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

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Pray for Our Children

Father, our children keep!

We know not what is coming on the earth;
Beneath the shadow of Thy heavenly wing,
O, keep them, keep them, Thou who gav'st
them birth!

Father, draw nearer us!

Draw firmer round us Thy protecting arm;
Oh, clasp our children closer to Thy side,
Uninjured, in the day of earth's alarm!

Oh, keep them undefiled!

Unspotted from a tempting world of sin;
That, clothed in white, through the bright
city gates,

They may with us in triumph enter in.

—H. Bonar.

Save the Children—No. 3

THE most sacred spot on earth is the Christian home, where father, mother, and children gather around the altar of prayer to offer up praise to the Giver of all good. It is as a glimpse of heaven to the beholder. The influence of such a home on the world is incalculable. In such homes the children are trained to implicit obedience. There is no resistance to rightful parental authority. Parents in such a home do not rule by force, but by love.

"A well-ordered Christian household is a powerful argument in favour of the reality of the Christian religion—an argument that the infidel cannot gainsay. All can see that there is an influence at work in the family that affects the children and that the God of Abraham is with them."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 144.*

It is such a home as this from which men and women go forth to

stand as firm as a rock for right, when the multitudes are swayed by policy, with no incentive for action except self-interest. By wholesome discipline the children have learned self-control, and submission to authority, and the ability to stand alone with God if necessary. Boys and girls from such homes can say "No" to the enticements of Satan, because the whole trend of their home life has been to develop a sturdy, robust Christianity, which scorns to yield a hair's breadth when principle is involved.

In the majority of cases the whole tendency of home life is to make weaklings, policy men, persons with no backbone, mere jelly fish. "On the part of too many parents there is a blind and selfish sentimentalism, miscalled love, which is manifested in leaving children with their unformed judgment and undisciplined passions, to the control of their own will. This is the veriest cruelty to the youth, and a great wrong to the world. Parental indulgence causes disorder in families and in society. It confirms in the young the desire to follow inclination, instead of submitting to the divine requirements. Thus they grow up with a heart averse to doing God's will, and they transmit their irreligious, insubordinate spirit to their children, and children's children."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 142.*

In history we have some noble examples of the good results of scriptural home training. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was one

of God's great men in the eighteenth century. In a large work on the history of Methodism, almost the first words of the book are, in substance, the following, "When God sets out to make a great man, He first makes a great woman." The author of this book then proceeds to tell the virtues of Susannah Wesley, the mother of John. Though the mother of nineteen children, she educated and disciplined this large flock, teaching them lessons of virtue and holiness. No resistance to authority was tolerated in the family, and it is said that after a certain age crying was not allowed on the part of the children. The result was that all the members of this large family were examples of true Christian virtue, and some became famous. Of this godly woman the encyclopædia says, "She was a model *mater familias*, and her famous sons owed much to her wise and godly counsels. . . . She was the true *matriarch* (ruler by maternal right) of Methodism."

Martin Luther was another man whose life was moulded by the training of godly parents. The historian of the Reformation says of him: "As soon as he was old enough to receive instruction, his parents endeavoured to impart to him the knowledge of God, to train him in His fear, and to mould him to Christian virtues. They exerted all their care in this earliest domestic education. The father would often kneel at the child's bedside, and frequently pray aloud, begging the Lord that his son might remember His name, and one day

contribute to the propagation of the truth."

The parents not only sought to make their son a Christian, but saw also the necessity of training him to habits of obedience to parental authority. On this point we read in "Great Controversy," page 121, as follows: "With their firmness and strength of character, they sometimes exercised too much severity; but the reformer himself, though conscious that in some respects they had erred, found in their discipline more to approve than to condemn."

One of his oldest biographers says of this training, "What is to become great, should begin small: and if children are brought up too delicately, and with too much kindness from their youth, they will be injured for life."

The after life of this great reformer proved the wisdom of this early training. When God wanted a man to overturn the throne of antichrist, He did not select Erasmus, the most brilliant scholar of Reformation days, but chose one who had learned by hard discipline to be submissive to home authority, and who, in consequence, could stand up boldly before the emperor, Charles the Fifth, cardinals, bishops, the papal nuncio, dukes, electors, mighty princes, and great generals, and say to the despot who ruled Christendom, "Here I stand. I can do no other. May God help me. Amen." E. H. GATES.

"YOU are one of the whosoever may believe. But while you cherish unbelief, and permit feelings to govern you, your case will look hopeless to yourself. Forsake these unbelieving thoughts."

"A HOLY life is made up of small things,—little words, little deeds. No great heroic deeds or miracles are necessary to the true Christian life. The little sunbeam, not the lightning; the deep waters, that go softly, not the waters that rush in noisy torrents, are true symbols of a holy life. It is the avoidance of little follies, little sins, little indulgences of the flesh and lusts that war in our members, that perfects Christian character. The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy. We must avoid these things, or the life we live will not be a holy life."



The Singapore Training School

DEAR Friends of Australia,—

When Brother Everett, who has come from Australia to take charge of the book work of Malaysia, visited our school, he suggested that the people in his home country might be interested in the school and the work it is doing. Acting upon this suggestion, I am sending a description of the school, so that any who are interested may learn of the progress of the third angel's message in this field.

For some time the brethren had planned for a school in Malaysia, where young men and women could be taught the truth and methods of presenting it to the people, so in the beginning of 1915, the work was started. The enrolment on the opening day was thirty-six. Most of these were children of believers in Singapore. The next thing to do was to acquaint the mission stations with the fact that our school was in operation, and urge them to send in their promising young people for education. The enrolment in ten months has risen to seventy-eight and the end is not yet in sight.

The school does a twofold work. First, it trains workers; secondly, it gives a Christian education to the children of our church. We have three departments in the school, Malay, English, and Chinese. There are so many different languages in the field that to train workers to reach all the people is a difficult task, but with these three languages we can do a great deal.

We have a teacher who devotes his whole time training the young men and women who speak Malay. Bible doctrines, Bible history, language, composition, and methods of presenting the truth are taught. The students hear the teacher give a Bible reading, and they write an outline of it. Then each of them in turn stands before the class and holds the reading, just as though he were studying with inquirers. After the students get the idea, the teacher takes them out into the city one at a

time, and they have real experience. We require all advanced students to hold one Bible reading a week in the city. Thus the students do missionary work at the same time as they are learning, and when they enter the work they know just how to begin.

The work in the Chinese and English departments is carried on in the same lines. The students study the Bible carefully, learn the language well, and then get practical experience.

Nearly all the students go out in the afternoons and sell our literature. They have a chance of making a little money, and they are eager to do it. The teacher goes with them and helps them to sell. Our field agent will hold a colportage class shortly, and then we hope to see much more done in this line.

The lower grades of the English department are conducted like the grades in common schools. The Bible is taught in all classes, and the students attend chapel and take part in worship. Our school is recognized by the government, and we receive aid as the other schools here. Our grant this year will be about forty pounds. Nearly all the students in this department pay tuition, and we shall receive this year in tuition about ninety-five pounds.

Brother Lawrence Fox is one of the teachers in this department. Many of you are acquainted with him. All our teachers are doing splendidly. We could not expect a better corps of helpers.

All the young men and women who are in training are in the school home. There are twenty-six at present. We have a rather unique plan of operating the school home. As all of them are too poor to support themselves, we must care for them. We provide room and furniture. We advance them fifteen shillings a month, and they buy their own food and prepare it themselves. This is a good plan in several ways. There is no complaint about the quality of the food, or the manner of preparing it; the students learn the real value of money; and they also learn how to live economically. This amount is not large, but it is enough and a little over. The plan has worked beautifully.

It would surprise one to attend the daily worship. Some of the students understand Malay only, and others only Chinese. The method we adopt is to have the Scripture reading

in one language, and the prayer in the other, and the next night vice versa. At the Wednesday-night prayer meetings every one takes part with a will.

The school takes time every Wednesday for a missionary meeting. Students have all the offices. One is a leader, another secretary, etc. A collection is taken up, amounting to a shilling on the average. This is good, considering the scale of wages here. Bible readings, papers sold and given away, and other work are reported.

Once a week we devote a chapel period to memorizing the Scriptures. So far the pupils have learned the Ten Commandments, the twenty-third, twenty-fourth, and ninety-first Psalms, the Beatitudes, the charity chapter, the three angel's messages, and the names of the books of the Bible.

All the students take an interest in spiritual things. Five have been baptized, and fourteen more will be ready soon. We are holding a baptismal class to prepare them.

As you already know, the school is cosmopolitan. There are altogether nine different nationalities. These are European, Chinese, Japanese, Tamil, Cingalese, Javanese, Amboonese, Timorese, and Battak,—all shades, from the deepest black to white.

The Battak boys have a rather interesting story. We are forbidden entrance to Battak land. It is situated in the northern part of Sumatra, and is a possession of Holland. When the school was opened, word went to Battak land, and some of the young men who had heard of our message, determined to come to school. They sold their little plots of land, and walked several days before they could get to a boat on which they could come to Singapore. After the first had come, others followed, and now there are thirteen of them here. We feel that God is going to send His truth to this field, and if we cannot enter, these young men will warn their fellow-countrymen.

Our school is about the equivalent of an intermediate school. We prepare students for the Senior Cambridge examination, which calls for Algebra, Geometry, English History, etc. In Oriental countries are minds as keen as anywhere, and although most of the people have not had a school education, one who has not received a good education cannot

meet their questions. We do not believe in surface work. Workers, to be efficient, must be thoroughly trained.

We hope that these lines will give you an idea of the scope of our work, and, knowing that, you will have an interest in it. Pray that we may do the Lord's will, and that the warning message may soon be carried throughout this great field.

K. M. ADAMS.

Principal, Singapore Training School.

BROTHER S. A. WELLMAN writes from North India:

"Two new believers have come to us during the past month direct from Hinduism. Both are high caste men, and were led to make their decision for Christ through the labours of Brother Budha Singh, of Najibabad. The interest at this station grows each month, and with the blessing of God we believe that a strong centre of light will here spring up. One of the young men who has come to us is a well-educated man, and is now at Lucknow studying the message and preparing to do further work for the Master whom he has learned to love.

"A brother who recently came to us to study and to prepare for work, himself a direct convert from Hinduism this year, went back to fetch his wife, who had promised to come with him and become a Christian. They were but a short distance on the way when his relatives overtook them, and after giving him a beating took the girl and returned home. He has given up all for Christ and has returned to us determined to prepare to do the work of an evangelist. Let us remember him in our prayers."

EXTRACTS from letters written by Brother Eric Hare, dated October 30, 1915:

"When we landed in Colombo we realised that we were in a strange land, among strange people with strange customs. There are no Seventh-day Adventists in Ceylon, so Brother Knight had come to meet us; and how glad we were to see him!

"As no boat was sailing for Rangoon before October 31, we decided to take the train that night to Madras. We hired a cab in the

afternoon and rode around the town. How can I describe it? Some European buildings were grand and stately, but we were more interested in the native portion, which is indescribable. The shops reminded us of the play-shops we used to make when we were little children. They are mere sheds huddled together, and are about seven feet square. The proprietor sits or lies down surrounded by his various goods.

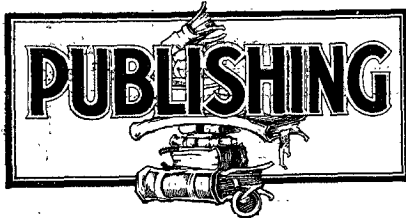
"When we arrived at Madras, Brother James met us and took us to his home. We were very glad of the counsel of Brother and Sister James. After spending a few days here we boarded the train for Calcutta; this was a very interesting journey. Brother Aspney met us here and took us to the sanitarium; they also have a small health food factory, and do a good business.

"We are now on board the steamer on our way to Rangoon, which place we expect to reach on October 31. As yet we do not know what awaits us in Burma, but will write later of our experiences there. Pray for us and the work in this field."

THE central school of our oldest South African mission station at Solusi, has reached the limit of its capacity for students, something over one hundred, and is now compelled to turn applicants away. A good work is being accomplished at this place, the influence of the mission extending for many miles around.

OUR first church on the island of Cebu, Philippines, was recently organised. Six or seven colporteurs will go out to work for the new book in the Panayan language, as a result of a colporteur's institute recently held at Iloilo. Brother Finster reports 188 persons baptized during the year 1915:

OUR Chinese paper is able to report the largest regular circulation of any religious periodical in China. The latest figures reported give the regular subscription list as 24,000, with 50,000 additional copies used by agents in house-to-house work. God is richly blessing the ministry of this journal, and through its influence many believers are springing up throughout China.



Monthly Summary of Australasian Colportage Work

North New Zealand

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
T. W. Hammond ...	2		£ 1 10 0
L. W. Jones ...	124	35	27 2 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
A. Cambie ...	72	51	50 12 6
J. Ivey ...	146	75	103 2 6
J. Pascoe ...	56	21	21 7 6
C. Reynolds ...	1	1	0 0
A. Sperring ...	56	31	28 7 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
N. Atkinson ...	116	64	47 12 6
T. W. Hammond ...	60	40	33 1 6
D. Jackson ...	76	25	16 9 6
C. J. Reynolds ...	56	54	46 3 0
W. D. Smith ...	23	20	13 12 6
Helps sold by Agents ...			1 4 6
	785	419	£391 5 6

South New Zealand

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Great Controversy</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. Smith ...	86	49	£38 3 0
<i>Prophetic Waymarks</i> —			
Miss F. Knowles ...	47	13	10 6 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
F. Byford ...	76	45	45 7 6
D. Cooper ...	45	23	22 12 6
L. Fraser ...	101	25	26 17 6
A. Smith ...	69	45	43 17 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
R. Barber ...	78	15	12 0 0
I. Barber ...	71	12	9 2 6
D. Barlass ...	125	28	21 10 0
F. Byford ...	21	6	4 7 6
J. Shin ...	82	58	40 17 6
I. Sutton ...	57	12	8 12 6
C. Sutton ...	57	10	5 10 0
Helps sold by Agents ...			20 0 6
	915	341	£309 4 6

South Australia

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Coming King</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss R. Harris ...	92	43	£13 12 6
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
S. L. Patching ...	163	94	77 10 0
R. C. Wilson ...	24	9	6 15 0
<i>Bible Readings</i> —			
E. Penniment ...	90	20	15 15 6
Mrs. E. Penniment ...	37	12	8 0 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
C. Griffin ...	82	37	38 15 0
P. S. Roy ...	159	42	29 15 6
E. R. Whitehead ...	76	22	19 1 0
Helps sold by Agents ...			8 12 4
	723	279	£227 17 4

New South Wales

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. L. Hadfield ...	190	36	£ 20 12 6
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
A. M. Potter ...	145	49	37 0 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
J. M. Bristow ...	99	3	2 1 0
C. G. Buik ...	35	10	7 18 0
S. C. Butler ...	211	54	41 2 6
B. Cormack ...	30	9	6 14 6
G. Crammond ...	90	42	31 0 6
J. J. Crammond ...	183	68	53 1 6
J. W. Davis ...	147	96	69 19 6
L. W. Gericke ...	83	12	7 17 0
V. Hooper (Del.) ...	103	24	18 19 0
N. Jeffes ...	95	43	32 13 6
F. Masters ...	156	80	43 0 0
G. Masters ...	204	102	89 17 6
C. A. Maunder (Del.) ...	200	82	66 1 6
S. R. Maunder ...	64	22	17 16 0
O. W. E. Maxwell ...	190	58	45 11 6
G. Mitchell ...	25	11	8 14 6
J. W. Roberts (Del.) ...	42	11	7 19 0
W. G. Thrift ...	39	13	9 4 6
G. Totenhofer ...	153	104	81 6 6
Helps sold by Agents ...			30 11 6
	2484	909	£729 2 0

Queensland

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Tinworth ...	55	10	£ 8 2 6
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i> —			
A. T. Start ...	157	52	39 4 6
<i>Daniel and the Revelation (Swedish)</i>			
Mrs. Newley ...	1		10 0
<i>House We Live in</i> —			
Mrs. Newley ...	1		4 6
<i>Coming King (German)</i> —			
G. H. Bartlett ...	1		12 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
G. H. Bartlett ...	153	40	29 10 0
G. Havilah ...	9	2	1 5 0
W. Keitley ...	40	5	4 2 6
Mrs. K. M. Newley ...	121	16	10 6 0
J. W. Roper ...	151	25	17 0 0
E. C. Watts ...	118	14	9 0 0
Helps sold by Agents ...			16 8 9
	804	167	£136 6 3

Western Australia

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Christ Our Saviour</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
D. Deering ...	4		£ 1 3 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
D. Deering ...	21	6	3 19 6
<i>Bible Readings</i> —			
D. F. Ferguson ...	55	8	6 1 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
A. W. Powell ...	115	37	33 4 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
A. P. House ...	2	2	1 15 0
<i>Coming King</i> —			
J. Borgas ...	106	19	9 7 6
F. Goodies ...	108	44	15 11 0
<i>Life and Health</i> —			
Miss Deering ...	36	37	5 0 6
Miss Mortimer ...	104	23	3 0 6
Mrs. Sasse ...	113	26	4 12 0
Helps sold by Agents ...			11 11 9
	660	206	£98 6 3

Tasmania

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
T. J. Clarke ...	80	45	£46 17 6
F. W. Vicary ...	39	13	11 17 6
State Agent ...	20	20	20 7 6
Helps sold by Agents ...			2 16 0
	139	78	£81 18 6

Victoria

NOVEMBER, 1915

<i>Christ's Object Lessons</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
G. Blackburne ...	109	12	£ 6 16 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
Miss C. E. Hodgetts ...	139	71	57 4 0
<i>Prophetic Waymarks</i> —			
L. G. Sedley ...	117	17	10 16 0
H. G. Stock ...	3		2 13 0
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
C. S. Palmer ...	38	7	4 5 0
G. F. Petterson ...	24	12	6 12 6
N. Burns ...	10		5 10 0
<i>Coming King</i> —			
B. A. Heise ...	92	42	15 17 0
E. F. Hopgood ...	105	40	12 19 0
R. J. McMahon ...	2	1	5 6
W. A. McMahon ...	77	38	12 18 0
T. W. Philips ...	41	7	2 5 6
State Agent ...	8	3	3 19 6
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
H. J. Chester ...	136	42	40 5 0
D. Huston ...	155	39	39 7 6
W. J. Joseph ...	119	6	6 15 0
P. Lloyd ...	115	65	65 0 0
N. T. McMahon ...	134	68	59 5 0
Miss Pascoe ...	30	13	8 2 6
J. L. Smith ...	153	51	35 5 0
H. Swain ...	44	29	25 0 0
M. Wilson ...	53	28	18 5 0
Helps sold by Agents ...			16 8 0
	1691	604	£455 14 0

Totals for November, 1915

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
New South Wales ...	2484	909	£729 2 0
Victoria ...	1691	604	455 14 0
Queensland ...	804	167	136 6 3
South Australia ...	723	279	227 17 4
Western Australia ...	660	206	98 6 3
Tasmania ...	139	78	81 18 6
North New Zealand ...	785	419	391 5 6
South New Zealand ...	915	341	309 4 6
	8201	3003	£2429 14 4

The November Book Work

OUR book work summary for November is one of the best we have ever had. Not only is the amount of sales very large, but it is encouraging to notice in this summary many evidences of faithful work done by our colporteurs. Almost seventy per cent of the books sold were on religious subjects, and a little over thirty per cent were health books.

The following are the particulars of the sales, given in order according to the number sold:

"Great Controversy" ...	950
"Practical Guide to Health" ...	900
"Heralds of the Morning" ...	649
"Coming King" ...	244
"Patriarchs and Prophets" ...	52
"Bible Readings" ...	40
"Daniel and the Revelation" ...	38
"Prophetic Waymarks" ...	33
"Christ's Object Lessons" ...	12
"Christ Our Saviour" ...	4
"House We Live In" ...	1
Total ...	2923

Almost three thousand of our good subscription books placed in the homes of the people as a result of one month's work! Who can measure their influence for good? The persevering and self-denying labour on the part of the ninety-one agents engaged in the work is recorded in heaven.

During 1913 our monthly book summary averaged £1,842 7s. 5¹/₂d. In 1914 the average fell to £1,722 2s. 2d. This decline was due to the small sales during August, September, October, and November, the first months of the great war. For these months the sales reported in 1914 were £2,838 18s. 2d. less than the same months in 1913. Since then our work has recovered, and has manifested the same tendency to expand and grow as it has always shown in the past. This is remarkable, considering the trying conditions brought about by the war. During 1915 the monthly summary has exceeded £2,000 for six months out of the eleven thus far reported. The highest was in March, when it reached £2,468 12s. 3d. The average for eleven months of 1915 was £1,997 11s. 5d. per month.

While conditions are trying, God is giving our colporteurs special help in that people are so impressed by the things which are coming on the earth that many are willing and anxious to have light from the Bible on the subject.

W. W. FLETCHER.

THE conditions of conquest are always easy. We have but to toil a while, endure a while, believe always, and never turn back.—*Simms*.

"THERE are a few noble natures whose very presence radiates sunshine wherever they go; a sunshine which means pity for the poor, sympathy for the suffering, help for the unfortunate, and benignity toward all."



The Border Land

On the border land we're standing
Of the kingdom sought so long,
Soon the pilgrims will be landing,
And will sing the glad, new song.
Oh, my soul, then faithful stand!
We are on the border land.

What though dark the shades around us,
Though the conflict fiercer be,
Nought of evil can confound us,
We are numbered with the free.
Let us strong in Jesus stand;
We have reached the border land.

Kingly crowns on high await us
In the golden city fair;
Forward then, though foes may hate us,
Soon we'll reign in triumph there.
Courage now, and fearless stand,
For the kingdom is at hand.

With our mighty Captain leading
Never shall we sound retreat;
Often wounded, oft-times bleeding,
Still we hear His voice so sweet.
Oh, then heed each blest command,
Now we're on the border land.

W. R. C.

Reunion Joys

THE dawn of December 27 was anything but promising for the eager expectations of the Sydney young people, for this was to be the day of the annual reunion, and dark clouds hung low, occasionally dropping their burden in heavy showers. Nothing daunted, however, a large number sallied forth, and courage was rewarded, for from the time of landing the clouds proved but a blessing in disguise, shielding us from the mid-summer sun.

By boat and tram the young people and their friends arrived at Cabarita, and the grounds soon presented an animated appearance. The rotunda was the rallying point, and after several spirited hymns had been joined in by all, Pastor Fletcher sketched the plans for the day.

Till the noon hour the leaders appointed for the games had a busy time, and play was indulged in so heartily that the dinner hour was a welcome rest. Among the kind services rendered during the day, not the least appreciated were those of the Auburn Society, whose members made and distributed very acceptable drinks. Through the kindness of

some of our fruit-growing brethren, we were also provided with the season's fruits, as we gathered in family or friendly groups on the sloping river banks. The spot was ideal, and glancing over the groups one thought of Sabbath-school lessons recently studied, though we were not seated by "fifties." We looked to the One who blessed the people by the Sea of Galilee to bless us also.

Immediately after dinner came a short bright programme, at which most of the five hundred on the grounds were present. Pastor Fletcher, whose interests are so strongly with the young people, was the speaker, his subject being "Victory or Defeat for 1916?" He pointed out how victory may be assured to every soldier fighting the good fight of faith. The morning watch, which prepares us for the day's battle, and the books of the Reading Course, which fill our minds with a goodly store, were suggested as two sources of strength. The goal of our young people for 1916 in the matter of Reading Course certificates was presented, and then and there forty names of those who would join in the reading plan were secured.

Most appropriate and stirring were the hymns sung by the congregation or chorus. "The Fight Is On," "Conquering Now and Still to Conquer," "Forth to the Rescue,"—all were attuned to the note of victory struck by the speaker.

Pastor Brittain then made an appeal on behalf of one line of activity carried on by Sydney societies,—the Woolloomooloo Sunday School. Here the waifs are gathered each week, and taught that the name of Jesus is not merely a word for an oath, but a name to be loved and revered; and the work is progressing. The promoters are desirous that these children, whose good times are so rare, should be given a day such as we were enjoying, and the speaker called on all to help. In response, £3 14s. was quickly gathered, besides the promise of a box of cakes. Several also promised to endeavour to interest their grocers in the scheme and secure from them gifts. There is still an opportunity for any who wish to help in this good cause.

Games were then resumed and continued till the tea hour. The Parramatta steamer left first, then the Sydney steamer gathered up her

burden, and the grounds returned to their customary quiet.

Some maintain that their homeward journey was the best part of the day, so enthusiastic was the singing from embarking to landing point. The usually silent shores echoed and re-echoed with the songs of Zion, as "children of the heavenly King spoke their joys abroad." "God Be with You till We Meet Again" and the National Anthem were sung as the wharf was neared, and then came good-bys and mutual good wishes for the coming year.

We close with a verse from the anniversary choral:

From this festal service
To our work anew,
With a quickened purpose,
Hearts both strong and true,
Father, lead Thy forces
One united band,
Ever on to conquest,
'Neath their King's command.
RHAE ALLBON.

The Message Onward in Gippsland

ABOUT ten months ago Pastor Lukens visited Lakes Entrance and conducted a baptismal service, when thirteen candidates were buried with their Lord in the watery grave and rose to walk in newness of life. The operation of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of others in this and the surrounding districts made it necessary that another such ceremony be performed. Pastor Lukens was again invited to make the trip, Sister Lukens this time taking advantage of the opportunity to accompany her husband and conduct a Sabbath-school convention.

On arriving in Bairnsdale, Tuesday, December 14, they were met at the station by the writer, and at the kind invitation of a sister, who has just begun to walk in the light of God's truth, were taken to her hospitable home. A meeting was held in this home the same evening. Next day a thirteen-mile drive brought us to the home of a brother and sister in Christ living at Johnsonville. A meeting was also held in this home. Thursday morning a drive of five miles brought us to the home of a new Sabbath-keeper and his wife at Metung, where we partook of dinner, after which a pleasant hour was spent in the study of God's Word.

After a drive of one and a half miles along the shore of Lake King we arrived at the home of another new Sabbath-keeper, who, with his wife, is rejoicing in the light of the third angel's message.

A short run across the Metung lake in a motor boat brought us to another Sabbath-keeping home, which was to be our destination for the night. A meeting was held in this home also. On the morrow (Friday) we rowed across the lake, and after a twelve-mile drive through typical Australian bush country and along a bush road most of the journey, we reached the home of the writer at Kalimna. Sabbath evening we drove to Lakes Entrance, one and a half miles distant, and held the fifth meeting of the trip, which was a solemn and inspiring service. Sabbath morning, at 10.30, Sabbath-school was held at Kalimna, followed by church service. In the afternoon a Sabbath-school convention was held. This was a profitable and enjoyable meeting, with an attendance of fifty-four.

Sunday morning twenty-one members of our church and Sabbath-school travelled by motor boat to Metung, where the baptismal service was to take place. About thirty adults joined in a short and impressive service, and then ten persons were buried with their Lord in baptism. Among the number baptized were three brothers and their wives, two of whom are sisters, also a mother and her son. The baptized members were then received into the church, and tears of joy flowed while the right hand of fellowship was extended to each.

A meeting in the Kalimna Hall at night closed a day that will long live in the memory of every one who was privileged to have a part. Truly our hearts go out in thankfulness and praise to our Heavenly Father for what His love has done in this district. Pastor and Mrs. Lukens boarded the boat at Lakes Entrance, Monday morning, on their return trip to Melbourne, having spent a busy and profitable week. There are still others awaiting baptism, and our prayer is that we all may be baptized with God's Holy Spirit, so that many more souls may be won for Christ in this district.

We plead an interest in the prayers of all who read this report.

J. SCOTT STEWART.

Experiences in Mackay District, Queensland

At the close of the cane-crushing season in this district, Brother Start suggested that we visit the interested persons and hold Bible studies with them. I gladly accepted the invitation to take part in this work, so early one Monday morning we started out together on our chosen mission.

We prayed for guidance, knowing that the success of our mission depended entirely upon our connection with our divine Leader. We were of good courage, and reached our destination, a distance of about twenty-five miles, at noon. We procured a horse and sulky and drove out to see a farmer who for some time had been desirous of meeting some of our people.

We decided to introduce ourselves by selling him some of our periodicals. He bought the book, "Armageddon." This led up to the topic of the great European war. We spoke to him of the fall of Turkey as being imminent, and in this he agreed with us. We next mentioned that we were Seventh-day Adventists, and kept the seventh day as the Sabbath. We asked him if he thought it important to keep this day, but he said that he had not given the matter any serious thought. We then tried to explain its importance. He listened attentively to all we had to say, and seemed convicted. He asked that we leave him our address, and he also bought literature to the value of half a crown.

We next called at the home of Mrs. — and studied with her on the all-important truths for this time. She seemed deeply interested, and before we left she candidly stated that our visit was not in vain. Some of our sisters have planned to call on her.

Tuesday morning was spent at the home of an isolated Sabbath-keeper, who, after we had had a season of prayer together, was much encouraged.

We reached the home of Mr. — in the evening, and were invited to tea, also to stay over night. After tea he suggested that we have a chapter from the good old Book. Brother Start had previously talked with him on the message, and now he was seeking further light. A Presbyterian minister has written a book on the second coming of Christ, and this book is circulated in the

district. Mr. --- bought one of these books intending to send it to his mother, but after comparing it with the Bible he decided not to do so. We studied with him on the prophecies of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, also on the Sabbath question. We called his attention to the fact that the day had been changed by the Papacy, which he said he could not deny. We talked until one o'clock before retiring.

In the morning at his request we wrote out some of the statements we had made in our study so that he could use them, not only for his own benefit, but also for the benefit of others.

This ended our little missionary tour. By the wide-spread interest created by Brother Start's colportage work, we are convinced that the colporteur has an important part in this fast-closing message.

W. PETERSON.

"But Thou Remainest"

THE days, months, and years are quickly passing into eternity, and now another year has gone, bringing us nearer to that awful and solemn time when not only the seasons will pass, but also the heavens and this old earth.

As we review the past year's work for Christ we shudder when we think of the opportunities forever gone, the moments wasted, and the little indulgences not forsaken. It seems so little headway has been made in our spiritual advancement.

As we enter into the new year with its unseen and untried experiences, we can go forward with the assurance that "Thou remainest" faithful to the end. Although no human eye sees the struggles, they are watched with the sympathy of all heaven. We hear that voice, "Come!" we know it is ahead, and to have that divine fellowship with God we press forward.

Under much prejudice we are thankful to be able to say the work in Invercargill is progressing slowly but surely. The interest is good, and homes are opening up for studies.

Cooking demonstrations have been held with marked success. They were well attended by the ladies, and were very much appreciated. There is a keen interest shown on the part

of those present to understand how to prepare our foods; and our health foods are being called for by all classes.

The medical work is also bringing us into touch with the people. Treatments have been given with good results. One lady, who had been almost helpless, was given treatment. In the course of a fortnight, she has made wonderful progress. Others are being treated with equally good results. The Lord is working for us.

The labours of Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Thompson have been welcomed by many.

J. THOMPSON.

City Mission Work, Melbourne, Victoria

IMMEDIATELY after the Caulfield camp we pitched our tent on the same plot of ground which we occupied before camp. Our staff of workers was composed of Mrs. Morgan and Miss Anderson, as Bible-workers, and Brother Smith and the writer, Brother Guilliard having joined the Collingwood mission. After two months we stored our tents and began Sunday-night meetings in the hall next to the station in Caulfield. The Lord blessed us with large congregations for several Sunday nights. Brother Smith was called away to labour in Ballarat, and a little later Miss Anderson disconnected with the mission. This left only one Bible-worker and the writer to continue the work until next tent season. In company with Brethren Guilliard and Ward and Sister Morgan, we pitched the tent in East Malvern on the Malvern Road, and have now finished a seven weeks' mission at the time of writing, December 26. In all, three efforts have been made in the city of Malvern from November, 1914, to December, 1915, a little over a year.

The Lord has blessed the humble efforts put forth, and nearly forty persons have responded to the call. Many others are very much interested, and we confidently believe that several more will accept the message in the near future.

Malvern is a conservative suburb, being composed mostly of residential homes of the middle and better classes. Many of those who have accepted the message have already been baptized in the churches from which they

came. Some have planned for re-baptism, and at the coming camp several will be baptized. In a recent baptismal service held in North Fitzroy five from Malvern were baptized.

One marked feature of this mission has been the absence of excitement or hasty decisions. It has required just as long a time of labour to see results as in the time of the most profound peace. Some military officers of high rank have attended the discourses on the Eastern Question, and it has been the writer's privilege to have long conversations with some of them on the final battle of Armageddon. One major said the other day that he remembered all he heard at the Wattle Tree Road mission regarding Turkey, and that he was pondering over it with great interest.

We are of good courage, and hope after camp to resume our work. To God we give all the glory for what has been done during the past year. Brethren, pray for us.

N. J. WALDORF.

He Hath Need of Thee

Because the Master is not here.

With His own hand to-day
To feed the hungry multitudes

Who throng life's busy way,
He gives the task to you and me;

He bids us hear their cry;
He says that if we turn from them,
We also pass Him by.

Our eyes are blind, we only see

An outcast at our door;

Yet said He not Himself that they
Who feed and clothe the poor

Give unto Him?—Then day by day

For such a royal Guest

Shall we not bring with willing hands
Our choicest and our best?

—Selected.

Obituary

MOON.—At the Sydney Sanitarium, on Sabbath, December 11, little Mollie Moon, infant daughter of Brother and Sister Moon of Corrimal, New South Wales, fell asleep, aged seven months. We laid her to rest in the Gore Hill Cemetery, there to await the coming of the Lord, when His angels shall gather the little ones and carry them to their mother's arms. The family sorrow not as those who have no hope, for they know that if they are faithful they will meet to part no more in the earth made new.

E. M.

"THE followers of Christ have one leading object in view, one great work, the salvation of their fellow-men."

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AMONG those who patronized the Sydney Sanitarium during the Christmas season were Mr. Holman, premier of New South Wales, and wife.

MRS. ULRICH, matron of the Sydney Café, will take charge of cooking arrangements at the Victorian camp-meeting this year. Sister Ulrich left on December 24 to visit friends in Tasmania.

NURSE E. HEISE, who was trained in the Sydney Sanitarium, and who is connecting with the sanitarium at Christchurch, New Zealand, left for that land by the *Moeraki*, on December 30.

PASTORS Cole and Pascoe, from New Zealand, and Pastor Butz and Brother John Mills, from Queensland, passed through Sydney on their way to Warburton to attend the Union Conference council.

THE Sanitarium Health Food Company in Sydney has vacated the bulk food store owing to the sale of that building. A good place has been secured, however, at 191 Clarence Street, near King Street.

WE would again remind our readers that one number of the RECORD will be dropped during the Union Conference council. This has already been referred to in the paper dated December 27. The next issue of the RECORD will be dated January 24.

MORE than eighty-three per cent of the believers in some provinces in China where our workers are operating come from raw heathenism.

Many remarkable deliverances from the power of sin are reported by our gospel workers.

DURING the month of September the total number of copies of the Testimonies sold at one of our publishing houses in the United States amounted to 2,704. A single order called for 1,125 copies in leather binding. This is encouraging when compared with 700 copies in leather binding for the entire year of 1914.

PASTOR FULTON and Pastor Snow, wife, and daughter, arrived in Sydney on Tuesday, December 28, by the *Sierra*. Pastor Fulton proceeded by rail to Warburton to attend the Union Conference council. Pastor Snow and family spent a few days at Avondale before leaving for Warburton, where Pastor Snow will engage in editorial work.

THE Citizens' War Fund Committee is forwarding fifty-six cases of granola in sealed tins to Cairo, Egypt, for the use of the soldiers. The people throughout Australasia are beginning to appreciate this food, and to meet the growing demand the Sanitarium Health Food Company manufactured over twenty tons more during the year 1915 than during the previous year.

THE following letter, written on December 16 to the Signs Publishing Company, testifies to the good work that is being done by the *Signs*:

I would be pleased if you would kindly forward me the *Signs* for a further period of six months. I may say that I have received much light and also derived much spiritual blessing from the reading of its pages during the last half year. The question column has been specially interesting to me, many things being made quite clear that were formerly not too plainly understood by me. I have become quite convinced of the Sabbath question, and intend making all plans for the new year bend toward keeping the Sabbath of the Lord in accordance with the fourth commandment, and thereby endeavour to serve the Lord more faithfully in the future than I have done in the past.

The writer of this letter lives in Bankstown, New South Wales, and will be visited by one of our ministers.

Island of Mauke, Cook Islands

IN conversation with one of our new Sabbath-keepers here on Mauke a few days ago, he told me of an uncle of his who is blind, requesting me that I go to see the old man.

It seems that he had had some conversation with his uncle regarding the truth, and finding him somewhat interested, he requested that I visit him. I was a little surprised, not knowing previously that there was a blind man on the island. It proved, however, that this man was living some distance from the village, in the bush, called by the Mauke people, the wilderness. This accounts for my not having met him before.

Sunday afternoon we started out with a guide in search of our blind friend, whom we found after considerable wandering here and there over narrow foot-paths, our way being made unnecessarily long by the fact that our guide was not very well acquainted with the way.

Upon arrival within sight of the house, our guide ran in advance and called to the inmates, giving the alarm that the *papaa*, or foreigner, was approaching.

After entering I told the old man how I had learned of him, and out of sympathy for him in his blindness I had come to see him. Very soon he asked my opinion regarding the Sabbath, especially inquiring regarding the change to the first day of the week. This gave an opportunity for an interesting Bible study, in which I read to him quotations from a Sabbath tract which I had in my pocket. The old man drank in the truth eagerly. His son, seeing the interest expressed by his old father, said, "Father, you had better follow the missionary home and be baptized by him."

Before our Bible study had hardly begun, the blind man's wife had sent to the garden and picked three pineapples for us, which, because they were not ripe, she requested us to take home and lay up to ripen. Several neighbours had by this time learned of our arrival, and had crowded in to hear. The old blind man told what he had heard through others of our meetings, and expressed his wish to attend were he able to go so far. We closed our study with prayer, and left to visit others. We shall follow up this interest, praying that God will give us many of these souls for His kingdom. G. L. STERLING.

"OPEN rebuke is better than secret love."