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

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THE PROMISE.

"The Lord hear thee in trouble";
But the good Book does not say
Thy soul shall have no sorrow
As thou goest on thy way:
Only—the Lord will hear thee,
And in His bosom bear thee.

He'll uphold thee when thou fallest;
But the promise does not come
That thy feet shall never stumble
Along thy journey home:
Only—He will uphold thee,
His arms will safe enfold thee.

When thou passest through the rivers,
They shall not thee o'erflow.
Troubled waters are before thee,
And through them thou must go:
Only—He'll go beside thee;
From Him no deeps can hide thee.

Though thou walkest through the valley—
That valley dark and dim—
Yea, though at last He slay thee,
O, trust thou yet in Him!
For He has gone before thee,
And to life He will restore thee.

—Elizabeth Rosser.

Co-workers with Christ.

AS WISE generalship is needed in the service of Christ as over the battalions of an army that protects the life and liberty of the people. It is not every one who can labour judiciously for the salvation of souls. There is much close thinking to be done. We must not enter into the Lord's work haphazard, and expect success. The Lord needs men of mind, men of thought. Jesus calls for co-workers, not blunderers. God wants right-thinking and intelligent men to do the great work necessary to the salvation of souls.

Mechanics, lawyers, merchants, men of all trades and professions, educate themselves that they may become masters of their business. Should the followers of Christ be less intelligent, and while professedly engaged in His service, be ignorant of the ways and means to be employed? The enterprise of gaining everlasting life is above every earthly consideration. In order to lead

souls to Jesus there must be a knowledge of human nature and a study of the human mind. Much careful thought and fervent prayer are required to know how to approach men and women upon the great subject of truth.

Some rash, impulsive, yet honest souls, after a pointed discourse has been given, will accost those who are not with us in a very abrupt manner, and make the truth, which we desire them to receive, repulsive to them. "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Business men and politicians study courtesy. It is their policy to make themselves as attractive as possible. They study to render their address and manners such that they may have the greatest influence over the minds of those about them. They use their knowledge and abilities as skilfully as possible in order to gain this object.

There is a vast amount of rubbish brought forward by professed believers in Christ, which blocks up the way to the cross. Notwithstanding all this, there are some who are so deeply convicted that they will come through every discouragement, and will surmount every obstacle in order to gain the truth. But had the believers in the truth purified their minds by obeying it, had they felt the importance of knowledge and of refinement of manners in Christ's work, where one soul has been saved there might have been twenty.

Again, after individuals have been converted to the truth, they need to be looked after. The zeal of many ministers seems to fail as soon as a measure of success attends their efforts. They do not realize that these newly converted ones need nursing—watchful attention, help, and encouragement. These should not be left alone, a prey to Satan's most powerful temptations; they need to be educated in regard to their duties, to be kindly dealt with, to be led along, and to be visited and prayed with. These souls need the meat apportioned to every man in due season.

No wonder that some become discouraged, linger by the way, and are left for wolves to devour. Satan is upon the track of all. He sends his agents forth to gather back to his ranks the souls he has lost. There should be more fathers and mothers to take these babes in the truth to their hearts, and to encourage them and pray for them, that their faith be not confused.

Preaching is a small part of the work to be done for the salvation of souls. God's Spirit convicts sinners of the truth, and He places them in the arms of the church. The ministers may do their part, but they can never perform the work that the church should do. God requires His church to nurse those who are young in faith and experience, to go to them, not for the purpose of gossiping with them, but to pray, to speak unto them words that are "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

We all need to study character and manner that we may know how to deal judiciously with different minds, that we may use our best endeavours to help them to a correct understanding of the Word of God, and to a true Christian life. We should read the Bible with them, and draw their minds away from temporal things to their eternal interests. It is the duty of God's children to be missionaries for Him, to become acquainted with those who need help. If one is staggering under temptation, his case should be taken up carefully and managed wisely; for his eternal interest is at stake, and the words and acts of those labouring for him may be a savour of life unto life, or of death unto death.

Sometimes a case presents itself that should be made a prayerful study. The person must be shown his true character, understand his own peculiarities of disposition and temperament, and see his infirmities. He should be judiciously handled. If he can be reached, if his heart can be touched by this wise and patient labour, he can be bound with strong cords to Christ and led to trust

in God. Oh, when a work like this is done, all the heavenly court look and rejoice; for a precious soul has been rescued from Satan's snare and saved from death! Oh, will it not pay to work intelligently for the salvation of souls? Christ paid the price of His own life for them, and shall His followers ask, "Am I my brother's keeper"? Shall we not work in unison with the Master? Shall we not appreciate the worth of souls for whom our Saviour died?

The love of Christ should be cherished. More faith is needed in the work which is to be done before the coming of Christ. There should be more self-denying, self-sacrificing labour in the right direction. There should be thoughtful, prayerful study how to work to the best advantage. Careful plans should be matured. There are minds among us that can invent and carry out if they are only put to use. Great results would follow well-directed and intelligent efforts.

Missionaries for God are wanted, faithful men and women who will not shirk responsibility. Judicious labour will accomplish good results. There is real work to be done. The truth should be brought before people in a careful manner by those who unite meekness with wisdom. We should not hold ourselves aloof from our fellow-men, but come close to them; for their souls are as precious as our own. We can carry the light into their homes, with a softened and subdued spirit plead with them to come up to the exalted privilege offered them, pray with them when it seems proper, and show them that there are higher attainments that they may reach, and then guardedly speak to them of the sacred truths for these last days.

There are more gatherings for singing than for prayer among our people; but even these gatherings can be conducted in so reverential yet cheerful a manner that they may exert a good influence. There is, however, too much jesting, idle conversation, and gossiping to make these seasons beneficial, to elevate the thoughts and refine the manners.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

PROMISE—prayer—performance are three links in the chain of blessing. If the middle link is missing, we have no right to expect the third.—*D. L. Moody.*

"THE Lord does not judge us according to the elevation of our various spheres, but according to the faithfulness with which we fill them."

Our Missions

Our Girls' School, Fiji.

FIVE months ago an opportunity was given the young women of Fiji to enter our training school at Buresala, by the completion of a six-roomed cottage which serves as a home for the girls. At that time nine young women were enrolled as students to prepare themselves for usefulness in the Lord's work. Two of these are the daughters of our Fijian minister, Pauliasi Bunoa. They are all good girls, and have given their lives to the work, and look forward to the time when they will have a part in carrying this truth to other places.

While in this, as in every branch of our work when first started, there are many difficulties to be met, yet we have seen the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father leading us onward. We know that we are following a Leader who has never known failure or defeat, and knowing this, we leave the future in His hands.

We hope soon to see other girls giving themselves to the work, and entering our training school. Travelling in Fiji is not like it is in Australia. When a student wants to come to school here, he cannot take a train and come any day he wishes, but has to wait until one of our mission-boats visits his town, which is not very often, as there are so many islands, and the towns where our people are located are sometimes a great distance apart.

When our girls arrive at Buresala, they are as a rule very scantily clad, and it is somewhat perplexing to know just how to supply each one with a sufficient amount of clothing to enable her to attend church and school. They have no money, and so are unable to purchase these articles for themselves. We would here extend an invitation to our friends in Australia who have cast-off clothing (boots and stockings excepted) or anything that can be used as bandages, etc., and wish to have some part in the work here, to send such to our school in Buresala, where they will be put to the best possible use. Anything in the shape of clothing would be acceptable, whether it be for men, women, or children.

In their own towns the Fijian women fish, garden, and make mats, baskets, fans, etc. We are making some of these articles in our girls' school, and hope in this way to develop an industry that will be a real benefit to the work.

As we look upon the unentered fields, still in heathen darkness, we long for the time when these young people will be ready to carry the third angel's message to islands where the name of Christ is yet unknown.

We are of good courage, and ask the united prayers of God's people that this school may be truly an institution of His own planting, where workers are being prepared to take the bread of life to earth's famishing millions.

ANNIE M. WILLIAMS.

Field Work

West Australia.

ON the eve of our departure from West Australia, we take the occasion to send a report of the work in this field.

At the late Union Conference council, as most are aware, plans were made for the work in general, which meant the recall of some of the workers in the West Australian Conference, and the sending of others to this field. Three steamers running brought Pastor Baker, his wife, and son, Pastor Michaels and son, Brother R. W. Brown and wife, Sisters Kathleen Giblett and Amy Clark. There are yet to arrive Brother Constandt, wife, and infant, Sister Michaels, and Sister Milly Dawkins. Early in November Brother Blunden and wife and Brother Prees left for the East, and we take our departure evening after Sabbath, December 1.

We feel thankful to have Brother Baker as the president of the conference. He has long been connected with the work in Australasia, and his experience will be valuable to the conference and its varied interests. Brother Michaels, with Brother and Sister Ashcroft, has gone to Albany to conduct a tent mission. In the past we have made no effort in this important seaport town. These brethren need our prayers that God will bless their work. Brother and Sister Brown, who take charge of the Darling Range School, are at present visiting among the country churches. It is expected that Brother Constandt will, on his arrival, labour in the suburbs of Perth in connection with Brother and Sister Hilliard. Miss Amy Clark will take the Preston school, Brother Sharp that at Bokhara, Sister Dawkins the church-school at Heidelberg, and Sister Kath-

leen Giblett will connect with the Darling Range School. We are hoping to retain Brother Roberts, who is at present in this State, for the Osborne Park school. Sister Violet Branford, who has taught the last-named school for the past year, is leaving with us in order to take up a further course of study at Avondale.

The second year of our school ended November 1. Some of the students remain at the school during the vacation to look after the up-keep of the buildings, orchard, and garden. Six of the students are working for scholarships in the canvassing field, and the others have gone to their homes. The financial condition of the school is sound, for which we thank the prospering hand of a kind Heavenly Father. The problem we have on hand is to provide more room to accommodate the increased number of students that we expect next year.

The health food depot is doing a good business, and gradually the large indebtedness that accumulated three years ago is being worked off. Our tract society workers are labouring hard to make their department a success. During these times of strikes and industrial disputes our tract societies need our prayers, as do their co-workers, the canvassers in the field.

The Perth members are about to build their church. The original grant of land has been exchanged for a better piece, and now all is ready to proceed with the erection of the building.

At our last conference committee meeting a committee of three was chosen to search for a piece of land upon which to hold our next camp. This meeting will begin a few days earlier than it did last year, as it is announced for March 10-20. It is not too soon to begin to plan to attend, and to pray that God's blessing will rest upon His people at that time.

May God bless the work in West Australia. We are sorry to leave, but must obey the call of duty. We desire to thank all the workers in the conference, the committee, the church officers, and all the brethren and sisters, for the loyal support they have given us in our labours; and we know that the same support will be accorded to Brother Baker, who succeeds us in the work.

A. H. PIPER.

Love alone is might,
Makes the heavy burden light,
Smooths rough ways to weary feet,
Makes the bitter morsel sweet:
Love alone is strength.

—George Macdonald.

South Australia.

REPORTS from the workers in the field show a spirit of encouragement, zeal, and trust in God.

The tent company recently stationed at Edithburgh, Yorke Peninsula, report a good opening meeting. The attendance was good, the tent being filled to overflowing with intelligent, well-thinking people, who manifested interest and attention throughout the service. Brethren White and Walldorff need our prayers as they hold up the standard of truth in Edithburgh. We believe that some will be led to rejoice in the third angel's message as the result of the work done in that place.

The workers in Broken Hill are experiencing difficulties on account of the strikes. The agitators in that place are holding open-air mass-meetings, which draw the attention of the people from the tent-meetings. But in spite of all, Brethren Rogers and Cozens are of good courage. In a letter recently received from them, they say, "We believe that the honest in heart will be drawn to the truth, for we have the Lord on our side."

Brother Currow, who has charge of the Alberton mission, reports a good interest and eight Sabbath-keepers as a result of the tent effort there. He is holding Bible-readings with twenty-three. One of these is a leading draper of Port Adelaide, one an aged Roman Catholic, and another a blind lady whose face fairly beamed at the good news. Eight others are interested. One interesting case is that of an elderly lady, a member of the Church of England, who a fortnight ago decided to try Sabbath and Sunday keeping. We pray that she will be led to see and choose the right. Over forty copies of our papers are heralding the truth in Alberton each week.

Let us not forget to hold up the hands of these workers by our prayers on their behalf.

ETHEL R. CARTER.

"If it be unfair to pronounce on the unfinished and incompleted words of man; if the painter, or sculptor, or artificer would shrink from having his labours judged of when in a rough, unpolished, immatured state; how much more with the works of God! We should patiently wait the fulfilment of His promise, when all the lights and shadows in the now half-finished picture will be blended and melted into one harmonious whole."

Medical

Our Health Magazine.

READERS of the RECORD will be pleased to learn that substantial plans have been laid to enlarge and in every way improve *The Australasian Health Magazine*. Under this new name and in new dress will appear our health journal for January, 1910. We are sending to each RECORD subscriber a copy of this number of the *Health Magazine* as soon as it issues from the press, and we believe all who see it will agree that it is the largest and best health paper we have ever printed in Australia. Doubtless many who will receive this sample copy have long been subscribers to the *Good Health*. They have benefited by its teachings, and through its instrumentality have been able to extend help to others.

Many encouraging letters from all parts of the field bear witness to the fact that the work already done has proven fruitful. For this we are thankful.

But we are not satisfied with past results. We desire that the principles of truth taught by our *Health Magazine* shall reach a far greater number of readers than ever before. This result is impossible without the personal effort and encouragement of all our people. Two years ago we published a special Smokers' Number of the *Good Health*. A plea was made for help in circulating this number. Our people responded nobly, and over 22,000 copies of the Smokers' Number were scattered.

The good results of this united effort should serve to encourage us in future work. We know that what has been done can be repeated, and with the blessing of the Lord, still greater things can be accomplished.

It is no small task to publish a health paper month by month and make each number better than the one before. As editors, publishers, and printers we are endeavouring to do this. We are putting forth *our utmost effort* to make the *Health Magazine* what it should be—a live, helpful, practical home journal. And you will also agree that however good the paper may be in itself, it can accomplish nothing on the printer's shelves. A good paper to do good must be placed in the homes of the people. Nothing short of *your best effort* will make possible the attainment

of this end. And this we feel confident we shall have.

In order that the best of success may attend our united efforts, we are going to suggest that the thousand copies of the January *Health Magazine* which we place in your hands shall be regarded as *seed-corn*. Will you not plant this good seed in order that it may bring forth—fruit, “an hundredfold.” First, plant it in your own home and let it grow there for one year? Surely no other ground should yield such abundant harvests of health as the homes of Seventh-day Adventists. Then plant it in the homes of your neighbours and friends in order that they too may reap the benefits of the teaching that saves to the cause of present truth over £600,000 a year? (See *General Conference Bulletin*, page 312.) This is an average saving, for each member of nearly £7 per annum. Cannot the poorest member of the church or your poorest neighbour afford to spend three shillings a year for literature which helps to make such savings? Shall we not rather say, can the poorest afford to be without the paper?

Now concerning plans for the new year: The first feature to be mentioned is the enlargement of the magazine from twenty-four to thirty-two pages—an increase of *one-third* its previous size. The subscription has been raised sixpence, or *one-fifth* the previous price. On this question of monetary value, an old subscriber writes: “For the interest the journal contains, it is the cheapest I have ever known published.”

The increased size of the *Health Magazine* permits the introduction of new features. For example, we have long desired to open a special department for “Our Young Folks.” This department appears for the first time in the January number, and will be continued right through the year. Aside from this special department many general articles of the greatest interest and importance to the young will also be printed in our pages.

Mothers will find “The Home Department” growing increasingly helpful as the months go by. Aside from timely articles on cookery, clothing, and care of children, Dr. Eulalia Richards will contribute a series of twelve “Lessons in Home Nursing.” These lessons will be made extremely practical and helpful. Some of the subjects to be treated are: The care of the sick-room; sick-room cookery; how to give baths and other treatments in bed; the uses of the fomentation, compress, and enema; the cold mitten friction, alco-

hol, oil and other rubs; hot blanket and wet-sheet packs; the hip or sitz bath and its uses; the treatment of fever; relief of common symptoms such as headache, pain, sickness, cough, etc., and a number of other timely topics. The first lesson in home nursing appears in the January number.

Answers to correspondents, through “The Question Box,” will be given each month. This department can be afforded more space, thanks to our eight added pages, and is open to all subscribers to be used as freely as they choose. Many of our readers regard as of the greatest value the advice received through these columns.

A series of articles on “How to Meet Emergencies” is to be contributed by the editor during the first part of the year. What to do in case of cuts, wounds, bruises, broken bones, sprains, burns, and other accidents will be made plain; also the treatment to be employed in fainting, drowning, poisoning, sunstroke, heatstroke, apoplexy, epilepsy and other sudden illnesses.

But space forbids further details, though we still have something “in store.” We trust each number shall contain at least one “pleasant surprise.”

We thank our many friends for past encouragement and help, and extend to each reader of the RECORD the sincere wish that he may prosper and be in health throughout the coming year.

FRANKLIN RICHARDS, M.D.,
Editor, Australasian Health Magazine.

Perilous Times.

WE have now reached a period that prophets have described as “troublous times,” a short space before entering upon the final time of trouble. These are the beginnings of sorrows: “Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.” Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord, for He is a refuge and hope in this time. His never-failing arm will be the strength of their life. It truly is “high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we [first] believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” This is a time when we need faith and courage in God. The words of the wise man are full of import just now: “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.” The promise is given, “As thy days, so shall thy strength be.” “Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of strength [margin].

For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.” “When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and He shall save the humble person.”

The Commonwealth is now passing through one of the worst strikes yet witnessed—the coal strike in Newcastle. This not only affects the immediate vicinity, but the whole of the States. Twenty-seven thousand men or more are now idle. Many of these have no ground for striking, but do so in sympathy for others. To-day the whole Commonwealth is suffering: trade, commerce of all kinds, shipping and railway service being curtailed as the result. Thousands upon thousands of pounds are being lost to the country, and business is paralysed.

Even our own institutions will not be free from the evil effects of this strike. Trade unionism is becoming a curse to the world, and the time is not far distant when our institutions will not be able to carry forward their work. The work that might have been done in times of peace will have to be done in great perplexity.

The sanitarium at Wahroonga is feeling the effects of this strike. Many patients have left owing to the conditions controlling the passenger traffic. Others who intended coming are unsettled on account of the critical situation.

We trust that the Lord who controls all these circumstances will overrule and make a way of escape for his work and institutions. The message to us is, “Go forward,” and the work must go until it is finished. Though the work is rapidly closing, there remains much still to be done; but God will finish His work and cut it short in righteousness.

Sacrifices will have to be made. Our hearts have rejoiced to see the spirit of sacrifice among the members of the Sydney Sanitarium family. About two weeks ago the writer referred in a noon-day meeting to the conditions in the State produced by the coal strike, and how it was affecting all business, including the sanitarium work, and that we all needed to seek the Lord most earnestly on behalf of the institution. It was stated that we had heavy interest bills to meet, and unless the Lord helped us in some way matters would be serious. A few days after a number of the family came and said they would give a week’s wages; some, a month’s; and others donated sums of money. Our hearts rejoiced, not so much for the money, but for the spirit of self-sacrifice and the willingness to stand by the institution during this crisis.

We praise God that the work began at home first. The sanitarium is carrying a very heavy financial burden. The interest is exceedingly heavy—nearly thirty shillings per day. If the patronage falls below a certain number, it is difficult to make ends meet. The conditions at present are beyond our control, and we would ask the prayers of God's people on behalf of this instrumentality of His, that He may overrule for good, and give wisdom and judgment to manage with discretion. We would also ask those of our people who owe certain sums to the institution to endeavour to settle their accounts, and in this way help to relieve the situation.

We are also sending companies out to sell the health journal and other literature on behalf of the institution. In this way the sanitarium is made known to the people. The workers have enjoyed the work, and have met many encouraging and interesting experiences.

We are full of hope and courage in the Lord, knowing that all these matters are in His hand; and while passing through severe trial, we are driven closer to the God of our strength, and we believe He will give us victory.

A. W. SEMMENS.

We Shall See Him.

A BEAUTIFUL story is told of Wendell Phillips, the orator. His wife was an invalid, and he loved her dearly. After his lecture on a certain occasion, his friends urged him not to return to Boston that night. "The last train has left," they said, "and you will be obliged to take a carriage. It will mean twelve miles of cold riding through the sleet." He replied, "Ah, yes; but at the end of them I shall find Annie Phillips."

Have you learned to love your Saviour? Is He the joy and delight of your life? Have you found His voice "like the sound of the dulcimer sweet?"

Is He the "chiefest among ten thousand" to your soul? Then do not become discouraged. The object of your life is at the end of the journey. The road may be rough, the storms may rage and the winds may blow; but press onward toward the goal. Life's night may be dark and the path seem long, but ever press onward, knowing that at the end of your journey you will meet Jesus, your friend. Let the hope of seeing Him as He is encourage you onward amid the difficulties and perplexities of life. We shall meet Him at the end of our journey, and bask in the smiles of His love.—*Selected.*

Our Canvassers

How It Succeeds.

THE following figures show the increase in and total results of our subscription book sales throughout the great harvest field during the last four years:—

1905	£112,526
1906	169,199
1907	211,088
1908	264,887
Total	£757,700

It is of more than passing interest to note that the greatest increase in the sale of books has taken place in the United States of America as the result of the more thorough organization, with a closer and more effective co-operation in returning to the old-time, well-tried, successful methods for handling our subscription book work.

And it is still more interesting to learn through the official report of the Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, presented at the recent session of the General Conference, that the chief factor in crowning the efforts thus put forth with such signal success is the practical outworking of the "scholarship plan." He reports as follow:—

"It appears that God takes special pleasure in developing great results out of what seems insignificant and small. About three years ago one of our workers asked if something could not be done to assist two or three boys who wanted to attend Healdsburg College. The discussion of that local need led to the scholarship arrangement based on the sale of subscription books and periodicals, which, with the earnest co-operation of the Educational and Young People's Departments, has, under God's blessing, been one of the chief factors in increasing the sale of literature, in interesting our young people in securing an education, and thus in filling our schools with a desirable class of students. The influence of this scholarship plan has reached far beyond the number of scholarships actually earned. It seems to have stirred our young people throughout the denomination to an appreciation of the possibilities within their reach to prepare for the Master's service."

The urgency of the work demands an ever-increasing staff of competent work-

ers. Competency in service is the result of practical training and personal experience. The foregoing report shows where and how that training and experience may best be acquired, how the money necessary for educational purposes may be obtained, and that the scholarship plan presents the best avenue to usefulness and success in service.

J. M. J.

Surely I Will Be with Thee.

MRS. A. OXLEY, one of our canvassers in the English field, relates the following interesting experience in the *Missionary Worker*:—

"Whilst out canvassing, and feeling somewhat discouraged at having met with no success, but rather with unfavourable treatment on the part of the people, I took a walk in Phoenix Park. When I had gone a little distance I seemed to hear a voice within say, 'Go and see Lady Aberdeen.' I at once wended my way to the viceregal lodge.

"On reaching the gates I was confronted by a policeman, who very kindly told me that her ladyship was not at home, informing me that I should be able to see her the following morning. I thanked him, and left with a determination to call the next day. We made it a matter of prayer, asking our Father to guide in the matter.

"I took with me two copies of 'School of Health,' one 5s. and one 6s. 6d., and also 'Christ's Object Lessons.' Contrary to the rules and regulations of the household, I gained admission without any letter of introduction. After waiting for her ladyship for one and a half hours, she presented herself, and expressed her pleasure at meeting me. I told her my errand and showed her the book, in which she manifested the greatest interest. I presented her with the one at 6s. 6d., sold her the one at 5s., and she ordered eight more copies to be sent to her as soon as possible. She asked me if I had any other books with me. I then showed her 'Christ's Object Lessons,' telling her the purpose for which it is sold, and she took that also. I returned home thanking and praising God for His answer to prayer, and His wonderful working power."

"SATAN may be injecting foul misgivings, and doubts, and fears as to our security; but he cannot denude us of our purchased immunities. He must first pluck the crown from the Brow upon the throne before he can impair or weaken the sure word of promise. 'It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'"



"For the soul that lives is the soul that gives,
And bearing another's load
Doth lighten your own, and shorten the way
And brighten the homeward road."

That man may last, but never lives,
Who much receives, and nothing gives;
Whom none can love, whom none can thank,
Creation's blot, creation's blank.
—Thomas Gibbon.

Sabbath-school Quarterly Reports,

For the Quarter Ending September 30, 1909.

Queensland.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Brisbane, S.	43	£ 2 7 0	£ 5 10	£ 2 12 10
Buderim	9	16 0	1 6	17 6
Charters Towers	4	7 3	6	7 9
Gatton	27	2 15 7	6 2	3 1 9
Murgon	23	3 4 5	8 7	3 13 0
Mackay	30	3 1 9	5 7	3 7 4
Oakl'ish	9	12 0	1 9	13 9
Rockhampton	26	16 4	1 4	11 8
Townsville	16	18 10	1 3	1 0 1
Toowoomba	39	2 0 5	5 4	2 5 9
S. Home Dept.	36	2 19 9	12 4	3 12 1
Totals ...	282	£ 9 13 4	£ 2 10 2	£ 22 3 6

Expenses of Schools £0 0 0
MRS. T. H. CRADDOCK, Sec.

Tasmania.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Bishopsbourne	11	£ 3 12 3	£ 7 6	£ 3 19 9
Bismarck	59	3 9 7	17 7	4 7 2
Devonport East	14	19 11	11 0	1 10 11
Hobart	76	4 17 9	12 9	5 10 6
Kettering	7	8 6	1 0	9 6
Lanuceston	35	1 17 3	8 10	2 6 1
Meander	9	16 5	2 6	18 11
New Norfolk	22	1 2 0	4 4	1 6 4
Nubeena	7	9 3	1 6	10 9
Pt. Esperance	12	15 8	3 9	19 5
St. Marys	16	4 6	9	5 3
Swansea	7	1 0	2 0	9 0
Upper Huon	27	1 2 3	3 10	1 6 1
S. Home Dept.	43	2 8 9	4 1	2 12 10
Totals ...	343	£ 22 11 1	£ 4 1 5	£ 26 12 6

Expenses of Schools £0 0 0
MRS. W. L. H. BAKER, Sec.

New South Wales.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Avondale	283	£ 13 7 9	£ 3 1 5	£ 16 9 2
Ashfield	50	5 5 6	14 6	6 0 0
Auburn	39	1 12 8	5 4	1 18 0
Arcadia	31	2 10 4	4 8	2 15 0
Bathurst	16	1 2 0	2 7	1 4 7
Blayney	11	...	...	...
Corndale	25	1 5 0	4 0	1 9 0
Eugowra	44	3 17 11	1 0 7	4 18 6
Epping	19	1 0 11	2 1	1 3 0
Forbes	10	7 4	3 0	10 4
Guildford	27	19 4	2 2	1 1 6
Goulburn	2	7 0	2 0	9 0
Hamilton	35	1 18 8	4 4	2 10 2
Hornsby	27	1 15 11	3 2	1 19 1
Hickey's Creek	20	13 3	5 2	19 0
Killyville	16	17 4	1 11	19 3
Lithgow	27	2 8 6	10 0	2 18 6
Lismore	17	2 2 3	5 6	2 7 9
Maitland	19	...	...	...
Moss Vale	4	14 0	5 0	19 0
Marrickville	52	1 10 3	2 3	1 12 6
North Sydney	33	3 0 0	10 0	3 10 0
Nulla Nulla Crk.	14	2 1 3	5 2	2 6 5
Orange	14	6 6	...	6 6
Prospect	17	9 6	2 1	11 7
Parkes	31	1 9 9	4 6	1 14 3
Parramatta	50	1 17 6	6 3	2 3 9
Paterson	12	15 0	16 11	1 11 11
Stanmore	94	5 14 2	19 0	6 13 2
Tarana	10	9 8	2 6	12 2
Tuggerah Lakes	8	1 6 0	2 6	1 8 6
Wollongong	14	...	...	...
Wallsend	28	1 1 3	7 3	1 9 3
Woolahra	29	16 8	2 11	19 7
Wahroonga	96	9 3 10	16 2	10 0 0
S. Home Dept.	13	3 6 6	9 7	3 16 1
Totals ...	1352	£ 75 13 6	£ 13 4 6	£ 89 6 6

Expenses of Schools £0 8 6
MISS L. M. BREE, Sec.

Victoria.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Ararat	7	£ 1 0 2	£ 3 0	£ 1 3 2
Ballarat	48	2 15 11	7 1	3 3 0
Brighton	26	2 1 3	4 0	2 5 3
Bunyip	28	1 12 8	3 9	1 15 8
Benalla	27	3 1 9	19 0	4 0 9
Brunswick	35	1 4 4	3 1	1 7 5
Bendigo	31	1 10 9	3 3	1 14 0
Box Hill	17	17 3	1 6	1 12 3
Drouin	17	1 5 0	3 6	1 9 0
Devenish	16	2 11 6	4 7	2 16 1
Dandenong	6	2 0	1 0	3 0
Euroa	12	13 8	2 1	15 9
Echuca	7	1 5 0	2 0	1 7 0
Geelong	19	1 5 0	...	1 5 3
Hawthorn	31	2 4 9	4 10	2 9 7
Horsham	10	...	...	...
Kooweerup	7	17 0	9	17 9
Moe	13	19 3	1 6	1 0 9
Moonee Ponds	54	2 3 10	10 0	3 7 5
Mooroopna	24	19 0	2 9	1 1 0
North Fitzroy	92	4 0 2	12 1	4 12 3
Numurkah	21	3 6 6	13 6	4 0 0
Stawell	39	3 17 2	7 6	4 4 8
South Melbourne	30	1 13 11	3 6	1 17 5
Sassafras Gully	7	16 7	1 3	17 10
Shepparton	19	1 1	1 6	1 2 7
Warburton	117	8 8 5	3 17 4	16 5 3
Windsor	75	8 18 6	1 11 8	10 10 2
Williamstown	24	1 7 9	4 1	1 11 10
Yallock	16	1 3 10	1 2	1 5 0
Yambuk	13	1 2 3	...	1 2 3
Yarraville	22	14 8	2 7	1 4 6
S. Home Dept.	85	1 11 8	15 3	2 6 11
Totals ...	982	£ 69 12 10	£ 12 7 7	£ 84 14 9

Expenses of Schools £2 14 4
MISS EDITH H. GREGG, Sec.

West Australia.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Bedillia Don'tly	11	£ 1 2 8	£ 13 3	£ 1 15 11
Bokhara	18	1 13 10	2 9	1 16 7
Boyanup	6	5 0	1 7	6 7
Bridgetown	14	2 1 0	8 2	2 9 2
Bunbury	6	18 6	1 9	1 0 3
Capel	22	1 17 11	3 9	2 1 8
Collie	17	17 6	4 2	1 1 8
Cook'nup-U. doc	18	6 14 7	10 0	7 4 7
Cue	6	10 0	3 8	13 8
Fremantle	27	1 7 8	2 4	1 10 0
Heidelberg	61	6 0 2	4 17 10	10 18 0
Jumpersburg	22	1 4 8	2 4	1 7 0
Kalgoorlie	17	1 17 3	3 6	2 0 9
Midland Junct.	40	1 9 11	2 3	1 12 2
Narrogin	14	2 9 3	7 3	2 16 6
Osborne Park	25	15 6	1 9	1 1 9
Perth	122	10 6 8	1 1 0	11 7 8
Quellington	3	8 1	1 6	9 7
Spring Valley	14	1 1 5	1 10	1 3 3
Upper Preston	21	2 12 6	6 6	2 19 0
Warren Spg'dle	10	1 6 3	14 2	2 0 5
Wongaminie	11	3 8 9	13 0	4 1 9
Wooroloo	3	3 0	2 0	5 0
York	13	2 9 4	10 0	2 19 4
S. Home Dept.	32	3 2 10	1 1 2	4 4 0
Totals ...	553	£ 56 4 3	£ 12 17 6	£ 69 6 3

Expenses of Schools £0 4 6
MRS. A. MOUNTAIN, Sec.

South Australia.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Adelaide	20	£ 2 19 10	£ 6 0	£ 3 5 10
Alberton	13	2 13 9	7 5	3 1 2
Ardrrossan	5	9 0	1 0	10 0
Broken Hill	31	2 4 0	3 0	2 7 0
Burra	5	16 0	9	16 9
Crystal Brook	5	1 1 0	2 0	1 3 0
Gawler	24	4 11 3	6 10	4 18 1
Queen's O. Town	21	6 0	11	6 11
Janestown	13	18 6	1 6	1 0 0
Kangarilla	12	18 0	2 8	1 0 8
Kadina	11	9 11	1 4	11 3
Kensington	48	5 15 1	15 5	6 10 6
Mt. Gambier	43	2 2 2	3 4	2 5 6
Parnaroo	15	8 4	1 0	9 4
Penola	17	1 9 8	3 6	1 13 3
Prospect	5	3 6 6	9 0	3 15 6
Onon	12	2 8 6	3 8	2 12 2
Wallaroo	6	9 0	4 10	13 10
Willochra	13	2 1 3	4 6	2 5 9
Yorketown	13	2 5 2	2 8	2 7 10
S. Home Dept.	39	2 0 2	1 8 8	3 8 10
Totals ...	421	£ 39 13 1	£ 5 10 0	£ 45 3 1

Expenses of Schools £0 0 0
MRS. E. S. BUTZ, Sec.

Mission Fields.

Name of School	Present Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Cook Is.	30	£ 1 3 3	£ 2 0	£ 1 5 3
Fiji	292	8 1 11	13 2	8 15 1
Friendly Is.	16	2 19 5	2 17 0	5 16 5
Java	166	6 3 6	18 3	7 1 9
New Guinea	3	1 7 0	4 3	1 11 3
Norfolk	39	1 17 2	5 0	2 2 2
Philippine Is.	11	16 7	2 0	18 7
Pitcairn	123	...	...	...
Samoa	10	3 5 2	9 0	3 14 2
Society Is.	127	3 1 3	6 7	3 7 10
Singapore	71	6 11 3	9 1	7 0 4
Sumatra	4	11 1	1 1	12 2
Totals ...	922	£ 35 17 7	£ 6 7 5	£ 42 5 0

Expenses of Schools £0 0 0

New Zealand.

Name of School	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
Aratapu	4	£ 8 0	£ 1 0	£ 9 0
Cambridge	118	5 9 4	16 7	6 5 11
Christchurch	71	4 5 0	13 3	4 18 3
Dunedin	9	1 18 1	5 8	2 3 9
Eketahuna	11	19 8	14 6	1 14 2
Epsom	25	1 15 8	14 10	2 10 6
Gisborne	26	4 10 5	5 1	4 15 6
Hastings	14	1 3 0	5 9	1 15 5
Hawera	5	19 1	4 3	1 3 4
Kaeo	22	1 6 2	7 4	1 13 6
Napier	43	3 9 3	6 9	3 16 0
New Plymouth	7	18 3	5 11	1 4 2
Norsewood	3	12 6	4 0	1 6 6
Ormondville	11	1 14 4	9 2	2 3 6
Pahiatua	4	13 9	5 0	1 8 9
Palmerston Nth.	27	2 18 7	7 1	3 5 8
Parkhurst	12	1 0 0	1 1 6	1 1 6
Petone and Hutt	33	4 7 10	2 18 0	7 5 10
Ponsonby	57	3 17 3	9 8	4 6 11
Stratford	10	16 0	2 0	18 0
Temuka	3	9 0	2 0	11 0
Timaru	18	1 14 11	6 2	2 1 1
Tolago Bay	28	1 7 0	4 0	1 11 0
Wanganui	20	1 12 1	5 0	1 17 1
Wellington	15	2 4 0	8 4	2 12 4
Woodville	15	2 2 8	13 2	2 15 10
S. Home Dept.	164	7 11 4	3 7 1	10 18 5
Totals	775	£60 3 2	£15 3 1	£75 12 11
Expenses of Schools		£0 6 8		

MISS J. F. JOHNSTONE, Sec.

Total Summary.

Name of State or Mission	Membership	Donations to East Indies	Special Donations for Haapai School-house	Total Contributions
N. S. Wales	1352	£ 75 13 6	£ 13 4 6	£ 89 6 6
N. Zealand	775	0 3 2	15 3 1	75 12 11
Queensland	282	19 13 4	2 10 2	22 3 6
S. Australia	42	39 13 1	5 10 0	45 3 1
Tasmania	348	22 11 1	4 1 5	26 12 6
Victoria	982	69 12 16	12 7 7	84 14 9
W. Australia	553	56 4 3	17 17 6	69 6 3
Mission Fields	922	35 17 7	6 7 5	42 5 0
Grand Totals	5630	£379 8 10	£72 1 8	£455 4 6
Expenses of Schools		£3 14 0		

The Sabbath-school Report.

THERE are some very encouraging features in this report of the Sabbath-schools for the quarter ending September 30. The membership, which stands at 5,630, is an increase of 244 over the previous quarter. The total contributions are also coming up with the growing membership. This quarter records £455 4s. 6d. as compared with £423 4s. 6d. of the quarter before. Another encouraging feature is the decreasing amount kept back for local expenses—£3 14s.—while that of the previous quarter amounted to £5 4s. 3d. The June quarter but two conferences and the mission fields gave all their donations to missions, while this quarter shows three conferences and the mission fields as placing themselves upon the

roll of honour in this respect; while two other conferences report but one school each as keeping back anything for themselves. On the whole the report is an excellent one, and we praise the Lord for the measure of success that is attending this feature of His work.



Campaign

Are You a Member of this Company?

In asking for information from one of our missionary secretaries regarding the interest manifested on the part of the members in aggressive work, the following letter was received:—

“Our company is small, as we have only ten members, but all are workers, even to the youngest. All lines of work are engaged in as opportunity offers.

“Missionary correspondence is carried on by several members, one of whom—though an isolated member—has been instrumental in bringing two souls into the truth. Another sister posts six *Signs* weekly to as many lighthouse-keepers. Another aged sister, who is almost an invalid, pays for five *Signs* weekly to be distributed at the hospitals.

“Still another aged sister places about eight *Signs*, besides tracts, in a box at the railway station. Another, a mother of a family, sells eighteen *Signs* weekly.

“Two brothers each dispose of two dozen *Signs* weekly; two others visit the Old Men’s Home weekly. Once a quarter a service is held in this home by the members, which is appreciated.

“Some work is also done among the Chinese, and on the ships. Each family is also supplied with a box in which money is collected for our island mission work.

“I believe more could have been done had I been more faithful; and with the Lord’s help, I intend to do better.”

You will notice that this company has ten members, and ten are reported as engaged in some particular line of work which is done as opportunities come. This little company has certainly accepted the campaign recommendation literally and fully. We believe the rich blessing of God will be with them in it.

Suppose every church and company throughout our Union Conference could render the same report. How different our missionary meetings would be.

What life and spirit would be manifested at each service. What a power would be felt everywhere. How many

now in darkness would have received the warning, and be rejoicing in the message. This particular company has no better opportunities than any other, but they evidently love the truth, and believe it. Who will be the next company to report every member doing definite work each week?

L. M. GREGG.

Missionary Letter from Malacca.

LAST February we published in the RECORD a letter that Sister Gates had received from a station manager in Malacca to whom she had written and sent reading-matter. In that letter he said:—

“I am extremely obliged to you for your letter enclosing the circular introducing ‘Ministry of Healing.’ As it is so highly recommended I will have one, and therefore enclose a postal note for nine shillings, including postage. I am happy to say that I am always glad to receive the *Signs of the Times* as well as the *Good Health*. I enjoy reading them, and pass them along to others to read and to do likewise.”

Now the following letter bearing date of November 9 comes to hand:—

“I thank you for your letter, in which you name certain books. May I trouble you to please let me know the cost of ‘Christ’s Object Lessons,’ ‘The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan,’ ‘Patriarchs and Prophets,’ and ‘Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing’? I have already read ‘Daniel and the Revelation,’ which I purchased from a travelling agent. I was very much interested in that book, and I sent it to my sons to read, and I believe they too enjoyed the reading of it. I am not taking the *Signs* now, because I do not know how to go about to get it. Could you assist me and say if I may send you the cost of the paper, and how much it will be, please?”

These letters speak for themselves, and indicate a truly interested reader of our literature. This name was first obtained from one of our agents in the East Indies, evidently the one who sold him the “Daniel and the Revelation” to which he refers. Let us pray for this man as he reads our literature in far-away Malacca, that he may be led to fully accept the truths presented.

ALL who long to bear the likeness of the character of God shall be satisfied. The Holy Spirit never leaves unassisted the soul who is looking unto Jesus. If the eye is kept fixed on Christ, the work of the Spirit ceases not until the soul is conformed to His image.—*Desire of Ages*.

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Notice.

WHEN your copy of the RECORD comes in a red wrapper, it indicates that your subscription is expiring and that your renewal is kindly solicited. Please order promptly, that no copies may be missed.

THERE will be no paper next week.

PASTOR BUTZ is starting a tent mission at Invermay, Launceston, Tasmania.

PASTOR HENNIG has been invited to take the presidency of the District of Columbia Conference.

PASTOR ISRAEL, now over seventy years of age, is still actively engaged in house-to-house work, including the sale of some of our small literature.

AFTER a brief stay in Sydney on his way from South Australia, Brother Lemke, our general canvassing agent, left again for Queensland on December 8.

PASTOR COLE writes, "We are pleased to welcome Brother Steed to South Australia. His return from Samoa to this State is especially appreciated at this time when so many of the workers are leaving South Australia for other fields."

A SISTER in writing for five copies of our American health journal, says: "I want to sell a few if I am able. I am seventy-five years old. Have just broken my wrist, and cannot do hard physical work." If this aged sister can sell papers under these conditions, cannot some of us more favourably situated do more than we are doing? An invitation is extended to all to have a part in this good work.

PASTOR PIPER and family arrived in Sydney on December 10, having stopped a few days in Adelaide on their way over to visit Sister Piper's relatives. Brother Piper comes to connect with the work of the Union Conference, according to the recommendation of the council held in September.

THE thirteenth volume of the RECORD closes with this number. As we did not omit a number during the camp-meeting as last year, a paper will now be dropped; so please bear in mind that there will be no RECORD next week, the next number appearing the first of the new year, and bearing the date of January 3, 1910.

AS WE shall not visit you again before the new year, we take this opportunity to wish all of our readers both in the home land and in the mission field a very happy and prosperous New Year. We know that the only way to secure this is to do our utmost every day of the year to promote the happiness and well-being of others.

BROTHER MOUNTAIN in writing from the West says: "Our new workers have already got into harness. Pastor Baker took the meetings at Perth and Midland last week. Pastor Michaels has started a tent effort, assisted by Brother Ashcroft, at Albany. This is quite an important place, although the population is small, as it is the port of call for several lines of steamers. Brother and Sister Brown, after getting acquainted with the school, have started on a tour to visit the churches. Coming as they did before the school closed, they were able to make the acquaintance of the students before they left, and were also able to plan for the next year."

ON November 2, Sister Jones of Singapore wrote: "Two weeks ago we baptized eleven of five different nationalities: three women, three girls, and four men, two of whom were Catholics not long ago, and one came to our meetings to argue and fight us, but he heard some things that startled him, and continued to come until he saw all the errors that he had formerly believed. He and his friend are Tamils from South India, and want to go back to their relatives and teach them what they have learned—the way out of the darkness and superstition of Catholicism."

THE following communication signed "A Sister" was received at our office in Burwood: "Enclosed are two pounds for the Lord's work, to help to send the message to those poor benighted creatures in the islands of the sea. I wish all the brethren and sisters would do all they possibly can to hasten the coming of our blessed Saviour." This offering is much appreciated, and we pray that it may not only be greatly blessed to the salvation of souls in heathen lands, but that many others may catch the same spirit of doing "all they possibly can" to forward the work in these dark regions.

"Short and Often."

AT this season of the year we are given to more or less reflection on our experiences and work of the past year, and in forming good resolutions for the year to come. In the retrospective view do all feel satisfied that their work has been as well represented in the RECORD as it ought to have been? How many times during the past year, dear reader, have you reported for the encouragement of others what the Lord has done through you? We feel very grateful for the many good reports that have come in, and take this opportunity to invite all our workers to remember the RECORD during the year to come. We hope that all conference workers in the various departments, those connected with the different institutions, and with our churches, will resolve during the coming year to make frequent reports to the paper.

Perhaps some have hesitated to write feeling that they have not had sufficient matter for a long report. We take this opportunity to say that short reports are at a premium. Reports all the way from a few lines to one column in length are especially invited. Let us make "short and often" our rule in this respect, and let us hear from all parts of the field at home and abroad during the year 1910.

Come!

ARE all the South Australian brethren and sisters planning to attend the soon-coming camp-meeting? The South Australian Conference workers are busily planning for this meeting, which is to be held February 7-17, 1910. A committee has been appointed to select a suitable site. Watch for the report of this committee and pray that the Lord will direct in all the plans that are being laid for this important meeting.

J. M. COLE.