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

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The Cloud Is Rising

'Tis a glorious time for the church to-day
For the trumpet again has blown,
And the hosts of God by the pillar led,
Move on to their promised home;
And the Holy Ghost in the "latter rain,"
With His peace and joy and power,
O'er the church now falls with refreshing
flood,

Like a glorious summer shower.

'Tis an awful time for the faithless man
In the church of God to-day,
For the final sifting at last has come,
He is falling by the way.
But the justified in their armour bright,
And with faith their battle cry,
Are marching to-day 'gainst the walls of
sin,

With power from on high. —Selected.

The Gift of the Holy Ghost

"REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

After the foregoing exhortation, Peter went on to say, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." So that gift is for us also.

When Peter and John went down into Samaria to preach the Word there, it is recorded: "Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." Acts 8:15, 17. The apostles expected every believer to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

God gave His Son, and the Son promised the gift of the Spirit, with the power that comes with it. God as well as Christ "emptied Himself" on man's behalf. "God so loved the world," and the Son so loved the church that He poured out the Spirit at Pentecost to prepare it for both service and suffering. It is difficult to find language or similitude that can adequately convey to the mind of man the wonderful truth that God loves him, and the magnitude of that love. To those who contemplate the dying agonies of Calvary with Spirit-illuminated vision there comes a most affecting view of the love of God. Why should He love vile, reprobate, defiled, and corrupt humanity so much? There is nothing lovable or lovely in it. To the man whose eyes are anointed with the eye-salve which Christ recommends in Revelation 3:18, the human heart is like the figurative cage of foul and unclean beasts and birds. He sees only hateful passions and unholy tempers. Indeed, if the Holy Spirit were to reveal to the mind of the sinner his true condition as God and the angels see it, no mortal could endure the sight. It is only by the illumination of the Holy Spirit that the sinner can ever realize the depth of depravity of his own nature. It is truly appalling.

So one of the first things the Holy Spirit does when He enters into the heart is to reveal the sin that exists there, to the understanding. Sin, the existence of which was unknown and unsuspected, will stand forth to condemn us, and as we realize how sinful we are, and behold the lightning of God's wrath against sin flashing forth from the dark summit

of Sinai, we sorely tremble, even as did ancient Israel. If the cross were not standing hard by with its radiant light of love and hope beaming upon us, we would be overwhelmed with despair. Therefore, when the believer asks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, he often little realizes the significance of his request or what it involves. So the gift of the Holy Ghost may not, at first, prove just what was expected. Indeed, the advent of the Spirit may not always be recognized by the believer at first.

The prevailing idea in the minds of Christians generally, when they pray for this gift, is that some wonderful power will accompany their words and works, and great joy will overflow the heart. These things may be, and I am persuaded are, counterfeited by the devil. Power and peace do accompany the gift of the Holy Ghost, just as the wise surgeon burns away the gangrene by a process of painful cauterization in order that health may come to the diseased member; so, in like manner, the Holy Spirit that is likened to fire, must purify and purge the heart and life by burning out the gangrene of sin and selfishness before real spiritual health can come to the soul. The prayer of the believer will be:

O Spirit of truth most holy,
O Spirit of burning, come!
Consume the dross within my heart,
And make it e'er Thy home.

Pride and self-complacency are among the darkest sins that curse mankind, and the Spirit of God always lays bare these festering sores. So it is not strange that one of the first things an honest man experiences, after having

asked for the Holy Spirit, is a keen sense of his own worthlessness and sinfulness. Instead of having anything of which to be proud or self-complacent, he realizes that the devil has been cruelly deceiving him, and that he is utterly vile, sinful, and unworthy. He beholds himself the very chief of sinners, and meriting naught but eternal banishment from the presence of God and the companionship of holy beings. This searching, burning, smarting sense of sin is the result of the Holy Spirit's work in the heart. Many men when they have first felt this searching work have drawn back in terror and alarm, and have refused to be disturbed in their self-deceived condition, preferring to remain at ease in their corrupt state of heart rather than suffer chastisement and be made whole. Some have grieved the Holy Spirit away for ever by persistently saying "No! No! No!" to Him in His efforts to lead them into a life of humble submission to the Father's will.

The carnal heart rebels against reproof and criticism no matter how kindly administered. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend," said Solomon the wise, who recognized that correction is painful to bear even though it is a friend who wounds us. What friend can compare with the Holy Spirit? A mortal man might err in judgment, but the Holy Spirit never.

Lady Huntingdon, who was an earnest follower of the Wesleys, and who delighted in the gospel they preached, used to write and speak to her former associates about the way of salvation, and urge them to believe and be saved. "The rebuffs which she sometimes met with on these occasions form a curious page in the chapter of human pride." "The doctrines of these preachers are most repulsive," wrote the proud Duchess of Buckingham, "and are strongly tinged with impertinence and disrespect towards their superiors, in perpetually endeavouring to level all ranks and do away with all distinctions. It is monstrous to be told that you have a heart as sinful as the common wretches that crawl upon the earth. This is highly offensive and insulting, and I can but wonder that your ladyship should relish any sentiments so much at variance with high rank and good breeding."

The very tone of this letter indicates to one with spiritual discernment, that the Duchess of Buckingham was still in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity. How easily can the human heart be deceived!

R. W. MUNSON.

(To be concluded next week)

Giving

THE Word of God says, "It is more blessed to *give* than to *receive*." The word "blessed" means happy. Therefore, giving causes more happiness to the giver, than does receiving. No doubt all of us have had some part in giving, and know that it always brings a certain amount of pleasure. What makes a person more happy than to give something to a friend, or to someone in need? The giver finds much joy even in the anticipation of the act, thinking of how it will cause joy to the receiver, and how much it will be appreciated, and how it will bind the giver's and the receiver's hearts closer in the bonds of human love.

There are many texts in the Bible which speak of giving: "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity." "Give, and it shall be given unto you." "Freely ye have received, freely give."

God Himself set us the first and greatest example in giving, when "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In giving Christ, God emptied heaven of its best gift—the gift which cost Him the greatest sacrifice. And Christ was willing to be thus given, for the Word says that "He gave Himself for our sins." In so doing, He gave up all the glory that He had with the Father in heaven, and gave the world the benefit and example of His pure, holy, perfect life here on earth, and ended His work on earth by giving His life on Calvary's cross to redeem this poor fallen world.

Then, think of nature's example. All things live to give—all things minister to something else besides self, and all nature gives to man the necessities of life (at God's command)—the air, the water, the products of the soil, the heat and cold.

Then with God's and Christ's and nature's examples before us, should not we learn to rejoice to give? We are not to give "grudgingly, nor of necessity, for God loveth a *cheerful* giver."

In the "Testimonies for the Church" we read, "All should remember that God's claims upon us underlie every other claim. He gives to us bountifully." "In answer to the claims of God, regular reserves should be set apart as sacred to His work." "Has not the Lord a right to demand this of us? Did not He give His only begotten Son because He loved us and desired to save us from death? And shall not our gratitude-offerings flow into His treasury, to be drawn therefrom to advance His kingdom in the

earth? Since God is the owner of all our goods, shall not gratitude to Him prompt us to make free-will offerings and thank offerings, thus acknowledging His ownership of soul, body, spirit, and property?"

"Deeds of mercy must be done, the poor and suffering must be aided. Gifts and offerings should be appropriated for this purpose." "If all the professed people of God, both old and young, would do their duty, there would not be a dearth in the treasury." "Every extravagance should be cut out of our lives, for the time we have to work is short. All around us we see want and suffering; families are in need of food; little ones are crying for bread. The houses of the poor lack proper furniture and bedding. Many live in hovels, which are almost destitute of conveniences. The cry of the poor reaches to heaven. God sees, God hears. But many glorify themselves. While their fellow-men are poor and hungry, suffering for want of food, they expend much on their tables, and eat far more than they require. What an account men will by and by have to render for their selfish use of God's money! Those who disregard the provision God has made for the poor will find that they have not only robbed their fellow-men, but that in robbing them, they have robbed God and embezzled His goods." "All the good that man enjoys, comes because of the mercy of God. He is the great and bountiful Giver. His love is manifest to all in the abundant provision made for man."

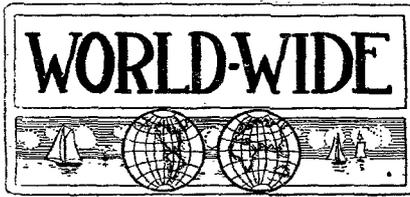
Then shall we not ask our Heavenly Father to cause us to be Godlike in the matter of giving?

EVELYN GOODING.

GOOD impulses and good intentions do not make actions right or safe. In the long run, action is tested not by its motives, but by its results.—*David Starr Jordan*.

YOU and I must not complain if our plans break down if we have done our part. That probably means that the plans of One who knows more than we do have succeeded.—*Edward Everett Hale*.

"PITY may arrange the pillow and bathe the brow, but good cheer lifts the head from the pillow, illuminates the brow with courage and hope, and makes the hands strong for life's glad work again."



His Lamps

His lamps are we,
To shine where He shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day;
But for dark places of the earth,
Where shame, and wrong, and crime
have birth;
Or for the musky twilight gray,
Where wandering sheep have gone astray;
Or where the light of faith grows dim,
And souls are groping after Him,
And as sometimes a flame we find,
Clear shining through the night,
So bright we do not see the lamp,
But only see the light,
So may we shine—His light the flame—
That men may glorify His name.
—*Missionary Tidings.*

Progress in Hayti, West Indies

THE third angel's message was first proclaimed in the republic of Hayti by a barrel of papers and tracts which was sent out from England about thirty-five years ago. As a result of the influence of this literature, Elder W. J. Tanner found, on his arrival at this island about five years ago, a number of Sabbath-keepers; and since that time he has baptized more than 150 persons. All these have come out of Catholicism. This work has so stirred the Roman Catholic Church, that they have begun publishing a paper for the express purpose of refuting the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists. This is probably the first paper ever published which devotes its entire space to opposing the third angel's message.

Growth in the Russian Union

THE reports and statistics show that God is at work for His little flock in this great empire. If one were to judge from the manner in which our opponents are bestirring themselves to give publicity to, and to cast reflections upon, the third angel's message, he would conclude that many of them attach as great importance to our work as do we ourselves. Long articles frequently appear against us in the periodicals of the land. Three of our workers are under police surveillance; one has just been tried, and sentenced to two months, imprisonment, or to fifty roubles' fine for having baptized and united in marriage a person who had not formally severed her connection with the ortho-

dox church; and one worker is still in prison. In spite of this, 731 new members were received last year, at the close of which there were 3,952 adherents to the third angel's message in the three conferences and six mission fields of the union.
GUY DAIL.

The Wonderful Way of the Lord among the French in Canada

WHILE visiting the scattered groups of French believers in Canada, I found away up in the mountains at Namur, Quebec, a company of nine believers, not including some ten children and young people, ranging from three to twenty years of age. They heard the truth ten years ago through the efforts of Elder D. T. Bourdeau, who for a few months held tent-meetings among them and baptized them. But since this time they have had no opportunity to celebrate the ordinances of the church, and have at times been nearly led astray through lack of a French worker to look after them. Nevertheless they have continued to send in their tithes to the conference. It is really wonderful, when we know the story of their struggles, that they have stood so firm for the truth, with so little opportunity to be instructed in it.

Turning my steps in another direction, I next visited two Sabbath-keeping families near Valleyfield. For six years they have observed the Bible Sabbath, though having no relations with our people. When the last census records were published, these French families were listed under the peculiar religious name of "Sabbatiste." Some of our brethren noticed this record, and called the attention of the conference workers to it, with the result that they were soon visited, and their story was thus learned.

Ten years ago they left the Catholic Church and were drifting into infidelity when a Bible colporteur came to one of them, and sold a Bible. As they studied it, their interest deepened into belief in its teachings, and soon they began to obey. Arriving at the law, they saw clearly that they should keep the Sabbath, which they at once started to do. When they became aware that they had really found the pearl of great price, the father decided to go twenty miles to his relatives to make known the truth to them. On the journey he found himself confronted by a forest fire, which so delayed him that he did not reach his destination until after midnight. It was very dark, and for some reason no

lamp could be found in the house until after long search they managed to find one which gave a tiny flame. Gathering the family around this little light, he read to them from his precious Book until morning, when he had to return home. Soon they also were keeping the Sabbath.

I spent many days there, and was really astonished to see how well they had come to understand the Scriptures with no human help, and thinking themselves the only ones of like faith in the world. Speaking of baptism, the mother told me that for a long time she had desired that she, with all her family, might be baptized in the river which flows near their house. One interesting feature is the fact that when they came to understand the holiness of the law of God, the father desired to bear public witness to his regard for it. So he purchased two large, white marble slabs, and upon them had engraved in French the ten commandments. These he set upon the front of his house.

I am now in Montreal for a few weeks. Here also the French work is very encouraging. On Sabbath, April 1, five precious souls were baptized and united with the Montreal Church; one was also received upon profession of faith, having been previously baptized in another church. Others will follow later, and the interest is good. We should have here one or two permanent French workers, but where can we get them? When I see the great need of workers for these millions of French in the United States and Canada, and hear the urgent calls that come to us, I am glad to know that the General Conference is working to establish a French school, or a special French department in one of our academies. We have in Canada and the United States a number of French young people. These should have the opportunity of receiving instruction to fit them for the Lord's work.

Most of the French people are Catholics, and therefore special efforts will be required to take the message to them.

G. C. ROTH.

"TO THOSE who live on the spiritual plane there are no disasters."

"IT is a great source of happiness to be associated with people who are trying, however imperfectly, to make a better world. Many a life emerges through such association from an experience of narrowness and emptiness to one of breadth, fulness, and satisfaction."



My Father's Field

A maiden stood where the fields were
ripe,
And gathered the golden wheat:
Gaily she sang as she bound her sheaves,
And laid them about her feet.

One marked her there as she passed her
by,
Alone with her hard-earned spoil,
And spoke of rest, for the sun was high,
And the reapers spent with toil.

But the maiden smiled, as her glad voice
said,
"Nay, lady, I may not yield,
The work is great, but the work is sweet,
I toil in my father's field."

Gleaners of Christ, in your lonely toil,
When weary, and fain to yield,
Take comfort here, though the work is
great,
Ye toil in your Father's field.

And the Father's house lies over the hill,
Where the sun of life goes down;
There shall ye rest, and the Father's
smile,
Forever your work shall crown.
—Selected.

Goolwa, South Australia

I WAS called by the conference to connect with the work in Goolwa in the latter part of May, where Brethren White and Gregory had been engaged in a tent effort, but where Brother White was then alone, owing to Brother Gregory not being able to continue in that work. I was therefore asked to take his place. Brother White remained with us for a short time, but was soon called to the city to engage in the work there, and I was left to continue the work in Goolwa.

As soon as the Sabbath truth was presented there was strong and determined opposition to our work. The minds of the people were filled with prejudice from an effort made here some eighteen or twenty years ago, as there are two families still living here who kept the Sabbath for some time but finally gave it up. Besides these there are others here who attended all of those meetings eighteen years ago, and who know much about the message, but who have not the courage to obey, and they are bitter and much opposed.

There was one lone sister in the

place, who accepted the truth two years ago in Victoria, who has since been a faithful and devoted witness for the truth, and who has been a great help to us in the work here.

For a long time we greatly feared that she would be the only one to hold up the light in this place, but we are thankful to report that several others have now decided to obey and are keeping the Sabbath, and three or four others we expect will soon join us in the "obedience of faith."

One of those who have decided to obey was turned out of the church to which she belonged because she was studying the Bible. So the charge against her states, as written by the clerk of the church. The determined opposition here calls for great courage upon the part of those who obey. Our Sabbath-school here in Goolwa now numbers nineteen.

I recently spent about one week with the Black Swamp Church, holding meetings each evening, and shared many blessings in spiritual things.

S. M. COBB.

Queensland

DURING the time from May 14 to June 30 we held another tent effort in Gympie about two miles from where we held the first mission. The attendance was never large, but we soon had four or five families interested. This was maintained until the Sabbath question was given, then came a repetition of what took place in the previous effort; namely, a sudden change right at the time when their interest appeared to be the strongest. I prayed earnestly that the Lord would show me the cause, and that evening as I was holding a Bible study with a family in their home, I was asked my opinion about Canright. I soon ascertained that his book had been secretly circulated among the interested ones, and that accounted for the change in some of them; yet despite the prejudice and secret work of the opposers of the truth, one lady and one young man have decided and fully taken their stand for the truth. The young man has determined fully to consecrate himself to the Lord, and is now planning to attend school at Avondale to prepare for future usefulness.

On Wednesday, July 12, I proceeded to Murgon to spend a few days there. We held the ordinance of the Lord's supper on Sabbath morning, when we realized the Lord's presence, also in

the afternoon, when we held an extra meeting.

On Sunday we conducted a baptismal service at Beramba Creek, about seven miles from the church, when five precious souls decided to follow their Lord. There was quite a good gathering of our own people, as will be seen from the fact that eight vehicles were filled, while nine persons rode on horseback, and seven walked. The day was fine, and the place selected for the ordinance all that could be desired.

On Monday, July 17, I went on to Coolabunia, visiting all the members and holding meetings every evening for all who were able to attend. On Sabbath and Sunday the presence of the Lord was especially manifested, when all the adults present—seventeen (five of whom took part for the first time)—expressed a desire for a closer walk with God. On Sunday afternoon we assembled at Barker's Creek, where eight months ago I baptized ten. It was on this occasion our beloved Brother Widt, while in the water after his immersion, thanked God for the privilege of being able to follow his Lord and for having his dear wife, also his daughter and son-in-law with him, then raised his hand and said, "But, O Lord, I want my boys." and a fortnight after met his death by being gored by a bull. He did not live to see his prayer answered, but may He who answereth prayer safely keep his three grown-up sons and daughter-in-law, who have now determined to die to self and live henceforth to Christ.

It was a solemn time as two of the brothers walked out of the water hand in hand, also the elder brother and his wife. Tears of gratitude were shed by all as we thought of the answered prayer, and the family re-union which will take place when He whom we love will come to gather up His jewels. Truly He who "is mighty to save" is also "able to keep."

I have since paid visits to the isolated Sabbath-keepers at Maryborough and Tengarie, which were looked upon by them as times of refreshing and rejoicing in the Lord. We now proceed to Brisbane to join in making preparations for the camp, where we trust that many will receive the Father's blessing.

G. HUBBARD.

THE strength of your life is measured by the strength of your will. But the strength of your will is just the strength of the wish that lies behind it.—Henry Van Dyke.



Knowing How

I've sometimes heard my grandpa tell
That folks who know just how to smell
Can get the summer from one rose
Or from a little breeze that blows.

And father says, no matter where
You live, if you will just take care
And make the best of your two eyes
You'll see so much you'll grow real wise.

And then, my mother's often heard
One little pleasant-spoken word
That's made somebody smile and smile,
And feel cheered up for quite a while.

They say it doesn't matter much
Whether a child has such and such;
It's how she'll learn to "make things do;"
And p'r'aps it's so with grown folks, too.
—*The Congregationalist.*

Glen Huon, Tasmania, Young People's Society

THE following letter is from Edmund Fehlberg, the leader of the young people's society at Glen Huon, and will, we think, be of interest to the RECORD readers:

"Dear Sister Higgins,

"I know you will be glad to hear of the progress of the young people's missionary society in Glen Huon. The past quarter has been one of the best that we have ever spent. Our meetings have been well attended, and the interest taken in them by both young and old has been steadily growing.

"The programmes which have been sent from time to time are used and much appreciated. In the carrying out of these almost all of our members take an active part. The study of the doctrinal texts is also quite an important item in our meetings. Though freely questioned on all points of these, the members seldom fail.

"You will remember mention being made in a previous letter of two from the outside who were interested attendants at our meetings. These have since become members of our society, and one of them has recently been elected assistant leader. This, in answer to our prayers, has been the source of much rejoicing and encouragement to our little band of workers.

"An increase has also been made in the report of missionary work done.

While the offerings for home missions are not quite so high this quarter, those for foreign missions are far in advance of any previous quarter.

"The suggestion you made of having two clocks, each to represent a different mission field, we found to be a good one. Two unused clocks were used for this purpose. The larger one we named Fiji, and the smaller one the New Hebrides. We then set both clocks going at a half-penny per minute, or 2s. 6d. for the hour of the meeting, pledging to give 30s. to Fiji during the quarter. Our aim was to keep the New Hebrides clock up with the one for Fiji, so that at the end of the quarter the offerings in all would amount to £3. Each week as we put by 2s. 6d. for Fiji, all the remainder would go to the New Hebrides; and as soon as this was understood, the interest of all seemed to centre on the New Hebrides clock. As one of the new members expressed it, 'We want to see the little clock swing,' and swing it did, for each Sabbath the offerings mounted higher until the last Sabbath. When the larger clock had been right round the dial, the little one was going round for the fourth time. Up to the last Sabbath the offerings totalled £6 7s. 2d.

"For the last Sabbath, which we planned should be a record one, a special programme had been prepared. This took the form of a service of song and praise, in which songs, quotations from the Scriptures, and recitations, all bearing on cheerfulness and singing, were given. As the collection was being taken, our leader sang, "Give of Your Best to the Master." When counted, we found the offerings given by the young people that day amounted to £2 13s. 1d., making in all for them £9 0s. 3d.

"I might mention here that the members of our children's society, whose meetings are held on Sunday afternoon, were also in attendance at this meeting. Some of these children, whose parents are not in the truth, had been allowed to attend this Sabbath in order to see their surprise missionary box opened. When opened it was found to contain £1 2s. 6d. This added to the offerings given by the young people amounted in all to £10 2s. 9d. for the quarter. How glad we were to have the privilege of sending so much to help along the work of the Lord.

"The happy, smiling faces of those present bore testimony to the joy of the experience in thus giving to the Lord, and in working together for Him who has done so much for us.

"Already we have consecrated ourselves anew to His service for the coming quarter, expecting with His help to make this THE BEST WE HAVE EVER SPENT."

We feel sure with such a beginning that their expectations for the coming quarter will indeed be realized. May God bless our dear, earnest young people at Glen Huon, and help them to win still others to the precious truth.

A. S. HIGGINS.

A Letter to the Young People

I HAVE recently spent a week at Soember Wekas, Java. It was really interesting to see how the work is moving forward up there. The night school has increased in numbers, and the day school is also doing well. My two little boys, Nassiman and Lassiman, are getting on nicely. Lassiman, who was given to me a little over a year ago, and who has attended school but this short time, is now able to read quite readily out of the Bible in the Javanese characters which are so difficult. He also learns two or three verses each Sabbath.

Brother and Sister Wood also have two children, a girl and boy, given to them by their parents. The name of the girl is Djami, and the boy's name is Dasim. The girl is old enough to help with the housework, and attends school at night. Dasim is a little boy that used to come to school last year. Sometimes his father would come running after me on the road, saying, "I am the father of Dasim who goes to your school, will you not come and visit us?" Dasim is such a quiet, nice little boy. These children are learning to pray. It is interesting to hear them say the grace at table, which we let them do in turn.

We had several village meetings during the week I was there. Quite an interest was shown in some of these places. Brother Wood went with me to two distant villages one day, where he helped to treat a number of sick people who gathered there. Among these was an old man, nearly blind, whom I treated a year ago when he had a very sore foot and who was so agreeably surprised to find his foot heal so quickly. On this occasion he listened attentively to the story of the Great Physician, and at the close of our meeting desired that I should pray for him, and said that he would pray for me. As I looked into the face of this happy man, it gave me a desire as never before to meet not only him in the kingdom

of God, but also many others who seem honest in heart.

In the next village we visited it was good to find so many who remembered a good deal of the story of the prodigal son, which had been told them over a month previous. Thus little by little the gospel light dispels the darkness and gloom.

On June 9 I went back to Sourabaya to take up my work again with Brother and Sister Hungerford. That day being Friday I was in time for our usual Friday evening prayer-meeting. The Lord came especially near to us that night during a little study on the true Israel. The work in Sourabaya is very interesting in many ways. My work is mostly among the Dutch and Javanese, while Brother and Sister Hungerford work for the Chinese. We are trying systematic tract work. In this way we have found a number of interested ones with whom we are now holding readings. Brother Hungerford is working with a number of Chinese who seem really earnest and desirous of becoming Christians.

Among the Dutch who read the tracts that Sister Hoeke and I lend them, there are four or five homes where we are holding readings. Many show deep interest, and we hope that in the near future some will take their stand for the precious truth. I hope you will all pray earnestly for the work in Sourabaya and elsewhere in Java, that many souls will come to a knowledge of the message.

P. TUNHEIM.

Running on Time

I WAS reading a little story the other day that impressed itself upon my mind in a rather helpful way. A little clock in a jeweller's window stopped one day for half an hour at fifteen minutes to nine. School children noticing the time, stopped to play. People hurrying to the train, looking at the clock began to walk slowly. Business men after a look at the clock, stopped to chat with one another. Everyone who saw the clock was half an hour late because it had stopped; and the clock was just a little one, too. Probably no one appreciated how much they were depending upon the clock until it had led them astray.

Now we are not very large clocks in the machinery of this denomination, but if we should stop who knows how much disaster would result? We cannot be behind time without danger of someone falling out by the way. When I read that I made up my mind I would

keep myself wound up tight, my face polished, and do my utmost to run on time, so that if anyone chanced to look at me, or give heed to me for a moment, my influence would wholly be on the side of advancement and on the side of truth.

L. FLORA PLUMMER.



My Bible and I

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile
or with sigh;

In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship's unchanging, my lamp
and my psalm.

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,
When life has grown weary, and death
e'en was nigh;

But all through the darkness of mist and
of wrong,
I found thee a solace, a prayer, or a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall ism or schism, or new lights that
try?

Shall shadow for substance, or stone for
good bread,
Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly in-
stead?

Ah no! my dear Bible, revealer of light,
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to
flight;

And still through life's journey, until my
last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

—Selected.

A Worthy Example

WE had hoped to send our little boat (a Sabbath-school design) loaded with literature for the Eastern Polynesian field to Tonga once this quarter, but the offerings so far exceeded our expectations that we were able to send it twice; the offerings amounting to £3 5s.

How is that for little Norfolk? We were so rejoiced when the ship reached its destination on the second trip that we sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." I think this ought to stimulate some of our larger schools to give more than they do.

Our offerings all go to missions, as we pay for our own lesson pamphlets, which are all the helps we have, save a small missionary map and a small map of Australia. We go without other things that we may help to the utmost of our ability to send the gospel to those who know it not.

We are in the very last end of the generation in which we talk of finishing the work. We need to act as though we believe what we say, and not as though we had a century or so in which to do the work. We want this message to be like fire shut up in our bones, and then there will be a quick work done, and not so much spent unnecessarily, and so little given to the Lord.

MRS. S. T. BELDEN.

Norfolk Island.

Avondale Sabbath-school

ANOTHER quarter in our Sabbath-school is numbered with the past, and we gratefully acknowledge the attending watch-care of a kind Heavenly Father.

Twenty-seven senior classes, seven primary, and seven kindergarten have met each week, and we trust the studies in the Book of Acts may prove a continued blessing to the members.

Additional facilities have been provided for the kindergarten division, while our Sabbath-school library has been renovated.

The average attendance for the quarter has been eighty-five per cent. Our membership varied slightly from three hundred.

The offerings have amounted to £24 18s. 5d., which includes the special collection for the Samoan paper of £2 11s. 5½d.

We are pleased to report progress from our branch schools at Awaba, Heatonsville, and Mandalong, in each of which a good interest is manifested.

It is indeed a privilege to be connected with the Sabbath-school work, where so many minds are striving to grasp the precious Bible truths, and we feel assured that the Lord will give us the success we so much desire our school to enjoy.

BERTHA ROUSE,
Secretary.

"DON'T plant thorns. You never can protect yourself against them. Trouble others, and you will get hurt. Scatter seeds of kindness, and you will reap a harvest of gladness."

"Do not look forward to what might happen to-morrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you to-day, will take care of you to-morrow, and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you un-failing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."



Will There Be Any Stars?

"In the strength of the Lord let me labour and pray;
Let me watch as a winner of souls;
That bright stars may be mine in the glorious day,
When His praise like the sea-billow rolls.

"Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown,
When at evening the sun goeth down?
When I wake with the blest in the mansions of rest,
Will there be any stars in my crown?"

Experience of a Pioneer Bookman

On March 28, I left Loma Linda, California, to canvass a short time in Kern County before going north for the summer to work. For the last seven years that treasure-vault of truth, "Patriarchs and Prophets," has been my leading book. As I had already sold "Patriarchs and Prophets" once or twice in this section, I decided to try "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" here. It was rather awkward at first, as I had not sold this volume since the spring of 1886, twenty-five years ago. But the Lord gives success, and I have taken several orders each day for it. During my last week's canvass in Kern and San Bernardino Counties, I have taken over \$156 worth of orders for "Daniel and the Revelation" and other books. All honour, glory, and praise be to His name.

It was in May, 1881, just thirty years ago this month, that I began to canvass. My first book was "Home Hand Book," which was, I believe, the first, as it was at that time the only, subscription-book in all our ranks. I started from near Fairview, Fresno County, from the home of our late beloved Brother W. R. Smith. In about one week I had taken eleven orders for the book, besides a number of yearly subscriptions to *Good Health*. The first day's work God blessed with three orders for the medical book, besides some yearly subscriptions for *Good Health*. In those days the cheapest binding for "Home Hand Book" was eight dollars, (£1 12s. 10d.) in cloth, and nine dollars (£1 16s. 11d.) for the

library binding. In about one week I was taken down with malaria; but after a short stay in the mountains, I was able to resume my work in the valley.

In the autumn of 1882 I went to San Luis Obispo County to sell "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," by Pastor Uriah Smith. Here, again, the Lord wonderfully blessed. By His grace I scattered that good book broadcast over that county and as far south as the northern end of Santa Barbara County. In the spring of 1883 I went to Oregon to work for "Daniel and the Revelation." God surely wrought there. One day at Roseburg, Oregon, I was blessed in selling fifteen copies; in one week at Marshfield and on Coos Bay, Oregon, I took eighty-two orders, valued at \$250 (£51 6s. 8d.). In the autumn of 1883 I was in Seattle, Washington, and early in 1884, at some small towns in Chautauqua County, Kansas. In the summer of 1884 I was in western Montana; and in the spring of 1885 Brother A. C. Johnson, of Lawrence, Kansas, went with me to eastern Montana; and later on, to the Black Hills, in South Dakota. In one day at Fort Meade, South Dakota, we took twenty-two orders for "Daniel and the Revelation." In the spring of 1886 I began to canvass for "Great Controversy" at Seattle, Washington. In four or five years, in a number of States and Territories, I delivered over six thousand copies of that priceless volume.

Now after all this time, I find myself handling "Daniel and the Revelation" once more. In the past I have had some of the most blessed experiences of my life while canvassing for this good book. I also still have "Patriarchs and Prophets," which I now sell mostly to Mexicans and the Spanish-speaking population. It is wonderful to see how these people buy this good book, and how the Lord blesses in the sale of it. Some of these poor people, living in shacks, order and pay for the highest-priced, full-morocco binding. Of late my experience with these people has been most refreshing, and a continual series of answers to prayer. Their honour and promptness to meet their promises would put some of their white peers to shame. I also sell "Great Controversy" in foreign tongues, notably French; also on this trip, as a relief book, "Christ's Object Lessons," having sold from three to seven copies a day, and twenty-two in one week. This work brings a blessing into all my other work.

Soon on other trips I propose to work again for "Ministry of Healing" as the

relief book, as an adjunct to my regular canvassing work. I plan to take "Object Lessons" on one trip and "Ministry of Healing" on the next. I find many blessings in selling these books. God's good angels go with their presentation, and there is blessing, peace, and joy in the work. WALTER HARPER.

Missionary Campaign in New South Wales

WE were glad to have Brother Miller with us for a few days on his way to Queensland. We made the best of our opportunity in visiting as many of the brethren and sisters as possible in the interests of the missionary work. The main object of Brother Miller's stay with us was to present the penny-a-day plan, which is meeting with such hearty response in other States. We feel sure that the brethren and sisters in our field will respond just as heartily. Already quite a number have taken hold, and we trust others will follow.

Brethren and sisters, now is the time for us to stand shoulder to shoulder and work, "for I am with you," saith the Lord. What a precious promise this is, and there are a thousand such promises in God's Word. But this one alone should fill our hearts with encouragement, and inspire us for more faithful and earnest work for the Master. May it do this for each one of us who truly believe the message.

On Tuesday evening, August 1, Brother Miller left by the *Wyreema* for Brisbane, in the interests of the work there. Our prayers go with him for the advancement of the cause we love so well. R. GOVETT.

A Correction

IN making up the paper in the type-room last week a mistake occurred in the World-wide Department in placing a paragraph commenting on a testimony borne at the Stockton camp-meeting, before the testimony, as a separate note, instead of after it.

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A VERY successful Sabbath-school convention was held in the North Fitzroy church, Victoria, on Sunday, July 23. We are promised a report of this later.

NURSE HUNGERFORD, who has been connected with the Sydney Sanitarium for a time, left for England on the *Orvieto*, August 5, where she is called to attend a sister who is ill.

PASTOR GATES arrived in Rarotonga on his way to the Society Islands on July 9, after a pleasant trip from New Zealand. A report of his brief visit at Rarotonga will appear next week.

READ the "Experience of a Pioneer Bookman" on previous page, and note what he says of his work with relief books. We should be glad to hear from others in our home field who can testify to the "blessing, peace, and joy" attending the sale of "Ministry of Healing."

BROTHER ARTHUR LAWSON, who was appointed to the New Guinea mission field at the time of the last Union Conference, and who has been receiving a special training in nursing at the sanitarium during the last few months, left on Monday, July 31, for Broken Hill, to visit relatives prior to his departure for New Guinea.

DR. FREEMAN has accepted an invitation to connect with the Australasian Missionary College. She will teach some classes in the College, and will also act as resident physician in the district. She will take up her duties about the middle of August. It will

be a relief to those responsible for the welfare of so large a number of young people to have a physician located at Avondale.

Missionaries for the Island Field

AFTER having spent some eighteen years in missionary work in the island fields I am pleased to have the privilege of connecting with our good sanitarium at Wahroonga.

It is very gratifying to see our young men and women here preparing for the island work as well as for the home field. One of our workers, Brother Arthur Lawson, is soon to leave us to go to New Guinea. We are glad he has been able to receive some instruction here in caring for the sick, as this will no doubt be of great use to him in his missionary work. I have noticed, throughout all the island fields where I have laboured, that the missionary who understands caring for the sick has a great advantage over the one who does not. In many of these islands there are no doctors, and one who has a knowledge of nursing may make many friends among the islanders.

It seems sad to have our missionaries return home on account of poor health; so he that goes out to these distant fields should have learned how to care for his own health, as he may then be able to do more efficient work. During my long experience in the islands, I have known many of our missionaries who after a few weeks or months felt obliged to return to the home country on account of failing health. This always brings discouragement to the workers, as well as to those whom they go to assist. It is therefore very important that those who are thinking of becoming island missionaries should learn how to care for themselves as well as for others before going into the field.

We are glad for the prosperity with which the Lord has blessed our sanitarium work during the past few months. Our winter patronage has been larger than usual, averaging between thirty and forty patients. Alterations have been made which conduce to the comfort of our guests, and other changes are in prospect which we believe will further increase our patronage.

We are told that upon the Australasian Union Conference rests the burden of carrying the third angel's message to the islands of the sea. Who should be better able than our strong young men and women to bear this burden? We are glad to have as many in training at the sanitarium as we now have, but for every

competent worker we have been able to send out, there have been calls and places for many more. Young men and women who are thinking of engaging in medical missionary work in the islands would therefore do well to correspond with Dr. Richards, the principal of our nurses' training school. Especially should young men embrace this opportunity for training to do gospel missionary work as it was done by our Saviour. Young men will make no mistake in taking up this line of work. A new class is shortly to be formed.

Young friends, do you wish to have a part in this gospel work? May it not be more economical to spend a little time in preparation by learning how to keep yourself well and to care for the sick, than to hurry on to your field without learning these things, and then when it is too late find that your health has failed? Is it not the wiser plan to turn your attention now for a time to these important matters, and thus avoid unnecessary sickness? B. J. CADY.

Sydney Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, Limited

THE annual meeting of the Sydney Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, Limited, will be held September 14, 1911, at 10 a.m., at the Sydney Sanitarium, Wahroonga, New South Wales. The election of officers, the presentation of balance-sheets, and other regular business, will receive attention.

J. E. FULTON,
President.

Australasian Conference Association, Limited

THE annual meeting of the Australasian Conference Association, Limited, will be held September 13, 1911, at 10 a.m., at the office of the Association, Wahroonga, New South Wales. The regular business of the Association will receive attention at this meeting.

J. E. FULTON,
President.

Notice

THE annual meeting of the Signs Publishing Company, Limited, will be held at Wahroonga, Sydney, New South Wales, on September 15, 1911, at 10 a.m., to consider the balance sheet and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

J. M. JOHANSON,
President.
A. W. H. MERRITT,
Secretary.