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

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## FACE TO FACE

I want to cling in faith to Thee, O God,  
And in Thy everlasting arms to rest;  
O take me, teach me how to trust Thee,  
Lord,  
That in the trusting I may e'er be blest.

I want to let Thy will alone be mine,  
Thy precious Word of truth I want to  
love;  
O lead me, Saviour, by Thy grace divine  
Till I am fitted for the life above.

I want to work within Thy vineyard wide  
To seek and lead the lost ones to the  
light;  
To bring again the wand'ers to Thy side,  
Who erst have strayed afar in sin's dark  
night.

And when at last triumphant by Thy  
grace,  
Thy remnant people see the day draw  
near,

I want to see my Saviour face to face  
When He to reign in glory shall appear.  
SYLVIA FORD.

## A Call for Greater Consecration

EVERY man and woman connected with the work of God is now, while manifold voices are heard, to ask for grace to discern the right way and to understand the Voice among voices. Christ says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Have we responded to His knock? Have we opened the door, and said, "Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without?" Are we desirous of the presence of the heavenly guest? Are we willing to be instructed as workers together with God, willing to be educated, trained, and disciplined in His way for His service? Are we willing to lay aside our individual preferences,

in order to follow the Lord's way and do the Lord's will? Are we seated at His feet, as learners in His school? Do our lives express the desire, "Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day"?

I am instructed to speak to all our ministering brethren, saying, Have you in faith asked God for that consecration that will lead to self-denial and self-sacrifice? Many do not move in the confidence of a living assurance that Christ is pleading before the Father as our Intercessor. Christ has identified Himself with our necessities, and is able to supply every peculiar need of our weakness. During His life on this earth, He took the attitude of a suppliant, an earnest petitioner, seeking at the hand of the Father a fresh supply of strength, that He might be invigorated and refreshed, and come forth with words of encouragement and lessons of consolation to impart to human beings. His words are to brace every soul for duty and strengthen every soul for trial. As Christ, in His humanity, sought strength from His Father, that He might be enabled to endure trial and temptation, so are we to do. We are to follow the example of the sinless Son of God. Daily we need help and grace and power from the Source of all power. We are to cast our helpless souls upon the One who is ready to help us in every time of need. Too often we forget the Lord. Self gives way to impulse, and we lose the victories that we should gain.

If we are overcome, let us not delay to repent, and to accept the pardon that will place us on vantage-ground.

If we repent and believe, the cleansing power from God will be ours. His saving grace is freely offered. His pardon is given to all who will receive it. But the pride of unbelief often rises in the heart, and the sinner turns from the light, and loses the strength that God is so willing to bestow. If he continues in this course, his mind becomes full of criticism of others who do appreciate the light the Lord has given them. But will his criticism of others lessen the mistakes and errors that he in his self-sufficiency has committed? He is dissatisfied with himself, and every word that appears like a reflection on his course he resents.

God will always accept confession, if the evil that has been done is repented of. Our Heavenly Father makes the declaration, "As I live, . . . I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked should turn from his way and live." Over every sinner that repents, the angels of God rejoice with songs of joy. Not one sinner need be lost. Full and free is the gift of saving grace. Every one may have the salvation that the Lord Jesus will bestow abundantly on all who bring His love into their life-work.

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." We are living in the day of preparation. We must obtain a full supply of grace from the divine storehouse. The Lord has made provision for every day's demand.

I am to say to all who claim to be converted, Are your hearts truly changed, and are you watching unto prayer, preserving a thoughtful, consistent course of action, that you may have, not a semblance of religion, but the precious, genuine article? Min-

isters and physicians, when you accepted Christ, did you experience a deep sense of spiritual need? How much it means to you who are to be ministers of righteousness, to accept the heavenly gift of light and love and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. You are to be imbued with such love for Christ that you will yield to Him your whole affections, surrendering your life to Him who gave His life for you. Imbued with the love of Christ, you are to be constrained to perform acts of unselfish service until such acts become your life practice. Daily growth into the life of Christ creates in the soul a haven of peace; in such a life there is continual fruit-bearing.

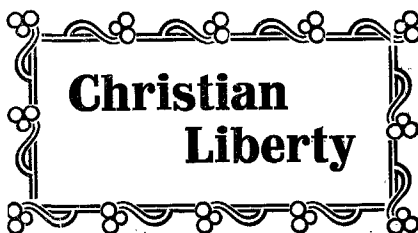
Brethren and sisters, we need the reformation that all who are redeemed must have, through the cleansing of mind and heart from every taint of sin. In the lives of those who are ransomed by the blood of Christ self-sacrifice will constantly appear. Goodness and righteousness will be seen. The quiet, inward experience will make the life full of godliness, faith, meekness, patience. This is to be our daily experience. We are to form characters free from sin—characters made righteous in and by the grace of Christ. Thus we shall reveal pure and undefiled religion to a world that has not now in the midst of it a Saviour in human form, constantly manifesting His power to heal others' woes. Much depends upon our individual course of action. We should each live in the world the life of a true Christian, that our words and acts may be such as to win souls to Christ. Our hearts are to be cleansed from all impurity in the blood shed to take away sin.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### DISAPPOINTMENT

"Disappointment—His appointment"  
 "No good thing will He withhold."  
 From denials oft we gather  
 Treasures of His love untold.  
 Well He knows each broken purpose  
 Leads to fuller, deeper trust,  
 And the end of all His dealings  
 Proves our God is wise and just.  
 "Disappointment—His appointment";  
 Change the letter, then, dear friend,  
 Take in cheerful acquiescence  
 All thy Father's love may send;  
 Soon will faith be lost in vision,  
 Then in glory thou shalt see  
 "His appointment," and that only,  
 Was the right way home for thee.  
 —L. S. Soule.

"SOME people never succeed because they are afraid of doing more than their share."



#### CHRIST IS ALL

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
 My fears to quell,  
 My hopes to raise;  
 But what I want, the Bible says,  
 Is Jesus.

My heart is night, my soul is steel,  
 I cannot think, I cannot feel;  
 For light and life I must appeal  
 To Jesus.

He died, He lives, He reigns, He pleads,  
 There's love in all His acts and deeds;  
 All that a guilty sinner needs  
 Is Jesus.

Though some should scoff and some  
 should blame,  
 I'll go in spite of fear and shame,  
 I'll go to Him because His name  
 Is Jesus. —Selected.

#### An Interesting Interview

FOR several weeks past the Federal Parliament has had under consideration the Commonwealth Defence Act, and it was thought by the brethren that this would be an opportune time to make some representations to the Government about the position Seventh-day Adventists would have to take concerning the Act.

The British people, for many centuries past, have enjoyed immunity from compulsory military service; the nation has depended solely upon volunteers for the defence of the Empire, and for wars of aggression. Increased naval and military preparations by other nations seem to make it necessary for Great Britain and its dependencies to depart from their traditional policy, and to make provision for universal compulsory drill and service. Plans are now being perfected by our Government making arrangements for the military training of the boys and young men of this country, and the question now before Seventh-day Adventists is, What shall our boys do in this emergency?

The opinions of our church members are about equally divided. Some have strong convictions that a Christian ought not to fight under any circumstances, and that he should spend no time in preparing for it. Others, just as conscientious, think that occasions may arise when they would be justified

in bearing arms in the defence of their country. On this phase of the military question it was evident we could make no representation to the Government. We were not agreed, and there are no immediate prospects of our being agreed. No one must be forced to subscribe to the convictions of others. If one thinks he ought not to bear arms, he must be granted the liberty of his convictions; if another one thinks he can bear arms, under certain conditions, he also must be free to exercise his right.

There is only one plank on which we can all take a united stand. All are agreed that our young men must not be compelled to do military or non-combatant services on the Sabbath day. With this thought in mind a petition was drafted, of which the subjoined is a copy, and it was signed by the members of the Union Conference Executive Committee.

A request was sent to Senator Pearce, the Minister for Defence, that he would receive a deputation of Seventh-day Adventists on the question of military drill and non-combatant service on the Sabbath day. To this request he quickly and courteously consented.

Brethren Hoopes and Anderson and the writer were deputed to wait upon the minister, but on account of Brother Hoopes's indisposition Brother F. W. Paap took his place on the committee.

Senator Pearce received us very kindly, and asked us to state our case. We explained to him that we required for conscientious observers of the seventh day, the same consideration that would be willingly conceded to similar observers of the first day. Mr. Pearce said that that would complicate matters very much. He could more easily accommodate us if exemption from military service was what we needed; but that we would have to put in the time at non-combatant duties. We explained to him that it was exemption from all work on the Sabbath day that we must have. He wanted to know if our house were burning down on the Sabbath would we put out the fire, or if our ass fell into a ditch would we rescue it on the Sabbath? Yes, we told him, but we would not engage in fire practice on the Sabbath, or in drill for the injured. There was a great difference between drill for an emergency, and the actual emergency itself.

The Society of Friends (Quakers) petitioned for a conscientious clause for those who have scruples against the shedding of blood. The petition has been granted. But that will not help us on the Sabbath question, for provision is being made for them that they

will have regular non-combatant duties to perform. Those of our people who object to military drill can come under that provision, but we must also have exemption from Sabbath labour.

The minister could see the justice of our claims, but he thought the matter would be somewhat difficult to adjust, as most of the drilling would be done on Saturdays, and there were so few Adventists that separate corps could not be formed. Also he was afraid that others might pretend to be conscientious observers of that day in order to shirk duty, or to attend games, etc. We pointed out to him that we did not request that they should necessarily leave the camp, but that they should not be required to work; and that this right was preserved to us by the 116th clause of the Federal Constitution, which requires that, "The Commonwealth shall not make any law for establishing any religion, or for imposing any religious observance, or for prohibiting the free exercise of any religion, and no religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust under the Commonwealth."

We also called his attention to the fact that those who observed the Sabbath could be put on full duty on Sundays. We endeavoured to impress upon him that we did not desire to shirk our responsibilities as citizens, and that we were loyal to the Commonwealth Government, and that we appreciated the liberties and privileges we enjoyed in this country.

The minister promised that he would give the matter careful consideration, and would confer with the Attorney-General concerning it; and also that he would communicate with us further on the subject. He thought a regulation could be drafted that would meet the situation. We urged him to incorporate it in the Act itself so that it would be permanent; but he thought that would scarcely be necessary, as there was nothing in the Act concerning Sunday.

Brethren, let us pray that the Lord will direct the minds and actions of our legislators, so that Satan may not succeed in having framed such laws as will prove to be a source of discouragement to our young men. We have enjoyed the liberties of good government so long that sometimes we are likely to under-estimate the blessings that are so common to us, but which our brethren in other countries would appreciate so highly.

GEORGE TEASDALE.

STAND with anybody that stands right.—*Lincoln.*

### Petition for Exemption from Naval and Military Duties under the Commonwealth Defence Act

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Earl of Dudley, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia, and its dependencies, in council with the Honourable the Members of the Federal Executive Council:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, on behalf of all conscientious observers of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week, commonly called Saturday, as enjoined by the fourth precept of the Decalogue, do earnestly petition his Excellency, and the Honourable the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Australia, That when framing regulations pertaining to the Compulsory Naval and Military Defence Act, (1) That due consideration be given the 116th clause of the Federal Constitution, which preserves to all citizens in the Commonwealth, "the free exercise of any religion." (2) That all who conscientiously observe the seventh day of the week, beginning at sunset Friday evening and continuing until sunset Saturday evening, be exempt from Naval, Military, Non-combatant, and Civil services (acts of mercy excepted), on said seventh day.

(Signed by the members of the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference).

### Brother Suspects Brother

WHAT is the cause of suspicion? Why does brother suspect brother, and misinterpret often his best motives?

When Cain slew his brother he said, "Every one that findeth me shall slay me." After he had slain one brother he was suspicious of every brother, and felt every hand was against him. This led to discouragement, cowardice, etc., and a desire to flee from the face of man; one reason why many flee from country to country. When we slay one brother we become suspicious of every other brother. Brethren see we are under a cloud. The man is marked just as truly as Cain. But God did not place that mark upon Cain to cause criticism, or so that others should slay him: but He set the mark upon Cain "lest any finding him should kill him." God desires every brother to show mercy toward the one who bears the mark of Cain. "Whosoever slayeth him vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold."

D. H. KRESS, M.D.



## Home Field

### Wynyard, Tasmania

SEVERAL years ago, one of our canvassers was successful in placing many copies of "Great Controversy" in the homes of the people living on the north-west coast of this island State.

Sad to say, a number of these valuable books have since been committed to the flames by the purchasers, because the religious leaders in this part said, "Burn them."

However, all were not treated in this manner, and one of the copies is responsible for the only family of Sabbath-keepers found in this town to-day.

When our workers were labouring in Burnie, an effort was made to interest the people here by a series of public meetings, but without success, and our brother and family were left as the only representatives of the message in the district. Occasionally they saw a minister, and at other times a canvasser would remain for a short period.

After our general meeting held in Launceston we were asked to come here and see if any opening could be found for the presentation of the message.

Before starting public meetings we thought it advisable to become acquainted with the people, and so began work by circulating Signs, tracts, etc.

On acquaintance we found that our teachings were well known, and only a few could be induced to take the literature regularly, so the prospects of an attendance at meetings were so poor that the idea was abandoned.

Finding so little interest in the town, we turned our attention to the country, taking with us copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Christ Our Saviour," also "Bible Studies," besides small periodicals, and by this means, have been able to assist the educational fund in this State.

One day, while in the country, I was asked by one of the helpers in the Methodist Church, if I ever took services. On learning that I did, he stated that their minister (whom I had previously supplied with our literature) was short of local preachers.

A short time afterward the said minister called, and, to our surprise, asked if I would take a service the following Sunday at one of his outposts, and since then I have had the privilege of presenting portions of the truth to three congregations of his people.

We look upon this as an unexpected opportunity God has provided in order that favourable impressions may be made on the minds of many who could hardly have been reached otherwise.

Some weeks ago a visit was made to Irishtown, where one family of Sabbath-keepers resides. Although this meant a very long bicycle ride, it was certainly worth the effort, as these souls had not seen one of our workers for eight years.

While circulating literature among those not of our faith, one has many interesting experiences. One or two may not be out of place.

This afternoon we called on an elderly lady who was much interested in the book "Christ Our Saviour." In looking through it she noticed an advertisement for "Great Controversy," and said, "There's a book I don't believe in. I bought one once and you couldn't guess what I did with it. Sitting down in front of my fire I tore it leaf by leaf and threw it in. I did this because I was asked by Mr. —, 'Do you believe in a book that teaches there is no punishment for the wicked, and that all will be saved finally, etc.?'"

Needless to say she was much surprised to learn to-day that no such doctrine was taught in the book, and after a study on the "Destiny of the Wicked," made interesting on account of the many questions asked, she readily purchased a copy of "Christ Our Saviour," knowing it to be written by the same author.

Next door lived a blind lady who was much interested to hear of our braille literature, and is very pleased to have her name placed among its readers. Just before we left, her husband came in and bought one copy each of "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Christ Our Saviour," and also subscribed for our missionary paper.

So the seed is daily sown, and although as yet no great results are apparent, we trust that some of it may be lodged in good soil and bring forth fruit. We would ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that we may know just how to reach those in this part of the vineyard who are willing to walk in the light of present truth.

G. AND E. STEWART.

A PRAYER

Lord, to-day, oh, wilt Thou be First in everything to me ; I implore Thee me to use Anywhere that Thou shalt choose ; And I ask Thee me to make What Thou wilt, for Jesus' sake.



Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work

New South Wales

JULY, 1910

Great Controversy—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. E. Chandler, Temora .....	51	14	£10 17 6
C. E. Harlow, Temora .....	70	21	16 10 0
A. Craigie, Tweed River .....	162	34	25 5 0
A. Bullas, Copmanhurst .....	58	18	14 7 6
L. W. Davey, Cobar .....	68	117	94 5 0
E. R. Whitehead, Cobar .....	46	48	37 2 6
J. H. Croker, Orange .....	100	45	32 7 6
W. J. Stevens, Orange .....	100	38	29 2 6
<b>Practical Guide to Health—</b>			
F. W. Fooks, Grenfell .....	169	85	101 17 6
J. Thompson, Parkes .....	111	32	38 7 6
....., Gulgong .....	10	10	7 6
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
A. Reekie, Wauchope .....	38	7	4 7 6
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
Mrs. Petterson, Kogarah .....	27	20	7 15 6
<b>Other Books—</b>			
.....	56	13	9 10 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....	...	...	1 5 0
	1056	502	£433 8 6

Queensland

JULY, 1910

Desire of Ages—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Pascoe, Allora .....	50	13	13 2 6
P. Joseph, Herbert River and district .....	98	22	23 15 0
J. Tinworth, Herbert River and district .....	128	29	35 12 6
F. Allbon .....	...	1	1 0 0
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
Miss A. S. Cozens, S. Brisbane .....	66	4	3 6 0
W. F. Patava, Gladstone and N.C. 71 .....	42	35	0 6 0
I. H. Goldspink, Gladstone Line and North Coast .....	72	61	52 4 0
F. Allbon .....	1	1	12 6
<b>Practical Guide to Health—</b>			
H. S. Cozens, Mackay .....	120	34	36 5 0
W. G. Hodgkinson, Mackay .....	132	60	61 2 6
Mr. & Mrs. Allbon, Nanango .....	108	26	26 15 0
Tract Society, Gladstone .....	9	6	6 7 6
I. H. Goldspink .....	1	1	0 0
<b>Home and Health—</b>			
Mrs. Newley, Toowoomba .....	87	28	25 7 6
<b>Christ Our Saviour—</b>			
Miss M. E. Morton, Bulimba .....	33	16	3 12 0
J. Tinworth .....	5	1	2 6
<b>Family Bible—</b>			
J. Pascoe .....	1	2	15 0
J. Tinworth .....	1	2	15 0
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
P. Joseph .....	1	1	15 0
<b>Coming King—</b>			
Miss Cozens .....	1	1	10 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....	...	...	9 19 6
	974	353	£343 0 0

New Zealand

JULY, 1910

Christ Our Saviour—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. W. Ward, Opawa .....	1	1	4 6
<b>Bible Readings—</b>			
F. Byford, Addington .....	1	1	12 6
<b>Desire of Ages—</b>			
Mrs. Byford, Addington .....	57	50	36 12 6
F. Byford, Addington .....	69	35	23 7 6
W. W. Ward, Opawa .....	37	11	7 17 6
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
L. Smart, Masterton .....	1	1	15 0
<b>Great Controversy—</b>			
D. M. Adam, Nelson .....	1	1	12 6
G. F. Hansford, Palmerston N. .....	83	37	30 17 6
G. F. Hansford (Other books) .....	5	3	18 6
G. H. Holder, Masterton .....	13	8	5 17 6
Jas. Ivey, Wanganui .....	95	38	28 0 0
G. H. Morrison, Hastings .....	69	41	29 17 6
R. K. Piper, Napier .....	77	24	18 15 0
H. F. Smith, Waihi .....	48	56	48 11 6
W. T. Smith, Waihi .....	52	52	42 11 0
L. Smart, Masterton .....	16	13	9 10 0
B. Waldrom, Wanganui .....	100	38	27 12 6
B. Waldrom (Other books) .....	1	1	18 6
<b>Practical Guide to Health—</b>			
W. J. Redhead, Temuka .....	14	4	4 7 6
Helps Sold by Agents .....	...	...	3 13 0
	730	417	£324 12 0

Victoria and Tasmania

JULY, 1910

Coming King—	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss M. Barlow, Dandenong .....	57	57	£24 13 6
F. Rampton, Coburg .....	28	12	4 18 0
P. R. Lloyd, Murchison .....	82	13	5 0 6
<b>Desire of Ages—</b>			
Miss M. Ward, Preston .....	64	15	13 2 6
Miss O. Wood, Preston .....	70	11	8 7 6
Miss L. Brandstater, Geelong .....	27	4	2 10 0
W. J. Ross, Melbourne .....	1	1	12 6
<b>Daniel and Revelation—</b>			
W. J. Ross, Melbourne .....	61	15	11 15 6
<b>Heralds of the Morning—</b>			
H. Darko, Launceston, Tas. ....	63	28	18 18 6
F. Rampton, Bendigo .....	41	21	12 12 0
E. C. Paine, Bendigo .....	40	13	9 7 0
H. J. Osmond, Bendigo .....	35	14	7 10 0
P. R. Lloyd, Bendigo .....	30	10	6 2 0
J. A. Moore, Bendigo .....	47	12	6 9 6
<b>Home and Health—</b>			
B. Loughton, Colac .....	51	10	6 8 6
J. Saunders, Terang .....	22	7	4 7 6
J. A. Moore, Campbelltown .....	53	3	1 8 0
<b>Practical Guide to Health—</b>			
H. C. Harker, Bena .....	58	20	20 15 0
<b>Miscellaneous—</b>			
Mrs. M. E. Tank, Mansfield .....	59	17	17 7 6
H. C. Harker, Bena .....	4	6	0 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....	...	...	6 14 0
	888	287	£194 19 6

## South Australia

JULY, 1910

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
W. N. Lock, Caltowie and Jamestown .....	115	35	25 14 0
W. Bowhey, Port Pirie .....	162	19	14 3 0
State Agent, Laura .....	3	2	8 6
<i>Desire of Ages</i> —			
J. Parsons, Willaston and Gawler .....	95	25	20 0 0
<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —			
W. Vercoe, Brompton .....	60	26	5 17 0
<i>Family Bible</i> —			
W. Lock, Jamestown .....	...	...	2 15 0
Helps Sold by Agents .....	...	...	8 13 3
	433	108	£79 10 9

## Totals for June, 1910

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New South Wales .....	1056	502	£433 8 6
Queensland .....	974	353	343 0 0
New Zealand .....	730	417	324 12 0
Victoria and Tasmania .....	888	287	194 19 6
South Australia .....	433	108	79 10 9
	4081	1667	£3175 10 0

## Some Excellent Reports

SOME fine reports were put up by the workers in New South Wales during the month of July. Sixteen weekly reports show sales to the amount of £10 or over; seven show over £20; three, over £25; two, over £30; two, over £35; while one shows £43 17s 6d secured in one week. On four distinct days ten or more orders were secured, while one agent succeeded in securing as many as twenty-two orders for "Great Controversy" in one day from twenty-seven exhibitions.

We believe that the men who are succeeding in this work are those who are studying their business from a scientific standpoint, thus bringing *educated enthusiasm* into their work. Enthusiasm counts for much, but it is *educated* enthusiasm that we need.

H. BLUNDEN.

## CARES

"When cares around us thicken  
Every day,  
On our way,  
And our lagging steps we quicken,  
To meet them as we may;  
Mid the hurry  
And the scurry  
Which we meet,  
It is sweet  
To cast off every worry,  
And leave it at His feet."

"THE industrious man is light-hearted: the man who works is the happy man."

## Methods of Securing Recruits for the Canvassing Work

THOSE upon whom rests the sacred responsibility of engaging men and women to carry the third angel's message to the people in its printed form, should be men who can prevail with God that they may have power with men. There seems to be no line of service which presents such difficulties as the canvassing work. Many possessing Christian virtues and who are willing to sacrifice almost everything for the cause of truth, shrink from the work of the canvasser.

It is a work which Satan hates with a bitter hatred, because he knows that "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. VII, page 140. Satan creates within every human heart an unnatural dread of the canvassing work. Nothing but infinite power and the live coal off the holy altar will induce those of the right stamp of character to leave their cosy homes and flourishing enterprises to engage in this self-sacrificing work.

Therefore, the first essential in securing recruits for the canvassing work is prayer; prayer that lays hold of the arm of Omnipotence and enlists the forces of heaven to work upon the hearts of individuals whom God sees should be in this line of service. Prayer must be accompanied by faith—confidence that God is able and willing to strive with men and raise up labourers for His vineyard. And faith must be accompanied by works. God has given us the privilege of helping to answer our own prayers.

Now, if we would enlist the co-operation of the armies of heaven, we must learn to co-operate with God's organization on earth, for it is largely through this agency, that the angels carry on their work. This organization, so far as the local field agent is concerned, consists of the president and his committee, the principal and faculty of the school in the conference, the tract society secretary, the field secretary, the conference secretary of the young people's societies with their local leaders, the ministers and other conference workers, the church elders, and in fact all who have influence throughout the conference.

If we are imbued with the spirit of our specific work, it is not difficult for us to enlist the sympathies of our presidents. Their counsel should be sought

in all our plans. In most cases, when it is seen that we move with caution and are conscientious in our work, we will be granted the privilege of exercising our own judgment in laying plans and visiting churches in search of recruits. This liberty is essential to success, and we should guard against the abuse of this privilege. The presidents should be kept in touch with our work by correspondence. Stirring letters from our pens keep them interested in our work. Solicit their correspondence. Present them with a list of prospective canvassers, asking them to write to them. An encouraging letter from a conference president has a great influence. We should secure their presence at our institutes, and where possible, have them go with us to visit the churches.

While it is true that we should always be on the alert for men of age and responsibility from the laity, yet we must not neglect the material to be found in our schools. From them come trained men full of energy for the battle. We should, therefore, work for the interests of the school while out in the field. Help the faculty fill their school with material for training. By this mutual interest, we enlist their co-operation. The school should be visited early in the year, and a canvassing band organized with a live, consecrated leader. Interesting programmes should be arranged, and stirring talks given, holding out scholarship inducements and relating experiences of successful canvassers; above all, we should make prominent the evangelical excellence of the book-work, and show from the Testimonies that it is the very work students should take up as a means of training to round out their education. We should make friends with the students. Pray with them and take an interest in all their work. They are ambitious, and will be advised by those whom they see really have their interests at heart.

The field and tract society secretaries are in touch with all parts of the field, and will be our right-hand men if we will co-operate with them.

We should take an active interest in their work. New recruits do well in the periodical work. This is just the training they need, and in a short time, they will return to us experienced workers, capable of carrying forward the book-work.

An interest should be manifested in the young people's work. Often excellent opportunities open up in the discussion of papers presented at conventions, whereby we may turn the entire spirit of the meeting to the canvassing

work. While the soil is fertile and hearts warm with interest, is the time for us to put in our persuasive blows.

The camp-meeting is also a place not to be neglected in this work. On such occasions the hearts of men are tender, and they are burdened with the magnitude of the work of God in the earth. This is our opportunity for enlisting the sympathies of the entire field in the book-work. Any fair-minded president will grant us a canvassing day at camp-meeting. We should organize our forces; and secure permission to invite those who have been out in the work to occupy a place on the rostrum, thus recognizing them as workers. With a few spirited remarks by the president or field agent to introduce them, let the canvassers speak in turn. They have been out in the battle, and their testimonies tell with the people. The Spirit of God will soon sweep over the camp, and in a few minutes we shall have a canvassing revival among both ministers and laity. Although immediate results may not appear, yet this spirit carried home to the churches is a mighty factor in our work.

Word has come to us to "Agitate! agitate! agitate!" We should agitate by correspondence; by continual reports and stirring articles in our Union Conference papers; agitate by all the facilities at our command, but above all, we agitate by personal labour in the field. This is what counts most. Set a date for an institute, then visit churches where there may be material. We should speak on such subjects as will stir up a love for souls. Then lay our burden before the brethren, soliciting their prayers in behalf of our work. If a church gets to praying for the canvassing work, some will be moved to step out and answer their own prayers.

Visit prospective canvassers in their own homes. In their presence, pray that God will lay the burden of souls upon them. The Holy Spirit will plead mightily, and will find a response in their hearts.

One of the greatest incentives to draw others into the work is the success and stability of those now in the field. We must, therefore, guard against spending all our time securing new recruits, to the neglect of the faithful men already in the ranks.

We must always be of good courage. Even if we have ransacked the conference from one end to the other and failed to find recruits, we should not give up. Remember that God is back of this work; and if those who have been long in the truth will not respond, "God is able of the very stones to

raise up children unto Abraham" and finish His work. So let us be found much upon our knees, pleading and counselling with the Great Missionary of heaven, and where there is now one canvasser in the field there will soon be one hundred.—*J. H. McEachern, in Lake Union Herald.*



#### WANTED

Hearts are wanted! hearts for Jesus:  
Hearts with warm affections true;  
Free to love and serve Him only,  
Free His glory to pursue.

Hands are wanted! hands for Jesus:  
Willing hands to toil away;  
In whatever service needed,  
While as yet 'tis called to-day.

Feet are wanted! feet for Jesus:  
Feet to carry news of Him;  
Who upon the cross of Calvary  
Died the guilty to redeem.

Mouths are wanted! mouths for Jesus:  
Lips to magnify His name,  
Tongues to chant His ceaseless praises,  
And to spread abroad His fame.

All are wanted for the Saviour,  
All are wanted—wanted now!  
Who will make the blest surrender?  
Who themselves the Lord's avow?

Who will serve the best of Masters—  
Loving, gentle, tender, true?  
Who supply what He is wanting?  
Dearest child, will you? will you?  
—*Albert Midlan.*

#### Temperance Work in Mudjee

FOR the last few weeks our members here have been working to the utmost of their ability to place before the people of this district the evils of the drink question. As a result, our literature has reached the majority of homes in the neighbourhood. The total amount of donations received up to the present is £7. We have met with many encouraging experiences in our work, although the ignorance and indifference that prevail regarding the question is surprising. This place is a veritable "Gibraltar" of the liquor traffic. This is to a large extent due to the fact that quite a number have personal interests in the sale of alcoholic liquors; many turning the products of the soil into what has proved to be a curse to humanity.

Within the last few months there have been four cases of suicide in this locality, due solely to drink, and one of the local aldermen informed me that the majority of the cases that come before the court here could be attributed to the same cause. The last case of suicide was that of a young man whose life, being blighted by indulgence in his passion for drink, was ended in this ignominious manner.

There were only twenty-two out of every hundred of the people here, who voted for no-license last election. We sincerely hope that the result will be different this time. I called on the ministers of the town a short time ago, and left them a sample of the literature we are circulating. There is only one of them who is enthusiastic on the subject of temperance. He had just invited the Alliance to send a lecturer here.

A meeting of all in sympathy with the temperance movement was held last Saturday night. All present were formed into a working committee to further the extension of the cause to the utmost of their ability. I was called upon to relate what we had done, and briefly stated what had been accomplished so far, and what we are contemplating doing before the vote is cast. The president expressed his appreciation of our literature in glowing terms, saying he had lately preached a sermon from the tract, "An Appeal to Voters." The Methodist minister also added his testimony, stating that our tracts and papers are "just excellent."

I feel confident that the zeal manifested by our people in reference to this question has been the means of stimulating the others to arise and endeavour to suppress the evil. We believe that this is not only the case here but our people throughout the State are doing the same, thus testifying that Seventh-day Adventists are followers of their Lord and Master who "went about doing good." We trust that we shall meet some souls in the glad hereafter who have been won as a result of these efforts.

W. WESTERMAN.

#### LITTLE THINGS

Little masteries achieved,  
Little wants with care relieved,  
Little words in love expressed,  
Little wrongs at once confessed,  
Little graces meekly worn,  
Little slights with patience borne;  
These are treasures that shall rise  
Far beyond the smiling skies.



### News of the Battle

BROTHER WHITE, writing from Broken Hill, says:

"I have received an order from one division here of the Temperance League for one thousand copies of the Temperance Signs. They would have ordered more, but their funds are low; however, I believe I shall receive more yet. Everybody speaks highly of the paper. The President of the W. C. T. U. said it is just what is needed, as it contains something that will appeal to everybody.

"Things are becoming interesting here. There are eight thousand homes in Broken Hill, and seven thousand papers are coming; so nearly every home will be visited. I am praying that the Lord will give the inquiring mind to many, and lead souls to the Fountain of living waters."

We sincerely hope that another order for one thousand Signs can be secured from this district, so that every home can have a copy of our good paper. Let us pray for Brother White in his efforts to secure this. How good it would be if a paper could be left in every home in the State.

Brother Hedges speaks of some little prejudice being manifested where he is, still an order was received for one thousand copies of the Signs from one of the temperance bodies. From another place comes the request for two thousand copies to be posted to those living in the country districts. A prepaid telegram form was sent for our reply, so anxious were they for certain information. Others are writing how much they appreciate the paper, and how much they wish their funds would permit them to order a quantity.

Let us continue to pray and work, and we know that good will result. The issue will soon be over. If any could use more literature in their district, please let us know at once.

L. M. GREGG.

### Further Interesting Experiences

BROTHER R. C. STEWART, in writing recently from Hickey's Creek in New South Wales of his temperance work, gives some very interesting experiences. We make the following quotations from his letter:

"We began work right away, sparing neither time nor energy to make our work a brilliant success; and almost hazarded our lives in some of the back creeks to reach every elector. We were received everywhere with marked welcome, and could see at once that we were going to secure a heavy vote

for no-license wherever we went. We canvassed with might and main, and secured a grand response.

"When we arrived at Dondingalong (we had previously canvassed this place and were now going to hold a public lecture, which had been, in the meantime, well advertised in the Macleay papers by the League) we wondered what sort of meeting we would have. They are nearly all Methodists in that district. The church was filled; the people, praise be to God, were thrilled. We prayed earnestly for great freedom and victory, and we got it. You should have seen the expressions on their faces as we used with telling effect our illustrations, demonstrations, etc. Mrs. Stewart's temperance recitations moved every soul.

"Mr. —, the gentleman whom we stayed with, came up at the close and said, 'Mr. S——, I came to this meeting determined to vote for continuance, but what I've heard to-night has swung me right around, and I promise you I will vote for no-license.' His daughter came up to Mrs. Stewart and told her the same thing, and many others just as determined against us before are with us just as strongly now.

"Next morning Mr. — was going into Kempsey, and we were going home, but before leaving he said, 'I am going to hear you on other subjects, if I have to go to Hickey's Creek [thirty-four miles] to hear you.' His wife came to Mrs. Stewart, and begged her to tell her something about our views and wherein we differ from the Methodists.

"Before we could get home that day (which was last Friday), the secretary sent a wire after us asking us to come to Kempsey to-morrow (Monday) to give a report to a large meeting there, and leave next day in company with him to visit the large centres below Kempsey, lecturing, etc. This brings us up to to-night (Sunday). And from this on till we leave for camp I expect we will be very busy:

"This is the result of steady work, for which up till this we were little thanked. Now we only pray that the Lord will help us to remain so humble that we can be mightily used by Him to lay the foundation for a great work on the Macleay River."

### What More Can We Do?

THIS is the question which confronts us at this time as we are drawing near the close of our temperance campaign. We are indeed grateful for what has been done, and for the Lord's favour which has been shown to us. Many

thousands of tracts and leaflets have been circulated throughout New South Wales during the last few months, and still as we look at the densely-populated districts around Sydney we feel that we have scarcely touched the work. Once more the question comes to us

#### WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

A few days back a company of brethren visited one of the thickly-populated suburbs of Sydney and circulated about ten thousand leaflets. At the missionary meeting the following evening they urged that much more of this work be done. The people were so needy and so little effort had been made in their district. Some mothers thanked them for calling, and for trying to help them in this matter and rid the place of the demon drink. Again we are forced to ask ourselves

#### WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

As the time of the election has been postponed until October, we are given a little more time for this effort. Our brethren and sisters in and round Sydney are willing to circulate literature in these districts, and if others will continue to collect and send in the money we can print a large number of small leaflets for this work. Shall we do this? Those who still have funds on hand will need to remit at once so that we may have time to get this literature printed and circulated. If the money continues to come in, it will help us to solve this question to some extent.

L. M. G.

### Obituary

REID.—On August 15, in his seventy-first year, William Reid died at his residence, Roslyn Road, Napier, New Zealand. When present truth was preached in Napier by Pastor Daniells twenty years ago, Brother Reid's wife and two daughters accepted it, and although he did not oppose but decidedly favoured it, yet his faith did not enable him to go "all the way" until twelve months ago, when he joined his family in the observance of the Sabbath. His physical infirmity of extreme deafness debarred him from many privileges which those not so afflicted enjoy, and no doubt hindered his taking this step years before. Brother Reid was a man most highly respected by all who knew him, and his sterling qualities were always appreciated by his employees and fellow tradesmen. His end was quiet and peaceful, and we confidently believe that he sleeps in Jesus to awake triumphantly when the voice of the Son of God calls. Much sympathy is felt by a wide circle of friends for Sister Reid and her daughters, Sister Minnie Reid and Sister A. Currow, in their bereavement, but they sorrow not as those without hope. Service was conducted at the grave by the writer.

ERIC CARO.

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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.

PASTOR TEASDALE informs us that there are three patients in the Health Home at Warburton, which can only accommodate five at one time. The institution is more than meeting its expenses, for which those connected with its management are very thankful.

TO ALL who are planning to attend the Union Conference, and having read the "Notice to Delegates and Visitors" that appeared last week, think that it is unnecessary to give it a second reading, we would call attention to a new paragraph that has been inserted—the fourth one—in the reprint this week.

CHRISTIAN patriotism is a subject that few understand at the present time. Erroneous views are taught by many sincere people. All should gain an intelligent understanding on this question, that they may not be misled by these false teachings, which are often very plausible. A helpful little book on this subject is "Christian Patriotism," price 9d.

A GENTLEMAN in Sydney, having obtained a copy of Pastor Teasdale's tract "Armageddon," was so impressed with it that he wrote an article on this subject to various newspapers, making some quotations from the tract. He sent a copy of this article to Brother Teasdale, giving as his object in sending it out, that it was in the hope of having his tract read, and stating that he was in accord with its contents. Brother Teasdale has forwarded this to us, that the man may be visited. Brother Teas-

dale informs us that in Warburton they have been sending out 500 copies of this tract to different newspapers in Australia.

A BAPTISMAL service was conducted by Brother Semmens, one of the elders of the Wahroonga Church, at that place on Sabbath, August 20. Those going forward in this ordinance were Brother P. Duffy and his son Arthur, of Thornleigh, both of whom have recently taken their stand for the truth; Miss Williams, a former patient at the Sanitarium and at one time a missionary to China under the auspices of the Church of England; Miss Scott, a first-year nurse at the Sanitarium; Lindsay Semmens, and Reginald Woodhill. On Sabbath, July 2, Lenore and Elwin Hindson were also baptized in the same church by Pastor Gates.

AN isolated Sabbath-keeper in this State writes: "The time for the camp-meeting is drawing close. I am planning to get down for a few days. I have never formally joined the church yet, but I would like to stand in line with God's people. I do not know that there is anything to prevent my uniting with the Seventh-day Adventists as far as their religious belief is concerned, but I feel my own weakness and unworthiness more and more as I go along." We trust that this brother, who has never had the privilege of such a gathering or of meeting with many of like faith, will get to the camp-meeting, and that at this time the way will be open for him to unite fully with the body of God's people.

## Australasian Union Conference

THE eighth biennial session of the Australasian Union Conference will convene at Warburton, Victoria, October 13 to November 2, 1910. The first part of the meeting will be a publishing and educational convention. The usual business incident to a conference will be attended to, such as the hearing of reports from the field, laying plans for the rapid extension of the message, the receiving of the treasurer's and statistical reports, and the election of conference officers for the coming term. The first meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 1910. All delegates are requested to be present at that date.

J. E. FULTON,  
President.

## Notice to Delegates and Visitors to the Australasian Union Conference

THE members of the Executive Committee of the Union Conference are requested to be at Warburton by 8 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 1910, as the auditing committee will begin its work then.

All other delegates should arrive in time to be present at the first meeting, Thursday, October 13, at 7.30 p.m.

All delegates will be entertained free of charge. They will be placed in the homes of the Warburton brethren and sisters, as far as possible, and those who cannot be provided for in this way will be placed in tents. The delegates are requested to bring with them tick for straw mattress; sufficient bedding for comfort, including sheets, remembering that the nights at Warburton may be cold; towels, a pillow each, and candlestick.

All delegates and visitors are also requested to bring their own crockery, cutlery, and serviettes for their individual use in the dining-tent.

Wives of delegates and other members of their families accompanying them will be charged for their accommodation the same as visitors, unless entertained by friends. Delegates taking their wives should send word to the Signs Publishing Company immediately, that their accommodation may be properly provided for.

Visitors will need to make early application for accommodation. Tents will be provided for all who apply early enough for them to be sent with those for the Conference. Address all applications to the Signs Office at Warburton. Visitors will be charged camp rates for tents, stretchers, and straw. No other furniture will be provided. It may be possible to hire some from the town. There will be a dining-tent, where meals may be had at reasonable prices. Apart from this, visitors will be expected to provide for their own housekeeping. There are good shops in the town, where all necessary supplies may be obtained.

The Signs Publishing Company will make provision for the luggage of the delegates to be carted from the station free of charge. A small charge will be made for each package carried for visitors.

E. M. GRAHAM,  
Secretary, Aust. Union Conference.

THE moment we feel angry in controversy, we have already ceased striving for truth, and begun striving for ourselves.—Carlyle.