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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest"

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Denial

Not only Peter in the judgment-hall,
Not only in the centuries gone by,
Did coward hearts deny Thee, Lord of all!
But even in our time, and constantly;
For feeble wills, and the mean fear of
men,
And selfish dread, are with us now as
then.

To-day we vow allegiance to Thy name;
To-day our souls, ourselves, we pledge to
Thee;

Yet if a storm-wind of reproach or blame
Rises and beats upon us suddenly,
Faltering and fearful we deny our Lord,
By traitorous silence or by uttered word.

We close our lips when speech would wake
a sneer;

We turn aside, and shirk the rougher path;
We gloss and blink as if we did not hear
The scoffing word which calls for right-
eous wrath.

All unrebuked we let the scoffer go,
And we deny our Lord and Master so.

Come Thou, as once of old Thou camest
in

And "looked on Peter" in the judgment-
hall;

Let that deep, grievèd gaze rebuke our
sin,

Questioning, recalling, wakening, pardon-
ing all,

Till we go out and weep the whole night
long,

Made strong by sorrow as he was made
strong. —Susan Coolidge.

Our Attitude toward the Civil Authorities

By some of our brethren many things have been spoken and written that are interpreted as expressing antagonism to government and law. It is a mistake thus to lay ourselves

open to misunderstanding. It is not wise to find fault continually with what is done by the rulers of government. It is not our work to attack individuals or institutions. We should exercise great care lest we be understood as putting ourselves in opposition to the civil authorities. It is true that our warfare is aggressive, but our weapons are to be those found in a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Our work is to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. We should not be turned aside to lines that will encourage controversy, or arouse antagonism in those not of our faith.

We should not work in a manner that will mark us out as seeming to advocate treason. We should weed out from our writings and utterances every expression, that taken by itself, could be so misrepresented as to make it appear antagonistic to law and order. Everything should be carefully considered, lest we place ourselves on record as encouraging disloyalty to our country and its laws. We are not required to defy authorities. There will come a time when, *because of our advocacy of Bible truth*, we shall be treated as traitors; but let not this time be hastened by unadvised movements that stir up animosity and strife.

The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character, that have been carelessly spoken or written by our brethren, will be used by our enemies to condemn us. These will not be used merely to condemn those who made the statements, but will be charged upon the

whole body of Adventists. Our accusers will say that on such and such a day one of our responsible men said thus and so against the administration of the laws of this government. Many will be astonished to see how many things have been cherished and remembered that will give point to the arguments of our adversaries. Many will be surprised to hear their own words strained into a meaning that they did not intend them to have. Then let our workers be careful to speak guardedly at all times and under all circumstances. Let all beware lest by reckless expressions they bring on a time of trouble before the great crisis that is to try men's souls.

The less we make direct charges against authorities and powers, the greater work we shall be able to accomplish, both in America and in foreign countries. Foreign nations will follow the example set by the United States. Though she leads out, yet the same crisis will come upon our people in all parts of the world.

It is our work to magnify and exalt the law of God. The truth of God's holy Word is to be made manifest. We are to hold up the Scriptures as the rule of life. In all modesty, in the spirit of grace, and in the love of God, we are to point men to the fact that the Lord God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord.

In the name of the Lord we are to go forward, unfurling His banner, advocating His Word. When the authorities command us not to do this work;

when they forbid us to proclaim the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, then it will be necessary for us to say, as did the apostles: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we can not but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19, 20.

The truth is to be set forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. This alone can make our words effective. Only through the Spirit's power will victory be gained and held. The human agent must be worked by the Spirit of God. The workers must be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. They must have Divine wisdom, that nothing may be uttered which would stir up men to close our way. Through the inculcation of spiritual truth we are to prepare a people who shall be able, in meekness and fear, to give a reason for their faith before the highest authorities in our world.

We need to present the truth in its simplicity; to advocate practical godliness; and we should do this in the spirit of Christ. The manifestation of such a spirit will have the best influence upon our own souls, and it will have a convicting power upon others. Give the Lord opportunity to work through his own agents. Do not imagine that it will be possible for you to lay out plans for the future; let God be acknowledged as standing at the helm at all times and under every circumstance. He will work by means that will be suitable, and will maintain, increase, and build up His own people.

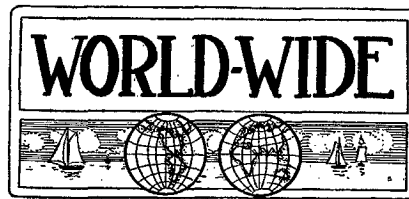
The Lord's agents should have a sanctified zeal, a zeal that is wholly under His control. Stormy times will come rapidly enough upon us, and we should take no course of our own that will hasten them. Tribulation will come of a character that will drive to God all who wish to be His, and His alone. Until tested and proved in the furnace of trial, we do not know ourselves, and it is not proper for us to measure the characters of others and to condemn those who have not yet had the light of the third angel's message.

If we wish men to be convinced that the truth we believe sanctifies the soul and transforms the character, let us not be continually charging them with vehement accusations. In this way we shall force them to the conclusion that the doctrine we profess can not be the Christian doctrine, since it does not make us kind, courteous, and respectful. Christianity is not mani-

festated in pugilistic accusation and condemnation.

We should remember that the world will judge us by what we appear to be. Let those who are seeking to represent Christ be careful not to exhibit inconsistent features of character. Before we come fully to the front, let us see to it that the Holy Spirit is poured upon us from on high. When this is the case, we shall give a decided message, but it will be of a far less condemnatory character than that which some have been giving; and all who believe will be far more earnest for the salvation of our opponents. Let God have the matter of condemning authorities and governments wholly in His own keeping. In meekness and love, let us as faithful sentinels defend the principles of truth as it is in Jesus.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



Medical Missionary Work in Boston

It is a pleasure to report steady progress in this branch of the work.

The Massachusetts Conference employs four persons for this work and that of the spiritual work and teaching connected with the sanitarium. This includes two graduate nurses beside Mrs. Starr and the writer.

The interest of the Melrose Church in this work, and their faithfulness in payment of tithes has resulted in an amount being paid into the treasury each month just about equalling the amount of wage and expenses of these four workers. We hope soon that it will exceed the full expense. We feel sure that this co-operation on the part of the church, the conference, and the sanitarium, is meeting the mind of the Spirit of God, so far as we have been able to learn how to co-operate with Him.

We are conducting five schools of health each week. One at Tremont Temple, Social Hall, in the very centre of Boston. It is the plan to keep this school, or "Institute of Health" as we advertize it, open every Tuesday afternoon throughout the greater part of the year. This institute is being attended by from forty to fifty ladies. We notice a change in faces, and form new ac-

quaintances each week, so we know we are reaching more than fifty separate families. This company embraces many of the most active and influential ladies in the city. Through these persons we receive invitations to gatherings of societies and churches, and to visit private homes, and thus many doors are opened wide to us and friendly associations are formed and prejudice removed. Many of these persons visit the sanitarium, and thus that institution and work is becoming more widely known. The collections at Tremont Temple very nearly meet the hall expense.

At this institute we are assisted by the sanitarium physicians and the physical instructor, who lecture and answer questions.

At Cambridge we conduct a school of health every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 12 in the Y. W. C. A. Parlours. Here we secure an attendance ranging all the way from fifteen to thirty-four ladies, including among these the mothers and wives of some of Boston's leading educators.

Wednesday afternoon we have a school of health at West Newton, in the large parlours at Mrs. Yelland's. Here we have an attendance of eighteen ladies who are coming regularly.

At the Lynn W. C. T. U. Parlours we have a night school attended by from ten to fifteen ladies and gentlemen.

At these schools of health the talks are given by Mrs. Starr and the writer, and the demonstrations by the nurses. We prepare all the foods used in demonstrating here at the sanitarium, and in this are assisted by our able and good-natured cooks. If our people could see us wending our way across the city, morning after morning, with from one to two portmanteaus each, I am sure that we should have their prayers for the success of the work. But we rejoice to be able to do "errands for Jesus." And the people are so appreciative and so hearty in expressing their gratitude, and respond so readily in adopting the reforms suggested, that it quite repays for the labour put forth. Many are leaving off tea, coffee, and flesh foods. We are keeping a list of all who take this stand, and hope to be able to report later the results in improved health, and also spiritually.

The time has certainly come when dietetic reform should be presented to our own and other people, and when there should be a response to it; and there always is a response when the matter is presented earnestly and intelligently by those who believe and practise it themselves.

The Lord has entrusted this people with great and precious light on this subject, and when appreciated by us and carried to others is appreciated by them.
G. B. STARR.



A New Sabbath-School in Java

SABBATH, April 15, a new Sabbath-school was organized in this field in the new mission home in Weltevreden, Batavia. The membership is twenty-one and the superintendent is a brother from South Australia. The secretary is a former Avondale School boy.

This Sabbath-school believes in missionary talks, because it is a mission Sabbath-school. On this Sabbath morning our brother, Timothy Tay, who has been truly reconvered to God and His truth, made heartfelt confession of his wanderings from God, of his loneliness and unhappiness because of his separation from God's work and His truth. He evinces no boastful spirit, but a spirit of humility in the face of his backsliding. He is sorry for the hard thoughts he has harboured toward some of the workers, and seeks their forgiveness by letter.

All present felt thankful to our kind Shepherd who seeks us when we go astray, and who bears us on His shoulder, rejoicing for the sheep which was lost, but is found again. Pray for Brother Timothy who goes to engage in the canvassing work in one of these wicked cities of the Orient. Fierce and cruel are the temptations that assail men and women in these cities; but the prayers of God's people will form a hedge of angels about the tried one.

LILY M. THORPE.

Tahiti

HAVING prepared for a short trip on the north side of the island, we set out early on the morning of April 26 into these more sparsely populated districts. Here the people are poorer than on the other side. Some are not very bright, living from day to day like the birds of the air. Their food is easily found, they have no cares, and not much either to interest or worry them in the even tenor of their lives. They accepted the *Mavamarama* but had no money to buy

books. Others were brighter and remarked that it was *mea roa* (a long time since we had been to see them). We scattered the pages of light freely among them all.

One feature of the trip was the long stretch of bad road. We thought of Isa. 61:10, "Gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." It is a task indeed to gather out so many stones, but the way must be prepared, for the people must be warned of the coming judgments; they must be shown the way of salvation ere the Lord comes.

When we came to the broad and stony Papenoo River, it was very rough, but we remembered the promise, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee" (Isa. 43:2). We were not long in reaching the other side safely. Then we had more rough, stony road, with a steep, rocky hill on one side, and an equally precipitous descent to the sea on the other.

So narrow was the road, that when we saw another buggy approaching us, I wondered what would happen, for there was not room for two to pass on that part of the road: But the native and his *vahine* (wife) were equal to the emergency. He quickly unharnessed the horse, which the *vahine* led back, while he deftly turned the light buggy around, and drew it on till the road was wider. We thanked him for his trouble, and giving him several *Mavamarama's* of different dates, passed on.

We now traversed a long stretch of more very stony country, with hardly an inhabitant. Was it worth while going farther? Soon it became evident that we must camp out for the night. Though I had heard of the charms of sleeping out of doors, I had never had the experience before, but we had brought hammocks, and were prepared. We came to a gorge between two mountains. This was an ideal place. We soon built a fire to warm our meal, and to dry such things as had got wet in crossing the river. We stretched our hammocks between trees. The beautiful day was followed by a perfect night, so clear and still, yet there was no dew, and what was equally unusual, no mosquitoes. The deep phrases of the ocean formed a sonorous accompaniment to the silvery note of the stream, fresh from the mountain, hurrying to empty its copious waters into the greedy ocean.

Overhead the heavens declared the glory of God, as seen by us in the spaces between the tall cocoanut palms. Surely it was an ideal spot! Our trusty

mare, that had served us so well over those steep and stony places, was tethered to a tree by a long rope, where she ate gratefully of the sweet untrodden grass so bountifully supplied. There were no idlers about, or other disturbing element, and it was not long before the fresh, cool zephyrs invited us to sleep.

In the morning, feeling greatly refreshed, we were soon ready to resume our journey, and, coming to a little settlement, succeeded in selling twelve bound *Mavamaramas*, a few other native books, and also took two subscriptions for the *Mavamarama*. We are glad the little light-bearer is to penetrate regularly into these districts. Yes, it was worth while coming over this rough country to place the pages of truth in these distant homes. We gave away over two hundred copies of the *Mavamarama*, besides selling the books, and the remaining twelve Chinese calendars. On a previous trip we had sold some copies of the native "Christ Our Saviour," which the people still read and enjoy, but we have no more of them now, and await a further supply.

H. THOMAS.
L. THOMAS.

A Prayer

God, I pray to Thee for patience when
the world seems all unfair,
When life seems one long injustice, and
the end alone despair;
When I'm weary, O so weary! and my
tears bring no relief;
When I question why Thou sendest to
humanity such grief;
Grant me faith as well as patience, and
forgive me when I pray
For some knowledge of the reason why
we suffer day by day.
Give me strength to keep on working,
cheerfully to do my task,
Give me courage, hope, submission; perfect
joy I cannot ask.
Teach me how to give to others something
helpful, something true;
How to make my life worth living, how
to start each day anew.
God in heaven, forgive my failures, and
uphold me with Thy hand;
I am weak, impatient, restless, and I cannot
understand.
I can only hope, believing there are
reasons now unknown.
Which sometime, somewhere, we'll master,
as we reap what we have sown.
God, once more I come imploring Thee
with strength to fill my heart;
I have failed; wilt Thou forgive me, and
Thy love to me impart?

—Sylvia Chapin.

"Much prayer, much power;
Little prayer, little power;
No prayer, no power."



Too Busy

Too busy are we midst the whirl and the stress

Of our life as the days come and go—
Too busy to water with prayers and with tears
The seed we abundantly sow.

Too busy with working for Jesus to pause
And sit at His footstool of prayer;
Too busy commanding and guarding His field
To learn what His orders are there.

Too busy with routine of cares in the home
To seek Him alone through the day;
Too busy in striving to faithfully serve
To listen to Him and to pray.

How Satan doth gloat o'er his subtle decoy
Of winding our life in this coil!
He knows when too busy to watch unto prayer
Our triumph at last he will foil.

O guard us from whirlpools that threaten to wreck
Our bark, Heavenly Pilot, we pray!
And teach us the blessing of walking with God
Through holy communion each day.
WORTHIE HARRIS HOLDEN.

Gisborne and Tolago Bay, New Zealand

SINCE returning to Gisborne from the sanitarium at Papanui, we have spent the week of prayer with the Gisborne Church. We realized much of the presence of the good Spirit in our meetings, although here as in every place the enemy is working.

Much time has been spent of late in preparing matter for our Maori paper, as we anticipate having it printed by the Avondale Press in the near future, and wish to send a good amount of copy for the beginning of the work.

As the weather had become very wet in Gisborne after the week of prayer, I did not go at once to Tolago Bay as previously arranged. When the moon was again favourable, we held the meetings for prayer and reading at that place, and realized that the good Spirit of God was in our midst. May God bless the little company there that consecrated themselves to Him, and use them to bring others to the light of truth.

In Tolago as well as in Gisborne the work of translating and preparing

matter for *Te Karere o te Pono* occupied all the time that could be spared from our visiting and meetings. The offerings of the Gisborne Church and Tolago company (who are also members of the Gisborne Church), showed their love for the cause of missions, and desire for their advancement.

The news that there are some Maori Sabbath-keepers in the extreme north of New Zealand, with an educated Maori as their leader, has given us evidence that we should labour there for a time. We expect soon to be leaving Gisborne, to enter this opening. We are glad that through our instrumentality the Lord has brought two dear souls, a husband and wife, to accept this last-day message since our residence in and near Gisborne. We pray that they may go on to perfection in Christ.

We have lately received several letters showing appreciation of our Maori paper. The following is a translation of one of these:

“Te Reinga,”
May 18, 1911.

To the true friend *Te Karere o te Pono*
(Herald of Truth):
Sir,

Salutations. In the time of New Year which is past, you explained the fruits of faith, therefore, may the blessing of God rest upon you. Because you explain to the mind of this generation the greatness of having faith, and the benefits of changing many into the likeness of Christ in this world, great is my greeting of welcome. I desire a copy of the words of Christ when I come to Gisborne. (Probably referring to the book “Christ Our Saviour” in Maori.) You must show me the price of *Te Karere o te Pono* to be paid at this time by me when I come to Gisborne.

Aranui Kunaiti.

Another letter reached me yesterday accompanied by a subscription. The author, it will be observed, is rather given to the use of figures of speech:

To the Editor of *Te Karere o te Pono*,

To W. R. Carswell:

Friend,
There has come hither a sweet singing bird, *Te Karere o te Pono*, to search in these places, catching the eyes to look at the words of the Scripture. Be strong—but indeed, by possessing seed to feed the birds, it shall be strong to run to each place. Enough of that. Send hither to me *Te Karere o te Pono*. I will send the subscription for the year. I had never read about *Te Karere o te Pono*. But the words must cease. If the subscription reaches you, write to me. Enough.

From Heta Riyiro Tikiku.

I always try to make time to answer these letters, and pray that the good impression may be deepened. Brethren, pray for the Maories and for us.

W. R. CARSWELL.

In the Bush

WE are situated over one hundred and sixty miles from Perth, and over twenty miles from a township; so I may well say we live in the bush. We came here to Donnelly River, West Australia, a little over a year ago. We have a Sabbath-school, for which we are very thankful. Brethren Scott and Dickson live about eight miles from one another, so we equalize the distance for all by having our meeting one Sabbath at Brother Scott's and the next at Brother Dickson's.

Our Sabbath-school is a very interesting one. Even the young people have their turn in reviewing the lesson, thus giving them an experience that will fit them for future usefulness.

Our quarterly meeting is held at Springdale, at the home of Brother and Sister Giblett about thirty miles from here. This place was chosen as it was a centre for a large part of the outlying district. Here about forty or fifty of our people gather to partake of the ordinances and to encourage one another by the way. We assemble on Friday before sunset, and leave for our respective homes early on Sunday morning. The bush roads are very rough and in many places dangerous, but we feel doubly repaid for all the jolting, etc., as we realize the rich blessing of the Lord in obeying the commands, to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, and “This do in remembrance of Me.”

We could not meet together for the week of prayer, but we had a precious season in our own homes. We realize there is nothing like prayer to draw us nearer to God, and to remove difficulties.

Our hearts are made glad as we read of the spread of the message, but when we as a people are truly consecrated, and have laid our all upon the altar, the message will go with the speed of a bush-fire, and then we shall see the work “cut short in righteousness.”

Satan is working now with great power, and all his power is centred in obtaining the one object of hindering the advancement of the message. He will leave nothing undone to blind our eyes to the needs of the mission field. He will endeavour to make our own requirements of paramount importance, suggesting that we need this and that until our resources are exhausted. We must cut off all superfluities, and then we shall see God's treasury replenished and the message going with a power that will make the enemy of souls tremble. If we remain callous and indifferent to the needs of the mis-

sion field, the reckoning day will find us with the blood of souls upon our garments.

May God help us all to sense our responsibilities, and to order our lives so that the consummation of our hope may soon be realized.

MRS. P. GOODING.

Young and Harden, New South Wales

WHEN Pastor Brittain last wrote we had just entered Harden and were wondering what the yield would be. But now we can glance back over the past three months and say, "What hath the Lord wrought!" Everywhere we turn we find doors opening to us. At Canningar, a place about three miles from here, many longing hearts have for years been searching for the light of present truth. We pray most earnestly that God will give us tact and wisdom to help them to decide for Him. Truly His hand guided us here to the precious souls that now rejoice in the light.

Our Sabbath-school has been well attended, the average being twenty-five, and all take a lively interest in the lessons. We were greatly privileged to have Pastor Woods with us for the opening of our first Sabbath-school.

As we visit from door to door the oft-repeated testimony from many is, "Well, God's Word says so, we cannot disbelieve it." And so His Word backed up by His Holy Spirit is the agency God is using here to gather souls for His garner. We are glad to say that some precious souls have decided to obey God.

Our work at Young is still onward, though bitter opposition has had to be met, yet we are thankful that Pastor Brittain has had the privilege of leading down into the watery grave four precious souls, the other two there, having been previously baptized. They are all of good courage, and we believe God will yet enlarge their company; for some are yet seeking for the light. The stationmaster there has very earnestly asked us to come and continue our meetings. He stands in the parting of the ways. May he find that God's way is best ere it is too late.

We are of good courage, and united heart to heart in our work. As we work and pray, brethren, pray for us that we may always lift the Saviour up that all may be drawn to Him.

A. W. CHELBERG.

"CHARACTERS are built; they do not grow."



Our Health Food and Cafe Work

"WE should remember that the health food work is the property of God. . . . It is God's gift to His people. . . . Hold up the principles of health reform. . . . Present the principles in the most attractive form. . . . The people are in sad need of the light. . . . The Lord has been sending us line upon line and if we reject these principles we are not rejecting the messenger who teaches them; but the One who has given us these principles." —*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII.*

We are glad to be able to report to the readers of the RECORD that our health food and cafe work throughout the Australasian Union is making healthy progress. Five years ago we had but one direct agency established in the field, the health food work being mainly operated through our tract societies. To-day, we have cafes or depots organized in every State. Consequently this has made a great difference to the work in our health food factory, which is at the present time working at a high pressure to meet the demand. Our factory superintendent is no longer perplexed with the problem of how to keep his staff actively engaged; on the contrary, they find themselves unable to cope with the demand created by our agents in the field. Then, again, instead of piling up huge debts as in former years, we are able to meet our expenses and pay off some of our indebtedness created under the old system of working. God has and is richly blessing us, for which we praise Him.

OUR FACTORY

The new boiler and mills are under way and giving entire satisfaction. Two more mills and other machinery are being hastened to completion, as they are already needed. From 120 to 150 cases of health foods leave the factory every week.

THE BULK STORE

On arrival in Sydney these foods are taken to our new bulk store in George Street, and from there are dispatched

to all parts of the Union, including the islands of the sea.

THE SYDNEY CAFE

is enjoying a good patronage, and is making new friends every day. The winter series of cooking classes will be commenced shortly. A gentleman from the country writes; "Please let me know if you supply any of your nut foods in jars, also if any variety of your goods are put up for post, and if these will keep. I have until recently been having my meals at your restaurant, and quite miss the foods I got at your Hunter Street establishment. Please send me pamphlets and also prices of foods.

THE BRISBANE CAFE

balance-sheet reveals a gain for the first seven weeks' working. They write: "We still have a good attendance, and people are well satisfied." Two more of our customers are leaving for the sanitarium next week. This will make five or six that have gone down already.

MELBOURNE

We understand that the cooking classes are being well attended. Brother Hallam has been issuing invitation cards around the suburbs, and finds that they create quite a friendly feeling as the people visit the cafe.

THE ADELAIDE CAFE

writes: "We wish you could have seen us to-day at 1:15 p.m. Every table was full and some waiting to get seats. We served double the number that we prepared for." This little cafe has reduced its indebtedness by over £100 during the last few months.

THE CAFE IN PERTH

is still sending large orders along and reports good interest. The doctors in West Australia are recommending our gluten foods considerably.

THE AUCKLAND CAFE

is at the time of writing changing its location from Victoria Street to the Strand Arcade. Miss Sandberg in writing about this move states: "Personally I feel very hopeful about it. The customers on the whole seem to think it will be a great improvement."

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

The cafe here is still maintaining a good patronage, and the health food sales are good. Brother Ward writes: "The last shipment of granose was all sold before it left the wharf," and he has since cabled for more.

CHRISTCHURCH

Brother Driscoll reports having visited Dunedin and other centres with good success, securing many orders, besides receiving the hearty support of the Dunedin Food Reform Society. Thus the good work moves along.

G. S. FISHER.



No Need for Lost Time

THERE is no need for lost time in the Lord's work, and no need to be out of continual employment if you love the message. Every believer has entered into a covenant with the Saviour of mankind to co-operate with Him in the work of winning souls for the kingdom. Therefore to neglect this work is to prove disloyal to Christ. There is always success in following the example of Jesus. Method and system will cultivate the habit of being faithful and conscientious in little things. This means time saved, with more efficiency and greater opportunities for service.

THE POSITIVE STATEMENT

"there is work for all who love Me, employment for all who will work under My direction" comes to us right from the throne of grace, and carries with it the promise, "and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." This at once becomes a guarantee against unemployment for every believer, and brings with it the assurance that there is always definite pay for definite work.

THE WORLD'S WORK

absorbs altogether too much of the time and energy of God's people; our young people especially who are employed in shops, offices, and factories pertaining to the business of the world are losing in opportunities, health, and remuneration. They are losing valuable time. Every one of them is needed in God's great work for the regeneration of men. God has given facilities so that both old and young who labour in the gospel may live by the gospel. The simple joy of living, which God designs should be the heritage to every man, is experienced by so few.

BECAUSE OF OUR NEGLIGENCE

in using to the utmost the facilities provided in our books and periodicals to enlighten the world, many are denied the privilege of obtaining the knowledge of principles conducive to health and general physical well-being. *Life and Health* contains this phase of the gospel message which our young people can so readily carry from home to home, thus bringing a definite blessing to all they meet with blessing and profit to themselves.

Steady, fervent effort in this direction, will provide its own reward financially and otherwise. It is our desire to secure the services of all our young people to the cause of God.

We will gladly provide all the necessary instruction, and help in starting in evangelistic work with our books and periodicals, any one who will communicate with us through our State tract societies. J. M. JOHANSON.

My Missionary Garden

Some money I desired to earn
To send to foreign lands,
So mother took some garden seeds
And placed them in my hands.

Then earnestly I went to work
With spade and rake and hoe;
I planted every seed I had,
And wondered if they'd grow.

It wasn't long before I saw
Some little leaves of green;
I thought they looked more beautiful
Than any I had seen.

Each day when I came home from
school,
I to my garden went;
In hoeing and in pulling weeds,
My leisure time I spent.

My mother said to me, "My child,
You've worked so very well,
I'll buy of you, if you desire,
Whatever you have to sell."

She bought my beets and radishes,
My peas and beans and corn;
And pleased was I to see these foods
Our daily board adorn.

I never tasted anything
So tender and so sweet;
I thanked the Lord most heartily
For all I had to eat.

My appetite was very good
Because I'd exercised;
I felt so happy and so well
I really was surprised.

My mother is so good to me,
But God is better still;
Whatever I can do for Him,
With all my heart I will.

DORA BRORSEN.

Report of the Young People's Work

Of the Australasian Union Conference for Quarter Ending March 1, 1911

NUMBER of societies	92
Present membership	743
Present associate membership ...	797
Members in State Home Department	53
Associate members in State Home Department	167
Total membership	1,760
Number taking reading course ...	31
Number taking Doctrine Studies ...	328
Number of conversions	11

General subjects studied in meeting: Union Conference programmes on Bible, Young People and Their Work, Foreign Missions, "Great Controversy."

REPORT OF WORK DONE

Missionary letters written	792
Missionary letters received	235
Bible-readings or cottage-meetings	318
Missionary visits:	
With individuals	1,648
To hospitals	605
Other institutions	182
Ships	55
Copies of papers:	
Subscriptions taken	255
Sold	12,628
Lent	3,713
Given	40,180
Pages of tracts:	
Sold	31,900
Lent	38,335
Given	61,316
Books:	
Sold	317
Lent	379
Given	144
Families or individuals supplied with food, clothing, etc.	286
Treatments given	110
Hours of Christian help work	273
Offerings for local society work. £5 15 6	
Offerings for home mission work 19 1	
Offerings for foreign mission work	£191 5 6
Collection for the blind work £3 4 0	
Other missionary work. Giving flowers to sick, giving 1083 invitation cards to tent missions, holding sewing meetings, earning money in various ways, making text-cards.	

We are pleased to see that 1760 young people have enrolled themselves for service, and to see they have accomplished a considerable amount of missionary work. There is room, however, for much improvement. Only 31 out of the 1760 are reported to be taking the reading course. Surely more than these faithful 31 are in need of this study. Only those who are diligent in developing their mental faculties can hope to become acceptable workers for God.

Of the 1760 members, 328 are taking the doctrine studies, and taking a deep interest in them, busily storing their minds from week to week with

the precious words of truth. But what are the 1432 other members doing? Perhaps some are too young for this study, but not 1432 out of 1760. We do not know how near the time is when we shall be deprived of our Bibles and called to answer for our faith without them. Therefore now is the time to be storing the Scriptures in our minds, in order that the Holy Spirit may be able to call them to our minds when they are needed.

We would be glad to see more taking part in these studies. We must fill our own hearts and minds with good things before we can give them to others. This is a time when every energy should be used in developing our talents, and in using them in the Lord's service. Only the earnest ones will inherit the kingdom. The lukewarm will be spewed out. We trust all our young people will be among those who will strive energetically and perseveringly to become such workers as will not be ashamed before God.

E. M. GRAHAM.

Young People's Work

Notes from Victoria and Tasmania

ONE leader says :

"Our attendance is fairly good, and there is a growing interest. We held a consecration meeting on March 11, when almost all gave themselves anew to the Lord. It was good to hear the young children give their testimony."

SPEAKING of the Bible doctrine class one leader says : "The young people are taking a much greater interest in the Bible class, and now some of the adults have signified their intention of joining with us."

THE leader of one of our youngest societies says :

"We are getting on nicely. Every one is willing to help in the meetings. We appreciate the way the programmes are arranged. I think it would be a good plan to have arguments or texts used against the truth, and let the members answer them from the Bible. I examined the boys yesterday between the meetings. It was their first attempt. We had a very nice meeting the day we opened last quarter's missionary box, nearly every child taking some part. While the box was being opened and the contents counted, the members continued to praise the Lord in song. Then a special season of prayer was engaged in, seeking the blessing of the Lord upon the money that it might be useful in God's service, bringing some poor souls into the light of the third angel's message in far-away Java."

FROM the Glen Huon Society comes the following encouraging report :

"I received your welcome letter some time ago, but thought I should not answer it until our surprise meeting was over at the end of the quarter. It was real interesting, and there was a good attendance. One or two young people not of our faith have been coming to our meetings for some time. The biggest surprise of all was the opening of the box. We were wondering whether we had reached the amount for which we had aimed, but when it was counted we found to our surprise that our box held half as much again as our aim, so we are sending you £3 instead of £2. We have spent one and a half hours in the church this evening writing out our examination papers. It was a very silent meeting."

SOME of the leaders are carrying a real heavy burden for the spiritual welfare of their members. One writes :

"I have been praying much for our young people who are not converted. . . I believe that when their hearts are changed they will be a power for good. . . I cannot see much result as yet, but the time will come when our prayers will be answered. There is a strain of a hymn comes to my mind, which I believe is true :

'Say not the Father hath not heard your prayers,
You shall have your desire sometime,
somewhere.'

"Your closing remarks also give me courage. You said, 'Do not be disappointed if you do not see as many results as you would like now, some day the reaping time will come.' The Lord is helping me, and I shall refuse to be discouraged."

ANOTHER faithful leader says :

"Pray for us. I especially need your prayers for myself. I feel a great responsibility resting upon me to train these little ones in the truth. I feel I want them all for Jesus. I long to know that they have yielded their young lives to the Saviour's keeping, and I want to lead them in a simple, kind, and loving manner to do it."

ONE leader, who has held on through much discouragement, is now beginning to see fruits for her labours. Just recently she wrote :

"I feel sure that God's Spirit is moving on the hearts of the children and youth. They behave so well, and are very attentive in Sabbath-school and young people's meetings."

A. S. HIGGINS.

Obituaries

THOMPSON.— Fell asleep in Jesus, at Wellington, New Zealand, March 10, 1911, after four or five days' extreme suffering from blood poisoning. Sister Thompson, better known to our readers as Sister Bertha Ford, aged thirty-two years. Beloved by all who knew her, her unexpected death came as a great shock, especially to her husband, to whom she had been married but three months. Her last deep earnest testimony given at our late camp-meeting will be long remembered by those present, as expressing her strong confidence in the blessed hope of our soon-coming Saviour, and also of her intense desire to see her loved ones accept the message of truth while probation lingered. Surrounded at the grave by a large circle of mourners, we committed her to the earth, until the great Life-giver descends to wake His sleeping saints, when we hope to meet her again clothed with immortality. We hope that then she will also have the added joy of seeing her intense desire realized in meeting her loved ones, nevermore to part.

W. H. PASCOE.

SCOTT.—At his daughter's residence, Wollongong, on May 17, Brother Thomas Scott fell asleep at the age of seventy-three years. Brother Scott was first directed to the truth by reading the *Signs* supplied to him by Brother Booth. His interest in the message gradually deepened till about two years ago, when, through the faithful labours of Brother Booth and other Wollongong brethren, he resolved to obey the Lord in regard to the Sabbath. He visited Sydney some three weeks prior to the time of his death, and, while here, manifested more than a usual interest in the meetings then being held in the tent at Surrey Hills. Up to within a few hours of his death he seemed to be in his usual health. Those associated with him noticed of late a change in his manner. He seemed unusually anxious to know more and more of the truth. A remark passed by him to one of the brethren soon after his return home seems to indicate that the Lord was preparing him for the rest that he has since entered into. He said "It had never been quite clear to me before how the dead are to be raised to life at Christ's coming, but now I know that it is His own voice that will arouse them from their sleep." His faith was strong, and we believe at the last trump our brother will come forth with the rest of the dead in Christ to meet the Lord. Till then he rests from his labours. Brother Scott leaves six children and many grandchildren to mourn their loss; some of these were closely associated with him during the closing weeks of his life, and we trust that, in the providence of God, they may yet be led to a saving knowledge of the truth he held dear. Before the funeral we met with many of the relatives and friends at the home, speaking a few words of hope and comfort, and pointing them to Him who is at once the great Burden-bearer and Life-giver. Thence we proceeded to the graveside, where the service was conducted by Brother P. B. Rudge.

A. W. CORMACK.

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BROTHER MEYERS is laying plans for the erection of a church-building at Wellington in this State, where a goodly number have embraced the message.

"You may add our names," writes Sister Thomas of Tahiti, "to the list who are paying a penny a day. We have already adopted it, and want to do all we can in the interests of the work while probation lasts."

ON June 4 Pastor Woods wrote from Lower Bucca that his trip among the churches has been a most encouraging one, and that he has had many interesting experiences. He is expected back in Sydney by the time this paper is printed.

WE hope all will read our World-Wide Department carefully from week to week. This will give you some idea of the advancement of the work in the regions beyond our own field, and will prove a source of encouragement as you learn of God's opening providences in this fast-closing work.

BROTHER W. J. WESTERMAN, who has been assisting in the interest at Petone, Wellington, New Zealand, says, "Though the results thus far have not been as good as we anticipated, we rejoice to see some honest souls responding to God's last message. Others are still interested, and we pray that they may soon take their stand for the truth. In visiting the homes we find that many of the people show but little interest regarding spiritual things; on the other hand, we see the Lord's promise fulfilled, that He will be with us; and hearts are impressed by the words spoken and the literature circulated.

QUITE a number of our workers have applied to their local tract society for a copy of "The Speaker's Manual of Pronunciation." There is a very limited number still available, so any one especially desiring a copy should send in his order at once. This manual contains nearly two thousand words, also reading exercises for drills in enunciation and pronunciation. Price 1s. 3d.

BROTHER HOWSE of Samoa writes on April 18: "The week of prayer has closed and we have had some good meetings. We planned for meetings every evening and the brethren attended well and manifested quite an interest by their testimonies and offerings. They received much of God's blessing, and have been lifted upon higher ground. One Samoan and his wife attended nearly all of the meetings. The offerings amounted to the sum of £5 8s."

"TRUTH is always consistent with itself. Therefore that cannot be truth which contradicts something which has already been proved to be true. Whatever Christ, who is the Truth, has taught, we must accept without any question. Whatever is found in the Holy Scriptures, which He declared to be the truth, we must also accept, and whatever is taught which is not in harmony with these Scriptures we should reject, no matter who may teach the error. God wants definiteness." Such is the central thought of the new "Signs Leaflet" No. 16, entitled "The Law the Basis of Righteousness." This splendid little four-page tract deserves a wide circulation. Order from your State tract society. Price, 10d. per hundred, or 3d. per twenty-five.

BROTHER JOHN BELL of New Zealand calls our attention to the following significant cablegram that appeared in one of the daily papers: "London, May 5, 1911.—The work of abridging the Ten Commandments will be undertaken during the Anglican Convocation, the sittings in connection with which commenced yesterday. The Dean of Winchester, the Very Rev. W. M. Furneaux, will be entrusted with the work of revision." In commenting on this action Brother Bell says: "We cannot see how this convocation can improve upon the Ten Commandments given at Sinai, and written upon two tables of stone by Jehovah Himself. Rather a delicate task is it

not, for a church to seek to revise and abridge God's commandments? See Matt. 5 : 17, 18."

Book upon Book

"LINE upon line (book upon book), here a little, and there a little," is the sign of progress in the work of the missionary colporteur. Recently I called upon a family that possessed in the Spanish language, "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "The Coming King," and received their order for "Thoughts on Daniel" in the Tagalog language. So thus in going over the city of Manila the third time, I not only have the opportunity of supplying books to those who have not before purchased, but of adding to those already supplied.

During the same week I sold a book in a convent to the ex-governor of the province, who resided with the priest.

On my way home I read the fourth precept to the sun-tanned boatman, and then asked him which day was the Sabbath. His response was *Sabbado* (Saturday), the seventh day. He was not a Christian except to the extent of admitting the truth.

R. A. CALDWELL.

Criticism

IT has been well said that the reason there are so many critics is because so much business can be done on a small capital. Any brainless, irresponsible person can criticize. Lucifer introduced the idea into the universe by criticizing the Creator. Notwithstanding that he and all his sympathizers were cast out of heaven to save the universe, men refuse to be warned, and continue the evil practice.

The following anecdote and lesson from the *Christian Commonwealth* is to the point: "A dog, hitched to a lawnmower, stopped pulling to bark at a passer-by. The boy who was guiding the mower said: 'Don't mind the dog; he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the machine.' It is easier to be critical than correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one; easier to hinder than to help; easier to destroy reputation than to construct character. Faultfinding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticize, or censure, like the Pharisees; but it takes a great soul to go on working faithfully and lovingly, and rise superior to outward circumstances and surroundings, as Jesus did." G. B. THOMPSON.