What did he say should be done for Singapore?
5. To what is our Singapore press compared?
6. What constitute the rays of light?
7. How will our literature be carried to all these many islands?
8. In what languages must our press be printing soon?
9. What is essential in order to train a skilled staff of workers?
10. Who will furnish the rough material?
11. Have we an adequate staff of teachers?
12. What are we exhorted to do?

R. W. M.

"The Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists."

MANY have been anxious for some time to secure the book, "The Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists." We are glad to inform our readers that this book has now been revised and brought up to date, and can be secured from your state tract society under the name of "The Great Second Advent Movement," by J. N. Loughborough. The price is 6s. All who desire to become acquainted with the early history of this message should secure a copy.

HAVE you secured the "Missionary Idea" for your library yet? All who are interested in aggressive missionary work should not fail to read this good book. It contains many helpful suggestions in various lines of work, and all leaders of missionary societies and young people's meetings should secure a copy early. Price, 4s 6d. Order from your state tract society.

SELFISHNESS prevents us from beholding God.—*Desire of Ages.*

Launceston Church-school.

WE have a little school in Launceston at last, which is progressing well. On January 21, we opened with fifteen students. Next morning we had twenty, and in the afternoon, twenty-two. Last week we had twenty-six, and this week three more are expected. In order to accommodate these students, we have had to throw open the doors between the church and school-room, and are getting some more seats this week. The Lord is blessing us abundantly, and I am kept very busy. I am training some of the older ones to be helpers.

EDITH HILL.

Humility.

"GOD resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Jas. 4 : 6. The answer of Augustine to the question, "What is the first thing in religion?" was "Humility." "And what is the second?"—"Humility." "And what is the third?"—"Humility." This contains a truth which stands out more distinctly the more it is reviewed in the light of Scripture.

Humility is the only thing required in every disciple who enters the school of Christ, and the most difficult lesson which He sets before His most advanced scholars. Augustine said truly when speaking of pride, "That which first overcame man is the last thing he overcomes." To the scholar in the sixth form, as well as to the scholar in the first, the Master says daily, "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls."—*Selected.*

"THE more humble our hearts, the more will God delight to enrich us with grace; and the more we are enriched with grace, the more humbly and gratefully shall we delight to return Him all the glory. 'God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.'"

"'HELPETH our infirmities' in Rom. 8 : 26 literally implies a taking hold of our burden and putting His shoulder under it, and thus sustaining the weight to prevent its crushing us."

TIME is a precious cordial dealt out to us drop by drop and moment by moment.—*Bishop Horne.*

Notes and Personals.

BROTHER CARR of Fiji writes, February 19: "Brother Parker had a good time in Colo, baptizing seventeen or eighteen. He was able to visit one town only on account of heavy and continuous rains. We have been guided in a very marked manner by our Heavenly Father in various matters lately, and we thank Him for the many evidences of His care for us."

SISTER TEASDALE, who has been appointed secretary of the Sabbath-school Department in Java, writes: "At the present time we number six adults and five children, making eleven in all in our Sabbath-school. Sister Skadshiem teaches the senior class, and Mr. Teasdale takes the Bible study after. The first two or three Sabbaths we met at Brother Fox's house, but going out in the sun in the heat of the day, nearly a mile, proved too much for us, not being used to the climate. So it was unanimously decided that they come to our place instead. We have never seen more rapid growth than in this school so far. The Sabbath-school lessons seem a source of great help to them. We are very glad indeed to be here, and daily ask our Heavenly Father for wisdom and guidance, that we may lay a good foundation for work in this place. There seem to be new interests opening up nearly every day. We meet fresh people, and they seem quite willing to listen to the truths we hold. Almost all of them are Dutch, but they can speak a little English. Just while I have been writing, a servant came with a note from the American Consular Agent, asking if we could let him have some granose biscuits, as he was going for a day or two away from home, and he thought they would do him good. We had given him some to try a few days before, and a *Good Health*. Mr. Teasdale has been to see him several times, and he has loaned us books on Java to read, and seems to have taken quite an interest in us. There is another young man, who is a vegetarian. We invited him to dine with us one day, and gave him some of our foods to try. The other day he sent to inquire if we could let him have some of those biscuits, as he was sick. Mr. Teasdale went to see him, and took a tin of granose biscuits. He seemed glad to buy them. There is a Dutchman who comes three times a week, and Mr. Teasdale is giving him lessons in English. He is reading our tracts, and seems eager to listen to the truth. We are all working hard at the Malay language every day, and have nearly finished our Malay grammar. We know sufficient words now to talk, but have to learn how to put them together. The grammatical construction is so different to ours."

GOD will not suffer one of His true-hearted workers to be left alone, to struggle against great odds and be overcome.—*Ministry of Healing.*

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An Appeal for Our Church-schools.

SATAN is working with the utmost earnestness and tact to captivate our youth and children. Hence he is the enemy of our church-schools. Our church-schools are ordained of God. We wish every one who has not done so would read what is said on this question in Volume 6 of the "Testimonies." We are commanded to establish church-schools, and we are told as plainly to maintain them. Our brethren are called upon to support them. The danger of popular education is manifest to all, and is plainly pointed out by the servant of the Lord. We are told we must work for our children as we would for our lives.

The church-school needs support. It calls for our heartfelt sympathies and our prayers, as well as our means; and I believe it needs the former far more than it does the latter, and it needs that very much. This is a question of very vital importance. There is no question of more consequence than that concerning our children's education. Satan, as before stated, is the avowed enemy of our church-schools. He desires that our children would eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and so debar them from partaking of the tree of life. Shall we continue to remain apathetic over the question?

To my mind we must decide to foster, favor, encourage, and support church-schools. We cannot remain neutral in this matter, for the Lord has spoken plainly on the church-school question. "He that is not for Me," says Christ, "is against Me." Every person should aid in the support of the church-school, whether he has children or not: for nothing comes so near to the heart of the denomination as the proper education of our children.

We have a few schools well-supported and prosperous; but there are others struggling for existence, and others which we ought to start. The weak and struggling ones need our especial help. "For ye have the poor always

with you." We want in the first place to enlist the sympathy and prayers of all our people in behalf of our church-schools. Then we want to ask our brethren to lay aside a small amount each week to be sent into the treasury to assist needy schools. Some who are not directly benefited are now giving one shilling per week; others are giving threepence or sixpence. Is it too much to ask our people throughout the Conference to give to the fund a regular sum weekly? Some may give more or less. Some may not give more than one penny a week. Others can give more. Let each one decide in his own mind what he will do, but let us decide to do something. Is not the matter worthy of consideration? What will you do?

J. E. FULTON.

The Mission of the "Good Health."

WE know that "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." These words were penned by the Apostle to the Gentiles, more than eighteen centuries ago, and a briefer and more comprehensive description of the condition of mankind at the present time could not be found. We see a groaning, perishing creation on the one hand, and a saving, life-giving truth on the other. People are perishing in their sins "for lack of knowledge," while wholesome, God-given literature lies on the shelves of our publishing houses. The disease and the remedy are both with us, the one riding with iron hoof over the hearts and souls of men, the other giving comfort and consolation to the few, yet unknown to the masses.

What can be done to remedy the situation, and get the periodicals bearing the message of health and strength into the hands of the people in these closing moments of probation? Evidently we should, as individuals and churches, arise, and answer the Master's prayer for workers to enter the ripening vineyard. The *Australasian Good Health* has a circulation of only a little over 7,000 copies monthly. A large portion of these are used by a few earnest workers. Let the following appeal come home to those who are doing nothing in circulating the periodicals:—

"The work to be done is great: the world is asleep, and the churches know not the time of their visitation. How can they best learn the truth?—Through the efforts of the canvasser. Here is a work man can lay hold of

and do. All who will consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are giving the last message of warning to the world. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? Let them read the sixth chapter of Isaiah, and take its lessons home to their hearts.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.' The Lord Jesus, standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker. The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power."

Canvassers and sellers of our periodicals are needed in every city, and town, and village. Men, women, and children, both old and young, can do a grand work with the periodicals. The dumb and the blind have been among the most successful workers for our periodicals. The Lord gives success according to the faith of the worker.

The advancing and spreading of this work does not rest upon the shoulders of only a few, but it is a God-given heritage to be participated in by all. "And all the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer, clear and distinct, 'Here am I, send me.'" E. C. CHAPMAN.

ALL who are seeking to work in harmony with God's plan of education will have His sustaining grace, His continual presence, His keeping power. To everyone He says: "Be strong and of good courage. Be not afraid, neither be thou discouraged; for the Lord thy God is with thee. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."—*Ministry of Healing*.

NEVER is one repulsed who comes to Christ with a contrite heart.—*Christ's Object Lessons*.

NOT one single prayer is lost. Amid the anthems of the celestial choir, God hears the cries of the weakest human being. . . . Nothing can drown the soul's desire. It rises above the din of the street, above the confusion of the multitude to the heavenly courts.—*Christ's Object Lessons*.