

# Union Conference Record

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

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## 'TIS BUT A STEP.

Say not that we from heaven are far,  
When holy thoughts thereto may run,  
And every breath of faithful prayer  
Brings answer ere our words are done.

Say not that life is dark or lone,  
That here unseen, unheard, we lie,  
When stooping from His glorious throne,  
The Eternal hears our meanest cry.

Say rather, God and heaven are near,  
And we, by golden links of prayer,  
Are bound with every human fear  
To Him, the highest, holiest there.  
—G. Milner.

## Letter from Doctor Kress to the Sydney Sanitarium Family.

DEAR CO-WORKERS,—

Having a few minutes to-night, and learning that the mail for Australia is about to leave, I thought I would write a few lines to you. Nearly a year has passed since we separated from you and started on our trip to America—it does not seem possible. How quickly the time passes.

If we can only live so that our time is well spent, we may be satisfied. It is certainly our reasonable service to present our bodies a living sacrifice to Him who has loved us and redeemed us from the enemy.

The fact that Jesus is soon coming is another reason why we should be firm, immovable, busily occupied at all times in the Lord's work. I would gladly serve Him day and night. I thank God for the privilege of serving Him here in this life, and of finally being granted the opportunity of serving Him day and night in His temple.

Let it be our meat and drink to do the will of Him who has sent us on our mission to heal the sick and to tell them the kingdom of God has come nigh. Let His work our pleasure be, for nothing can give greater

pleasure than service. I must truthfully say that the only real pleasure I have had for years, has been found in the service of Christ. I have no desire to go sight-seeing or pleasure-hunting. At His right hand I find there are pleasures for evermore, and in His presence there is fulness of joy. We may enter into the joy of our Lord, whose meat and drink was to do His Father's bidding and who delighted to do His will. I can not put upon paper what I have experienced, or feel in my soul to-night.

God has a place for every consecrated worker, and that place, for the present, is where we are. We must do faithfully the work God gives us, whatever it may be. Faithfulness is the only thing that is rewarded. The one who has been faithful in so-called small matters, will receive the "well done" just as surely as the one who has been faithful in greater responsibilities. We may, therefore, all receive the "well done, good and faithful servant." Be true to those whom God has chosen to lead out in the work. Esteem them highly for their work's sake. It is not our surroundings that bring peace and contentment: it is our connection with the Prince of peace, that brings peace. It is our privilege to learn in whatsoever state we are therewith to be content. If we desire rest in activity or under trial, we must learn of Him who is meek and lowly of heart.

I was so glad to learn that you have been able to send two faithful and tried workers to Java and Singapore. May God bless them. These workers I know, and feel certain will not disappoint us. Why do I feel so confident? They have been tested at the Sanitarium, and they have stood the test. Such workers are needed in so many places. Faithfulness where you are, will determine your future usefulness. I have seen so many make a failure of life simply

because they have not recognized this principle.

The time will come when we shall look back over our experiences on earth, and we will see that everything we have been permitted to pass through was needed in developing character. Our present afflictions which may seem hard to bear will then appear very light. We shall say heaven is cheap enough. Moses made a wise choice when he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. He said, Give me the reproach of Christ rather than Egypt's treasures. He might have been a Pharaoh, but suppose he had chosen to be one—then perhaps to-day his mummy body might be exhibited in some museum. Moses, instead, is in heaven, associated with Christ and holy angels. As he looks down and sees some of the bodies of the dead Pharaohs on show, do you suppose he ever regrets his choice? And yet there is a glitter and tinsel to some of these worldly plans and schemes that attract the young and lead many a one to lay aside the eternal and real for the temporal and fanciful. We can not afford to make such an exchange.

How kind it is of our Heavenly Father to call us His sons and daughters. We are that now, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be if faithful. We shall be like Him in every particular. This is a precious promise, and every one that has this hope purifies himself even as Christ is pure.

Be of good courage in the Lord. Endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Lay aside every weight that would impede your progress.

Keep your eyes fixed not on the troubled waters surrounding you, but upon Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith, lest you become weary, and faint in your minds,

Provision has been made for the weakest human being to come off more than conqueror.

The difficulty is not in the provision, and not in the fact that we are weak, but the difficulty lies in the fact that we feel rich on the points where God, and those who observe us as they must give account, see we are poor. There is hope for the one who is willing to receive correction, and who will believe that things which others see wrong in him, exist, even if he does not see them himself.

God calls attention to just such defects through others—not to the defects which we see and know exist, but to the defects we do not know exist. Here is where men and women fail. They are willing to receive correction if something is pointed out that they recognize exists, but when the Lord through His servants points out some defects of which they are ignorant, or which they supposed to be a real virtue, they are apt to resent the correction.

In this way they become hardened in sin, and in time the Lord is compelled to give the command to His angels, "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone." Our only safety is in believing that what those who have our highest good at heart see in us to be wrong, must exist or they could not see it, and then purpose with God's help to put it away.

I shall not be able to write more this time, but would say in conclusion, cultivate unity and brotherly love. Let nothing come in to break your ranks.

Stand shoulder to shoulder. By your prayers and influence, stay up the wearied hands of those upon whom heavy responsibilities rest. You know little, as yet, of the perplexities they have to face day by day. May God richly bless you until His appearing, which will not be long.

I am,

Your Brother and Co-worker  
in Christ,

D. H. KRESS.

Washington Sanitarium, February 15,  
1908.

"COMMON duties are the steps that lead upward and heavenward."

"A FAITHFUL man shall abound with blessings." Prov. 28 : 20.

## \*\*\*\*\* Our Mission Field. \*\*\*\*\*

### Samoa.

WE have now reached the end of the first quarter of our labors in Samoa. This period has been filled with many precious experiences and blessings from Him who has called us to this work. Our work has been largely done among the white population, in the circulation of literature in different ways. We have sent quite a lot of reading matter to the different islands by vessels trading among them.

We have not been able to do much for the natives for want of literature in their language. We have but two small tracts and "Christ Our Saviour" in the Samoan.

What we need is a Samoan filled with the spirit of the message who can translate some of our important truths into the Samoan tongue.

We have been doing what we could in the way of Bible-studies. There are many things at work here that are found in other parts where Satan has led men into heathenism.

The population of all Samoa is about 36,755. Of these about 28,000 are claimed as adherents of the London Missionary Society, 1,000 claim connection with the Mormons, 6,000 are called Wesleyans, and 6,000 are members of the Catholic Church.

While there are, doubtless, many honest hearts among these, it is very evident that, although many have changed the name of their worship, they still cling to many of their evil practices learned while in heathenism. Our hearts yearn to be able to give them the truth for this time. Our prayer is that in the very near future we shall be able to give them the printed page.

At the beginning of this quarter the small company here was formed into a church: during this time we can truly say that God has come very near as we have studied some of the lines of truth that make us a separate people.

Our Sabbath-school also has had a fair measure of the good things God has bestowed. It consists of eleven members. The average attendance is nine. The contributions to the Sumatra Mission were £2 19s. 7d.; and the special collec-

tion for the Fijian press building £1 1s.

On account of our brethren living so far away, we do not have a large attendance at our missionary meeting. Our membership is seven, and for the quarter our report is as follows: Pages given away, 13,251; missionary visits, 42; talks, 16; books ("Christ Our Saviour" in Samoan) sold, 14; books loaned, 8; garments given away, 8; Christian help work, 12 hours; papers loaned, 8; Bible-studies held, 9.

We enter on the new quarter in faith and hope that God will help us in all our needs to press the battle to the gates.

JOSEPH E. STEED.

Apia, Samoa, April 1.

### Singapore.

MARCH 1, at our Training Home, Mount Pleasant, Singapore, Brother Parkin and Sister Ward were united in marriage. There were present at the ceremony about eighty friends.

We wish Brother and Sister Parkin the same love, peace, and strength that exist between Christ and His church.

Brother Parkin, accompanied by Brother Mobbs, will in a few days leave for their canvassing field, and Sister Parkin will remain here to accompany and start out a young Chinese sister in a new experience in canvassing for "Christ Our Saviour" in Malay among the Chinese ladies of Singapore.

We are praying for the success of this new movement. It is a very trying ordeal for a young Chinese girl to break through hard and fast customs, but Teck Sung is no ordinary girl, but possesses the qualities of a successful missionary, and is an enthusiastic convert to our work.

A week hence and we expect the arrival of Brother Johanson to plan with us in the work, and Sister Judge as a "right arm" worker.

Malaysia in its many fields must soon have the message with its various gifts. May our plans and work be so ordered that they will cause the truth to be heard everywhere, that it may be said, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?"

G. F. JONES.

Singapore, March 16, 1908.

"SERMONS preached for the ears of God will reach the hearts of men,"

## Our Canvassers.

### Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

#### Tasmania.

MARCH, 1908.

Desire of Ages—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
D. Ferris .....	73	23	£27 15 0
A. A. Kappler .....	32	37	10 0
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
R. Watson .....	63	5	3 17 0
H. Lane .....	55	8	5 7 0
D. Ferris .....	2	1	5 0
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
H. Darko .....	149	20	14 10 6
<b>Christ Our Saviour—</b>			
H. Darko .....	3		13 6
<b>House We Live In—</b>			
H. Darko .....	4		18 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....		2	9 0
	340	97	£94 5 0

#### Queensland.

MARCH, 1908.

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
B. Judge, Rockl-a .....	84	21	£ 8 12 6
Mrs. Newley, Toowoomba .....	95	36	16 17 8
Mrs. Krutzmann, Gympie .....	31	16	8 13 0
<b>Great Controversy—</b>			
A. Start, Mackay .....	117	61	41 12 6
Miss C. Prebble, Cleveland line .....	1	1	0 0
<b>Patriarchs and Prophets—</b>			
Miss C. Prebble, Cleveland line .....	97	15	12 0 0
W. G. H. Hodgkinson, Samford .....	47	13	10 5
C. F. Hodgkinson, New Farm .....	17	13	9 8 6
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
L. Bailey, Roma .....	154	51	38 19 0
A. E. Hodgkinson, E. Brisbane .....	3	1	12 6
<b>Desire of Ages—</b>			
A. Smart, Forest Hill .....	120	35	41 0 0
W. R. Lamb, Caboolture .....	1	1	0 0
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
W. R. Lamb, Woodford .....	2	2	0 0
<b>Home Hand Book—</b>			
W. R. Lamb, Caboolture .....	5	8	10 0
<b>Family Bible—</b>			
L. Bailey, Roma .....	1	2	5 0
<b>Ladies' Guide—</b>			
C. Prebble, Cleveland line .....	1	1	0 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....			7 17 8
	765	272	£203 16 2

#### Victoria.

MARCH, 1908.

Ladies' Guide—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
J. S. Stewart, Toongabille .....	189	51	£51 15 0
Mrs. R. C. Stewart, Harrow .....	27	15	17 5 0
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
W. A. Chapman, Stawell .....	114	45	34 18 0
Miss M. C. Barlow, Hampton .....	60	19	10 19 0
R. Collmann, Yea .....	73	10	6 19 6
<b>Desire of Ages—</b>			
J. Saunders, Horsham .....	109	31	32 5 0
Mrs. R. C. Stewart, Harrow .....	4	4	0 0
<b>Coming King—</b>			
W. Fowler, Tallangatta .....	225	81	39 16 6
<b>Seer of Patmos—</b>			
A. N. Harker, Wangaratta .....	129	29	19 7 6
<b>Miscellaneous—</b>			
R. C. Stewart, Harrow .....	7	5	7 7 6
A. N. Harker, Wangaratta .....	2	3	0 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....			8 15 3
	933	292	£236 8 3

#### New South Wales.

MARCH, 1908.

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
A. M. Potter, Albury .....	38	26	£11 16 0
R. Salton, Tuena .....	159	68	30 9 0
J. T. Boyd, Grenfell .....	20	5	2 8 6
W. Harrison, Shellharbour .....	15	3	1 17 6
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
A. Gill, Tenterfield .....	65	17	14 14 0
<b>Ladies' Guide—</b>			
Mrs. S. Gill, Tenterfield .....	76	9	10 2 6
C. E. Harlow, Adaminaby .....	168	25	25 7 6
" (Other books) .....	11	18	0 0
<b>Home Hand Book—</b>			
P. B. Rudge, Dubbo .....	23	11	18 10 0
F. Hughes, Harwood .....	109	12	18 0 0
" (Other books) .....	41	7	3 18 0
<b>Great Controversy—</b>			
H. M. Burns, Raymond Ter. .....	53	4	2 17 6
J. B. Anderson, Raymond Ter. .....	53	1	12 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....			12 8 6
	820	199	£171 1 6

#### New Zealand.

MARCH 1, 1908.

Christ Our Saviour—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
Miss M. Owen, Wellington .....	5	£ 1	2 6
J. A. Chaney, Te Awamutu .....	1		4 6
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
E. H. Guilliard, Bay of Plenty .....	82	30	24 5 6
W. Richards, Bay of Plenty .....	79	22	15 14 6
<b>Ladies' Guide—</b>			
E. H. Guilliard, Bay of Plenty .....	2	2	0 0
Miss N. Harrison, Orehunga .....	16	10	10 7 6
Mrs. M. Masters, Ch'church .....	46	14	14 7 6
W. J. Redhead, Southland .....	6	6	0 0
W. Richards, Bay of Plenty .....	6	6	7 6
<b>Home Hand Book—</b>			
Capt. G. Masters, Ch'church .....	49	6	9 0 0
<b>House We Live In—</b>			
Mrs. E. Cole, Toko .....	3	2	9 0
M. S. E. Kean, Eltham .....	1		4 6
Mrs. M. Masters, Ch'church .....	7	1	11 6
<b>Patriarchs and Prophets—</b>			
W. J. Redhead, Southland .....	115	55	41 18 0
<b>Serv of Patmos—</b>			
J. A. Chaney, Te Awamutu .....	14	11	7 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....			2 14 0
	390	181	£147 14 0

#### Queensland.

FEBRUARY, 1908.

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
Mrs. Newley, Toowoomba .....	116	29	12 15 6
B. Judge, Gympie, etc. .....	114	38	£16 4 0
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
L. Bailey, Western line .....	82	34	24 15 0
A. E. Hodgkinson, E. Brisbane .....	25	16	11 2 0
<b>Desire of Ages—</b>			
A. Smart, Taringa .....	48	9	12 0 0
Miss Prebble, Cleveland line .....	1	1	0 0
A. E. Hodgkinson, Rocklea .....	6	1	1 5 0
<b>Patriarchs and Prophets—</b>			
W. J. Peiers, Humpybong .....	34	8	5 8 6
W. G. H. Hodgkinson, North Pine .....	146	40	29 1 6
Miss Prebble, Cleveland line .....	66	21	12 12 6
<b>Great Controversy—</b>			
A. Start, Mackay .....	127	63	46 1 6
Miss Prebble, Cleveland line .....	1		12 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....			11 1 4
	764	261	£184 9 4

#### Malaysian Mission.

FEBRUARY 9 TO MARCH 20, 1908.

Patriarchs and Prophets—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
R. A. Caldwell, Manila .....	274	170	£114 8 9
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#### West Australia.

MARCH, 1908.

Home Hand Book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
F. Masters, Leonora .....	146	51	£87 0 0
R. M. Adams, Meckering .....	104	10	16 10 0
<b>Coming King—</b>			
J. W. Hunt, Trafalgar .....	59	25	11 13 0
F. Masters, Leonora .....	1	4	2 10 0
<b>Man the Masterpiece—</b>			
F. Masters, Leonora .....	1	2	2 0 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....			3 11 6
	311	92	£123 4 6

#### South Australia.

APRIL, 1908.

Home Hand Book—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
J. J. Potter, Black Springs .....	72	18	53 0 0
<b>Ladies' Guide—</b>			
J. J. Potter, Black Springs .....	33	14	14 7 6
<b>Great Controversy—</b>			
W. Bowhey, Port Broughton .....	177	68	49 10 0
G. Powell, Koorlinga .....	131	15	10 5 0
J. Powell, Caltowie .....	80	12	8 5 9
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
L. W. Gericke, Maitland .....	169	40	29 0 6
J. McKechnie, Maitland .....	111	22	16 0 6
B. J. Smith, Wirrabara .....	104	15	10 12 0
<b>Coming King—</b>			
W. Vercoe, Jr., Port Elliott .....	96	29	13 1 6
C. J. Harris, Yankalilla .....	179	69	30 15 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....			18 11 0
	1,152	302	£253 8 6

#### Totals for March, 1908.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
South Australia .....	1,152	302	£253 8 6
Victoria .....	933	292	236 8 3
Queensland .....	765	272	203 16 2
Queensland (February) .....	764	261	184 9 4
New South Wales .....	820	199	171 1 6
New Zealand .....	390	181	147 14 0
West Australia .....	311	92	123 4 6
Malaysian Mission .....	274	170	114 8 9
Tasmania .....	340	97	94 5 0
	5,749	1,866	£1,528 16 0

#### Gaining a Hearing.

GAINING a hearing depends largely upon your Christian attitude and gentlemanly manners. It is also helpful when giving the canvass to know the people's names, whether they have children, whether they attend church, and what church it is.

You need to study the one you are canvassing very closely, and to be ever ready to watch carefully for any indication of interest he may manifest in your work. Especially be careful not to weary your prospective customer on any one point.

Be reserved rather than forward, except on the point of persistency. In an easy, gentlemanly way press your business, and do not permit anything to turn you aside or delay you.

At the beginning of my canvass I like to show the plan of the book, and pick out some of the most interesting features that I think will draw out the interest of the individual I

am canvassing. When I think that I have his interest I show him the size, and tell him the price, of the book, at the same time mentioning the time of my delivery. If there is a delay in ordering, bring out other interesting points of the work and its value in the home. Let your strongest point be the last one.

One needs to listen to himself when canvassing to note whether he sings the canvass. The words were not written for a song, and used in that way they will not favorably impress the customer. You must endeavor always to canvass in a natural way. Your tone must be conversational, clear, forceful, right from the heart, and should be the best of which you are capable.

You must watch for the right moment, and get your order just then. Always ask for it indirectly. To name some of the people who have taken the book, sometimes helps one to get his order.

I have found it a good way to finish the canvass by saying, "For your own use in the family, which of these bindings do you think would be most serviceable?"

P. B. RUDGE.

### Do You Make a Right Impression?

A LETTER which has just been received contains principles which we believe it would be well for us all to learn more fully in dealing successfully with souls. An agent writing says:—

I am praying that the Lord will open my eyes more and more to the importance of rightly representing this message. I believe that every look, word, and action must be trained or we shall utterly fail to impress others with this message God has intrusted to us. Every time I fail to present my book thoroughly, fail to gain a hearing, or fail to impress the person that I have the very thing he or she needs, I realize that there is something wrong in me—some defect, something wanting, that has prevented the Lord from working in and through me to impress that person aright. I do want to overcome all these defects by a closer communion with God. I want to learn from our perfect Example, Jesus Christ. O to be more like Him in influence, and to be able to impress those with whom I come in contact!

To show the importance of our canvassers being thoroughly neat and tidy, I will tell you of an experience I met with this week. I called at a farmhouse, and after having introduced myself to the lady she invited me inside at once. After receiving her order, in my inquiries about

her neighbors she made use of the following expressions, "Oh, you will be received anywhere here with that work. I can always tell at the first glance whether a person is representing anything worth having. When an untidy or dowdy person comes along, you may always know that what he has is not worth much, and I close the door, telling him I have no time, or that I do not want anything. If it is of any importance or value, you can always see it in the person who represents it. I never made a mistake yet."

This appealed to me in a very forcible manner. We are presenting the last message God is sending to the world. Do we want the people to feel that our business is not worth much, and to turn us away before they have the opportunity of hearing what we have to say, because of our unfitting appearance? I did not always realize this, but it is coming home to me more and more every day, not only as regards neatness of dress, cleanness of boots, etc., but in my attitude, manner of deportment, business-like methods, speech, etc. These all tell for or against the truth. I want the Lord to help me to be a fit representative.

The Lord has said that "Canvassers need to be *daily* converted to God, that their words and deeds may be a savor of life unto life, that they may exert a saving influence. The reason why many have failed in the canvassing work is that they were not genuine Christians." "His strength, his courage, his success will depend on how fully the truth presented in the books is woven into his own experience and developed in his character. . . . Bear in mind that the live coal from off the altar must first touch your lips. Then the words you speak will be wise words, and holy words. Then you will have wisdom to know what to say and what to leave unsaid. . . . As you learn the meekness and lowliness of Christ you will know what you should say to the people; for the Holy Spirit will tell you what words to speak." L. M. GREGG.

### OUR FIELD WORK.

#### The West Australian Conference.

THE fifth annual session of the West Australian Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Midland Junction, March 26 to April 6.

Each church was well represented by delegates, and all the Conference workers were present, while the Union Conference was represented

by Pastors Fulton and Hennig and Brother A. Mountain.

The following committees were appointed:—

NOMINATIONS: J. E. Fulton, George Chapman, John Lang, J. H. Osborne, D. Nicholson.

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: W. A. Hennig, C. E. Ashcroft, J. L. Branford, James Clarke, H. R. Martin, E. Hilliard, Jesse Giblett.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: J. E. Fulton, H. Ward, G. E. Morris.

Six meetings of the Conference were held in all, in which the work of the various departments was fully considered.

The report of the Nominations Committee was adopted as follows:—

PRESIDENT: A. H. Piper.

VICE-PRESIDENT: E. Hilliard.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: A. H. Piper, E. Hilliard, J. L. Branford, H. Ward, and C. E. Ashcroft.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Cecil H. Pretzman.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY: C. E. Ashcroft.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY: C. E. Ashcroft.

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: C. H. Pretzman.

ASSISTANT TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: L. A. Prismall.

STATE AGENT: J. L. Branford.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: A. H. Piper.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMITTEE: A. H. Piper, H. Blunden, and C. E. Ashcroft.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: H. R. Martin.

DARLING RANGE SCHOOL BOARD: A. H. Piper, H. R. Martin, C. E. Ashcroft, G. H. Palmateer, and C. H. Pretzman.

MANAGER OF THE HEALTH FOOD DEPOT: J. W. Parsons.

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

1. That church and family schools be conducted as far as possible on the same lines as recommended by the Union Conference.

2. That we encourage our young people to procure education in our denominational, state, and general schools.

3. That 1,000 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" be obtained and sold—the proceeds of which to be devoted to the indebtedness of the Darling Range School; and that £150 be raised for the purpose of paying for improvements which have been partially completed, and for other necessary facilities.

4. That we enter with renewed energy into the Missionary Campaign.

5. That this Conference plan to hold an annual workers' institute to which confer-

ence and tract society workers, canvassers, church elders, missionary secretaries, and such others as may be able to attend, shall be invited; and that we invite the Union Conference to send us suitable help.

6. That we as a conference pledge ourselves to take a more definite interest in the canvassing work.

7. That we study with more earnestness the great question of civil and religious liberty in its various phases, such as the proposition of the Federal Government for compulsory military drill; laws and our relation to them; individuals and our relation to them in the matter of liberty.

8. That immediately preceding the close of the school year, a canvassing class be conducted at the Darling Range School; and that suitable students be encouraged to enter the canvassing field during vacation.

9. That the Conference Committee take into consideration the advisability of making arrangements for baths at our next camp-meeting.

10. That we urge upon our churches the necessity of providing a Conference incidental fund; and that the collection on the first Sabbath in each quarter be set apart for this purpose.

11. That our people be encouraged to give as liberally as possible from Sabbath-school donations to foreign missions, retaining no more than they can avoid for expenses.

12. That we raise £150 for the purchase of a pavilion and ten family tents.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented a report, which was adopted as under:—

CREDENTIALS: A. H. Piper, E. Hilliard.

MINISTERIAL LICENSES: N. J. Walldorf, R. Howie.

MISSIONARY LICENSES: W. E. Prees, C. H. Pretzman, C. E. Ashcroft, J. L. Branford, A. Freeman, L. Dawkins, M. Chandler, I. Hilliard.

A hearty interest was manifested in the various matters considered, and the voting was unanimous on every question—evidencing the good feeling and harmony that prevailed throughout. The power of the Spirit of God was felt in the business as well as the devotional meetings, and we trust each action taken will tend to the advancement of the work in this field.

A. H. PIPER, *President.*

CECIL H. PRETZMAN, *Secretary.*

## Young People's Meeting in Brisbane.

A most interesting and educational gathering took place at the South Brisbane Church on Sunday evening, April 5, when the members of the young people's society in Brisbane met together to bring in their various earnings resulting from missionary efforts put forth during the quarter just passed, for the support of a native worker in New Guinea.

The leaders of the society, Sisters Craddock and Goldspink, had prepared quite a full programme for the evening, not merely with the thought in view of entertaining those who would be present, but with the idea of showing what can be done for the Master by a persevering effort to advance His cause; and as each one filled the place assigned him in the programme, it was seen that those who had prepared it had in view also the training and educating of workers for the cause of present truth. Such programmes are not easily thought out.

Brother J. Mills occupied the chair for the evening, and when God's blessing had been asked upon the meeting, spoke briefly on the object of the gathering.

After a song by the children, the writer was called upon to give a short talk on "The Duty of Every Seventh-day Adventist to the Foreign Mission Field." Sister Craddock then sang a solo entitled, "Too Late," illustrating the lesson conveyed in the parable of the ten virgins.

The children then had quite a good hand in making the evening's gathering profitable by carrying out their allotted parts, in songs, recitations, etc.

A solo was nicely rendered by Miss Salm, after which Brother Smart told us "What New Guinea Is Like." This was very interesting.

A most important part of the programme was next carried out by two of the children passing through the audience and receiving the earnings gained by trading, which amounted to £4 12s. 6d.

The singing of the good old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and prayer, brought the evening's gathering to a close.

We feel sure that all who were present left the building with the determination to do all they can to help forward the work of the third angel's message in New Guinea.

Our native brother, "Bennie," may

feel assured that he will not be forgotten by the young people of Queensland, and that not only will they try their best to gather in all the means possible for the sustenance of their worker in New Guinea, but their prayers will ascend to God for His blessing upon the work and workers there, so that the truth, "the message for to-day," may find many souls in that land that will be saved, eternally saved, to behold Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. B. JUDGE.

## The Young People's Work.

FROM a personal letter from the Missionary Secretary of Victoria, we quote the following, which we believe will be of interest to our young people in other places:—

Now I must tell you about our missionary meeting on Tuesday night. I suppose there were twenty-seven present in all. The young people came an hour earlier for more instruction in their work, and the meeting began at eight o'clock. Several items were on the programme, all of which seemed to interest them. The reports were interesting. All had not begun, on account of delay in getting the tracts. Some reported for the first time in their lives, and though they were very nervous they seemed happy to tell what the Lord had done through them. After this we had a season of prayer. At the previous missionary meeting we had tried to encourage the young people to have a part, but only one responded. On Sabbath we especially spoke of it again, but in the season of prayer none joined. I asked them to think over the pledge cards, and to pray especially that the Lord would lead them to know whether He would have them sign it, and if they felt in their hearts that He would, to seek for strength to carry out the duties laid down in it. When the season of prayer was asked for by the leader, there was a very quick and earnest response. Almost at the start two children, one about ten, the other twelve or thirteen, joined in. This broke the ice, for I think every young person present, and there were a number, took part. We felt the special blessing of the Lord upon that meeting.

Last night we had our "busy bee" at the office. Ten were present. Some came early to begin their work, but as some can not be there until 7.30 P. M., we do not plan to begin until then. We asked the Lord's blessing on our gathering, and as soon as the others were settled at work, one read from "Into All the World." We can only read for about an hour, as it takes some time to give instruction regarding the work each one is doing, unless he has done it before. All seem interested.

There are several points of encouragement in this, chief of which is the help rendered to the church

"How SELDOM we weigh our neighbors in the same balance with ourselves."

"Do NOT try to shirk your duty, but do it. There is need everywhere for workers."

missionary meeting by the children and youth. By their prayers they helped to bring in the special blessing of the Lord. If our children and youth will always take part in prayer to the Lord, we will see our meetings increase in interest and helpfulness. We all, from the oldest to the youngest, need to pray more. We need the prayers of all, to enable the work to go as it ought. It is not the long prayers, but the earnest, heartfelt petitions, that bring the blessing.

The "busy bee" mentioned is a meeting of leaders of young people's societies and others to learn how to make useful articles for sale, in order to be able to teach the children and youth in their own societies how to make them. We think this plan might profitably be followed in some of our other States.

E. M. GRAHAM.

## MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

### Experiences with "Ministry of Healing."

MRS. BOYD, of Chatswood, has tried the plan of visiting her *Signs* and tract readers with the "Ministry of Healing." Sitting with them while they continued their work of ironing or sewing, she has read portions from the book.

She visited fourteen ladies in this way, and sold fourteen books. She did not have one refusal. Some paid for the book at once. Some ordered it to be delivered later. Some paid a half-crown weekly for three weeks.

Now we feel sure that hundreds of other women can sell this book in the same way. All have neighbors and acquaintances that should be visited. The preparation necessary is to read portions of the book yourselves and receive the help and blessing there is in it for you, and then carry it to others. The visit should be a special one. Tell them you have come with something especially choice and helpful to read to them. Mrs. Boyd finds that the first paragraph or two in a chapter and the closing paragraphs usually contain the cream thoughts, and so she generally reads those. She has found the chapter on "Mind Cure" specially interesting and also the closing chapters of the book; "Helps in

Daily Living," "Higher Experience," also the chapters on the "Home," "The Mother," "The Child," and "Home Influences." Whatever portion of the book you find of especial help to you, you will be able to present in an interesting way to others.

If you know those you are visiting to be good readers, it might work well at times to offer to change work with them and they read while you do their work.

The members of the Sanitarium family have sold over sixty copies of the book and are continuing to sell steadily several books each week.

The church at Hornsby have sold ten or twelve copies, and they have planned to keep right at the work until their quota is sold.

We have received the following testimonials for "Ministry of Healing," which the readers may find of advantage to cut out and carry with them:—

Morpeth,  
April 13, 1908.

I read Mrs. White's "Ministry of Healing" with both profit and pleasure, and it is a book that I can recommend all parents to read, and also to see that their children become acquainted with its inspired contents. May its big circulation long continue, and may it be the means of causing many erring ones to reflect, and cause them, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to reorganize their lives, so that when the final call comes, they may not fear to face their divine Judge. Its large circulation has my best wishes, as being a book that should be in every one's hands.

(Signed) F. A. BENNETT, M.D.

Marrickville,  
April 27, 1908.

Just a few lines to say that I have read with pleasure and profit the book "Ministry of Healing." While not seeing exactly eye to eye with the author, I have nothing but praise for the book.

I have for some time been of the opinion that the salvation to be found in Christ is a complete salvation from sickness as well as from sin. I feel that I can thoroughly recommend the book to all.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) JAMES KINGSBURY, M.D.  
G. B. STARR.

## The Sabbath-school.

### "The Signs of the Times."

NO. 3.—HOW THE PREVIOUS DONATION WAS UTILIZED.

THE Sabbath-school donations for the first quarter of 1903, just five years ago, were devoted to the mis-

sionary circulation of our pioneer paper, then called the *Bible Echo*. The amount contributed at that time was not large, but it has been augmented from time to time by the addition of small sums from various sources; and thus has been created a fund which has enabled us to supply hundreds of copies of our paper for various missionary purposes. Had it not been for this fund, we should many times have been obliged to refuse the requests of our workers in various parts of the field for copies of the paper to be used in connection with their work. From communications which we have received, we are assured that our pioneer missionary journal is a valuable aid to our missionaries in arousing an interest in the truth.

Although there is still a small sum belonging to this fund, yet there is urgent need for it to be largely increased, for in our great island fields there are many English-speaking people who would gladly read our paper if copies could be placed in their hands. And we have been repeatedly told that just now is the time to work in foreign lands, and that we should scatter the pages of truth like the leaves of autumn.

Among those who are receiving each week a club of the *Signs* from our missionary fund are Pastor G. F. Jones, Singapore, fifty copies; Pastor L. J. Burgess, India, six copies; our mission in the Philippines, twenty-four copies; and fourteen single copies are being sent to various hospitals in China. This may not seem a very large number, but it will be remembered that it is now five years since our Sabbath-schools contributed to this fund, and in addition to the many copies sent out formerly, these different clubs are being sent out at the present time.

In a recent communication from Manila, Pastor McElhaney speaks of the great assistance that the *Signs* has been to him in arousing an interest among the American and Filipino school-teachers, and speaks of the many letters that he has received, expressing appreciation and gratitude for the papers. In a later article we will endeavor to give some extracts from letters which we have received from our workers and subscribers, showing how they regard the paper.

JAMES P. GREGORY.

"If we are Christians, self-denial will be the law of our lives."



## Notes and Personals.

PASTOR FULTON is spending the week of prayer at Warburton, Victoria.

BROTHER and Sister E. E. Thorpe are spending the week of prayer with the Parramatta Church and the companies in the surrounding district. We trust the special blessing of the Lord may attend their labors.

PASTOR F. W. PAAP is conducting a tent mission at Galston, N. S. W. The interest is growing, and there are many evidences that the Lord is working on the hearts of the people in that district.

PASTOR PALLANT is conducting meetings every Sunday evening in the Stanmore Church, with a growing interest. His address on Sunday night, May 3, on the "Inspiration of the Bible" was deeply appreciated, and we believe that faith in the Scriptures was strengthened in the minds of many.

THE prices of the book "Pastor Hsi," which is the next to be studied in the reading course, are as follows: "Pastor Hsi," combined with "One of China's Christians," in cloth, 4s.; "Pastor Hsi" alone, in paper, 2s. The combined book is not sold in paper covers. Let all order this interesting and inspiring book early that they may be ready when the study of it begins.

IN harmony with a recommendation made at the meeting of the Union Conference Committee when in session in Victoria in February, Brother Ernest Ward connected with the Sanitarium Health Food Cafe, Sydney, on April 13, for the purpose of gaining an experience in that line of work. His place in the Union Conference office has been taken by Brother Harold Sharp, son of Brother F. L. Sharp, who is laboring in Victoria.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a missionary convention to be held at Hamilton from May 22 to 24. Several of the workers from the N. S. W. Conference will be in attendance. We would urge all our members in the Newcastle district to plan to attend these meetings. Those from a distance, who are planning to attend the entire time, should acquaint Miss A. E. Pearce, Lindsay Street, Hamilton, N. S. W., at once, so that arrangements can be made for their accommodation.

A SUPPLY of Chinese literature, bought with a portion of the funds given some time ago by our Sabbath-schools for this purpose, has at last arrived. It had been delayed by the removal of the Chinese printing-office. It has been divided into seven portions, one of which has been sent to each State tract society. We hope that our people will interest themselves in the circulation of this literature, that it may be the means of giving the light of truth to some of the Chinese within our borders.

IN the April 27 issue of the RECORD an account was given of the dedication of the new printing-office in Fiji. It was at the Union Conference Council in September last, that the special Sabbath-school offering for the last Sabbath in March was set apart for this enterprise, and on the strength of this our brethren in Fiji were enabled to go ahead and erect this much-needed building. So just as our offerings were made, word came from over the sea that the building is not only completed, but formally set apart to its appointed work by an impressive dedicatory service.

WE would be very glad to see our church hymn-book used in all our Sabbath services, and in church meetings other than the Sabbath-school. There are so many good hymns in it that are not found in some of the more recent collections, and it has been carefully compiled in order that it may meet the needs of our various meetings, so that, up to the present, nothing has come out that in any way equals it. It is now published in a form that brings it within the reach of all. Bound in limp cloth, words only, the price is one shilling and sixpence. Bound in leather, words only, it is two shillings and sixpence. It is printed on thin paper, and is a convenient size to carry. Order from your State tract societies.

BROTHER and Sister S. W. Carr are now visiting the churches and companies in the Western district of New South Wales. Brother Carr writes encouragingly of their experiences so far. He says:—

"The Lord has blessed us and given us much freedom in the meetings. Some have testified who have never done so before. Since being engaged in this trip we have seen as never before that this truly is the shaking time. We have come across many who are divided in their homes, but soon many who are now held back by relatives will break entirely away and take a decided stand, not fearing the wrath of friends and relatives who will themselves be afraid to stop them. (See 'Early Writings,' chapter on 'Loud Cry.') We have taken a number of orders for the RECORD and for some books also. We have meetings morning and evening wherever we are. Mrs. Carr conducts one, and I the other. Our hearts are saddened as we see the lack of laborers and the pressing needs in every land, and feel our own need of a deeper consecration to the Master's service."

## Obituaries.

PAAP.—Died at Cooranbong, N. S. W., April 19, 1908, Dorothea Fredrika Paap, of pulmonary tuberculosis. Those who remain to sustain the loss of her association, are father, mother, and four brothers and four sisters. Two brothers and a sister were present at the funeral. The others were too far away to reach here in time for the services.

A deceased sister, Amy Herbatina, lies by her side awaiting the time when the Life-giver will awaken both to a glorious resurrection.

Before her death, Dorothea planned that in the funeral obsequies Amy should

not be overlooked, that all floral decorations should be divided with her sister.

Her friends and loved ones are not to sorrow as those who have no hope. She had a bright hope and died in the triumph of faith.

About two years ago she was anointed, at which time she fully consecrated herself to the Lord, resigning all into His hands. It was a time of refreshing to all who were present. Her faith grasped the promises of God. There was nothing too difficult for the Lord. He could recreate the whole being should He desire to heal her. But it was His will that she wanted carried out.

Since that occasion everything seemed to indicate that she must go into the grave for a time. She cheerfully bowed to the inevitable, and forgetful of self, all her thoughts were for the welfare of others, especially those near by the ties of nature.

When we think of her preparation for death, and the arrangements she made to have every part of the service a sermon in itself of the grace of God to save to the uttermost, we are reminded of a few lines in Bryant's "Thanatopsis":—

So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan that moves  
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death  
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and  
soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

She said, "He died for me, I'll die for Him." She talked of death as calmly and deliberately as though she were to lie down to sleep.

She suffered no pain, and died without the faintest stir. This was her wish and prayer.

The texts which were a source of great comfort to her were John 14: 27 and 14: 1-3. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor Munson and the writer.

L. A. HOOPES.

WEBB.—Georgie, aged two and a half years, the only child of Brother and Sister Webb, of Merrigum, Victoria, fell asleep on April 21. His death was caused by convulsions, the result of stomach complications. His parents are earnest Christians and have been keeping the Sabbath for several years. They are the only witnesses for the truth in the Merrigum district. They are greatly grieved over the loss of their little one, but do not sorrow as those who have no hope. They have laid him to rest with every assurance that soon, very soon, he will be given back into their arms, when He, the glorious Victor over the grave, comes. The Lord's own words of comfort in 1 Thess. 4 were listened to with new interest, by the friends who gathered around the grave, when presented in the light of present truth. Much sympathy is felt for Brother and Sister Webb.

A. H. FERRIS.

"If we could read the secret history of our enemies we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."

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## Our Tour.

At our last writing we were nearing Colombo, Ceylon, where we entered port early on Thursday morning, March 12. The steamer remained in port during the day. Nearly all the passengers left the boat and spent a large part of the day on shore.

Colombo seems to be a thrifty and busy place. The many lines of steamers that pass and call at this point for coal, water, and provisions create a large amount of business. The day we were there, no less than fifteen great ocean liners, with a large number of smaller craft, were anchored inside the break-water. It takes an immense amount of coal to run these long distances. From Colombo to Suez, our next port of call, is 3,402 miles. It also calls for a large amount of fresh water and provisions to supply the needs of 750 souls for ten days or more, as the case may be. It is a matter of wonder, when one stops to think, the marvellous provision that has been made to make travelling comfortable, both by land and sea. These are marvellous days. Surely it is the day of God's preparation. And the facilities provided for carrying the gospel message, with its blessed salvation and solemn warning, to all parts of the world, are far beyond human comprehension. But God has set His hand to work, and His eternal purpose will be accomplished to perfection.

While stopping at Colombo, I made an effort to find out if any of our workers were there, but in this I failed. I had an address of Pastor G. K. Owen, but on going to the place, found that he was not there then, nor could I find any trace of any other worker.

Colombo is a very interesting

place, especially to a stranger. This was the first time the writer had the experience of riding in a rickshaw. The rickshaw seemed to be the most common and also the most comfortable mode of conveyance for short distances.

Then there was the quaint bullock cart. Some of the bullocks were of very fair size, while others were very small. It would appear that the hauling and conveying of goods of all kinds were done by the bullocks. There were also some fine horses, but these were all used for carriage purposes.

The island of Ceylon has a great reputation for its natural beauty. From our limited observation we can not say very much about that, still what we did see gave every evidence of confirmation to its reputation. What would not such places be if it were not for sin? We were forcibly impressed with the words of the good old missionary hymn, with which all are so well acquainted:—

"What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile."

What a field for the faithful missionary. But many are so degraded and steeped in sin that they will give no ear to the voice of salvation.

At this writing, March 18, we are in the Gulf of Aden. So far we have had an ideal passage. For seventeen days in succession the ocean has been as a mill pond. I never thought it was possible for such a great water to be so quiet for so long a time. We recognize in this the goodness of the Lord, and every day our hearts go out in praise and gratitude for His great mercy. We especially appreciate this favorable passage on account of the feebleness of Mrs. Olsen. Even under all these favorable conditions she has suffered considerably, but nothing in comparison to what it would have been had we had a rough passage.

In my former letter I made reference to my reading "The Great Second Advent Movement," by Pastor Loughborough. I have now finished it, and I would repeat with increased emphasis my statements concerning the importance of all our people becoming familiar with its contents. The book should not only be read, but carefully studied.

We have entered a time of great

peril. Satan has declared war against those "which keep the commandments of God; and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (the Spirit of Prophecy). And in this time Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish." 2 Thess. 2: 9, 10. Under such conditions, every soul is in need of "the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6: 11.

That part of the truth that will be most fiercely assailed will be the law of God, in which the true Sabbath, the seventh day, stands most prominent, and the Spirit of Prophecy, as it has been manifested among us through Mrs. E. G. White. We have already seen many evidences of this fact. And it is a matter of note that individuals apostatizing from the truth, make their first open opposition against this gift.

The truths of God as revealed in the threefold message of Revelation 14, stand or fall together. Many have thought in their dissatisfaction that they could continue in the message and stand firm on the commandments of God, and at the same time discard the Spirit of Prophecy as manifested among us through Sister E. G. White, but this can not be. The writer has not known of a single case during the fifty years he has been connected with this people, where a person has for any length of time held on to the truth as a whole after rejecting the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. We repeat that the truths of this great message stand or fall together.

O. A. OLSEN.

Red Sea, March 21, 1908.

## A Note.

THE little church at Samoa have opportunities to distribute literature on board the ships which call there, but they have very little to use. They will receive gratefully and use faithfully any papers and tracts that our people in the home field will send them. Back numbers of Australian, English, American, and European papers can be used to advantage. They can be sent to the Union Conference office and forwarded from there with goods.

"God never delays His blessings except that He may double them."