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

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## The Alabaster Box

Hast thou an alabaster box  
Of ointment sweet and rare,  
That thou hast treasured to thy heart  
With tender, zealous care?

And wilt thou come some future day,  
When he thou lovest best  
Has fallen 'neath life's heavy load,  
And laid him down to rest?

And wilt thou bring that precious box  
And shed its rich perfume  
With sighs and tears of sad regret  
Within that death-hushed room?

Ah! no; like Mary bring it now,  
And break the seal apart,  
And shed its fragrance all around  
To cheer the fainting heart.

EDNA ROGERS.

## Government in the Church— Is It the Plan of God? If Not, Why Not?—No. 4

WRITING about the church of long ago, under the name of "Zion," the Psalmist declared, "All my springs are in Thee." Ps. 87:7. The Hebrew word, *mazan*, here translated "spring," signifies "fountain," "spring," "well." David had learned by experience that the things of the world could not satisfy. From them all he turned to the sanctuary to find there the springs that alone could refresh the soul. Hence we find him exclaiming, "A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Ps. 84:10. Here the humblest position, sitting at the door, is preferred to the ease and luxury found in the abodes of sin.

If human thought could always thus decide, if the humblest place in the service of God could be chosen in preference to the positions of sin and ease in a wicked world, how different would be the position of the church, and how different would be the experience of those who profess membership in the church of God.

Thus far we have found church organization illustrated by the "body" with its joints and bands, the "house" with its varied but adapted parts, and the "flock" with all its many component factors moving in obedience to the shepherd's voice. One other illustration is yet to be gathered from the history of "the church in the wilderness."

When leaving Egypt, Moses assumed all the responsibility of that great congregation. Its three millions of people, often rebellious and disobedient, required careful attention. Their wants were many, and their frequent disagreements required careful adjustment. Moses undertook the judicial work alone, but it was not good.

Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, noticed the inequality of the burden and suggested that rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens, be appointed to assist in the government of that wilderness church. Ex. 18:13-25. The suggestion was adopted and regarded by Moses as a divine direction. Deut. 1:9-18. Henceforth the congregation was governed in that way. Men "hating covetousness" were chosen, and the organi-

zation of the congregation was perfected in this way.

This is still God's plan, and the General Conference represents the ruler of "thousands," the Union Conference the ruler of "hundreds," the local conference of "fifties," and the local church the ruler of "tens."

If the "church in the wilderness" needed government,—and it did—the church will still require government. There is all the world of difference between a disorganized multitude and an army where discipline has been employed. There is also all the world of difference between a multitude of irresponsible men and women and that same company organized for service. Hence there is government in the church, and man admonished by his brother, before witnesses, and then before the church, will find the decision of that church—if standing in the light of heaven—the decision of heaven itself. Matt. 18:20.

Government in the church is still God's plan. But, like every part of God's government, it must be built upon love. This, however, makes it none the less real, for love is the great principle that is behind every operation of the divine will.

"Lawlessness" is to be one of the great characteristic features of the last days. It will be seen both inside and outside all the affairs of human life, but woe to that man by whom it is brought into the church of God. The divine will is, that in that sacred circle all things shall be done "decently and in order."

Reader, if you have not thought over this question, think now, and endeavour to measure the responsibility that God has linked with all His holy work! The divine anathema surely rests upon the man who will attempt to do the work of the Most High "negligently." But if done according to His plan all will be in order and all will be well.

R. HARE.



### Tidings from the Orient

OUR first band of book colporteurs in China are sending in their first reports and we are rejoiced. This is a new venture, and we wondered how our Chinese brethren would take hold of the new proposition, and we also wondered how they would be received by the Chinese public, taking their orders for books and asking for deposits. But it is all working out well, and we feel sure that this is the beginning of a great work.

The first young men to send in a report were two who went to the neighbouring province. They took thirty-seven orders the first day, and their orders were from the leading people, such as the magistrates, and one order was from the governor. Two other young men went to Shantung, a northern province. They took 100 orders the first week. Another young man who had more experience was sent to a difficult city to canvass, and secured twenty orders for a day's work. It is early yet to judge, but we are confident that the Lord is pointing the way to a great self-supporting work here in China.

Some who are now enthusiastic over this line of work thought, less than a year ago, that what we now see would be impossible. "If books sold at all," said they, "they could be sold only in the cheapest styles." To show how the Lord is surprising us, we have received an order for a hundred books, over ninety of them in the best binding, and only one or two in the cheapest, or paper covers,

Away up in Manchuria our canvassing work is getting a substantial start just now. We have sent two good native colporteurs from the south, and Brother Blunden is there holding an institute and getting some local men to start. Brother Petersen and our other workers have been very desirous of getting this important branch firmly established. The men who have started there sent in 208 yearly subscriptions for the Chinese *Signs of the Times* after a few days' work. So we are encouraged again.

Brother Li Ting Sui, one of our colporteurs who has been a few months in Shantung, passed through Shanghai recently, and told us the thrilling experiences he had passed through during the recent revolution. He was canvassing at the time of his arrest. He had done very well in his work. Trouble broke out between the government army and the revolutionists in that province, and Brother Li was suspected, with thirty others, and held as a spy. Every other man with him was at once, or very quickly shot. He declared his innocence and pointed to his canvassing work as an evidence that he was not an enemy to the government. But again and again he was led out to be shot. God, however, as many times interposed. The rifle was levelled at him and lowered again. He was asked if he could prove who he was. "Yes," he said, "take me to the chief magistrate and you will find I took his order for the *Signs of the Times*. Here are my credentials." At last he was taken to the magistrate, and while there was a little delay through this man, he was at last released. He had been in prison about three weeks.

Brother B. L. Anderson of South China writes us very encouragingly of the progress of the work in the great city of Foochow. Just as he wrote sixty-nine persons had been baptized there, making now a church membership in that city of 282. He also tells of giving the brethren there some talks on the progress of the message and that one Chinese brother responded by saying that he felt he must give £200 to the cause. We are encouraged to see how the truth is taking hold of the hearts of the Chinese in the different provinces of China. Pray for the work in this great Eastern field.

J. E. FULTON.

WE quote the following from letters received from Brother A. Allum, dated June 23, 1916:

"Since last writing to you I have made a visit to Hochow. It took me three days to go up there, and I stayed nine days. On the way up we passed the place where a large boat had been robbed only the day before. I was to have started a day earlier, but was delayed. Thus I was saved from meeting these robbers who were four hundred strong. They robbed the boat in daylight. While in Hochow the gates of the city were locked for three days on account of robbers being in the district. However, while I was there everything remained quiet, although the people were very much excited. Every night they had men stationed on the walls of the city to guard against robbers. It was rather hard to get the people into meeting as they were excited, but we had good meetings twice a day and three times on Sabbath. We hope to see some remain faithful. A few are really keeping the Sabbath and we hope to see a company developed there. I visited the mandarin of the city and presented him with a Bible and some of our tracts, while on this visit.

"Two of our colporteurs had taken 187 subscriptions in three weeks. As this was done in a district that was much troubled by robbers and the people were very much excited, I think it shows that the Lord greatly helped them in their work. They were faithful in paying their tithe and also returned fifty per cent of their sales to the mission. Ours is the only mission in China that works on the self-supporting basis in the literature work. Most of the other societies pay a salary to their colporteurs and their sales are very small. I am safe in saying that our men sell more literature in one month than the agents of other missions do in a year. This shows the wonderful power there is in the message. No less than three mandarins have subscribed to our paper lately. Thus the truth is going to those in authority.

"Since coming back we have rented a chapel in Kiangpei. This city is right opposite to Chungking, but is across the river. It is anti-foreign, but we hope to have some results there. For a long time we have tried to rent a chapel, but were unsuccessful until just lately.

The other day I distributed 200 tracts there. On the opening day there were so many people present to hear us preach that the hall would not hold them all.

"Szechwan is in a bad way just now, even worse than before. All passports have been cancelled and no foreigners are allowed to travel. If they do so it is at their own risk. Just the other day a missionary of the Methodist mission was captured by the robbers and they are now holding him for a large ransom.

"Our faithful colporteurs went to the town of AnYoh, and, while there, fighting took place between the soldiers and the robbers. They left their goods and some money in an inn, locked the door, and fled to the Methodist chapel for protection. When the fighting was over they went back to get their things, but the room had been broken into either by robbers or soldiers, and all their goods and money were gone. Like brave men they set to work taking subscriptions, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed them. On they go in spite of robbers, war, etc. It is wonderful that at a time like this they can sell anything at all."

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THERE are seven thousand Seventh-day Adventists in Russia.

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THE membership in the British Union Conference at the close of the first quarter of 1916 was 2,825. The tithe for this quarter exceeded the tithe for the first quarter of 1915 by £436.

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REFERRING to a wealthy lady in Chicago, who accepted the truth through a tract handed to her in the street, a letter from the Periodical Department of the *Review* office says, "She ordered six thousand copies of the *Review Extra* to be sent to her weekly for the full twenty-four numbers; and employed clerks to wrap and send them out with letters. Last week she duplicated her order, beginning with the first numbers again, so she is now having twelve thousand copies sent to her weekly." This shows how our literature is valued by one who has but recently become acquainted with it.



### Aitutaki, Cook Islands

"THOU hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." We are glad to stand under the banner of the Lord, and to help to display it in this dark land. We are doing what we can to break down prejudice and to enter the homes of the people to carry to those who will listen the words of present truth. As we go about from home to home, giving a helping word here, or some assistance to some sick folk there, we have opportunity to make known God's truth. We are praying that the seed we are sowing will, ere long, bear fruit to the glory of the Lord.

We have had very little communication with the outside world this year, owing, to some extent, to war conditions and also to the fact that the island steamer broke down some months ago and has not yet made her first trip this year. We have only sent one mail away since January, with but twenty minutes' notice to prepare.

The season has, however, been very good. One gale did some damage to the banana crop, but nothing serious; then there has not been the usual epidemic of sickness this year, although we have had some busy weeks attending to the sick folk, and our help has usually been appreciated.

We were glad to receive our mail the other day, the first for over five months. It encouraged our hearts to read of the progress of the message in all parts of the field, and we realize more than ever the "quick work" that will be done as we draw nearer to the end. It will not be by might nor by power, but by the Spirit only.

Our brethren here are all of good courage, and are planning to put forth more earnest effort to make known to their neighbours this truth that we hold so dear. The same week that we received our second mail we told at our prayer meeting of the success attending the work everywhere, and how hearts are being won, especially where the

brethren unite earnestly in prayer. Our people caught the spirit of the meeting and in the season of prayer that followed confessions were made with tears, and we sought for strength and the blessing of the Lord to help us to do His will, and to search out the honest in heart for the Lord. This meeting paved the way for our week of prayer which we started the next Sabbath, June 24, and continued till July 1.

We held two meetings each day, one for the children and one for the adults. From the first, the Spirit of the Lord came very near, and all felt the need of a reconsecration to the Lord, that they might help some one else. Our first service was a prayer and consecration meeting. As we sought the Lord, He came very near; hearts were softened and subdued, and many tears were shed. The same deep feelings were experienced in every meeting, and although we did not have many strangers present we had the joy of seeing one soul turn to the Lord and express her desire to unite with God's remnant people. Our hearts were filled with joy, for at the first meeting the grandchild of this person had prayed that she might come to the meetings and hear the truth. On the Monday she came to us for medicine, and so we had a little talk to her and asked her to come to the meetings. She came that night and has not missed a meeting since. On the Thursday, as we were all praying, we were pleased to hear her voice, broken with sobs, asking the Lord of love to help her to follow the light that she had seen. That night she wrestled all night, for sleep would not come, but as the morning dawned she gained the victory and decided to fully obey the commandments. Friday evening she testified with tears of joy to her decision, and oh, what praise filled our hearts! we all wept for joy to see another soul break away from the bondage of Satan and take her stand under the banner of Prince Immanuel. It was good to see mother and son united in the truth, but the promise is, "He shall turn the heart of the father to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers."

Our closing meeting, on the Sabbath evening, was good. It lasted one and one-half hours. After the reading all—men, women, and children—

took part in prayer. We then gave opportunity for testimony, and all reconsecrated themselves to the Lord, and promised to try to help their friends and relatives to see this truth that is so precious to us. We thought the time opportune to organize a missionary hand, and our people are entering into the work with enthusiasm. This season of prayer has indeed been a blessing and an uplift to us.

Several of our members were too sick to attend the meetings, but each day we visited them and read and prayed with them. One old woman was determined to go to the meetings on the last Sabbath, and it took her two hours to walk a quarter of a mile from her house to the church. She suffered intensely the while, but she attended all the meetings from Sabbath-school at 9 a.m., to the last meeting, which concluded at 5.30 p.m. Her prayers and testimony were of joy and triumph in the Lord.

We are glad to be here and to be engaged in the work in this out-of-the-way corner of the Lord's vineyard. Pray for the people of this land and for us. There are many islands not yet entered, which must soon hear this message. Pray! for the eternal destiny of many rests upon us all. H. AND M. WICKS.

Lord, what a change within us one short hour  
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make!

What heavy burdens from our spirits take!

What parched hearts refresh, as with a shower!

We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;  
We rise, and all the distant and the near  
Stands forth in sunny outlines, brave and clear.

We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong,  
That we are ever overborne with care,

That we should ever weak or heartless be,  
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—Archbishop Trench.

“STUDY how you can best help those who take no interest in religious things. As you visit your friends and neighbours, show an interest in their spiritual as well as their temporal welfare.”

## Monthly Summaries of the Australasian Magazine Work

March to June, 1916

### NEW SOUTH WALES,—March to June, 1916

<i>Life and Health</i>	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
R. King ... ..	22 12 6	3 19 6	—	—
A. Whitby ... ..	15 9 9	2 0 3	—	—
W. Gamble ... ..	12 10 3	13 10 3	18 10 3	5 0 9
E. J. Giblett ... ..	4 3 0	8 15 9	4 7 6	8 0
W. J. Smith ... ..	4 1 0	—	—	—
C. Ware ... ..	3 9 3	16 9	—	—
G. McLaren ... ..	2 4 3	—	—	—
C. Duffy ... ..	13 0	—	—	—
Mr. and Mrs. Henry ... ..	10 2 6	3 13 9	—	—
Miss A. B. Collins ... ..	16 13 6	—	—	—
Miss N. Stevens ... ..	12 4 0	—	—	—
Miss A. E. Markey ... ..	8 13 0	—	—	—
Miss A. Walker ... ..	4 8 6	—	—	—
Miss N. Price ... ..	—	—	6 10 3	4 9 8
<i>War on Drink</i>				
A. C. Ellison ... ..	—	—	—	23 7 0
J. N. May ... ..	—	—	—	17 10 0
E. J. Giblett ... ..	—	—	—	3 2 6
W. Chapman ... ..	—	—	—	25 0 0
O. Duffy ... ..	—	—	—	2 10 0
C. Watson ... ..	—	—	—	3 15 0
W. Codling ... ..	—	—	—	9 12 6
	£117 4 6	£32 16 3	£29 8 0	£94 15 5

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA,—March to June, 1916

<i>Life and Health</i>	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Miss Ball ... ..	3 9 0	4 10 0	5 13 0	—
<i>War on Drink</i>				
F. A. Ross ... ..	1 4 0	4 5 0	6 8 0	6 3 6
Miss V. Bell ... ..	—	19 6	—	—
Miss C. Hames ... ..	—	13 6	—	—
Miss Sjoberg ... ..	—	6 6	1 16 7	5 0 0
Mrs. E. Dawson ... ..	—	5 0	—	—
	£4 13 0	£10 19 6	£13 17 7	£11 3 6

### NORTH NEW ZEALAND,—March to June, 1916

<i>Life and Health</i>	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Miss L. M. Burton ... ..	4 10 9	—	7 3 9	2 10 9
Miss I. H. Burton ... ..	6 8 9	—	8 0 3	1 18 3
Mrs. A. Neilson ... ..	—	—	13 14 2	7 4 9
	£10 19 6	—	£28 18 2	£11 13 9

### TASMANIA,—March to June, 1916

<i>Life and Health</i>	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Miss F. Harker ... ..	16 14 3	5 2 0	16 14 0	11 3 9
Miss E. Bennetto ... ..	10 0 3	7 11 6	8 0 3	5 5 9
	£26 14 6	£12 13 6	£24 14 3	£16 9 6

## QUEENSLAND,—May and June, 1916

<i>Life and Health</i>	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
P. Ferguson ... ..	—	—	18 0	—
E. C. Watts ... ..	—	—	—	2 4 3
Miss A. S. Cozens ... ..	—	—	5 17 3	6 2 3
Miss E. F. Hoppood ... ..	—	—	1 19 3	7 2 3
Miss F. Morrison ... ..	—	—	11 14 9	5 3 0
Mrs. A. Birkbeck ... ..	—	—	3 0 3	—
Miss V. Peters ... ..	—	—	8 0	1 2 0
Mrs. Pollard ... ..	—	—	1 9 6	18 0
<i>War on Drink</i>				
Mrs. Thorne ... ..	—	—	6 6 0	14 6 0
Miss Hoppood ... ..	—	—	1 16 0	2 7 0
<i>Outlook</i>				
P. Ferguson ... ..	—	—	1 15 0	—
			£35 4 0	£39 4 9

## VICTORIA,—March to June, 1916

<i>Life and Health</i>	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
R. Collmann ... ..	9 12 0	—	—	—
Miss N. Holgate ... ..	5 9 9	—	—	4 9 6
Miss V. Gadsden ... ..	—	—	—	4 6 0
Miss D. Horley ... ..	—	—	—	29 18 0
	£15 1 9			£38 18 6

## TOTALS,—March to June, 1916

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
New South Wales ... ..	117 4 6	32 16 3	29 8 0	94 15 5
Victoria ... ..	15 1 9	—	—	38 13 6
South Australia ... ..	4 13 0	10 19 6	13 17 7	11 3 6
Tasmania ... ..	26 14 6	12 13 6	24 14 3	16 9 6
North New Zealand ... ..	10 19 6	—	28 18 2	11 13 9
Queensland ... ..	—	—	35 4 0	39 4 9
	£174 13 3	£56 9 3	£132 2 0	£212 0 5

## Our Magazine Work

THE accompanying report shows in somewhat abbreviated form the work done by our magazine agents for the months from March to June inclusive. Formerly these summaries covered the sale of *Life and Health* only. It is interesting to note that other magazines, such as *War on Drink*, are now beginning to figure in the reports. The large amount of magazine work done by our churches does not appear. We hope that future summaries will include a statement of the total number of magazines sent out to our churches, so as to show the full output of magazines each month. It is probable that during the months from March to June about a thousand pounds' worth of *War on*

*Drink* were sold. This is more than seven times the value of *War on Drink* sales here reported. The difference is not to be accounted for by the work of churches only. No doubt the report of work done by our agents could be more complete. We hope that future summaries will record a great growth in our magazine work, and as far as practicable make a complete showing of the volume of work done.

W. W. FLETCHER.

ON the *China* from San Francisco, August 1, about fifty workers sailed for the Far East. In the company were Sister Fulton and her daughter Jessie and Sister Tunheim. Brethren Melvin and Albert Munson will sail later.



## Visit to Northern Rivers

NEARLY three weeks were spent recently among our Sabbath-keepers in the north of New South Wales. On the way to these places I spent a few days with the two families at Hilldale and Martin's Creek. Our meetings on the Sabbath were interesting and profitable.

From there I went by train and motor to Kempsey, where we have a church, but now greatly reduced in numbers. I held no service there, though I visited most of the members. Brother P. B. Rudge, who is engaged in aboriginal work, is located there and is having some success.

My next stop was Coff's Harbour. Here I met for the first time the Ward family, who for a few years have kept the Sabbath alone.

For a number of weeks this dear family have been grievously afflicted with typhoid fever, nearly every one of the ten members having suffered. A few weeks ago the eldest son died, and the day before my visit, the youngest died at the Bellengen Hospital. The mother is still sick, but the others are recovering. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope.

This family accepted the message through the work done by Brother Jones, of Kempsey. A sister of Sister Ward living a few miles away has also become a Sabbath-keeper, and lately a young man living at Lower Bucca. This shows the value of home missionary work.

At Grafton I spent a night, meeting Brother and Sister Hedges and Brother Crowe of Lismore, then passed on to Corndale. At the latter place we have a good company, but they are somewhat scattered. On the Sabbath, Brother Hill, the elder, now living at Kyogle, came over and spent two days. At the Sabbath service we had a good attendance, and were greatly refreshed by the Lord's presence. Within the past few months this church has increased its membership by about half a dozen, largely through the influence of our literature work. One of the new

members, living about twenty miles away, attended the Sabbath meeting, and at the close took me to his home, where I met for the first time these new believers.

Three whole families and one woman in another family are keeping the Sabbath. They are all enthusiastic on all points of the message. On Sunday I baptized five persons, three of whom were young people. Being too far away to attend the Corndale services often, they have a Sabbath-school and other meetings of their own. A full set of the Testimonies, besides some of our periodicals, were ordered by this company. Here again is demonstrated the value of our literature work in bringing souls to the truth.

On this trip I was able to secure orders for about nineteen of Sister White's books. In these perilous times I consider that no Sabbath-keeper is safe without these books. God bless the believers on the Northern Rivers. E. H. GATES.

### Notes from South Australia

A FEW months have passed since our camp-meeting, and the brethren are commencing to report definite results from the various missions.

Pastor E. B. Rudge, with Brother J. Crammond as tent-master and Sister Chapman as Bible worker, followed up the camp-meeting interest at Walkerville. Six have decided to obey the Lord, while others are interested, and our workers continue to hold Bible studies in their homes. Brother Rudge and his co-workers have now returned to the city hall, and are commencing a special series of meetings. Our force of conference workers in the city being small, we were compelled to appeal to our lay members for assistance. We called a meeting of the officers of our city churches to consider plans for carrying into effect the recommendation passed at our camp-meeting in reference to work in the cities. A committee of five was appointed, each church being represented. We are requesting this committee to call for volunteers in their various churches, and to see that each member is doing systematic work. Brother Rudge reports a splendid response to our appeal, and seventy of our members are busy circulating tracts and invita-

tions. Needless to say, as a result of this personal work our hall is well filled on the Sunday night, and we pray that the Lord will bless this effort of our people to the salvation of many souls.

Pastor L. D. A. Lemke has been binding off the work in Nuriootpa where we have a comfortable church building and a good company of believers.

Pastor D. N. Wall and Brother Backhaus have commenced a public effort in Robertstown. On account of the opposition of ministers and the prejudice of the people, the attendance was small at first, but the truth is winning its way, and they expect about four families to decide for the message soon.

Pastor Michaels and Brother Carr are labouring in Millicent, where they have six baptized members, and others are interested.

Brother Burgess reports eight commencing to obey the truth in Broken Hill, four of these being the result of missionary work by our church members. This is encouraging.

Our people responded splendidly in giving to the week of prayer offering for missions, and the total receipts to date amount to £192 13s., which is more than double the amount raised last year, and a little over three times the offering of the year before.

Our colporteurs are finding their work rather difficult on account of the war, and the farmers have not yet fully recovered from the terrible drought, many of them being involved financially. Three more of our brethren have entered the field recently, and report having fair success. Let us pray for these faithful brethren as they circulate our truth-filled literature.

Sister Clapp reports excellent patronage at the sanitarium. Brother Fisher has been in Adelaide for about two weeks superintending the work in our new café premises in Grenfell Street, which have just been opened.

We thank the Lord for His many blessings. Surely we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and in confidence we look to Him for strength to face the future. We are of good courage in the Lord and pray that He will speedily finish His work on the earth, and return to take His people home.

W. J. WESTERMAN.

### Do We Mend, or Do We Embroider?

"YES, I had a delightful time at my daughter's," said a member of the Thimble Club one afternoon. "I mended forty pairs of stockings during my visit, and I am sure there were as many more left to darn. The children are so nearly of a size that the stockings get dreadfully mixed. I wish I knew of some plan to suggest to her that would help to keep them in order."

"Pin them together with a safety pin before they are washed," said one. Another suggested marking the stockings with a different colour for each child; and a third proposed white "French knots," one for the oldest child, two for the next younger, and so on. Lest the conversation become too practical, the hostess skilfully turned it to other topics, and stockings were forgotten for the time.

Since that day I have often thought of that mother with eighty pairs of stockings to mend, and wondered if darning has gone out of fashion. Some time ago business called me to a certain home on a rainy day. In the living-room I found the lady of the house facing an armchair piled high with an assortment of stockings. With a wry smile, she explained that as the weather was unfavourable for callers, she thought of mending a few stockings. In another home where I was calling, a child pulled the cushion out of a Morris chair, and exposed to view many pairs of stockings waiting to be mended—or, perhaps, thus tucked out of sight, to be forgotten.

I had just about made up my mind that only old-fashioned persons did any darning, when I was called to see a lady who was ill. She was really only a girl, and had never known a mother's care. The family of four lived in two rooms, but the tiny home was neat and clean, and on the table lay a stocking slipped over a glass for want of a darning, and the neatly-mended hole told its own story. Of course, this family was poor. Their income was less than £2 a week. Yet, on the other hand, she was rich in that she had been taught to mend, and was willing to practice this economy. Mending saves many a hard-earned shilling, and that little woman saved £10 during the winter. A little here and

a little there soon counts up. Christ says, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost"; and if we would learn to save the wasted "littles" for Him and His work, we should often have pounds to give where now we have only shillings.

MARTHA E. WARNER.



### Among the Chinese of Sydney

THROUGH the columns of the RECORD we have read much concerning the work in China, and have followed with keen interest the experiences of our workers in that distant land. It may also be interesting to RECORD readers to know that something is being done for the Chinese population of Sydney.

It was the writer's privilege, together with a young Chinese member of the North Sydney Church, Brother Gwan, while canvassing the magazine, *War on Drink*, to visit every Chinese business house in this city. The Lord gave us good success, and the magazine went into almost every house.

We called on the Chinese Presbyterian minister, and were well received by him. While presenting the book, "Christ Our Saviour," which we also canvassed, we were invited into his library, where he asked us many questions and we studied some points of truth with him. We left him some Chinese tracts, which he received gladly and promised to read.

Later we called on the Chinese minister of the Church of Christ and canvassed him with "Christ Our Saviour." He received us very cordially indeed, and was deeply interested in the book. He readily gave us his order and accepted some tracts. He asked many questions concerning our belief and the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, and finally expressed a desire to have one of our ministers address his congregation. When leaving, he invited us to return next day, stating that he would then accompany us to the homes of his church members, and give us opportunity to show them the book. This we did, and had an interesting and profitable time. He invariably introduced us to his people as Seventh-

day Adventists. He told them that we kept the Sabbath and believed in baptism, and that we had a book on the life of Christ. He then took the book and showed it to them, enthusiastically explaining its merits, and impressing them with the fact that it was a very good book. When we had thus visited the men of his church he requested that we leave the book with him, and said that his wife would visit all the women with whom she was acquainted near her home, and canvass them for the book. This, of course, we gladly did.

We praise God for this splendid experience, and feel sure that this good work on the life of Christ will prove a great blessing to the members of this church. Will those who read this please pray that God will give special help to Brother Gwan as he continues to labour for his countrymen here, that many may be led by these books to a fuller realization of truth, and to accept the Saviour of whom they teach. G. MCLAREN.

### Well Equipped

IN my "Selections for Little Folks," I have "Gospel Primer" and "Best Stories," which contain "Stories Worth Re-reading." I leave "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" in about half the homes I visit. Each week I leave a few "Bible Readings," which will give them "Helps to Bible Study," with "Scriptural Evidences," and will reveal to them "Past, Present, and Future," and help them both "Here and Hereafter." I speak to all I meet of "Christ Our Saviour," and tell them of the "Glorious Appearing" of the "Coming King." The "Great Controversy" will soon be over, and the "Desire of Ages" will come. Then I hope to meet many to whom I have brought "Present Truth" and "Last Day Tokens," and with the "Patriarchs and Prophets" enjoy "Our Paradise Home." R. B. DYER.

"FROM far-away Szechwan, China, fifteen miles up the Yangtze River," writes Pastor Fulton, "come splendid reports of the progress of the message, and the little band of believers doubling their numbers. Everywhere robber bands bring desolation and dismay; yet the preaching of the Word and the circulation of our literature goes on apace."

"MUCH depends upon the manner in which you meet those whom you visit. We should manifest cheerfulness in our work. You can take hold of the hand in such a way as at once to gain the confidence, or in a cold, unimpressive manner, as though you were an iceberg, and had no interest in the person. Such a manner will repulse, and you will find no warmth of feeling. We should not act as though it were a condescension to come in contact with the poor. They are as good by nature as we, and we must talk to them as though we thought them so. We should clothe ourselves in plain, simple attire, so that none may be needlessly embarrassed. The joy which comes into the homes of the poor is often very limited, and why not carry rays of light to shine in upon them and fill their hearts? What we need is the tender sympathy of Jesus; then we can win our way to the hardest heart."—"Gospel Workers," page 395.

"MAY God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, page 37.

### Obituary

BROWN.—Died at Ballarat, Victoria, on Sabbath, July 29, 1916, Emma Hannah Brown, aged seventy years and six months. Sister Brown, who was a native of Drayton, Somerset, England, arrived in Australia fifty-one years ago. Early in 1915 she accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor H. Mitchell, and her life since then has been a faithful and consistent witness for her Master. For some considerable time she had suffered from chronic bronchitis, and her medical adviser had warned her that her hold on life was very precarious. Her death occurred under sad circumstances. Her daughter, Sister Jenkins, with whom she lived, had been away during the day, nursing a relative, and on returning home on Friday evening found her mother lying on the floor in an unconscious condition. Medical aid was at once summoned, but nothing could be done for the sufferer, and she passed away at 4 a.m. on Sabbath, from cerebral hæmorrhage. She leaves three grown-up children, two of whom are in the truth, and expect to meet her when the voice of the Life-giver shall awake the sleeping saints. Words of comfort were spoken at the house and at the grave by the writer, E. H. GUILLIARD.



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THE annual meeting of the Union Conference Committee will convene in the Wahroonga church on August 29.

AT the Royal Agricultural Show which was held in Brisbane, August 14 to 19, the Sanitarium Health Food Company had a good display of health foods. Brother Dyason and Sister Shannan had charge of this exhibit.

IN Queensland and Tasmania their supply of "John Williams the Ship-builder" is exhausted, and they will probably require more to fill their orders. In other conferences also they report that the book is going well. Any who have not supplied themselves with this excellent book should do so at once, before the stock is entirely sold out.

A MINISTER of the United Brethren Church, who was called on by one of our colporteurs with "Bible Readings," bore the following testimony concerning the book: "I have one of these books, "Bible Readings," in my library. I believe every home should have one. I would rather give up all the other books in my library, and I have about three hundred, than to part with it."

A BANK note to the value of ten pounds has come through the Strathfield office for the work in China and India; the donor expressing the hope that it might be a little help in carrying the message to the millions in that part of the world. An offering

of one pound has also come to hand from one signed "S. A. M." for the Java Mission. For both of these offerings we take this opportunity of expressing sincere thanks.

IN writing to his parents from his mission station at Taungi, Africa, on July 9, Pastor C. A. Paap gives the following cheering report:

We have now been at Taungi one month and have been kept busy holding meetings. We have had a good attendance, in fact, all the people, near and far, come. Two families of Jews come often, and a superior Catholic woman is much interested.

Yesterday we held our first Sabbath meeting, and nine came. Seven were not here who have begun to keep the Sabbath. Three stores closed yesterday for the first time on the Sabbath, and we are sure that another large one will close soon. We have never had greater interest in any place in the past than has been awakened here. Contributions are very liberal also. Some very striking reformations in individual cases have taken place.

I went up and had a long Bible study yesterday with the native chief, through an interpreter. I saw his counsellors. I am to go up again to-morrow afternoon. This morning I have been over to a native hut and have had a study on the second coming of the Lord with a native and his wife and children. They were much interested.

A few days ago, after I had talked on "Who Changed the Sabbath," some of the people went over to the Catholic Mission and asked the priest about it. He told them that they changed the Sabbath. That ended the matter.

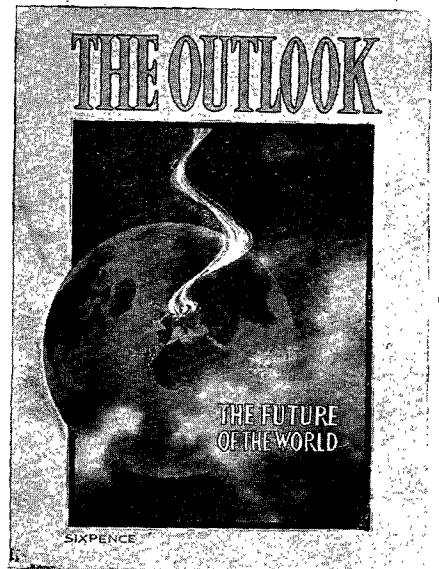
There is a good deal of want and distress here because of drought and the war. One sees an enormous amount of waste land. It is very sandy, and when the wind blows the atmosphere is a cloud of dust. Generally speaking we are both in good health. We are glad we are here, and are determined to do our best.

"BUT few realize what can be done in reaching the people by personal, interested efforts in a wise distribution of our publications. Many who will not be induced to listen to the truth presented by the living preacher, will take up a tract or a paper, and peruse it; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains. Impressions are thus made upon their minds, which they cannot readily forget. The seed of truth has in some cases been buried for years beneath the rubbish of the world and the pleasing fables that deceived ones have enjoyed. After a time some earthly sorrow or affliction softens their hearts, and the seed springs up and bears fruit to the glory of God."—"Gospel Workers," page 409.

## The "Outlook"

THE new number of the *Outlook* is now ready. Have you seen it? The general opinion of those who have seen it is that it is the best magazine we have yet published in Australasia. The three colour cover is very attractive, and should prove a great assistance in the sale of the magazine.

The illustrations, and especially the designs at the head of each article, are of a very high order. We know of no secular magazine being offered at sixpence that can compare with



the *Outlook* in this respect.

The articles in this magazine are just such as will interest the people at this juncture. A wide circulation of the *Outlook* will result in many souls being won for the Master. Many of our people could devote their whole time to magazine work, and support themselves in the work.

The *Outlook* may be obtained from your conference tract society at threepence a copy, postage or freight extra. The retail price is sixpence. It is best to have parcels sent by rail. The cost for posting a single copy is 1½d. Four copies may be posted in one package for 5d. Save much of this expense by ordering a substantial supply to be sent by rail.

W. W. FLETCHER.

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STRONG single man (Seventh-day Adventist), used to horses and farm work. Apply Manager, Sydney Sanitarium, Wahroonga, New South Wales.