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

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Say Ye Not "A Confederacy"

ISAIAH 8: 12.

What is this methinks I hear
Sounding far and sounding near;
Something seeming only right;
Drawing men of power and might?
Yes,—I hear the message hurled—
"The Federation of the World."

A federation? Can it be
That all in Christendom agree!
Is love in all its fulness dwelling?
Is earth's dark night of gloom dispelling?

I can but dimly understand
This wondrous change in all our land.

And why did Jesus never find
This glorious plan to save mankind?
And why so few here joined His band,
Though truth He taught in every land?
Ah, now the reason clear I see!
'Tis truth and error can't agree.

He tells us plainly in His Word,
"I send not peace, but send a sword."
Grand, noble truth is ne'er at fault,
But error dares to bid her halt.
O truth! thy progress will not cease.
Nor slack its pace for sake of peace.

When loud the cry of peace we hear
We all may know the end is near.
For there's a light to guide the way
Which points us to that coming day
Foretold by seers. O, search and see
This fast fulfilling prophecy!

Here in His Word—we read it plain—
The cry of peace shall be in vain.
How well God knew the subtle snare,
And warned His flock with shepherd's care.

Still He is calling—"Trust in Me,
And say ye not, 'A Confederacy.'"
Mrs. M. F. KNOX.

"SIN may be clasped so close we cannot see its face."

Christians versus Unions

MAY Christians join a union?—
True Christians belong to the best union on earth—divine union. It contains all that is good in the combined unions of earth, and none of the evils. Its organization is the church, and Christ is the head. The Bible is its constitution, and love is the basis of its action. Its object is to do good, to preach the gospel, and to glorify God. The results of this divine union are liberty, power, prosperity, success, conflict, victory.

LABOUR UNIONS

These are organizations of all classes and conditions of men, with a chosen head, or president. Their work is a mixture of good and evil. They hold out great inducements to members, showing them the possible good, and leaving them to experience the evil. The basis of labour unions is selfishness. Their object is to get good, to proclaim the rights of self, and to glorify self. The results are bondage, weakness, poverty, failure, conflict, defeat. Members of labour unions must, of course, follow the instructions of their leaders; if the leaders say, "STRIKE," then all must strike. Isn't this bondage? and does it not throw men out of employment who would rather continue working? Are not the families of the strikers often reduced to poverty? and does not violence often follow the strike? The Golden Rule, which ought to

govern the relations of employers and employed, is repudiated by both parties. Doubtless, employees are in many cases under-paid. And yet the true cause of poverty among the working classes is frequently due to the use of intoxicants or harmful indulgences, or to a simple lack of economy.

It should be the right of every employee to give up his job whenever he finds that it will not support him, and to seek employment at better wages. If the employer can afford to increase his wages, this is the right thing to do. But in this age of greed, right does not always govern men's actions; hence the self-protection of unions.

Capitalists are binding the various commercial enterprises into trusts and monopolies, boycotting small dealers, and driving them to other business, in order that they may fill their own coffers. The present greed on one hand, and the condition of the oppressed on the other, is a feature of the "last days." James 5: 1-7. One class lives in luxury, the other in poverty; but the "just" (Christians) will not resist the oppression. They will patiently trust the Lord and wait for His coming, when victory will reward their fidelity to God and the right. And this scripture shows that the strife between capital and labour will prevail, and intensify, until the end comes. To protect ourselves, we are not to say "a confederacy" (we'll join a union), but we are to sanctify the Lord of hosts—serve Him and Him only. Isa. 8: 9-13.

Church federation will seek and obtain the aid of labour unions in the enforcement of a day of rest, and by means of a boycott they will endeavour to coerce smaller religious bodies to unite with the general federation; and laws will be enacted to this end. Rev. 13: 17.

The Lord is uniting His "remnant" people under the banner of the last message—divine union; Satan is uniting his forces in the mighty confederations now forming—satanic union. In the last great conflict Satan will endeavour to coerce the "little flock" into his confederacy, in order that he may be supreme. Brethren, are we ready to resist the pressure of boycott, persecution, and even a death penalty? Are we members of the divine union? and will we stand true to its constitution, the Word of God? We cannot serve God and mammon.

I. J. HANKINS.

Our Attitude toward Labour Unions

MEN are seeking to bring those engaged in the different trades under bondage to certain unions. This is not God's planning, but the planning of a power that we should in nowise acknowledge. God's Word is fulfilling; the wicked are binding themselves up in bundles ready to be burned.

We are now to use all our entrusted capabilities in giving the last warning message to the world. In this work we are to preserve our individuality. We are not to unite with secret societies or with trades unions. We are to stand free in God, looking constantly to Christ for instruction. All our movements are to be made with the realization of the importance of the work to be accomplished for God.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII, page 84.

"O, strange, that to a thousand lowlier claims

We lean attentive, leaving His deferred,
O, madly wise, with fond, and futile aims
Enamored, we ignore the wondrous
Word!

O, lost beyond all depth! where day by day,
The Father seeketh, and men turn away!"

"By indulging in healthy thoughts you attract to yourself everything necessary to your well-being—happiness, health, strength, and friends."



"Will you hasten the day?
Will you labour and pray?
Will you thrust in the sickle, and reap,
while you may,
The plenteous harvests that lie
Waiting still for your hand
In every land
And rip'ning 'neath every sky?"

Eastern Polynesian Council

ON July 12 we reached Raiatea, Society Islands, and were met at the wharf by Brother and Sister Sharp and others of our brethren and sisters. We were indeed glad to meet with those we had known for so many years. Thus far Brother and Sister Sharp are standing the tropical climate well.

Two days after our arrival, Brother Lyndon and his family, Sister Simpson, Brother and Sister Thomas, Sister McCoy, and Sister Young, arrived by steamer from Tahiti. These, with our people in Raiatea, made a nice little company of believers.

Raiatea was the third place at which we laboured when we first began our island work more than twenty years ago. At that time we were travelling on our missionary ship *Piteairn*.

The first Sabbath after our arrival we appointed a meeting on our ship's deck. Just before meeting time a canoe was seen coming down the lagoon with two white men on board, who attended that first service. Some years later both of these men accepted the truth, and one of them, with several members of his family, still loves the truths of the message, and was present at our late council.

At the time of our first visit in this group of islands, we gave much attention to the circulation of literature, besides holding many meetings on board our ship. Before we left, nine were keeping the Sabbath. Some of these are dead, some have apostatized, but a few are still faithful. One young man in Papeete who was too prejudiced to attend meetings, afterward became a Sabbath-keeper, and now lives in Samoa. A little girl in Raiatea who kindly showed us the way to a bathing place, later became a believer; and, with her orphaned

children, is now one of our most faithful members. Wherever the seed was sown in those early days, fruit is now seen.

About three years after our first visit, Brother and Sister Cady came to this field. As a result of their work a good number accepted the truth, some of whom are still with us, while others have fallen out. In Tahiti we have three church organizations, and three church-buildings. On the island of Huahine, between Tahiti and Raiatea, we have a small company, and a meeting-house.

The church on Raiatea is now the largest one in the group. The new church-building is a credit to our cause. Everything about it, within and without, is neat, clean, and tasty, just what every such place should be.

The town in which this church is located is interesting as being the place where John Williams lived and preached about eighty-eight years ago. The old house which he built still stands not far from our church. The zeal and earnestness of this man of God should stir us all to greater exertions in God's service. From here Mr. Williams went out and carried the gospel to the heathen of the Cook Islands group, then on to Samoa, and from there to Erromanga, the place of his murder in 1839.

Some work has been done by our missionaries in Tahaa, which is within the same reef that surrounds Raiatea, and also in Bora-Bora, about thirty miles from Raiatea. There still remains untouched in this group the small island of Maupiti, except as it may have received our papers, and another small island not far from Tahiti. It is to be hoped that these too may quickly hear the warning of the judgment now at hand.

Our native paper is gladly received by the people of the group. A continuous effort will be made to place it in the hands of all the natives. Brother and Sister Thomas have done good work in selling literature, not only to the natives, but to French and English residents. This is seed-sowing that will tell in eternity.

Of our council I will not say much, as Brother Lyndon will report it in full. In some respects it was the most interesting one I have attended in the islands. The early morning devotional services were most precious meetings. The Lord certainly spoke to us by His Word and His Spirit. Nothing can equal the importance of

the meetings where Christ makes His presence felt. Our only sorrow was that all the members of the church were not present. The business passed off pleasantly and harmoniously, and I believe this council will mark an era in the work of this mission.

Sabbath morning, August 12, we left Tabiti for the long voyage to Australia, making short stops at Huahine and Raiatea, also at Aitutaki, Atiu, Mangaia, and Rarotonga in the Cook group, and Auckland, New Zealand. The whole trip since leaving Sydney covered 10,760 miles.

At the time of writing I am on board the *Maheno*, 155 miles from Sydney, deeply grateful to God for His abundant mercies, and for bringing me once more to my home.

E. H. GATES.

Society Islands

THE annual meeting of this mission field was held at Raiatea, July 16 to 24.

Brother and Sister Sterling were present from the Cook Islands, Brother and Sister Thomas from Tahiti, F. L. Sharp and wife and their daughter Gwendoline, from Raiatea, and the writer and his family from Papeete.

We were very pleased to have with us also Pastor Gates from the Union Conference, whose assistance and counsel were very much appreciated throughout the meeting.

Our brethren and sisters from the various parts of the island made it convenient to attend most of the meetings. Some hired houses close to the church, so they could attend all the meetings, while others drove in from their farms each day to the services.

Every morning at 6.30 a Bible study was conducted by Pastor Gates. It was the opinion of all that these early morning meetings were the best and most profitable of all. The Lord drew very near on these occasions, especially on the last Sabbath morning of the meeting, when all present consecrated their lives afresh to the service of God.

At the noon hour we held council meetings in connection with the various interests of the work in this part of the field.

At 3 p.m. each day a preaching service was held. Some of these afternoon services were in the Tahitian language and some in English. Some

of the subjects presented at the afternoon meetings were, "The Signs of the Times," "The Image of Daniel II," "The Judgment," "Recent Developments towards Union of Church and State," "Tithing," "Health and Temperance," and papers were read on "Child Training," and "Young People's Meetings and How to Conduct Them." On several occasions time was allowed after the discourse for others to make remarks on the subjects presented. This plan was found to be very profitable, as each subject was thoroughly dealt with, and the truths made clear to all.

Pastor Gates preached in English on both Sabbaths, and his sermons were interpreted into the native by Brother Brodein.

We were very much helped by the instruction given through the Word of God, and greatly encouraged when the difficulties of the field were presented and discussed, and fresh plans laid for the carrying forward of the work in the many islands about us.

These annual gatherings are special privileges granted us in the providence of God, and we should all recognize the importance of them, and do all in our power to be present every year to receive the refreshing from the presence of the Lord which He is pleased to give His people on such occasions.

The annual report of the field was presented by the writer. The statistics for twelve months ending June 30, 1911, are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Amount of tithe of laymen	86	3	3
Sabbath-school offerings	19	4	3
Book sales	18	12	5
Young people's offerings	1	13	8
Fourth Sabbath offerings	2	0	0
Week of prayer offerings	8	3	3
Other offerings	2	14	10
Total	£ 138	11	8

These figures do not include the Cook Islands' offerings and tithes.

The population of our entire field numbers 43,000, which is scattered over very many islands, including the following groups: Society Islands, Cook Islands, Gambier, Paumotu Islands, Austral Islands, Marquesas, and Pitcairn Island. There are fifty-five Sabbath-keepers in the Society Islands, on the rolls of four churches, and thirteen in the Cook Islands.

F. E. LYNDON.

"SELF is a very poor centre to work from."

Resolutions Passed by the Eastern Polynesian Mission

In Council at Raiatea, Society Islands, July 16-24, 1911

WHEREAS, God has shown His love and favour to us the past year in the abundant blessings bestowed upon us, and the health which we as workers and brethren together have enjoyed, which indeed is one of God's greatest blessings, and—

WHEREAS, Our beloved Pastor Gates is privileged to attend this gathering with his advice and counsel, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we in this council unitedly praise God for His blessings and care, and endeavour to approach nearer to Him through a deep searching of heart and consecration of life and purposes to His service.

WHEREAS, Uniformity in subject-matter studied by all the classes of our Sabbath-schools is desired, and seems to us to be necessary for the best interests of our schools, therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That we renew the request of the council held last year at Papeete, Tahiti, to the Union Conference, which was in substance as follows: That the Tahitian Sabbath-school lessons printed in *Te Maramarama* be made to correspond in subject-matter and date with the lessons found in the lesson pamphlets and studied throughout the Union Conference.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-school has a well-defined sphere in the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists, and a definite object in view, which includes the teaching of the sacred truths of the Bible, and habits of punctuality, faithfulness, and obedience, on the part of all, and knowing that God is pleased with order and thoroughness, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend our people to adopt immediately a daily, thorough, and systematic study of the Sabbath-school lessons in their homes; and—

4. *Resolved*, That we impress upon the members of our Sabbath-schools the importance and advisability of every member being in his place promptly at the appointed time of opening.

WHEREAS, We realize the importance of the week of prayer in uniting our hearts and drawing us nearer to God, and recognizing the value of the readings prepared by the Union Conference for that occasion, to bring about that result; therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we observe the week of prayer in all our churches at the time set apart by the Union Conference, and seek God earnestly for His blessings; and further be it

6. *Resolved*, That we ask the Union Conference that the readings in the future be translated into both the Tahitian and Rarotongan languages, and that these be sent out to the mission field in sufficient time for our use at the time appointed.

WHEREAS, We as workers dealing with the native people do recognize the value of the calendar printed in the native language as a preacher of truth constantly before the natives in their homes throughout the year; and desiring that it shall plainly teach the truth on the Sabbath question;

7. *Resolved*, that 1,000 copies of the calendar be printed for this mission field for the coming year (400 copies for Rarotonga, and 600 copies for the Society Islands), and—

8. *Resolved*, That greater efforts be put forth to have these calendars reach the mission field by the beginning of the new year, and further—

9. *Resolved*, That in the naming of the days of the week on the calendar, both the proper number of the day of the week be given and the proper name in the English language, and that each month's calendar be printed in the *Te Maramarama* and in the *Tuatua-Mou*.

WHEREAS, We feel that the subscription list for *Te Maramarama* is far below what it should be, that the paper contains truth for the time, edited in a readable form, which is indeed a credit to our work; and

WHEREAS, Funds are needed to pay the cost of publishing such a paper, and individuals will esteem of more value, and read with more interest (as a rule), the paper for which they pay; and knowing that our people will be blessed of God in every effort which they put forth to place the light before others; therefore,

10. *Resolved*, That we urge all our people to take an active interest in its circulation, and that they secure as many yearly subscriptions as possible.

WHEREAS, Many are the snares which Satan has set for the unwary feet, and realizing the evils in many of the common amusements of the day, and knowing that God has said, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean;" therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That we urge all our brethren and sisters to abstain from partaking of, or indulging in the public amusements of the day, such as dancing and attending the theatre, and that we do all in our power to keep our children from such places.

WHEREAS, Many of the hymns contained in our Tahitian hymnal, are not suitable, in that they cannot be sung to music, and—

WHEREAS, Many new hymns have been, and are now being translated into the Tahitian language, be it

12. *Resolved*, That we urgently request the Union Conference to take steps as early as possible to have a new hymn book prepared in the Tahitian language.

WHEREAS, Our present stock of "Christ Our Saviour" in the Tahitian language is nearly exhausted, and there is still a demand for the book in the Society Islands, and there are many other islands belonging to this mission field which read the Tahitian language that have not yet been canvassed for the book; therefore,

13. *Resolved*, That the Union Conference be asked to have an edition of 500 copies of "Christ Our Saviour" in the Tahitian language printed for this mission field, and that they be sent out to the field as needed.

WHEREAS, Order and unity are essential to the best interests of the work of God here on earth, and with a view to the unification of the work in this mission field,

14. *Resolved*, That all mission supplies, such as books, tracts, periodicals, etc., for

Tahiti, Moorea, and all islands operated from Tahiti, be ordered by the superintendent, F. E. Lyndon; that all similar supplies for Raiatea and the leeward group be ordered by F. L. Sharp, Raiatea; and that all similar supplies for the Cook Islands be ordered by Geo. L. Sterling; and be it further

15. *Resolved*, That a record of all subscriptions to *Te Maramarama* in Tahiti, Moorea, and all islands operated from Tahiti be kept by F. E. Lyndon; that a record of all subscriptions in the leeward group be kept by F. L. Sharp, Raiatea; and that a record of all subscriptions for *Tuatua-Mou* in the Cook Islands be kept by Geo. L. Sterling, Rarotonga; and that all subscriptions be handed in promptly to the above-named persons.

WHEREAS, Our Lord has placed upon our shoulders the work of warning this part of the world, and seeing the regions beyond as yet unentered, and knowing that the King's business demands haste; therefore,

16. *Resolved*, That the standing committee of this mission field be requested to make decided steps toward aggressive work for all our people in this mission field during the coming year.

WHEREAS, God has entrusted to His people the financial support of His work on earth, and has indicated that the tithe is sacred to Him, and has promised a special blessing upon those who give to God His own; therefore,

17. *Resolved*, That we all throughout this Eastern Polynesian mission field pay a faithful tithe of all our income into God's treasury, with free-will offerings also; to assist in carrying this blessed gospel to the world.

F. E. LYNDON, *Supt. of Mission.*

MRS. F. E. LYNDON, *Secretary.*

A Box of Be's

BE thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man. 1 Kings 2: 2.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. James 5: 7.

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James 5: 8.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2: 10.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt. 5: 48.

Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Pet. 1: 16.

Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim. 4: 12.

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous. 1 Pet. 3: 8. —*Selected.*



"Go, Work To-day"

My Lord, why dost Thou say,
"Go, work for Me to-day"?
Hast Thou great need of me
That I should work for Thee?

Nay, nay, My child, not so,
No want can I e'er know;
Angels obey My will,
And stones could not be still

Were I in need of one
To do some work undone:
But thou, dost thou not see
How great thy need of Me?

Thy strength is small indeed,
Thy pow'r a broken reed;
Thy wisdom in My sight
What darkness is to light:

But serving Me, I'm near
To comfort, strengthen, cheer;
To give thee heavenly pow'r,
And wisdom for each hour.

So to My work I call
Not one nor few, but all,
That they may closer be
In daily walk with Me.

—EVA MILLER HANKINS.

The Queensland Camp-meeting

THE Lord certainly heard the prayers of His people concerning this gathering, and made it a great blessing to our people. Not one discouraging feature was evident either in the preparation of the camp, or in the camp-meeting itself. With the exception of a day or two, the weather was almost ideal. There were thirty-two family tents pitched, one large tent for the services, and a small preaching tent for the young people's and children's meetings. Another tent was used for a kitchen, and there was also a book tent. One hundred and ten people were encamped on the ground, including three Union Conference labourers and four persons from the New South Wales Conference.

From earliest morning till late at night, the meetings were well attended by our people; but on no occasion was there a large attendance of strangers. The Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked degree, and was manifest in the ready response to calls for consecration, and in the good feeling that

existed in the hearts of our people, and in their dealings with one another.

The business of the conference occupied altogether about seven hours. The rest of the time was devoted to evangelical and devotional meetings, and to studying better methods of prosecuting our work. Brethren A. G. Miller and J. L. Branford gave instruction in young people's, missionary campaign, and canvassing work. Dr. Eulalia Richards held three public meetings, besides special meetings for women. Her presence with us was much appreciated. Brother Fulton's studies were very helpful, and the morning meetings conducted by him were a source of help to all. The night meetings were set aside for presenting our peculiar points of truth, and these also were much appreciated by all.

Brethren Hubbard, Wantzlick, and Allen were at the meeting, besides the writer and all the other officers of the conference.

The reports from every department were most encouraging, as were also those of the workers. A number of new Sabbath-keepers were present, especially from Coolabunia, where Pastor Hubbard had been working during the past year. On the last Sunday of the camp-meeting, eight persons were baptized by Pastor Wantzlick in the South Brisbane church, where also the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated with those Sabbath-keepers who came from isolated districts. Meetings for the young people were conducted by Pastor Allen, and for the children, by Sister Ruth Cozens.

The cooking was under the direction of Sister Ulrich, who, with scarcely any other utensils than were made out of kerosene tins, prepared from the plainest and most common vegetables and cereals exceedingly tasty and nutritious dishes. She used no essences or extracts, but furnished food under circumstances and from material which demonstrated that our people in Australia have no excuse for relinquishing the principles of health reform because they think appetizing and strengthening food cannot be prepared without using meats and other injurious substances. The food was also furnished at so cheap a rate as to make living on the camp-ground almost as reasonable as at home.

With but slight exceptions the officers of last year were re-elected, and Brother J. Allen was ordained to the

gospel ministry. The workers during the coming year will be distributed as follows: Brethren Hubbard and Munson remain in Brisbane to carry on tent work. Brother Wantzlick will return to the Central District, Brethren Allen and Harlow to Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.

The expenses of the camp-meeting exceeded the receipts by about £15. This was provided for, and provision made for purchasing a field preaching tent, by a thank-offering which amounted to £60. The Lord blessed His people, and a spirit of willingness and liberality characterized the gathering, which promises well for the prosperity of the cause in the local churches and in the field during the coming year.

An official report of the details of the conference appears herewith. From this report it is seen that the work in Queensland in all its departments is very encouraging, and there is no reason why the cause this year should not make some advancement in this field. GEORGE TEASDALE.

Queensland Conference

THE ninth annual session of the Queensland Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting, off Norfolk Road, South Brisbane, August 24 to September 3, 1911, Pastor G. Teasdale presiding. There was a good attendance, 112 being accommodated in 31 tents, besides a few that rented rooms close by. All the churches, excepting one, were represented by their appointed delegation. The valuable services rendered by Pastor J. E. Fulton, A. G. Miller, and Dr. Eulalia Richards, were very much appreciated. We also had the pleasure of being the first to welcome Pastor Lukens and family to these shores, the boat on which they were travelling arriving early the second Sabbath, which enabled them to associate with us for several hours, and which were enjoyed very much.

In all seven business sessions were held. The following committees were appointed:

ON NOMINATIONS: J. E. Fulton, J. Sheppard, C. J. Lund, J. P. Snape, H. J. Cooper.

ON CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: J. E. Fulton, J. Sheppard, C. J. Lund, J. P. Snape, H. J. Cooper.

ON PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A. G. Miller, J. L. Branford, J. H.

Mills, G. Hubbard, G. A. Wantzlick F. Allbon, W. McGrath.

A general outline of the work, and the distribution of the labourers since their arrival last November was presented by the president. Pastor G. A. Wantzlick was stationed in the Rockhampton district, and has divided his attention between the Rockhampton Church and the Calliope company, also paying a visit to Mackay, Townsville, and Charters Towers. Brother Allen was located in the Toowoomba district, and divided his attention between the Toowoomba and Gatton churches, also visiting the companies in that locality. Pastor Hubbard, in company with Brother Harlow, has been mostly engaged in field work. Apparently this arrangement has been appreciated. The tithe for the year totalled £1,164 7s. 2d., an increase on the previous year (which was then a record) of £240 5s. 1d., which more than paid the running of the conference by £56 3s. 6d., thus increasing its credit balance on June 30, 1911, to £225 15s. 6½d. The membership on that date was 313.

The tract society has also had a successful year. The total sales were £3,200, the profit on which exceeded the expenses for the year by £106 13s. 2d., to which has been added a credit balance of £109 15s., after winding up the health food business, which sum the Conference committee voted to be applied to the tract society indebtedness, thereby reducing its debit balance from £438 15s. 4½d. to £222 7s. 2½d. Reports from the canvassers that were present, were very interesting and encouraging.

The reports of the missionary campaign and young people's secretary were followed very attentively. Both of these revealed marked increases in almost all lines of work that had been carried forward, and the various offerings to missions were in advance of previous years, the fourth Sabbath donations amounting to £75 19s. 4½d. for the year, and the week of prayer offering to £52 19s. 4d. In the young people's department, besides a large number of papers and tracts being distributed, £57 2s. 3½d. was raised for foreign missions.

The Sabbath-school report also proved to be a very encouraging one. There are ten schools, with a membership of 320, and a home department with a membership of forty. Two schools have been added, one has been dropped, and the increase in mem-

bership was sixty-three. The contributions for the year totalled £138 1s. 10½d., which was £41 5s. more than the previous year.

Along educational lines, one church school has been put into operation, and the educational fund was in credit to the extent of £12 odd.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. That this Conference make provision for its Tract Society Department in order that the whole of its future business with the publishing house be conducted on a strictly cash basis; namely, cash with order, and, that the tract society may be assisted in maintaining cash principles, our church missionary societies and isolated members be encouraged to do their business upon the same basis.

2. That definite efforts be made in the sale of subscription books in our towns and cities, and that these centres be made the special training ground for all new agents.

3. That in future each person desiring to enter the canvassing work, be required to present with his application to the State agent, a reference from the conference president, or some other leading worker of the State in which he has previously lived or worked, or from the elder of the church of which he is a member, or some other person qualified to give such recommendations.

Also that evangelistic canvassers, after being proved, be granted a missionary canvasser's license by this Conference.

4. That in the event of an agent leaving one society and entering into contract with another society, the contracting society make itself responsible for the collecting of any debt which such agent may have incurred with the former society by arranging for its payment by a definite percentage levied on the agent's commission on books delivered, the minimum to be five per cent.

5. That immediate steps be taken to thoroughly organize the periodical work upon the same basis as our regular subscription book work, and that it be placed under the direction of the State agent.

6. That this conference fall into line with the other State conferences in paying a second tithe to the Union Conference for the ensuing year.

7. WHEREAS, The Lord has given definite instruction regarding the use of "Christ's Object Lessons" by our youth as a means of enabling them to earn scholarships; and,

WHEREAS, the Union Conference has recommended that the Signs Publishing Company be asked to publish that work in the form of a subscription book for this purpose,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse such recommendation.

8. That the following system be recognized in the organization of the educational work in this State:

Executive Head of the State Conference Educational Department: The Conference Committee.

Advisory Committee: The Educational

Secretary as executive officer, a member of the Conference Committee, Young People's Secretary, and Sabbath-school Secretary. All members of the General or Union Educational Departments are ex-officio members.

Church School Board: To be composed of three members elected by the Conference Executive Committee.

9. We recommend, That the following plan be adopted for the support of church schools:

(a) That tuition fees be charged on the following scale:

	s.	d.	
One child from one family	1	0	per wk.
Two children	"	1	" "
Three	"	2	" "
Four	"	2	" "

(b) That every member of the conference be asked to contribute 1d. or more per week for the support of our church schools, and that a special person be appointed in each church to collect this fund.

(c) That all such moneys, tuition fees, and all church school funds raised from other sources be accounted for or forwarded regularly each month to the treasurer of the State Conference.

(d) That we encourage our members to supplement the Conference Church School Fund by the sale of *Life and Health*.

10. That no Seventh-day Adventist child be debarred from attending church school on account of the inability of the parents to pay the tuition fees.

11. That examination of the pupils in our church schools annually be provided for by the Conference Executive Committee.

12. That we approve of the plan suggested by the Union Conference Committee of encouraging our people to set aside at least 1d. per day for the spreading of the message in the home and mission fields.

13. That we urge each member of this Conference always to carry a supply of literature containing the message, for distribution as opportunity offers.

14. That Article 5 of the constitution be amended to include the following clause after the word cause: And to recommend for ordination such men as shall have given proof of their call to the ministry.

15. That Section 1 of Article 7 in reference to delegates be amended to read as follows: That all church members in good and regular standing in attendance at any session of the Conference, constitute its delegation.

16. That Section 2 of the same Article be amended to read as follows: That all representatives of the Australasian Union and of the General Conference who may be present be considered delegates at large.

17. That we plan to hold our camp-meeting about this time next year.

18. That we record our thankfulness and gratitude to God for His watch-care over us during this camp-meeting, and for the good spirit that has prevailed, and that we renew our consecration for more faithful service during the coming year.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT: Pastor G. Teasdale.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. H. Mills.

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. H. Mills.

STATE AGENT AND CAMPAIGN SECRETARY: J. L. Branford.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY: Miss M. Gillis.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY: Miss M. Gillis.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: Pastor G. Teasdale.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY: J. H. Mills.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: G. Teasdale, J. L. Branford, H. J. Cooper, G. Hubbard, and F. L. Wiltshire.

That the office of Vice-President be left vacant for the Conference Executive Committee to fill after the coming Union Conference Council.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted its report, which was adopted. It was as follows:

MINISTERS' CREDENTIALS: Pastor G. Teasdale, Pastor G. A. Wantzlick, and Pastor G. Hubbard.

FOR ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS: J. Allen.

FOR MINISTERIAL LICENSE: M. Munson, and E. Harlow.

FOR TEACHER'S LICENSE: Miss Ruth Cozens.

FOR MISSIONARY LICENSE: Brother J. L. Branford.

FOR CANVASSERS' LICENSE: Brother F. Allbon, Sister C. Allbon, Sister K. Newley, Sister J. Ringuet, Brother F. Bonney, Brother H. Bonney, Brother J. Tinworth, Brother P. Joseph, Brother H. Hill, Brother C. Hodgkinson, and Brother R. W. Lamb.

An ordination service was held at the early morning meeting of the second Sabbath, when Brother J. Allen was ordained to the gospel ministry. The following morning, at the conclusion of a praise service, £59 10s. was quickly subscribed to offset the expenses of the camp, and procure a new field tent. The Sabbath-school offerings for the two Sabbaths amounted to exactly £12, the attendance being about one hundred and fifty each day. The meetings were enjoyed by all present. The Spirit of the Lord was felt in a marked way throughout the entire camp, the concluding resolution expressing the sentiments and desire of all who had participated in the blessings.

G. TEASDALE, *Chairman*.

JOHN H. MILLS, *Secretary*.



In God's own might
 We gird us for the coming fight;
 And strong in Him whose cause is ours,
 In conflict with unholy powers,
 We grasp the weapons He has given—
 The light and truth and love of heaven."

Report of the Young People's Work

Of the Australasian Union Conference For Year Ending June 30, 1911

NUMBER of societies	91
Present membership	918
Present associate membership	672
Members in State Home Department	52
Associate members in State Home Department	185
Total Membership	1,827
Number taking Reading Course	49
Number taking Doctrine Studies	361

REPORT OF WORK DONE

Missionary letters written	3,241
Missionary letters received	1,138
Bible-readings or cottage-meetings	1,501
Missionary visits :	
With individuals	10,816
To hospitals	1,388
Other institutions	936
Ships	320
Copies of papers :	
Subscriptions taken	709
Sold	56,681
Lent	11,433
Given	181,050
Pages of tracts :	
Sold	146,826
Lent	222,502
Given	387,560
Books :	
Sold	2,643
Lent	1,454
Given	655
Families or individuals supplied with food, clothing, etc.	914
Treatments given	667
Hours of Christian help work	11,671
Offerings for local society work	£53 14 9
Offerings for home mission work	£102 6 9½
Offerings for foreign mission work	£738 17 0½
Collection for the blind work	£36 10 6

The annual report of the young people's work is a distinctly encouraging one. In nineteen lines of work there was an increase, and a decrease in only nine lines. The decreases

were in most divisions of work small compared to the increases. In the periodical work there were 377 more subscriptions taken, 118 more papers lent, and 46,867 more given, with 5,894 fewer sold, showing a distinct gain in the periodical work.

In the tract work 75,778 more pages were sold, 96,370 more pages given, against 37,728 less pages lent. So in this line of work also there is a decided gain.

There were two decreases we were very sorry to see—nineteen fewer taking the Missionary Reading Course, and 302 less in the Bible doctrine class. We are sorry to see that the interest in these lines of study is going down in some States, and trust they will receive special attention during the present year.

New South Wales has the largest number of societies and membership, New Zealand the most taking the Reading Course, and Victoria-Tasmania the largest Bible doctrine class. In Victoria-Tasmania the largest number of missionary letters were written and received, New South Wales made the most missionary visits to individuals, Victoria-Tasmania to hospitals and other institutions, and South Australia to ships. In the paper work New Zealand took the most subscriptions, Victoria-Tasmania sold the most copies, and South Australia lent and gave the largest number. South Australia sold the highest number of pages of tracts, Victoria-Tasmania lent, and New South Wales gave the most. The largest number of books were sold in New Zealand, lent in South Australia, and given in New South Wales.

South Australia supplied the largest number of families and individuals with food, clothing, etc., New Zealand gave the most treatments, and Victoria-Tasmania put in the largest number of hours in Christian help work.

The largest offerings for local society work, for home missions, for foreign missions, and for the blind work, were all given by Victoria-Tasmania. It is interesting to note that fostering a liberal spirit toward the foreign fields increases the donations to the home work.

While the States mentioned have done the largest amount of each line of work respectively, they have not in every case done the most per capita. For instance, while Victoria-Tasmania has sold the most papers, Queensland has sold the most per capita, the

figures being 51 and 55 respectively. New South Wales gave away the most pages of tracts, but these were only 183 per capita, whereas in South Australia 388 pages were given.

We think this report will be interesting to all as showing something of what our young people and children are doing to give this last warning message. Only eternity will reveal it fully, but we expect to see many souls, from both home and foreign fields, in the kingdom as the result of these efforts.

E. M. GRAHAM.

Obituary

BARNES.—Died August 16, 1911, as the result of an accident, Thomas Barnes, of Martinsville, New South Wales, aged sixty-eight years. Brother Barnes was a native of New South Wales. He had formerly been an active worker among the Methodists. For some years he had been studying the truth, and was baptized about one year ago. He was engaged carting goods from Morrisett, and in some unknown way met with an accident that resulted in death. The school students and a large number of friends gathered in the Avondale cemetery, where an impressive service was conducted by Pastor Hoopes, Brother Bell, and the writer. A quartette, "Sweet Be Thy Rest," was very nicely rendered by some of the students. We extend our sympathy to those who mourn.

R. HARE.

Correction

IN our issue of August 21 in a last page note it was stated that the subscription book sales in the New Zealand Conference amounted to £3,126 5s. 10d. for the past six months instead of for the past twelve months.

Farm To Let

To rent, or let on share system, a farm at Martinsville, about four miles from Avondale. All farming plant. For particulars apply to M. H. Lynch, Martinsville, N. S. W.

"THE sincerity of our prayers can be proved only by the vigour of our endeavours to obey God's commandment."

A BEAUTIFUL behaviour is better than a beautiful form; it gives a higher pleasure than statues and pictures; it is the finest of the fine arts.—Emerson.

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piring, and that your renewal is kindly solicited.
Please order promptly, that no copies may be
missed.

THE poem on the first page, to-
gether with the two articles following,
are upon a timely and important topic.

OUR workers in Java inform us
that they very frequently get letters
from Australia with only a penny
stamp on them, thus necessitating
their paying 3d. in order to obtain
their letters. All should bear in mind
that on all letters sent outside the
British possessions 2½d. is required.

THE New South Wales churches
should bear in mind the election of
their delegates to the annual confer-
ence to be held on the Newcastle
camp-ground, beginning October 3.
One delegate is allowed for each
church, and one additional delegate
for every fifteen members.

PASTOR LUKENS and family arrived
in Sydney on the *Zealandia* early
Monday morning, September 4. The
boat stopped at Brisbane long enough
for Pastor Lukens to take the Sabbath
morning service at the camp-meeting
then in session in that city. Pastor
Fulton and Brother Fisher joined the
boat at that port on their return from
the meeting.

At the time the matter for this
paper goes up to the Avondale Press
the Union Conference Council has
but fairly begun. The meeting has
opened under most favourable aus-
pices, the Spirit of the Lord has
been very manifest from the first.
Very encouraging reports have been
presented by the conference presi-
dents and departmental superin-

tendents and secretaries. The pros-
pects are most assuring for a very
profitable meeting.

SISTERS Geiss and Knight received
a hearty welcome from their many
friends in New South Wales on their
arrival, August 31. After spending
a few days here, they will go on to
Tasmania, and return to England in
October on the German boat *Scharn-
horst*, picking up Sister Richards in
West Australia. Sisters Geiss and
Knight are both looking well, and say
that the trip over from England was
a very pleasant one.

AS THE council now in session is
not to close until September 17,
according to appointment, and it
would thus be impossible to give a
complete report of the actions taken
in our next number, it was arranged
to make the next issue a Students'
Number, as the time had fully come
for its quarterly appearance. The
last production by the students was
much appreciated, and we trust that
this one will be no less welcome.

THOSE in attendance at the Union
Conference Council are as follows:
J. E. Fulton, E. H. Gates, L. A.
Hoopes, B. F. Machlan, M. Lukens,
B. J. Cady, A. H. Piper, J. M.
Johanson, J. Pallant, W. L. H.
Baker, J. H. Woods, G. Teasdale,
C. H. Parker, J. M. Cole, G. S.
Fisher, N. D. Faulkhead, R. E.
Burke, C. H. Pretyman, E. M.
Graham, and A. L. Hindson. A.
W. Anderson is expected for the
latter part of the meeting.

New South Wales Camp- Meeting

THE prospect seems bright for a
good, successful camp-meeting at New-
castle, New South Wales. Orders for
tents are coming in freely. Pastor
Lukens has arrived from America and
will be with us. He has attended the
General Conference Council recently
held in Europe, and will relate many
interesting items in his report from
that field. The Union Conference is
also supplying others of their best
workers.

Temperance Day will be a special
feature. Mr. John Complin, secretary
of the New South Wales Alliance, has
kindly promised to give a special
lantern lecture on the evening of that

day. The Doctors Richards will be
with us at the afternoon meeting of
Temperance Day. Nurse Ulrich will
give practical lessons in healthful
cooking.

On Young People's Day a special
programme will be presented. How
to labour for others will be made plain
in the missionary campaign meetings.
Thrilling themes on the message will
be presented each evening by able
speakers. Missionary workers from
the islands will give talks.

On the first few days of the camp
the conference business will be trans-
acted. All delegates should be at the
opening meeting.

J. H. WOODS.

A Poor Woman

EVERY Wednesday evening a meet-
ing is held at Soember Wekas for the
benefit of the neighbouring Javanese.
On this particular evening, a woman
had come from a village not far
distant, and brought her little girl;
the latter to stay here in the care of
Sister Wood, and be taught.

Both mother and daughter attended
the meeting. The study was a short
one, upon God's plan of salvation;
showing how we are utterly helpless
without Christ, and must each die
eternally unless saved by Him.
Words were spoken in Malay, and
Djoekie, our Javanese teacher, trans-
lated into his native tongue.

The subject matter seemed to be
somewhat new, even to the interpre-
ter, but it was still stranger to the
visiting woman. After the study,
Sister Wood began conversing with
several of the listeners, and asked
this woman what she thought about
the matter.

"I never thought of such being the
case," said the woman; "I never
heard of it before. I do not know
whether I shall be saved, but I shall
pray."

She was assured that "everyone that
asketh receiveth," and pointed to the
text.

Then we all knelt, and several
prayed. The visitor's prayer was
very short, but very like that of the
publican. She said "I am a sinner,
Lord, be merciful to me." She seemed
to realize her condition quite keenly,
and we all prayed with her. We all
prayed for her, and when we prayed
for her we prayed the same prayer for
ourselves.

KENELM HUNGERFORD.