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

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BE IN EARNEST.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Eccl. 9: 10.

If you've any work in view,
This God's message, friend, to you:
With all your soul now do it.

If for God you've aught to say,
Let there now be no delay,
With all your soul now say it.

If to service for the Lord
You stand pledged by your own word,
With all your soul now serve Him.

Something do, then, every day,—
Something near, not far away,—
With all your soul, too, do it.

Do it bravely to the Lord,
Leaning on His strength and Word,
With all your soul now do it.

—Selected.

How God Trains His Workers.

God has given to every man his work, and we are to acknowledge the wisdom of His plan for us by a hearty co-operation with Him. It is in a life of service only that true happiness is found. He who lives a useless, selfish life is miserable. He is dissatisfied with himself and with every one else.

The Lord disciplines His workers, that they may be prepared to fill the places appointed them. Thus He desires to fit them to do more acceptable service.

A life of monotony is not the most conducive to spiritual growth. Some can reach the highest standard of spirituality only through a change in the regular order of things. When in His providence God sees that changes are essential for the success of the character-building, He disturbs the smooth current of the life.

There are those who desire to be a ruling power, and who need the sanctification of submission. God brings about a change in their lives. Perhaps He places before them duties that they would not choose. If they are willing to be guided by Him, He will give them grace and strength to perform these duties in a spirit of submission and helpfulness. Thus they

are being qualified to fill places where their disciplined abilities will make them of great service.

Some God trains by bringing to them disappointment and apparent failure. It is His purpose that they shall learn to master difficulty. He inspires them with a determination to make every apparent failure prove a success.

Often men pray and weep because of the perplexities and obstacles that confront them. But if they will hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end, He will make their way clear. Success will come to them as they struggle against apparently insurmountable difficulties; and with success will come the greatest joy.

Again, God sees that a worker needs to be more closely associated with Him; and to bring this about, He separates him from friends and acquaintances. When He was preparing Elijah for translation, He moved him from place to place, that he might not settle down at ease, and thus fail of obtaining spiritual power. And it was God's design that Elijah's influence should be a power to help many souls to gain a wider, more helpful experience.

Let those who are not permitted to rest in quietude, who must be continually on the move, pitching their tent to-night in one place, and to-morrow night in another place, remember that the Lord is leading them, and that this is His way of helping them to form perfect characters. In all the changes that we are required to make, God is to be recognized as our companion, our guide, our dependence.

There are many who are not satisfied to serve God cheerfully in the place that He has marked out for them, or to do uncomplainingly the work that He has placed in their hands. It is right for us to be dissatisfied with the way in which we perform duty, but we are not to be dissatisfied with the duty itself because we would rather do something else. In His providence God places before human beings service that will

be as medicine to their diseased minds. Thus He seeks to lead them to put aside the selfish preference, which, if cherished, would disqualify them for the work He has for them. If they accept and perform this service, their minds will be cured. If they refuse it, they will be left at strife with themselves and others.

Many are ignorant of how to work for God, not because they need to be ignorant, but because they are unwilling to submit to His training. Moab is spoken of as a failure because, the prophet declares, "Moab hath been at ease from his youth, . . . and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed."

Thus it is with those whose hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong are not purged from them. Their hearts are not cleansed from defilement. They were given an opportunity to do a work for God, but this work they did not choose to do, because they wished to carry out their own plans.

The Christian is to be prepared for the doing of a work that reveals kindness, forbearance, long-suffering, gentleness, patience. The cultivation of these precious gifts is to come into the life of the Christian, that, when called into service by the Master, he may be ready to use his highest powers in helping and blessing those around him.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"SINCE God gives to His intelligent creature, man, an inspired standard of perfection in moral conduct in the Bible, exemplified in the life of Him who was and is the Alpha and Omega of it, must not all bring hither their thoughts, words, and actions, and test their fitness by this standard if they desire to perfect holiness in the fear of God?"

Our Mission Field

A Visit to Fiji.

AFTER a very stormy voyage we reached Fiji from Sydney via Brisbane, August 10. We were tempest tossed during almost the entire voyage, but upon reaching these islands passed suddenly into pleasant weather.

We had the privilege of visiting Fiji thirteen years ago, when on the missionary schooner *Pitcairn*. At that time Pastor Cole and wife were our only representatives in the group. There were then no believers among the natives; no literature had been published by us in the Fijian; and no one of our people had mastered the native language.

As Brother and Sister Marriott had failed to get word of our coming, there was no one to meet us at the boat. As we desired to find them, and visit Suva Vou and see something of what the Lord had wrought since our former visit, we went among the natives on the wharf and very quickly found friends. One Emori, a former student at Avondale, met us and assisted in finding a boat, and introduced us to others. A friendly old man, who has a son who has spent considerable time at Buresala, introduced us to a half dozen men whom he said were Seventh-day Adventists. We were much pleased to meet these brethren, and recognize in their smiling faces and cordial hand-shakes evidences of the operation of the Spirit of God upon their hearts. After a pleasant ride in a native canoe across the harbour to Suva Vou, we were carried ashore and surprised Brother and Sister Marriott. They had received no news from Australia for several weeks, so had many questions to ask.

They are located in the old mission house, which is on the top of a hill on the mission property at Suva Vou. Though the building needs repairs the site and surroundings are very attractive. We were impressed that the Lord has certainly blessed in giving our brethren such a desirable piece of property in so convenient a location where our workers can be within easy reach of the people of Suva, while at the same time in touch with the natives of Suva Vou.

Brother and Sister Marriott are well and happy, and much interested in their work. We learned from the natives that they are held in high esteem. They are expecting to have a boat soon,

which will enable them to do aggressive work in Suva. Near the mission house is our church building, which is a fine well-built frame building. A great change has been wrought in Fiji since our former visit. We were impressed that the following prophecy is being fulfilled in this place: "The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Isa. 52:10.

After a brief visit and a hearty farewell to our friends in this interesting group of islands, we continued our journey en route to British Columbia. Mrs. Chapman is standing the voyage very well, and we are of good courage.

E. C. CHAPMAN.

Singapore.

We are encouraged in our work as we realize how wonderfully the Lord works for us and answers our prayers.

"Everywhere we see hearts crying out for something they have not, longing for a power that will give them mastery over sin, a power that will give health, and life, and peace. Only by the grace of Christ can the work of restoring them physically, mentally, and spiritually be accomplished. Christ's methods of working for the people will give true success. Many have no faith in God and have lost confidence in man, but they appreciate acts of sympathy and helpfulness. Their hearts are touched, they see that God cares for them, faith is kindled, and they are prepared to listen when His Word is opened."

The Lord gives much encouragement as we co-operate with Him in this work of bringing light to souls in darkness. We want to walk by faith, not by sight, enduring as seeing Him.

Just now we are doing a great deal of visiting, at the same time disposing of the *Good Health* wherever we can. This is just the work that should be done now; and then when the medical work is established, the people will understand our ways of working, and methods of treatment.

Many interested people are met with who are glad to have us come. Miss Judge goes out chiefly among the Chinese with one of our Chinese girls. They have come across several sick people, and treatments have been given.

One of the doctors has asked us to give treatments to one of his patients who is suffering from neurasthenia. We find it more satisfactory to work apart from the doctors, but must call them in when we take serious cases.

Until we have a doctor of our own we shall have to work very carefully and tactfully.

A Chinese lady of good family, and to whom I have been giving treatments, bought a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons," and says she can do nothing but read it. She does not care to go out or visit her friends since she has had it. Now I have taken her "Ministry of Healing," and she is delighted with it.

May this work go forward and prosper. We want to be medical missionaries whom the Lord can use, those who will be true to principle, daily following the meek and lowly Pattern who went about doing good.

We have had some good experiences. This is a great work, a glorious work. May we be found faithful to the last.

MABEL G. LEWES.

August 10, 1908.

Singapore School.

SINCE our last report to the RECORD, there has been an addition of two students to our number. Immanuel returned from Battakland on July 12, bringing his wife and child with him. He brought along, also, another strong young man of about eighteen or nineteen years of age, named Willie. So far as we are able to judge at the present time, we believe he will develop well.

The other student is a friend of the Japanese boy who has been with us for several months. The names of these Japanese boys are Sato and Sakayama. Sato found his way to the mission house three or four days after his arrival in Singapore, and attended an evening Bible class that Brother Fletcher was conducting every evening with some Chinese. Although Sato does not understand the Chinese language, yet he continued to come. Using the Chinese character, which is understood by the Japanese also, one of our Chinese brethren explained on paper some of the lessons Brother Fletcher had been giving them. He also questioned Sato to some extent as to what he was doing, where he was living, and what his plans were for the future. In some way Sato heard about our missionary training school, and as he was in search of an education, and being a Christian was desirous of associating as much as possible with Christians, he thought he would like to come to our school.

Would to God all parents would give the same counsel to their sons on leaving home, as was given to Sato by his god-father: "I want you always to be a Christian. You know many Christian Japanese boys have gone to other coun-

tries to get an education, but when they have returned home they are no longer Christians. Don't you be like these boys, but when you come back to Japan, come back a Christian." It was Sato's desire to carry out this good advice that led him to our school.

When he visited the school to see about his coming, I was very much impressed with his manner. I went into every detail of our requirements, so that he might know everything that would be required of him before coming, but there was not one thing with which he was not willing to conform. He understood but a very few words of English, so I had to tell everything to our Chinese brother who understands English. He then wrote in Chinese what I said, while Sato replied in writing in Chinese. This was our mode of conversing with each other.

A few days after he came, he told us that he had a friend in Hong Kong who he thought would like to come to school. Sato corresponded with him telling him all about the school. This friend was delayed in coming to Singapore until last week, when he made straight for our school. He is about nineteen or twenty years of age. I understand that while he was in Hong Kong he was asked to accompany some missionary of another denomination who was going to begin work in Korea, but he declined, wishing rather to spend some time in our school here. To us this speaks volumes.

Sato is our cook, and does excellently. He is faithful, honest, always at his post of duty on time, never delinquent, and exerts a good influence over the three little orphan boys who work with him in the kitchen. During the last month, while Mrs. Mills and I have been living away from the school, he has proved himself capable of shouldering burdens. He is also industrious and anxious to learn. We have every reason to believe that his friend Sakayama will be just the same.

It greatly encourages our hearts to see these strong young men coming in to be trained for the work, and we look forward to the time when they will be ready for active service in winning souls for the heavenly garner. Remember these young men in your prayers.

J. MILLS.

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 "If you have not gold and silver
 Ever ready to command,
 If you cannot toward the needy
 Reach an ever-open hand,
 You can visit the afflicted,
 O'er the erring you can weep,
 You can be a true disciple,
 Sitting at the Saviour's feet."

The Maori Congress.

ONE of the most remarkable meetings ever held by Maoris closed at Wellington on July 20 of this year. Some of the speakers said the various tribes had never been so well represented, except when the Duke and the Duchess of York visited Rotorua.

The writer was present at this gathering when it was opened by the Governor of New Zealand; and enjoyed listening to the speakers, who stated the objects of the congress.

It appears that the Te Aute Maori Association deserves the credit of setting this movement on foot. This association, as stated by its president, was formed to aid the Maori race physically, socially, and spiritually. Surely every Christian will wish it success in such a worthy effort. The Young Maori Party, as those who have been stirred to action by this association are called, can speak of great changes for the better during the last ten years, among the Maori people. This progress is shown in caring for the body, building better homes, engaging in new industries, and also in other ways.

One of the leaders in this movement, Mr. A. T. Ngata, at the public opening of the congress stated the object of the gathering. It was intended to bring the best of the Maori race in contact with the best of the Pakeha people, that they might learn all they could of Pakeha civilization. Whatever they found good they would adopt, but the evils of civilized life would be rejected.

This gathering has brought the Maori people and their needs before the ministers of the government in a prominent way. If the Maoris in any district will set apart a piece of land for the purpose, the minister of lands has promised to send instructors to teach the young men farming. This should be a lasting benefit to the men who will take it up.

If all who were not present at the congress could be influenced to do as Mr. Ngata suggested, all would be well. If the delegates use their influence in that direction, much might be accomplished. The evil things brought in by the Pakeha, such as alcohol, gambling, and tobacco-using, might be set aside with great benefit by the whole Maori race. On the other hand better sanitary methods, better education, and other good things of the Pakeha civilization might be made a blessing to the people. If this congress results in leading more of the Maori people to forsake the evil and choose the good, it will not have been in vain. But let

every one remember that without the help of God we cannot give up one evil habit, one sinful indulgence. With earnest prayer to God in faith, every Maori and every Pakeha may be a conqueror in the fight against evil.

W. R. CARSWELL.

Our Field Work

Benalla, Victoria.

BENALLA is a town of about 2,500 inhabitants, situated in the north-eastern district of Victoria on the main line to Sydney. It is the centre of a large agricultural district and is also largely a railway town, being the end of the first section from Melbourne and consequently a changing station. Owing to this latter fact many of the drivers and other railway employees reside there.

At the close of the last Victorian conference in February, it was resolved that a tent effort should be made there. In harmony with this one of our field tents was pitched in a central location and meetings begun early in March. From the first a deep interest was manifested in the subjects presented, the attendance increasing until at last every seat was occupied. The presentation of the clear lines of truth God has given us soon produced opposition, which we had to meet, and for a time the whole town and district were stirred by the message. The points of truth presented formed the topics of conversation even in the hotels and factories, and as a result many of those who were not in the habit of attending religious services were to be found nightly in the tent. The congregation contained a good sprinkling of Catholics, Benalla being a strong Catholic centre, as shown by the opening, during our meetings, of a large church erected at a cost of £10,000.

After a protracted effort the tent was removed to Benalla West, about a mile from the first location, and another series of meetings begun. As a result of this continued effort we now have a nice company of Sabbath-keepers, an organized Sabbath-school, and regular missionary work. Several are still in the valley of decision, and many in the surrounding farming community are closely studying our special views, some of whom, we hope, will yet unite with us.

An incident occurred a few days ago which shows how the truth sometimes takes hold of individuals. One of our

new Sabbath-keepers doing some missionary work among the farmers found one ploughing on Sunday morning. The brother asked him whether he did not know the day was Sunday. The farmer replied that he had been fooled for forty years of his life, but would not be fooled any longer. He had always kept Sunday, believing it to be the seventh day, but now that his eyes were opened he proposed to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. This man and his wife have taken their stand for the truth, and are now regular attendants at our Sabbath services. Our Sabbath-school, including children, numbers thirty-five, and our donations to foreign missions for last quarter amounted to £4 7s. 6d. The missionary spirit also is being developed, as shown by the fact that this company ordered 1,000 copies of the Fleet Souvenir Number of the *Signs of the Times*.

We are hoping that the good Spirit of God, which has led these souls to accept the message, will add to their numbers until a strong church is developed in this district.

C. P. MICHAELS,
F. L. STARR.

Our Canvassers

Monthly Summary of Australian Canvassing Work.

New South Wales.

AUGUST, 1908.

<i>Seer of Patmos</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
C. E. Dingle, Singleton.....	52	8	£5 5 0
C. E. Harlow, Bega.....	46	4	2 10 0
" Bombala (Other books) ..	2	1	7 6
<i>Coming King</i> —			
J. T. Boyd, Temora.....	14	5	2 0 6
A. M. Potter, Deniliquin ..	77	42	17 11 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —			
A. E. Gill, Inverell.....	52	10	13 10 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —			
J. M. M'v, Rutherford	31	5	3 6 0
" Oakhampton (Other books) ..	3	3	0 0
Helps Sold by Agents.....			3 15 0
	272	79	£52 5 0

South Australia.

AUGUST, 1908.

<i>Great Controversy</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. Bowhey, Balaklava	116	47	£34 19 0
<i>Coming King</i> —			
W. Vercoe, Murray Flats	65	36	15 12 0
C. J. Harris, Hammond	127	97	42 11 0
G. Powell, Wilmington	102	36	15 11 0
B. J. Smith, Richmond	36	3	1 5 6
General Agent, Richmond	9	10	4 12 0
Helps Sold by Agents			5 4 0

455 229 £119 14 6

Victoria.

AUGUST, 1908.

<i>Home and Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Saunders, Nhill.....	53	25	£22 5 9
A. N. Harker, St. Arnaud	97	21	19 7 6
W. Fowler, St. Arnaud	82	8	7 0 0
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —			
R.C. & Mrs. Stewart, Dergholme ..	49	33	34 2 6
James Stewart, Bendigo	32	5	5 0 0
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —			
R.C. & Mrs. Stewart, Dergholme ..	18	19	15 0
A. N. Harker, St. Arnaud		1	1 0 0
<i>Home Hand Book</i> —			
A. N. Harker, St. Arnaud	10	15	0 0
<i>Bible Readings</i> —			
J. Stewart, Merrigum	40	9	5 15 0
W. Fowler, St. Arnaud		4	2 10 0
R. Collmann, Merrigum	47	1	12 6
A. N. Harker, St. Arnaud	2	1	5 0
" (Other books) ..			15 6
Helps Sold by Agents ..			2 3 0
	400	137	£136 11 0

Queensland.

AUGUST, 1908.

<i>Seer of Patmos</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. R. Lamb, Warwick	17	£11	12 6
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
W. R. Lamb, Warwick.....	1		12 6
A. T. Start, Mackay	185	95	62 3 6
" (Other books) ..	5	7	0 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —			
W. G. Hodgkinson, Biggenden ..	40	12	8 0 6
C. F. Hodgkinson, Biggenden....	38	7	4 7 6
<i>Coming King</i> —			
Mrs. K. M. Newley, Toowoomba ..	102	27	11 9 6
J. Tinworth, Bundamba	20	4	1 10 0
Mrs. Peters, Newmarket	24	6	2 5 0
<i>Home and Health</i> —			
W. F. Ford, South Coast line....	115	15	13 2 6
<i>Bible Readings</i> —			
L. Bailey, Western line	38	18	12 0 0
<i>Family Bible</i> —			
A. Start	1	2	15 0
Helps Sold by Agents.....			5 1 8
	562	208	£142 0 2

West Australia.

AUGUST, 1908.

<i>Home Hand Book</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. Masters, Siberia & Mexico ..	22	12	£18 10 0
<i>Seer of Patmos</i> —			
R. M. Adams, Coolgardie.....	64	5	3 2 6
C. Hanbury, Coolgardie	72	5	4 2 6
<i>Ladies' Guide</i> —			
F. Masters, Siberia & Mexico ..	11	5	5 14 0
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i> —			
G. W. Hawkins, Bulong	94	28	20 16 6
F. Masters, Siberia & Mexico ..	12	2	1 10 6
R. M. Adams, Coolgardie	24	3	2 1 0
<i>House We Live In</i> —			
F. Masters, Siberia & Mexico ..	9	5	1 2 0
<i>Coming King</i> —			
G. Hawkins, Bulong.....	27	5	2 6 6
W. J. Hunt, Boulder	45	17	6 19 6
Helps Sold by Agents			3 0 6
	380	87	£69 5 6

Totals for August, 1908.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Queensland	562	208	£142 0 2
Victoria	400	137	136 11 0
South Australia	455	229	119 14 6
West Australia	380	87	69 5 6
New South Wales	272	79	52 5 0
	2069	740	£519 16 2

Educational

Closing Scenes at Avondale, 1908.

AS ANOTHER school year is closing, we all feel constrained to say, "Surely the Lord is in this place," for His presence and blessing have been so manifest to us all this year.

As the sun's glory grows more resplendent just before the orb of day departs, so these last days have possessed especial beauty for all.

The presence of Pastor J. N. Loughborough during the last month of school has been a fountain of help and blessing to us, and our souls have been watered and refreshed in listening to the varied circumstances connected with the rise and progress of the third angel's message, made more interesting to us by the use of original charts, views, and, above all, the witness of "one who was there."

Sabbath, September 26, being the last Sabbath that Brother Loughborough would be with us this school year, all appreciated hearing him preach a special sermon to the students in the Avondale church. The occasion was an impressive one. The graduating students were seated in the central front seats, the faculty occupying the rostrum, and the white flowers with which the church was decorated seemed to be in harmony with the snowy hair of the speaker, and the purity of the truths he presented from God's Word. His remarks were based on Lam. 3: 27: "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth," showing how true this has proved in the past, by the testimony of such holy lives as those of Moses, Daniel, Samuel, Jesus Christ, John the Baptist, etc., who by bearing the yoke in their youth did great and eternal good to humanity.

One closing event which will ever live in the memories of all present at the time, was our last regular missionary meeting, held September 30, which convened as usual in the school chapel on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. This gathering was a large one, not only of students and teachers, but also of parents and friends.

To open the meeting the school orchestra rendered "The Heavens are Telling," from Haydn's "Creation," very effectively. Brother Hoopes then led us in prayer to the throne of the Great Missionary, thanking Him for past blessings, and pleading His presence still.

An item of an interesting nature was

then given by seven students. Six of these presented the great need of the gospel in the six continents (a different continent being dealt with by each speaker), and the remaining student spoke of the needs in the island field. Although each student spoke for only a short time, they made the great need which exists among earth's starving inhabitants for the "Bread of Life" very apparent.

A concerted piece of vocal music entitled "Light of the World" was then sung by a double quartette.

The next item afforded profit and pleasure to all, being a recital by a class of nine students, entitled "Missionary Mottoes," being the mottoes which some prominent missionaries have adopted as a watchword in their labours.

Results which have been accomplished by missionaries were set before us by seven students, in a recitation named "Chimes in Many Tongues." Each student so presented the condition of those who were once in heathen darkness, but who now rejoice in the gospel light, that a familiar hymn was called for, to which a double quartette seated in the meeting responded. This item was a very pleasing one.

All then listened with interest to the recitation by Sister Q. Hill, of a poem entitled "As I Have Loved You."

As a fitting climax to our meeting, Brother A. Hing made an appeal to those who were present to devote their talents to the uplifting of earth's needy millions, who cry to us to supply their need, to lighten their darkness, to satisfy their hunger. Brother Hing's remarks closed with an admonition to seek consecration, that God may use us to supply this great need.

After singing that stirring old hymn, "To the Work," the benediction, pronounced by Pastor R. W. Munson, brought this, our last regular missionary meeting of this school year, to a close.

Sabbath afternoon a gathering of eight of the students, who leave Avondale this year to labour in the work elsewhere, met with Brother and Sister Brown and Sister H. Andre, our missionary society leaders. This was a very pleasant occasion, on which a plan was devised whereby those leaving Avondale may, by correspondence, keep in touch with one another and their work in the future.

The next occasion of interest during these closing days of this school year, was a stereopticon lecture given by Pastor E. H. Gates, in the school chapel, Sunday evening, September 4. With interest all listened to a description of the many views shown of some of

earth's Edenic spots, in Samoa, Honolulu, Fiji, and Singapore. At the close of the meeting all joined heartily in singing the illuminated hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The school chapel on Monday night, October 5, was again the scene of a large and expectant audience, who had come to enjoy a "musical evening," at which the following specially prepared programme was rendered:—

Orchestra	
"Simple Aveu" - - - -	Thome
Invocation - - - -	PASTOR E. H. GATES
Piano Solo	
"Ranz-des-vaches Suisses" - -	Raff
LILLA M. DAVIES	
Cornet Solo	
"Carnival de Venice" - - - -	Round
KENELM HUNGERFORD	
Vocal Solo	
"A Crown of Life" - - - -	E. St. Quentin
CLARE HOPPER	
Orchestra	
"Turkish Patrol" - - - -	Michaelis
Select Reading - - - -	R. ALBON
Piano Solo	
"Tarantelle" in D Minor - -	Gottschalk
CHARLES H. SCHOWE	
String Quartette	
"Frühlingslied" - - - -	Schubert
BERTHA ROUSE, HILDA PAAP, F. BEHRENS, A. BULLAS	
Trombone Solo	
{ "Gentle Flow'rs in the Dew" } { "The Hour is Late! Farewell" }	
SAMUEL HOOPES	
Orchestra	
(a) "Cavalleria Rusticana, Intermezzo"	Mascagni
(b) "Traümerei" - - - -	Schumann
Male Chorus	
"A Storm in Norway" - - - -	H. Kjerulf
Violin Solo	
"Rondo" (Concerto No. 7) - -	Rode
BERTHA ROUSE	
Vocal Solo	
"Lost Chord" - - - -	A. Sullivan
J. H. PAAP	
Orchestra	
"Poet and Peasant" - - - -	Suppe

At the close of the evening's entertainment, Pastor L. A. Hoopes made a few fitting remarks, touching on the efficacy of music in training the intellect to adore the Creator of all things, that being the desired end of such a programme as had been rendered.

The first item of the closing exercises held at 3.30 p.m., October 6, was given by the school orchestra and entitled "Flower Song" (by Lange).

The orchestra also rendered the selection of the previous night, "Turkish Patrol." After all joining in singing "Thanksgiving," Pastor Hoopes read

the words of Job 28 concerning wisdom; its definition in Job 28:28 is, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." John 17 also was read.

Pastor Munson then invoked God's presence and blessing on our gathering, especially pleading for His guidance in the future path which those students who leave school this year to engage in more active labour in the Master's vineyard, will tread.

An organ voluntary, "Melody," was then played by Mrs. J. H. Paap.

Pastor Pallant delivered the address to those present, his remarks applying particularly to the graduating class. Wherever we are placed God will expect us to apply the knowledge gained to His name's honour and glory, and He will supply the grace to do it. The parable of the talents, Matt. 25:14-30, was the basis of his remarks. God gives talents to every one according to his ability. These talents are perfect gifts, and if used aright they will accomplish a perfect work for His name. Several texts showing how we should work for Him were then referred to. From Col. 3:22, 23, we learn that everything is to be done heartily. Why do it so?—2 Cor. 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." From Acts 4:13, we learn that boldness is necessary in working for the Lord. Although our Lord was "the Lamb of God," yet He is also called the "Lion of the tribe of Judah"; so must we be gentle as a lamb in leading sinners to the Lord, yet, if need be, as a lion in reproving sin. The essential to spiritual growth is prayer; an admonition to continue in prayer, and ever lean on the Lord for strength at all times, closed this helpful address.

After a song, "Jubilate Deo" (by Suds), had been rendered by a double quartette, Professor Irwin, as principal of the school, made some appropriate remarks, setting forth the true object of the school—to train young men and women, not in the theories of this world's sciences and sophistries, but to enter the service of the Lord, and engage in the science, with His help, of rescuing fallen man, and thereby hastening the second appearing of Jesus Christ. The diplomas were then presented to those who had completed any course of study during the year. The orchestra then rendered another selection, "Tannhauser" (by Wagner).

The benediction, pronounced by Pastor Gates, brought this long-to-be-remembered occasion to a close, which will ever be looked back upon by these present as an oasis in the desert of life

CLASS ROLL.

TEACHERS' COURSE.—Rhae Allbon, A. W. Chelberg, Maud E. Guilliard, Rhoda E. Hard, May Lambert, James Pascoe, Harold E. Piper, Daisy T. Reeves, F. H. Sheppard, Bertha M. Voss.

MISSIONARY COURSE.—Samuel L. Hoopes, Isabel C. Stewart.

BUSINESS COURSE.—Cora E. Rogers.

PREPARATORY COURSE.—Ellis Behrens, S. Meryl Cobb, Lilla M. Davis, Roy Davies, Matthew H. Cozens, Nellie Dawn, Albert E. Dean, Thomas A. Driver, Andrew Ferris, Miriam Munson, Isabel Fox, Charles Head, Hazel Hoskins, H. Thomas Howse, Leila K. Minchin, Albert Munson, Lorna R. Hungerford, George T. Newbold, Lester E. Newbold, Olive Osborne, Viola M. Rogers, Alice L. Scheffler, Emma Schlitzkus, Alma C. Steed, H. M. Turner.

(On the evening following the closing exercises the students met once more in the school chapel, on the occasion of a special missionary meeting. A report of this meeting is given in the article following.)

In viewing the work of the school during the last year, with all the blessings and privileges it has held for teachers and students, we do feel indeed thankful to the Good Shepherd for having led us so gently and into such pleasant places, the experience of each at the close of this school year being—

"Nearer my Father's house,
Where many mansions be;
Nearer the throne where Jesus reigns,
Nearer the crystal sea."

MAY LAMBERT.

Closing Missionary Meeting at Avondale.

A SPECIAL session of the Avondale School Missionary Society was held in the chapel at Avondale on Tuesday night, October 6. The meeting proved to be a chapter of surprises. After an opening piece by the orchestra, the chairman, Professor Irwin, called on Pastor Gates for a talk on missions. The subject discussed was Java. We were told briefly of the property purchased for a sanitarium, the Javanese name of which appropriately signifies in English, "The Well of Blessing." The Lord plainly guided in the securing of a piece of property so suitable for the contemplated purpose. The pressing need of Sisters Tunheim and Nordstrom at present is two ponies and saddles, as the home is reached most easily by this means. It was estimated that each pony and outfit would cost ten pounds.

The financial report for the year, presented by the treasurer, Brother T. Howse, showed, after various disburse-

ments to missions, a credit balance of £5 2s. 5d. The committee appointed to consider the object to which this should be donated, suggested that the appeal just made by Pastor Gates should receive an immediate answer, and the society be responsible for one pony and saddle. The suggestion was well received, and the collection, taken up immediately, amounted to £8 16s., thus making a total of £13 18s. 5d. The old saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," must have fitted the occasion, judging by the pleased expression on the faces of all when the total was announced.

Neat little souvenirs in the form of a number of printed cards, tied together by a dainty ribbon of one or other of many delicate colours, were handed to the members of the society. These souvenirs contained the life motto of many noted missionaries, also the titles of the subjects studied in the weekly meetings and the list of speakers who have favoured the society by their presence during the year. These interesting booklets will prove an acceptable memento of the helpful meetings of the year.

The call was given for those who planned to leave school and enter some particular branch of the work during the summer, to stand. Twenty-three responded, and Pastor Pallant offered an earnest prayer that God's blessing would attend them, Professor Irwin previously reading from the "Testimonies" some encouraging statements on their respective work. A pleasant and profitable evening was then brought to a close.

Very early on the morning of October 7 could be heard the sounds of the last preparations for departure. Worship and breakfast over, all wended their way to the boat-shed, some for the "last" time. Bustle, stir, hurried good-byes, a few premonitory puffs on the part of the engine, and the crowded launch was off; and vacation, with its new duties and pleasures, was before us. The Lord has richly blessed us in the year that has passed, and we are encouraged to press onward and upward to the goal, that we may have a part in the final victory. RHAЕ ALLBON.

THE effect of culture in the vegetable world is not more marked than in the intellectual and spiritual world. Many men and women are growing up mere human weeds who might be a great blessing to humanity if the mind and heart were properly cultivated.—*Homiletic Review*.

Our Young People

Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

WE have learned that our young people find the portions given for the weekly studies in the reading course too long for them. Our state young people's secretaries say that they have given these studies a trial, and they confirm the opinions of the young people. We will, therefore, in future shorten the lessons. A small portion, well studied, is worth much more than a large one, raced through. We wish to encourage our young people to read in such a way that they will retain what they read for future use.

We have been requested to repeat the studies on "Pastor Hsi," making them much shorter. Quite a number did not take up the study of this book for various reasons, so this will be a good opportunity for them to do so. There are many precious lessons to be learned from this book. One is the example of prevailing prayer that is given. If all our young people could learn to prevail with God in prayer as Pastor Hsi did, what a power they would be in the world. Another marked characteristic of Pastor Hsi was his faith in God. There is much in the book to strengthen our faith as we read how God honoured the faith of this servant of His. We have learned of one young man who has been so stirred by the reading of this book that he is going to school, to dedicate his life to the giving of the last gospel message. We trust it may have the same effect on many others.

As the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course is to be run through the new youths' paper in future, we will start "Pastor Hsi" over again in the first number of the paper, which will be out some time in December. In this way we may be able to get some young people not of our faith to read some of these good books too. Let us all take hold with all our hearts, so as to make the most that is possible out of our studies. E. M. GRAHAM.

From Queensland to South Australia.

THE life of most of our labourers engaged in field work is made up of continual changes. Surely is the Scripture true in Mark 10:30, which says that God will give us in this life an

hundredfold for what we have left. I can truthfully say this concerning my short stay in Queensland. I have made many friends and acquaintances that I hold dear, and this is true of all other places where I have laboured.

I am taking advantage of this medium to bid adieu to my many kind friends in Queensland, and also to extend greeting to all my old friends in South Australia, where God has appointed me to labour. The field is the world, and our Father has told us to go and labour for Him. Sometimes we are permitted to labour in one part of His vineyard for a time, and then He calls us to give attention to another division of that same vineyard. He desires us to look upon the work as a complete whole, and not get tied down to any particular centre; thus our minds broaden concerning the requirements of the field at large.

I am thankful to say that God has blessed my labours in Queensland, and that my association with the people there has been very pleasant; and though I am leaving this field for the time being, it may be my privilege to labour there again.

I still have a great interest in the work in Queensland in all its branches, and pray that God will abundantly bless the work there to the salvation of many precious souls. I ask a similar interest in your prayers, that the Lord may use me to greater advantage than ever before in His good and gracious service.

A. E. HODGKISON.

Notes

BROTHER W. W. PALMER of Tonga who has been in attendance at the Union Conference, returned to his home and field of labour in Tonga on Tuesday, October 13.

BROTHER A. SMART and wife and Brother and Sister A. Chelberg recently passed through Sydney on their way from Queensland to Victoria to engage in field work in that conference.

AMONG the general labourers in attendance at the New South Wales Camp-meeting, are O. A. Olsen, J. N. Loughborough, L. A. Hoopes, R. W. Munson, G. F. Jones and wife from the East Indies, and J. M. Johanson.

ON Tuesday, September 15, Brother Parker returned to his field of labour in Fiji, Sister Parker and Ramona remaining here for a time to get further benefit from this cooler climate.

THE first-page article, "How God Trains His Workers," is one that was read at the Union Conference and that made a deep impression upon all that heard it. By special request we print it in the RECORD.

PASTORS Olsen and Loughborough and Brethren Johanson, Semmens, and Mountain were in attendance at the Queensland Conference. We hope to have a report of this meeting for our next issue.

BROTHER and Sister E. E. Thorpe, in company with Brother and Sister Fulton, sailed for Java, their future field of labour, on October 1. We understand that they will connect with the new rest home near Sourabaya.

IN harmony with the action of the Union Conference, Pastor Woods and Brother R. Govett have come to New South Wales to connect with the work in this conference. Both are in attendance at the camp-meeting now in session.

BROTHER and Sister Fulton left for the East Indian field on Thursday, October 1. As recorded in our special issue No. 2, Pastor Fulton was elected superintendent of the East Indian field at our Union Conference. He and Sister Fulton planned to spend some weeks in Java before going on to Singapore.

NEW ZEALAND has lost one of her most valued workers in Pastor Lyndon, who with Sister Lyndon and the children left for Rarotonga early in September to take up the work formerly carried by Brother and Sister Pascoe, who have been obliged to return to New Zealand on account of their health.

PRACTICAL and encouraging results have followed the missionary convention held in New Zealand. Pastor McElhany and Brother James have been visiting the churches since the convention in the interests of the campaign work. Large orders for literature have been sent in to the office from the churches visited.

BROTHER and Sister H. E. Piper, from the Avondale School, sailed from Sydney on the *Tofua*, October 13, for their new field on Haapai Island, of the Tongan group, where a school has recently been started by Sister M. E. Boyd, and where an interest in the truth is being awakened through this means.

BROTHER and Sister Hubbard from South Australia and Brother Burgess from Victoria have gone to Queensland to labour, in harmony with the recommendation of the Union Conference. Brother Hubbard will engage in field work, and Brother Burgess takes the position of state agent and field missionary secretary.

THE New South Wales Camp-meeting is in session at the present writing. It has opened under most favourable circumstances. The ground is admirably adapted for an encampment in every way. The weather is delightful and the attendance

large. Surely the Lord has visited His people in privileges and blessings, and we trust the results from this meeting may be in proportion to the opportunities. A full report will be given later.

SINCE the date on which the Special RECORD No. 2 was announced to come out, inquiries have been pouring in from all directions for the paper, our regular subscribers thinking that their copy must have gone astray. No doubt many others who have not written have also been in perplexity in reference to their paper. But we trust that before this paper reaches you, all will have received the second special, and have seen the explanation it gives for the length of time in printing. Should there be any who have not now received the paper, we would be glad to know, that duplicate copies may be sent. Address Union Conference Office.

FROM the New Zealand Tract Society we receive the following: "Just now special consideration is being given to temperance matters by our people in New Zealand, in view of the local option poll to be taken in November next, and plans for work to be done during the coming no-license campaign are being made. Calls for the temperance number of the *Signs* are coming in freely, and we trust that our present order of 35,000 will need to be increased. The Secretary of the Alliance has been informed of our plans, and while thanking us for our co-operation in the temperance cause has promised to encourage his fellow-helpers in all parts of the dominion to aid in the circulation of the paper. This movement will mean work for all concerned, but we feel sure that our people will rally to the help of the Lord against the mighty, doing all in their power to banish the liquor curse from our youthful and yet prosperous country."

Obituary.

BOORN.—Died at the local hospital, Parkes, New South Wales, September 22, 1908, at the age of thirty-eight years, Elizabeth, wife of Brother Edward Boorn, from blood poisoning. After an illness of just two weeks, during which she suffered much, she fell asleep at ten o'clock on Tuesday night. We laid her to rest, awaiting her Lord's returning, in the Methodist portion of the cemetery, Brother Herbert Kent, of the Eugowra Church, conducting the service. All the church members and believers, with a number of other friends, followed the remains to their last resting-place. Sister Boorn and her husband, along with other members of the family, accepted the truth when Pastor McGowan held meetings here three years ago, and she was a member of the local church of Seventh-day Adventists till the time of her death. She was always kind, and ever ready to oblige. Genuine sorrow is felt by all, but we mourn not as those having no hope. Many of the Avondale students will remember three of her children (Emily, Edward, and Albert), who spent some time at the school.

H. TOLHURST.

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WE have received two new tracts from the Signs Publishing Company. One is "Evolution and the Sabbath." Evolution is a false doctrine that is becoming increasingly prevalent, and this is a useful little tract to place in the hands of the people to help those who have already been deceived by this false conception of the creation of the world, and to fortify others against receiving it. It is a well-written tract by a man who has given special study to this subject in its various phases, and he very clearly shows how the evolution theory is entirely built on assumption. The price of the tract is a halfpenny, and it can be procured from the state societies. We trust it will be used freely, as it is just what is needed at this time.

The other tract is "Satan's First Lie," and is in verse. It gives clearly and in a pleasing manner Scriptural reasons for the conditional immortality of man, the state of the dead, and final destiny of the wicked. It is an excellent little tract for distribution to friends and neighbours. This tract also may be obtained from the state societies, and sells at one penny. These tracts contain truths for this time for which the people are perishing. Do not let them lie on the office shelves, but get them quickly into the hands of the people.

Morning Reflections.

THE question is asked, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith in the earth?" Can you say this morning, I believe in the Lord Jesus; I live by the faith of the Son of God, by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God?

The Saviour is calling souls to come to Him. The bells of heaven are ringing out the blessed invitation, "Come." The Spirit of God is pleading, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and

drink." These are precious words of encouragement and hope.

It is the privilege and duty of every church member to consecrate heart and soul to God. At your baptism you pledged yourselves to believe in God, to obey His Word, to receive His grace.

You pledged yourselves to live the principles of the gospel, and to labour together with Christ with all the ability God has given you. None are excused for living idle lives. None can refuse to represent Him in word and deed, and be guiltless.

The presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three highest powers in the universe, and those in whose name the believer is baptized, is pledged to be with every striving soul. They will impart grace and strength to all who will watch unto prayer, to all who will purify the soul by obedience to the truth. And they will make the believer instrumental in leading other souls to accept Christ by faith.

The duty to reflect light rests upon every church member. "Ye are the light of the world," Christ declared to His followers. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." If the believer fails of drawing light from the Sun of Righteousness, he cannot reflect light.

"He that is not with Me," Christ said, "is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." Those who do not cast their influence on the side of Christ, Satan imbues with his spirit to act in unison with the enemy of good. We cannot afford to do this, and thus violate the pledge we made at our baptism. When we give to the cause of evil the influence and ability which belong to the cause of truth, angels are disappointed, and Christ is dishonoured. Those who are true to their baptismal pledge cannot be indifferent to the work of saving souls. To those who by their influence gather with Christ, angels will give ability to labour successfully for Him.

How precious to every soul should be the thought that his name upon the church books is the pledge that he is engaged in the service of Christ! The servant of God is to be learning constantly how he may reflect light to the world. By his earnest devotion to the cause of the coming King, he is to be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. He has become dead to worldly inducements, and lives unto God; and the words of his mouth, the modest dress, the humble spirit, unflinchingly

testify that he is a labourer together with God.

Spiritual indolence brings discouragement to the church. The example of one indolent soul may do much harm; for it will be copied by others just according to the possibilities of its influence. The Lord calls upon all who profess His name to exalt His character before men, by words and works revealing their faith in Him. In response to our desire to labour for Christ, heavenly angels will place opportunities before us by which we may make known the salvation of God.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

Wanted.

H. MITCHELL, of Norfolk Island, writes that a donation of a light single-furrow plough, and a pair of wheels and axle to make a cart for farm work, would be very useful to him in his work. Some training in the development of the soil will be very helpful in that island, but without some tools it is difficult to give this. Are there not some among our farmer brethren who would esteem it a privilege to supply this need?

Notice.

THE Signs Publishing Company have now received a small consignment of "Into All the World." A few weeks ago we received word that this book was out of print, and none could be sent us. But a few have been procured, so those who desire them can now obtain them by ordering from their state societies. This is an excellent book for those who have to take any part in missionary programmes. It was especially prepared by the leaders of the Missionary Volunteer movement, which has done so much to arouse an interest in missions; and this is a guarantee that the book is well worth having. All our ministers, our state tract society and state young people's secretaries, church-school teachers, missionary secretaries, young people's leaders, and others connected with the missionary work should have a copy. The prices are, cloth 2s. 6d., and paper 2s. Order early, as the stock is not large. The book is an excellent one for Sabbath-school libraries.

DISINTERESTED love and self-denying service to our fellow-creatures are the most acceptable worship we can offer to our Creator.—*Channing*.

SUPPLEMENT TO UNION CONFERENCE

Statistical Report of the Australasian Union Conference

CHURCH AND CONFERENCE WORK

Name of Conference or Mission	Year Organized	Area in Square Miles	Population.	Number of Churches.	Membership of Churches.	Number of Companies.	Membership of Companies.	Number of Isolated Sabbath-Keepers.	Total Sabbath-Keepers.	Total Tithe Receipts.	Tithe per Capita	Number of Church Buildings.	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Ministers.	Licensed Preachers.	Bible-Workers.	Canvassers.	Office Workers, etc.	Total Labourers.	Sales of Books and Periodicals.	Retail Value.	Amount of Tithes Appropriated to Fields outside of Conference	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions, except S. S. and Y.P.S. Offerings.
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