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"Sound an alarm: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

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I Wonder

When I think of life from its beginning
All down the wearisome way,
With its trouble, its sorrow and sinning,
Its heart trials day after day,
Its sorrowful partings asunder,
Death-beds and epitaphs sad,
O, then it is often I wonder
We mortals can ever be glad!

When I read in the dear Bible story,
Written for you and for me,
Of the Saviour who came down from glory
To die for such rebels as we;
When I think of the home over yonder,
The joys that are there to be had,
O, then it is often I wonder
We mortals can ever be sad!

ELIZABETH ROSSER.

Christ Our Helper

THE only begotten Son of God came to this world to redeem the fallen race. He has given us evidence of His great power. He will enable those who receive Him to build up characters free from all the tendencies that Satan reveals. We can resist the enemy and all his forces. The battle will be won, the victory gained, by him who chooses Christ as his leader, determined to do right because it is right.

Our divine Lord is equal to any emergency. With Him nothing is impossible. He has shown His great love for us by living a life of self-denial and sacrifice, and by dying a death of agony. Come to Christ just as you are, weak, helpless, and ready to die. Cast yourself wholly on His mercy. There is no difficulty within

or without that cannot be surmounted in His strength. Some have stormy tempers; but He who calmed the stormy Sea of Galilee will say to the troubled heart, "Peace, be still." There is no nature so rebellious that Christ cannot subdue it, no temper so stormy that He cannot quell it, if the heart is surrendered to His keeping.

He who commits his soul to Jesus need not despond. We have an all-powerful Saviour. Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith, you can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."

Do not think that the Christian life is free from temptation. Temptations will come to every Christian. Both the Christian and the one who does not accept Christ as his leader will have trials. The difference is that the latter is serving a tyrant, doing his mean drudgery, while the Christian is serving the One who died to give him eternal life. Do not look upon trial as something strange, but as the means by which we are to be purified and strengthened. "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations," James admonishes, "knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

In the future life we shall understand things that here greatly perplex

us. We shall realize how strong a helper we had, and how angels of God were commissioned to guard us as we followed the counsel of the Word of God.

To all who receive Him, Christ will give power to become the sons of God. He is a present help in every time of need. Let us be ashamed of our wavering faith. Those who are overcome have only themselves to blame for their failure to resist the enemy. All who choose can come to Christ and find the help they need.

There stands among you the mighty Counsellor of the ages, inviting you to place your confidence in Him. Shall we turn away from Him to uncertain human beings, who are as wholly dependent on God as we ourselves are? Have we fallen so far below our privileges? Have we not been guilty of expecting so little that we have not asked for what God is longing to give?

"I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He hath bestowed on them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses. For He said, Surely they are My people, children that will not lie: so He was their Saviour. In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old."

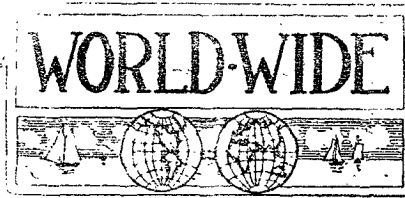
Let us have more confidence in our Redeemer. Turn not from the waters of Lebanon to seek refreshment at broken cisterns, which can hold no water. Have faith in God. Trustful dependence on Jesus makes victory not only possible, but certain. Though multitudes are pressing on in the wrong way, though the outlook be ever so discouraging, yet we may have full assurance in our Leader; for "I am God," He declares, "and there is none else." He is infinite in power, and able to save all who come to Him. There is no other in whom we can safely trust. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Living Epistles

I FEEL a deep interest in those who profess to be the children of God, that they may be the light of the world. If they respond to the requirements of God, there will be need of much greater watchfulness, much more untiring diligence. The responsibility of representing Christ to the world does not rest alone upon those who are ordained as ministers of the gospel. Each member of the church should be a living epistle, known and read of all men. A working church will be a living church. Those who are elected as elders and deacons should ever be on the alert that plans may be made and executed which will give every member of the church a share in active work for the salvation of souls. This is the only way in which the church can be preserved in a healthy, thriving condition.

How earnestly we should search the Word of God; for it is our only safe guide, our only safeguard. The gospel of God is able to make us wise unto salvation. It is not incomprehensible, and placed above us; but its plain, inspired utterances can simplify the perplexing problems of this life, and enlighten each single-hearted believer with the bright beams of heavenly wisdom. As so great a reward attends the earnest searching of the Word of God, should we not with more painstaking effort seek to enter into God's plans, and strive to fulfil His designs in diffusing the light of truth? E. G. W.

Make it mine
To feel, amid the city's jar,
That there abides a peace of Thine
Man did not make and can not mar.
—Matthew Arnold.



"Awake, awake, O hosts of God!
Arise, ye that are men!
The God that wrought in days of yore
Shall work His works again.
Cast off the shackles of your shame;
Rise from the place of slaves;
Upon the heights of Tabor now
Jehovah's banner waves.
Strike, and your God shall nerve your
arm!
Pray, and the Lord shall hear!
Shout, for the host on Tabor's height
Seeth the victory near!"

THREE new churches have been organized in Finland.

THE report comes from Hayti, West Indies, that over fifty persons await baptism.

FROM Lisbon, Portugal, comes the report of the conversion and baptism of nine persons.

THE net gain in membership in the British Union for last year was 310. This is a larger increase than for any previous year.

WE learn from a recent report that, in spite of great opposition, our first church has been organized in Ecuador, South America.

WE are glad to learn that baptism has been administered to ten more converts at Singapore, Straits Settlements.

IN Korea during the past year 150 have been baptized, and many others have expressed a desire to unite with God's people.

DURING the last eight months of of the past year, twenty-one were added to the church in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

DURING the past few months twenty-two new members have been added to the church in Ireland, and others are awaiting baptism.

THE news comes from Sumatra, East Indies, that four believers are awaiting baptism, one of whom is from the devil-worshippers.

THE Latin Union Conference record shows that 104 persons were baptized during the last quarter in the Catholic field of Southern Europe.

PASTOR CAVINESS tells of a recent trip among some of the churches of Mexico, during which he baptized seventeen at Torreon, sixteen at Monterey, and fourteen at Visnaga.

PASTOR BACH reports that nearly one hundred in Pakhoi, South China, have been won for present truth. Six have been baptized at Hongkong, twenty-four in Fat-shan, and in Amoy ten persons are awaiting baptism.

AT the Mantandane Mission, British Central Africa, baptism has been administered to eighteen individuals, all gathered out from darkness by one boy, who has been labouring for two years at his own home, under persecution, teaching and leading his friends and relatives into the way of truth.

"IN a little over two years," writes Pastor Elbridge Adams, from Manila, Philippine Islands, "our work has grown from nothing to a church of nearly 140. The change in the government has given the people great opportunities for advancement. In their thirst for knowledge they will attend our meetings, and read our books and papers. It seems that now is the time to put a strong force into the field. We ought to have not less than five families immediately."

BROTHER SPIES reports the baptism of five new believers in Theophilo Ottoni, Brazil. The first baptism in Sao Paulo was recently administered to four; and six others are soon to follow. A report from Espirito Santo states that eighteen persons have been baptized. At Mentaiga a church of thirty-two members has been organized, and a meeting house is under construction. In the East Brazil Mission the first six months of last year forty-six persons were baptized.



News from the Far North

CHARTERS TOWERS is the farthest north of any of our Sabbath-schools.

It is a very hot place. But we are enjoying our work and are of good courage.

Our dear people are becoming established in present truth, and all are doing something to enlist others under the banner of Prince Immanuel.

Last Sabbath we had twenty-six in attendance, this week thirty-two, including two visitors. Our hearts were made glad to see the respectful attitude of the children, the result of the lesson, "Reverence in the House of God."

The rainy season has set in, and when rain does come it literally pours.

We are expecting Brother Watson to pay us a visit, and hope to have at least half a dozen ready for baptism.

Up to the present time all the Sabbath-school meetings have been conducted in our home, but we have now secured a nice hall for use in the future, and trust that more aggressive work will be the result. One of the junior scholars was asked by his minister why he did not come to Sunday-school. "We go to the Adventist's Sabbath-school," said the boy. "O," said the minister, "those people pick the Bible to pieces." "Yes, sir, is not that the right way when we have a difficult sum, to pick it to pieces?" asked the lad. The minister has not called since.

We are having some interesting cottage meetings and many homes are open to us. We ask an interest in your prayers. L. AND L. CURROW.

Notes of Travel

It was with mingled feelings that we said goodbye to the workers and friends, February 12, the day we began our long voyage to the General Conference.

We are glad to have the privilege of attending this the most important conference ever held by our people, and of the opportunity it will afford us of studying our message in its relation to the great, wide harvest

field, the world. It will be helpful to meet the men and women from different countries and nationalities upon whom God has placed the responsibility of leading out in His work to gather in one the last remnant of His church upon earth. We sincerely trust that this trip and its objective may the better fit us to act our part in the position in which God has placed us, and it is with this in mind that we are going.

Our steamer, the *Orvielo*, is one of the largest that has ever entered Sydney harbour, and the second class accommodation, which we have secured on her, is pleasant.

The ocean was at its best when we steamed out of Sydney Heads, and now after being twelve days on our journey, the Pacific is still true to name. For this we and our fellow passengers are thankful.

Hobart was our first port of call. Here were 7,000 cases of Tasmanian apples ready for shipment to England. The harbour at Hobart is one of the finest in the world, being blessed with very deep water. At low tide there was forty-two feet of water at the wharf at which our steamer was moored.

One of the two days spent at Hobart was Sabbath, February 15, and we had the opportunity of attending Sabbath-school with our brethren of the Hobart Church. It fell to our lot to conduct the service at 11 a.m., and we felt it a privilege to minister at this place. They have a nice church building and seem to be of good courage in the Lord.

Our steamer left just before the Sabbath closed, and as the shades of night settled down upon us, so did a heavy fog. This caused the captain to have the fog horn blown every minute or two, while the engines were at "dead slow." This condition obtained all night, and the passengers felt thankful that the captain was taking care of his ship and her living freight of 1,500 souls. How many of us realize that the "Captain of our salvation" is constantly caring for us!

We reached the pier at Port Melbourne, Monday morning, February 17, at 6 a.m., and took the train out to the camp-meeting of the Victorian Conference, which was being held at Thornbury. During Monday and Tuesday several meetings of the Union Conference Committee were held, and important decisions regarding the work in our large Union Conference were made.

We left Melbourne at 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, and reached Adelaide, Friday morning, February 21. Here our steamer took on board the English mail. There were two railway vans full of mail matter to carry to England and ports en route.

We are now nearing the chief port of West Australia, Fremantle. To the writer it seems almost like going home, for three years ago we had just concluded a very enjoyable two years of labour in the West Australian Conference. Yet there is a sad memory connected with it, for one who was, heart and soul, with us in the work there, is now no more.

The few hours we will have at Fremantle we want to employ as we did those at Adelaide, in visiting our conference office and meeting as many of the workers as possible. Then as our steamer leaves again for Colombo, Ceylon, the writer will be, for the first time, on his way to the Old World. But it is not without many kind thoughts of the dear brethren and sisters whom for a short time we leave behind in Australasia.

A. H. PIPER.



Possibilities Demonstrated

We have frequently spoken and written of the possibilities of our periodical work, but an account of what has actually been accomplished will carry more weight than merely speaking and writing about what *may* be accomplished.

I wish to call your attention to the financial possibilities shown by the accompanying figures, and later to draw a spiritual lesson from the same.

The Saviour said, "Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that ye shall receive." He gives us the invitation to enter into His work, and then He assumes the responsibility of our remuneration.

In the parable found in Matt. 21, the Saviour illustrates His invitation by a father and son. The Heavenly Father says, "Son, go work to-day in My vineyard." Our responsibility ends entirely when we step right out

in obedience to the Father's voice. He virtually says to the willing and obedient, "I will now be responsible for your sustenance. You have obeyed My voice, you have sought the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and now you have no need to think of anything but My work. I will add unto you all these necessary things in the future, even as I have done for this day. 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof!'"

This was the position taken by the brother whose report we give below.

REPORT OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS'
WORK WITH "LIFE AND HEALTH"
IN VICTORIA

	Subs.	Copies	Profit
First Week	48	50	£4 4 6
Second "	48	64	4 8 0
Third "	59	60	5 3 6
Fourth "	78	50	6 9 6
Fifth "	88	50	7 4 6
Total	321	274	£27 10 0
Weekly Average			5 10 0

REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS

July, 1912, to January, 1913

Time Worked.—888 hours in 98 days, or 20 weeks of 5 days per week at 9 hours per day.

Results.—700 yearly subscriptions taken at a retail value of £122 10 0
3,500 copies sold at a retail value of

87 10 0
Total retail value £210 0 0

Profits.—On subscriptions £52 10 0
On copies 43 15 0

Total for 20 weeks 96 5 0
Average profit per week £4 16 3

There is no need for comment on the financial aspect of this report. There is barely any need to call your attention to the spiritual influence of the work done by this good brother, but I wish to do so because we are so prone to look only at the financial side of this work, which, after all, is merely the secondary part of it.

You will notice that during six months he reached 3,500 homes with some one issue of *Life and Health*, and that for twelve months he reached 700 homes. These 700 homes would have six magazines filled with the gospel of health come to them during the year, and this would mean that through his six months' effort 7,700 papers would go right into the hands of the people. Therefore at the very least he would preach 7,700 powerful discourses on the gospel of health and temperance through his silent, and in many cases, unnoticed labours. Eter-

nity alone will reveal the results.

Question.—Would you not like to preach some of these powerful discourses in this same way, and have the privilege of seeing some soul enter the kingdom as a result of your faithful effort?

A. E. HODGKINSON.

A Field for all to Cultivate

It is a law of Nature that the act of resisting a force gives vigour and strength. The slender sapling of the forest would not become the giant that it does, if supported by another against the strong winds. When robbed of its dependence the raging storm would surely blow it to the ground. The iron muscles of the blacksmith are not developed by idly swinging his arms; but by continually wielding his mighty hammer. It is the standing water that is impure. The active, rippling stream becomes living water, refreshing the weary, the thirsty, and the heavy-laden. So in things spiritual, activity gives life and strength to the members individually and to the church.

How thankful we as a people should be that the giving of this message furnishes a field of usefulness for all. There are the various branches of our work,—ministerial, Bible work, the canvassing work, the medical work, and others. But I hear a large company of young people, and busy mothers say, "We cannot do any of these." To such I say; There is work for you. A woman is surely not too busy to give tracts and sell papers to her tradesmen and neighbours. There is a work for all our young people in selling the magazines. In Brisbane, one young worker goes out five hours daily, and sells twenty magazines, which yields her five shillings profit. We also have others working with good results. But we have room for many more. We invite the idle ones to swell our numbers.

One good brother gave to our children 500 February-March *Life and Health*. Our committee decided to use them in this way: 250 were offered to the children free, the whole of the proceeds to go towards the support of Bennie, our island worker. Every magazine was ordered in a very short time. This has given opportunity for all those who have no missionary garden to do something for missions. The remaining 250 are being sold by

our agents. The agents will have their usual profit, but the remainder will be used to purchase another 250 magazines of the next issue. These will be sold by the children, who will give half to missions, and half for 250 of the following issue. Thus the children will have a continual supply of magazines.

Our literature is doing good work. At our last camp-meeting, a young local preacher bought "Desire of Ages." A few days since he called at our office and bought "Daniel and Revelation," "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Christ's Object Lessons." He said that he was well pleased with "Desire of Ages," and that he knew that a number of Methodist ministers were using this book as an aid in preparing their sermons. This shows the influence our literature is exerting.

J. L. BRANFORD.

From a New Sabbath-keeper

THE following letter from a new Sabbath-keeper was received from one of our tract society officers with the comments attached. It is good to witness the evidences of the first love of those who have just embraced the truth; and we can but wish that more were possessed of the same spirit.

"Some years ago a traveller called, and asked for orders for the book, "Daniel and the Revelation." I bought one, and read and re-read it, and I embraced God's Sabbath. Other blessings have followed. There is certainly a special blessing for those who honour the Sabbath day.

"I often long for others of like belief; still if God has so willed I should stand alone here, He has a reason for it. There is another woman who bought the same book some miles from me; she sees that the Sabbath of God should be kept, still cannot decide. I wrote her a long letter. I believe her a Christian woman. I told her that if we loved Christ we would keep His commandments. I shall try to go to see her soon, and I hope that she will decide.

"There were a number of books sold by Mr.——. I have recently bought one, "The Great Controversy," and am reading it through for the third time. It has been a great help to me. I never lose an opportunity of bringing it out if any one comes in, and I tell them what I have read. Some seem to see, others will not give in. I think the reason must be lack of Scripture knowledge. How much I have to be thankful for, to know and understand so much of my Bible."

The writer proceeds to state that from childhood she could never find out who changed the Sabbath. After waiting half a century for the light, she now

rejoices that in her old age she is keeping God's Sabbath. She says further, "I need your prayers; do not forget me. May God grant me this grace to keep me steadfast to the end. . . . I enclose you five shillings to help on the work, and whenever I can I will send you more."

Pray for our isolated Sabbath-keepers and for the canvassers who are engaged in distributing the books containing the message of truth. Others around us are seeking for a knowledge of the truths we understand. Shall we keep them waiting long?

A Worthy Meditation

TAP! Tap! Tap! Each knock was firm, and indicative of a good, firm character behind it; so thought the lady of the house as she sent her daughter to the door. But it was not like the knock in the next street, so loud that the people across the way came out to see what was wrong.

A neatly-dressed gentleman stood at the door, and asked to see Mrs. Barton. His manner was quiet and respectful. His boots were nicely cleaned. No hanging bootlaces were to be seen as was the case with the other canvasser in the town. Neither were his clothes and hat covered with dust. His coat was nicely pressed and not baggy like that of a book agent who had called at a friend's place where she had been visiting. He carried an umbrella, and seemed to be a visitor, in fact, his general appearance commanded respect. These observations impressed Miss Barton, who, after showing our friend to the drawing room, retired to bring in her mother.

His introduction and canvass did not betray any nervousness, for was he not Heaven's ambassador? Was not his mission one of grave importance? He spoke clearly of the merits of his book, and was in real earnest. Mrs. Barton was a good Christian lady, and the deep genuine fervour manifested by the canvasser appealed to her. It was long since she had met a man with such a burden for souls. Neither had she seen many such books as this one, that seemed the very message of God to her soul. Her heart was softened by the influence of those heavenly intelligences who pave the way for our missionary canvassers. And was not this the gentleman of whom a neighbour had spoken to her? He had knelt and prayed with her, and helped her to realize that the affliction through which she was then passing was one of the "all things that work together for good." Yes, she would

have a book, and was very pleased to have met him, for they had been talking over these very things this morning at breakfast, she said. The hearty handshake closed a very happy half-hour, and Mrs. Barton went about her home for the rest of the day brightened and encouraged.

The man in the next street was home long before our canvasser, and was waiting with discouraged heart for his return. He could not get into the homes very well, and people in these cities are a hard lot, after all, he meditated. The door opened at this juncture, and our friend came in and passed through to pour out his heart in thanksgiving and prayer, while a certain consciousness of the neglected prayer of that morning crept quietly but persistently over the mind of our discouraged friend by the fireside. Light was dawning, but his meditations deepened. He was slowly learning his lessons of neatness, meekness, and prayerfulness.

"If the God-powers are without limit, does it not then follow that the only limitations man has, are the limitations he sets to himself, by virtue of not knowing himself?"—*R. W. Trine, in "In Tune with the Infinite."*

"There is a responsibility from which we cannot free ourselves. Our words, our acts, our dress, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence. Upon the impressions thus made there hang results for good or evil which no man can measure. Every impulse thus imparted is seed sown that will produce its harvest. It is a link in the long chain of human events, extending we know not whither. . . . Thus by our unconscious influence thousands may be blessed."—*Christ's Object Lessons, page 340.* F. G. R.

A Word of Caution

THERE is on the statute books of New South Wales a law known as the Printing Act, 1899, and an identical or similar law is, we believe, in force in all the other States of the Commonwealth. This enactment provides that,—

Every person who prints any paper or book which is intended to be published or dispersed, whether the same is to be sold or given away, shall print upon the front of every such paper if the same is printed on one side only, and upon the first and last leaves of every paper or book which

consists of more than one leaf, in legible characters, his name, and the name of the town or place and also the name, if any, of the street, lane, court, or place, in which his dwelling house or usual place of abode is situated. Whoever omits to print his name, etc., or publishes or assists in publishing or dispersing any such book or paper, shall for every copy so printed, published, or dispersed, pay a fine of £20 such forfeitures or penalties, however, being limited to not more than twenty-five copies in each case. Persons selling or distributing printed papers without the printer's name and address thereon, may be arrested by any person, and handed over to a police officer, or brought before a justice of the peace for trial.

This law was primarily intended to check the publication of immoral, obscene, or seditious literature, libels, and other improper prints, which but for this wholesome restraint could be scattered broadcast without let or hindrance. But it sometimes happens that a good law becomes a bad weapon in the hands of unscrupulous persons. A recent incident will serve to show why we have drawn attention to the provisions of this law. In their house-to-house work, two of our ministers were distributing a printed sheet giving an epitome of one of the discourses delivered in the tent. The local publisher who had printed the sheet, had inadvertently failed to place his imprint on the sheet. This fact was noticed by some person who wished to hinder the progress of the message, and the result was that our brethren were each fined five pounds and costs.

Now it often happens that our workers place in the hands of local printers various small matters, such as an outline of one of the discourses, or a brief presentation of our position on a certain point. Again, at times some of our people see in our books and periodicals, articles which they desire to have reproduced in folder or leaflet form for use in missionary correspondence and other methods of distribution. Before taking delivery of any printed matter of this nature, care should be taken to ascertain that the literature bears the printer's name and address in due form, so that those who circulate the sheets may not render themselves liable to the heavy penalties provided for the infringement of the before-mentioned enactment.

"WHEN parents cease to take care of their children, the devil will take care of them, for he is interested in the youth."



A Model Young People's Meeting

AN interesting feature of the recent camp-meeting at Thornbury, Melbourne, was the model young people's meeting. This was held in the large pavilion on Saturday evening, February 22. There was a large attendance of campers, and also a good number of outside visitors. All seemed to enjoy the programme, and subsequent comments indicated that visitors from other denominations were very favourably impressed with the methods and exercises of the young people.

A platform was erected at the speaker's end of the large tent. On this the leaders took their places, while the society members occupied the surrounding seats.

The exercises were introduced by Pastor Gates, and the young people thereafter took the entire charge of the meeting.

The primary object of the meeting was to instruct the various societies represented at the camp, in the best methods of organizing and conducting their young people's meetings, and the young people certainly did their best to make the meeting "model" in all essential respects.

Just prior to the roll call, to which all members responded with an appropriate text of Scripture, a chart was shown with the words, "I am early! how glad I am!" Following the roll call, however, the chart was changed to the more serious, "I am late! how did it happen?"

A cheery opening hymn was followed by short prayers offered by two of the members.

Then came a five-minute talk to children on the reading course lesson for the week by Miss O. M. Dunlop, and a short address, "Eager Hearers of the Word" by Brother W. Lister. This was followed by a quartette entitled "The Bible," a recitation on the same subject, and the Bible class review by Brother A. Hing.

At this juncture a chart representing a small organ and case was

displayed, the original of which the young people of Victoria and Tasmania were desirous of purchasing for the New Hebrides Mission. The chairman having stated that £10 15s. would secure the organ and despatch it to its destination, a collection was taken up, which, with the ready assistance of the audience, reached the desired amount.

A pathetic account of a young girl's sacrifice for missions was related by Sister D. Horley, and another stirring hymn changed the order of the meeting for a few minutes. Brother Burnham Miller then enumerated "Nine Ways to Study the Bible."

Reports of labour and missionary correspondence, which occupied the next few minutes, proved a most interesting and practical feature of the gathering. These were noted by the secretary on a blackboard which had been prepared with columns for various lines of work, and were afterwards totalled and announced to the meeting.

The reading course was then reviewed by Miss W. Horley, and acknowledgement cards from the Union Conference were handed to those who had passed successfully the examination on "John G. Paton," the previous book of the reading course.

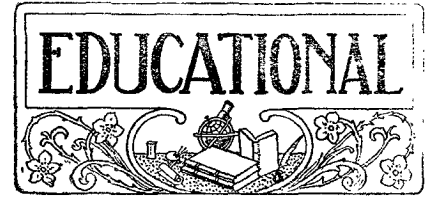
After the secretary's report of absent members had been given, and visiting volunteers to the same had been secured, the meeting closed with a hymn and the benediction.

It will be noted that the meeting had a definite subject and aim. All the exercises had a bearing on Bible study, and a love for God's holy Word, while the collection also had its specific object.

The continuity of the chosen subjects, etc., not only sustained the interest of the members, but also suggested thoroughness in the performance of Christian duties.

It would be well for our young people's leaders everywhere to seek by all means in their power to add to the interest and practicability of their gatherings. As an aid in this direction this meeting was certainly most valuable.

W. H. B. MILLER.



A High Literary Standard

THERE are to be found in the Testimonies some striking statements about the high literary standard which our young people should keep before them. Some of these statements were brought to the attention of the young people in the college recently, in one of their regular missionary programmes.

It may be that these inspiring truths are not generally known among the young people of Australasia, but they are well worthy of study. They were introduced into the programme in the form of a study; one of the lady students asked the following questions, and the responses, which had been memorized, were given by half a dozen others.

Question 1.—Has Jehovah ever stated to us what His ideal for us is?

Answer.—"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. God-likeness is the goal to be reached. Before the student there is opened a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve; a standard to attain, that includes everything good, and pure, and noble. He will advance as fast and as far as possible in every branch of true knowledge. Whatever line of investigation he may pursue, with a sincere purpose to arrive at truth, he will be brought in touch with the unseen, mighty Intelligence that is working in and through all. The mind of man is brought into communion with the mind of God, the finite with the infinite. In this communion is found the highest education."

"Behold," He says, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Question 2.—Is it right for us to have high ambitions?

Answer.—Through His prophet, Jehovah has spoken the following words: "Are you ambitious that you may have a name and a position in the world? Have you thoughts that you dare not express, that you may one day sit in deliberative and legislative councils, and help to enact laws for the nation? There is nothing wrong in these aspirations. You may every one of you make your mark. You should be content with no mean attainments. Aim high, and spare no pains to reach the standard."

"Balanced by religious principle, you may climb to any height you please. Jesus loves the precious youth; and He is not pleased to see them grow up with uncultivated, undeveloped talents. They may become strong men of firm principle,

"Some of your hurts you have cured,
And the sharpest you still have survived
But what torments of grief you endured
From evils which never arrived."

fitted to be entrusted with high responsibilities, and to this they may lawfully strain every nerve. The very highest sanctified ambition is demanded of those who believe the Word of God.

"God does not bid the youth to be less aspiring. The elements of character that make a man successful and honoured among men—the irrepressible desire for some greater good, the indomitable will, the strenuous exertion, the untiring perseverance—are to be used in God's service."

Question 3.—Is there any need for intellectual growth as well as spiritual among us as young people?

Answer.—"As a people who claim to have light, we are to devise ways and means by which to bring forth a corps of educated workmen for the various departments of the work of God. We need young men and women who have a high intellectual culture, in order that they may do the best work for the Lord."

In writing of the young people in Australasia, the following words were penned in 1892:

"There are youth in these countries whom God has graciously endowed with mental ability; but in order to do their best work their powers must be properly directed. They should use their God-given talents for the attainment of high scholarship, becoming workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, wise unto salvation.

"While religion should be the pervading element in every school, it will not lead to a cheapening of the literary attainments."

Question 4.—Are not uneducated ministers more humble than highly educated ones?

Answer.—"Young men should not enter upon the work of explaining the Scriptures and lecturing upon the prophecies, when they do not have a knowledge of the important Bible truths they try to explain to others. They may be deficient in the common branches of education and fail to do the amount of good they otherwise could do, if they had had the advantages of a good education. Ignorance will not increase the humility or spirituality of any professed follower of Christ."

Question 5.—Will it not be sufficient for us to have the blessing of the Lord upon our work, without our putting forth much effort?

Answer.—"The faculties need to be strengthened by exercise, the mind to be trained and expanded by taxing study. When the four Hebrew children were receiving an education in the court of the Babylonish king, they did not feel that the blessing of the Lord was a substitute for the taxing effort required of them. They were diligent in study; for they discerned that through the grace of God, their destiny depended on their own will and action. They knew that they were to bring all their ability to their work, and by close, severe taxation of their powers, make the most of the opportunities for study and labour.

"While they made diligent effort to secure knowledge, the Lord gave them heavenly wisdom. The Lord God of

heaven will not supply the deficiencies that result from mental and spiritual indolence."

Question 6.—Is it necessary, at this late hour in the world's history, to spend time in training the mind?

Answer.—"God alone can measure the powers of the human mind. It was not His design that man should be content to remain in the lowlands of ignorance, but that he should secure all the advantages of an enlightened, cultivated intellect. Every man and woman should feel that obligations are resting upon them to reach the very height of intellectual greatness. *Mental culture* is what we, as a people, need, and what we *must have* in order to meet the demands of the time."

BERTHA S. CHANEY.



The Sabbath-school Workers' Training Course

Outlines for Home Study

(April)

Text-Book: "The Teacher's Pedagogy," Part 1, Lesson 1.

The Teacher's Personal Development

FIRST WEEK

1. THE STARTING POINT:
 - a. What is the strongest influence upon the young?
 - b. From what does a pupil learn the best things?
 - c. To what are machinery and method subordinate?

2. OBJECT SOUGHT IN TEACHING:
 - a. What is the general aim of education?
 - b. What is the true aim?

SECOND WEEK

3. STRENGTHENING THE TEACHER'S PERSONALITY:

- a. Why should each teacher seek to strengthen his personal influence?
- b. May this be done by imitating others?
- c. What questions may each teacher well ask himself?
- d. To what extent must the truths we teach be personalized, or, in other words, *lived*?
- e. What is the effect of such an experience?

f. How may a teacher increase his influence?

g. What is the third way by which we may increase our personal power to influence others for good? What does "personal touch with God through Jesus Christ" do for a teacher?

h. Lastly, how may our influence for good be strengthened?

THIRD WEEK

4. THE PERSONAL ELEMENT IN TEACHING:

- a. What should the teacher constantly recognize?
- b. What should the school be to each pupil?
- c. What must be made use of in religious training?
- d. What are the greatest aids in the formation of character?
- e. What is one of the weaknesses of the Sunday-school, and of the Sabbath-school as well?

(In connection with this study read "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," pages 16-20, 47-50.)

FOURTH WEEK

Text-Book: "Individual Soul-Winning," chapter entitled "The Summons to Christian Service," pages 3-8.

- a. Likeness between the physical and spiritual development.
- b. How to be a *happy* Christian.
- c. How to bear fruit.
- d. Mr. Moody's resolution.
- e. How to regard blunders.
- f. Filling *your* place.

(Read also instruction to teachers on doing personal work; "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," pages 15, 17, 34.)

Text-Book: "How to be a Successful Teacher."

- a. Regular attendance.
- b. and c. What to do when unavoidably absent.
- d. Promptness.

Obituary

Foy.—Mrs. Frances Olive Nicholson Foy was the youngest daughter of Sister Dixon, of Hawera, New Zealand. She suffered for two years from tuberculosis, and passed away very quietly on the morning of February 1, being conscious to the last. Though she had not identified herself with us as a people, she gave evidence of having given herself fully to the Lord, which is a great comfort to her sorrowing mother. During the past thirteen months, two sons of Mrs. Foy have died. She leaves three small children, the youngest only six months old.

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NURSE PASCOE from the Sydney Sanitarium has recently gone to Queensland to connect with that conference in medical missionary work.

WE would call the attention of all who have received their books for the Sabbath-school Workers' Training Course to the outline of study for the month of April as given in this number. If in your home study, all will carefully look up the answers to these questions, it will be found helpful in impressing these truths upon the mind.

PASTOR FULTON took the service in the Wahroonga church on Sabbath, March 22, making an earnest appeal to all present to make an unreserved consecration of themselves to God. The need of earnest, individual effort in missionary work, and the blessings resulting therefrom were dwelt upon. In another column Brother Fulton's departure for the General Conference is recorded.

ARRIVING in Sydney on Tuesday, March 18, the *Prinz Sigismund* brought Sister Allum and her two children from China, and Brother and Sister R. A. Caldwell from the Philippine Islands. After years of faithful service in the Orient, these workers have returned to the homeland on furlough, where they have received a warm welcome from relatives and friends. We trust that their stay among us may not only prove a benefit to them physically but that

their reports of the work in the lands from which they have come, may result in deepening the interest in missions in many hearts.

Our Delegation to the General Conference

ON March 22 we bade farewell to Pastors Fulton and Anderson, who sailed on the *Aorangi* for San Francisco en route to the General Conference. These are the last of our delegates to leave Australia's shores. Pastor Anderson is accompanied by his wife. It is expected that Sisters Graham and Gregg, who are going as visitors to the conference, will join the boat at Wellington, where we understand that Brother S. H. Amyes will also join the party.

No doubt the coming General Conference will be the most important gathering of God's people that has ever been held. The work has made rapid growth during the last four years, hence there are larger interests to be represented. We are nearer the close of time and the closing of our work, and much depends upon the plans which shall be formulated by the coming session. Moreover, we have reached the days when the enemy of souls is working "with all power and signs and lying wonders," and seeking to oppose the message from without and within, and, too, we have reached the time of the promise of the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. Workers from all parts of the world-wide field are looking for a special out-pouring of God's blessing for the rapid completion of the work. As we think of these things we feel glad that Australia is to be so well represented. At the council last September three delegates only were appointed, but since then circumstances have arisen which have enabled us to be more strongly represented. Our delegation will now consist of seven; namely, Pastors Fulton, Piper, Anderson, Machlan, Brethren G. S. Fisher, L. D. A. Lemke and S. H. Amyes. Pastors Fulton and Piper alone go at the expense of the Union Conference proper. Pastor Anderson's expenses will be borne by the Signs Publishing Company and those of Brother Fisher by the Sanitarium Health Food Company. Pastor Machlan being already in America, our Union

will bear no expense on his behalf. Brother Amyes is travelling at his own expense, and Brother Lemke is travelling the greater part of the journey at the invitation and expense of a friend, so in the wonderful providence of God we are able to send a strong delegation without drawing to any great extent on the general funds of the Union Conference. This fact bears testimony to the strength of our institutional work. We have no doubt that the institutions which are represented will reap much benefit from the experience that will be gained by the delegates. Plans have been laid so that most of our delegates can visit the centres of our work in Europe, either going or coming, and thus have the opportunity of considering new methods and conditions.

We know that many are already praying for the success of the coming conference. We invite all to pray earnestly for this meeting and especially to pray that the delegates who shall represent this field, may receive much blessing and help, and may return to us with renewed courage and more of the power of God, so that the work in this field may keep pace with the rapid advancement of the work in other countries.

C. H. P.

The General Conference Bulletin

IN view of passing events which show us definitely that we are rapidly nearing the climax of this message when the Lord will come with power and glory, the coming session of the General Conference is one of the most important gatherings ever convened by this people.

The proceedings will therefore be of special interest to all believers in this message. In view of this, provision has been made to issue a daily bulletin, to enable us to secure promptly a complete report of these important meetings.

You can secure a complete set of the General Conference *Bulletin* by sending your order direct to your State Tract Society Secretary. If you order at once, your address will be sent to the General Conference office, and the *Bulletin* will be posted to you direct as it is issued. We have received no announcement of the price as yet from the General Conference, but it will probably be about 3s.