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

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God's Warriors

They love not life who war for God;
They beg no boon of death.
They hear Christ's challenge to the foe,
Not what He answereth.

They ask not where nor how is ease;
They shirk no danger zone.
Perchance they charge with comrades true;
Mayhap they die alone.

The desert marks their high resolve;
Their power the city knows:
Their faith is branded on the seas,
And on th' eternal snows.

O count not them who fall, as dead;
For, victors in the strife,
In Christ they live, through ceasing time
And through eternal life.

They loved not life unto the death:
Their valour cheers us on?
Please God, their places shall be filled
Until the fight is won!

ARTHUR W. SPAULDING.

Our Schools and Our Work

WE live in an enlightened age, intellectually speaking. The printing press, the telegraph and telephone, the means of rapid transit, have brought in an era of discovery, invention, and research which has made the world intelligent. Knowledge has indeed been increased during the past century, and this increase of knowledge has been confined not alone to material and temporal things. Knowledge of the Word of God has been increased. To-day the Word is printed in about seven hundred languages, and yearly

more than 15,500,000 copies of the whole and of parts of the Bible are sent out to a needy world.

All these conditions demand a high standard of education for those who would successfully take part in the world's work. Great issues are before the world. History is making as never before. The world's map is being changed. Back of this outward strife of men and nations lies an unseen but mighty intellectual force. The present great war finds its origin in the work of the schools of the Old World. For a quarter of a century certain great scholars have been teaching and writing a philosophy of war that has been most effective in the present national cataclysm.

There is no measure of the effect of the teacher upon any great movement. Luther recognized this power in the work of the Reformation. His work survived and in a great part grew because of his appreciation of the effect of education on the child. In speaking of this, Painter says, "The necessities of the Reformation gave Luther an intense interest in education. The schools of the times, already inadequate in numbers and defective in methods, were crippled during the early stages of the Reformation by the excited and unsettled state of society. A new generation was growing up without education. The establishment of schools became a necessary measure for the success and permanence of the Reformation. . . . With Luther education was not an end in itself,

but a means to more effective service of church and state. D'Aubigné says, "It was not public worship alone that the Reformation was ordained to change. The school was early placed beside the church; and these two great institutions, so powerful to regenerate the nations, were equally reanimated by it. It was by a close alliance with learning that the Reformation entered into the world." He further says that "Luther felt that to strengthen the Reformation it was requisite to work on the young, to improve the schools, and to propagate throughout Christendom the knowledge necessary for a profound study of the Holy Scriptures. This accordingly was one of the objects of his life."

What was true of the relation of education to the cause of the Reformation has ever been true of any great work of God. At the time of the removal of the Israelites from Egypt and their establishment in Palestine, specific direction was again and again given regarding the education of their youth. In the establishment of Christianity the early church gave good heed to its duty, realizing the possibilities to its cause of truth from a properly-educated youth. Mosheim says, "The Christians took all possible care to accustom their children to the study of the Scriptures, and to instruct them in the doctrines of their holy religion; and schools were everywhere erected for this purpose, even from the very commencement of the Christian church."

Without controversy the second advent movement is the greatest work God has ever undertaken for man, or men for their fellow-men. Error is engaged in its last struggle with truth; and into this struggle error is throwing all the darkness of all the ages, and truth, all the light. This greatest cause of all times demands of its believers the highest equipment, physical, mental, and spiritual. No effort is to be spared to bring to a speedy issue this greatest undertaking of all times. In the nature of the struggle, truth will triumph, but it requires of all believers that they make it a quick triumph.

If the church of God throughout all time has had a duty to educate its youth for service, it has a double duty in this hour. This last message is to go to all peoples and languages. Young men and women, strong of body and mind, and of consecrated heart, can best endure the hardship of this pioneer work. But they cannot get their training for this work in those schools whose aim is world-ward instead of heavenward. A preparation to carry the saving gospel to men is not the work of a moment. It is a matter of "precept upon precept, line upon line." It is a work of growth.

In the educational convention of 1906, held at College View, Nebraska, the following resolution was voted:

"That it is God's purpose to finish in this generation His work in behalf of mankind.

"That the primary object of our training schools 'is to afford young men an opportunity to study for the ministry, and to prepare young persons of both sexes to become workers in the various branches of the cause.'

"To-day we face a great missionary problem. Notwithstanding all that has been done to finish this work, there are still vast fields unentered, millions of men and women unwarned, and many pressing Macedonian calls unanswered.

"In view of this situation, we feel deeply impressed that the time has fully come when we should put forth the highest efforts of which we are capable to place in the field the number of qualified workers required to finish the Lord's work according to His purpose."

In order to accomplish this end, it was recommended that an active propaganda be undertaken in schools

and conferences in behalf of the work of foreign missions, and that the burden of this work be pressed home upon the young men and women who are preparing for service, leading them to take as their motto, "The advent message to all the world in this generation."

This is our work to-day as truly as when this resolution was adopted. It was interesting to note that the enrolment in our schools the year following this convention was nearly twenty-five per cent greater than the year previous. God seemed by this token to set His seal of approval upon our declaration of purpose in the conduct of our school enterprises along the line of mission endeavour.

This work of educating for the ministry of God's Word is not confined to our advanced schools, but is the fundamental work of every grade, from the first of the primary to the last of the college. Neither is missionary work confined to foreign lands. It is at our very door all the time. The possibilities of Christian help work in all its phases are immeasurably great. Such work produces workers for Christ. Our schools have done much in this sort of education. Its effects are seen in the body of men and women who are bearing the brunt of the work of this message in this and other lands. Almost without exception they have been in attendance at our schools, many of them all their school life. There they have found the inspiration for the service in which they are now engaged. It is the great duty of our schools and their high privilege to train for this service. May they perform this duty and improve this privilege to their full measure. FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Experiences in India

BROTHER H. A. SKINNER, one of our colporteurs in India, writes as follows of his work in that field:

"I have had many interesting experiences here. I would not sell my two years' experience in the canvassing work for all the gold and silver in the world. The Lord has indeed blessed me, and although I have only sold about nine hundred books in two years, I believe that some of these will be the means in God's hands of bringing some precious souls into the truth.

"I have great confidence in this book, "Desire of Ages." It led me into the truth, and was sold to me by one of our faithful colporteurs more than ten years ago.

"Since coming to this field I have been moving about a great deal. I have worked Lucknow, Simla, Delhi, part of Agra, part of Calcutta, and also eight smaller towns. This morning, Sunday, I arrived in Cawnpore and expect to begin operations here to-morrow morning. Since June 10 I have been quite isolated from others of like precious faith, but last week Brother Knight visited me for two days, and we travelled together all night. He did not stop off at Cawnpore with me, but went home to Lucknow. I call Lucknow home because the office is there, and I always feel at home when staying with any of the workers in that place. Since coming to India it has been my privilege to stay for some time at the homes of four of our American workers in different parts of the field, and they have been very, very kind to me.

"I am enjoying my work immensely in this field. I am rather slow at learning languages but am able to talk to the northern men so that they can understand me, but when out in Rajputana several weeks ago, I felt helpless, for the people speak a different dialect there.

"Some of my subscribers have been men of high standing in India. I sold a book to the head man of the great irrigation scheme of the Punjab, another to the political agent of one of the largest native states in this country, and another to a Japanese consul, besides many to others in high positions.

"Well, I think that all our Australian colporteurs are very happy in their work here, and we have reason to be happy, too, seeing that the Lord has been pleased to greatly bless the work in this field."

In the Hawaiian Islands

BROTHER H. G. ROWLAND, who went from Australia to the Pacific Union College, California, and who is now engaged in colportage work in the Hawaiian Islands, writes from Honolulu on September 4 as follows:

"I am, with the Lord's help, placing the "Great Controversy" in

English and Spanish in the homes of the people here; "Coming King" in Portuguese; "Bible Readings" in Chinese; "His Glorious Appearing" in Japanese; and also Filipino literature. So you see I have a wide and varied experience.

"There are plenty of opportunities for giving Bible readings, but I do not stop. I specialize in placing the books in the homes. I am having good success.

The climate here is practically the same the year round. The population is composed of many nationalities, and on the whole they are a fine lot of people.

"I will have finished on this island by Christmas time. The island of Hawaii is the largest in the group. It has snow on the mountain tops all the year round and is fourteen thousand feet above sea level. I am told there are also active volcanoes which add to its beauty.

"We request the prayers of all God's people for the advancement of the work in this part of His vineyard, and for the wide distribution of the "Great Controversy."

The Joy of Service

IN passing through the rice fields on a recent Sunday, within sight of the mountainous province of Benguet, Philippine Islands, I decided once again to contribute to your thirst-quenching columns. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

I found myself singing, "Oh, there'll be joy when the work is done," and the thought came to me, "Yes, and there is joy in doing it."

In my provincial work, I have been many times accommodated by American teachers who are on the whole very pleasant persons, and some of them are of a serious turn of mind. I informed one of these teachers of the recent arrival in China of forty-two missionaries for our work. He thought that there was much to do in the needy home field in preference. I remarked that in privileged countries the majority have heard the gospel more than once, and almost all have had it in printed form; but here were multitudes without these opportunities, some of whom would probably accept it when presented. I said, "If I had a hundred lives, I would gladly spend them here."

One case I met on this trip was encouraging. A purchaser of "Patriarchs and Prophets," five years ago, remembered me at sight when I introduced the book, "Great Controversy." He asked of my faith, and said, "Oh, Sabbatistas." He endorsed all I said on the question, and quoted Matt. 5:17. He also is convinced on the unconscious state of the dead. I feel thankful for the privilege of service in disseminating such literature.

One municipal president told me we were correct, but he said he was the only one in town of that opinion. I told him to stand alone like Luther.

The other morning at the home of an American teacher the gramophone recorded the hymn, "Dear Saviour, Tell Mother I'll Be There." The impression came to me that it is best to execute the commission ourselves personally, while mother is with us. The other is impossible.

Before reaching my journey's end on this September morning, I was singing, "One More Day's Work for Jesus." It is just twelve years since I first left Australia for the Orient, and they have been strenuous ones; yet it is still my constant prayer and desire for more opportunities—always one day more. It is a fact that there is no drudgery in God's service.

R. A. CALDWELL.

Philippine Islands.

Niue

OUTSIDE of our ordinary seven-weekly schooner service with Auckland, New Zealand, a passing ship is a rare event, so when "Sail ho" was heard recently all ran to see what it was. It proved to be the *Resolute*, a four-masted timber vessel bound from America to Melbourne. The flag signal read, "Help needed at once." So the Resident Commissioner and the doctor immediately went out to her, a couple of miles away, when they learned that through the refusal of the crew of seven men to work, the captain, his wife, and a St. Helena native had been sailing her alone for thirty-one days under short canvass. The month of bread and water diet had had a salutary effect on the crew, who were persuaded by the commissioner to resume their duties.

"Sail ho" was once again heard

four days later, and this time it proved to be the steamer *Talune* from Auckland, via Fiji and Samoa, bringing back a number of the returned Niuean soldiers who had left here ten months ago for the front via New Zealand. They had proved unequal to the great strain of modern warfare and a large per cent of them were in the hospital all the time. The remaining eighty soldiers are expected shortly, when all the 150 will have returned except fifteen, who died of sickness. Some of them were for a short time in France in the trenches.

Among the latest to join our Sabbath-schools are a native teacher and two students of the government English school, and these three also attend a weekly Bible study, and have commenced to keep the Sabbath. The total membership of our three Sabbath-schools is now twenty-seven, but not all of these are Sabbath-keepers, and those who are nominally so, have yet much to learn. Two have lately given up tobacco and others are trying to discard the filthy weed which is used here almost generally, from the European missionary downward.

Pray that we may continually lean hard upon the Lord and that the honest in heart may be won for the truth.

E. M. AND S. W. CARR.

A Letter from Aitutaki

THE following letter was written by a member of our young people's society at Aitutaki, Cook Islands, and is addressed to the young people of Australia. Translation by Sister Waugh.

Greetings to you in the Lord. It is I, a member of the young people's society of Seventh-day Adventists in Aitutaki, who am writing to make known my desires to you. Indeed, I desire greatly to be a worker for God, and to have the privilege of carrying the light to those who sit in darkness. Will you not pray for me, so that the good Father will strengthen my desire, and make me a worker?

You will be sorry to know that two of our members have been stopped by their parents from attending our meetings. I do ask an interest in your prayers that these two may be of good courage and hold on to the truth, and be brought back again to Jesus, who is the source of life—the stem and branch of our faith. The work of God is onward in Aitutaki. Our society now numbers six, four men and two women.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) TEINA KORE.



At the Plow

“Keep me from turning back!
 My hand is on the plough, my faltering
 hand;
 But all in front of me is untilled land,
 The wilderness and solitary place,
 The lonely desert and its interspace.
 What harvest have I? Only this paltry
 grain,
 The dwindling husks, a handful of dry
 corn,
 These poor, lone stalks. My courage is
 outworn.
 Keep me from turning back;
 The handles of my plow with tears are
 wet,
 The shares with rust are spoiled—and yet
 —and yet
 My God! My God! Keep me from
 turning back.”

Queensland Home Missions Secretary's Report

WE are deeply grateful to the Lord for the privilege of presenting our report of labour for another year.

Your Tract Society and Missionary Volunteer Secretaries have made you intelligent in regard to the circulation of our periodicals and the distribution of tracts, etc., in all of which I have taken an active interest. I shall tell you some of the results of this seed-sowing.

In the Widgee district—ten miles from the nearest railway station—a family of nine, consisting of father, mother, and young people and children, have been added to the Woolooga company of active workers. This company has reached another family, a distance of eight miles from Woolooga, by means of tracts and books, with the result that another Christian father and mother are obeying the Lord and training their little one in the way of righteousness. Yet another family has been searched out by this same company in the Glastonbury pine country, about thirteen miles from Woolooga, with the result that a good Christian woman, her married daughter and her husband have commenced to obey the Lord in honouring His Sabbath, and teaching their children by example to do likewise. Every family for many miles round have been warned by this little company

by means of the *Signs*, tracts, and books, and others manifest some interest.

About eight miles from Sexton Railway Station we have two faithful witnesses in a good brother and his wife. This brother has been using the printed page and also the columns of the local newspaper, when opportunity offered, to call attention to the solemn truths of our message. I visited several families with this brother and studied with them, and found them willing to listen. We spent several hours studying with a foreigner and his Australian wife; very estimable people. They had been reading the literature supplied them and became somewhat interested. Mr. R— was particularly pleased on hearing that so many of his countrymen have accepted our message, and as I mentioned the names of those who were connected with us here in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Gatton, and Rockhampton, some of whom I had the privilege of baptizing into the church, he seemed to give me his full confidence, and although he tried to combat some of the testing points I could see he was under conviction. I have a burden for this family, more especially since he has expressed a wish to our brother that I should come and study further with them. A lady and gentleman about ten miles from our brother's home listened very eagerly to a study on the second coming of Christ. They invited me to come again and study other points with them of which they had read in the *Signs*. I gladly returned later and spent a part of two days and a night, with the result that the Lord led them to a decision to obey. They extended a further invitation to me to come and spend a week or more with them in study. I sold them a copy of “Bible Readings,” promising to return at the first opportunity and spend a week with them. Brother M— has written to me to say they are coming on well and are still awaiting my visit, and adds that other families have also expressed a wish to hear these subjects.

I have paid several visits to Rockhampton to give further help to those who had taken their stand the previous year. On these visits to Rockhampton I have studied with a young man, a state school teacher, who became interested through the efforts of the present

elder of the church. This fine young man has accepted and is walking in willing obedience to the message. He has become much interested in missionary work and will, I trust, be a great help in the church later.

A young lady who had been studying the message for some time, but was hindered by her parents, in whose store she acted as assistant, took her stand for the truth about the same time, and has become the wife of one of our young church members. I was hoping to have had the privilege of baptizing these young people with some others very soon at Rockhampton.

A brother of the Coolabunia company interested in the message a young man who has been helping on his farm and living in the home with his family for some time; the consistent life and the instruction imparted led this young man to accept the truth for the love of it. He is present in camp and is planning to go to the college the coming year that he may better learn to impart the knowledge he has gained of a Saviour and His soon-coming kingdom.

At Calliope there are some consistent workers. As the result of the efforts of one family, a young man who is present in this camp is walking in obedience to the Sabbath commandment, and has travelled from Bajool, four hundred miles, to this meeting to receive further help and blessing.

One of our faithful colporteurs interested two families on the Cleveland line and asked me last camp to visit them. I have been doing so every opportunity. One man and his wife have been keeping Sabbath for some time. The other family will, I trust, take their stand later.

Away out in the saw-milling district, in the mountains beyond Beaudesert, an honest soul has been reading our literature, procured from the Signs Publishing Company and our office here, in search of truth, for some considerable time. Becoming convinced of the Sabbath and other points of our message, he has been purchasing quantities of tracts and booklets and sending them to his friends in England and Wales, and also distributing them freely in the district in which he worked. Some little time ago, at the request of the Signs Company, I visited him. He has since given up his appoint-

ment at the mills and good wages in order to obey the Lord.

This, I think, makes sixteen adults who have commenced to walk in the way of righteousness, besides their young people and children. They are not by any means fully instructed in all points of truth and need much further help to enable them to stand.

I am convinced that the results of last year's seed-sowing by these faithful brethren and sisters will not be limited to sixteen souls. Interests have been awakened, which I have been following up, that I am hoping will bear fruit. An aged sister at Gladstone, who was herself led to the knowledge of the truth through reading the *Signs of the Times* and studying the "Bible Readings" purchased from one of our bookmen, has by loaning the *Signs* and tracts opened the way for me to give Bible studies in the home of one of her neighbours. I always stop at Gladstone to study with this old lady and gentleman. I hold studies with another lady and her two daughters on these visits, and am believing for results.

A good brother on the Cleveland line gave me an introduction to a lady and gentleman on the Rockleigh line whom he had interested by our literature. I have had several studies with them on my rest days at home. Not being able to visit them as often as I think necessary, I supplied them with a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation." I trust that the Lord will bless the reading of this book to His own glory.

There are many such interests to which I have been giving attention. I am trying to make it plain in this report that the Lord has used our literature in the hands of our faithful people to create these interests which have led these precious souls to love and serve Him.

We have two faithful witnesses and zealous workers at Petrie Creek, Nambour, who have only recently heard the message. This brother and his wife became interested in the Sabbath question through reading Pastor Russell's "No Sabbath" theory. The husband soon began to devote seven days each week to the cultivation of his pines and bananas. The wife who had a longer Christian experience, bewailed his desecration

of the "Lord's Day." Our brother challenged his wife to prove from the Bible that a Sabbath should be observed and he would cease work on the Sunday. Within a week the Lord had convinced both from His Word of the binding nature of His holy day, and both immediately commenced to obey the Lord. When two of our faithful bookmen called a few days later with further light in the book, "Heralds of the Morning," our new brother was pleased to enlighten them on the Sabbath question. These brethren spent several profitable evenings at this house. I have also spent some time in this home and studied every point of truth with them. This good brother and sister have placed literature in every home for miles around, and many are convinced of the truth. They are present in camp and desire baptism. Brother W—— is hastening preparations to take up colportage work.

In preparing this report it has not been my chief object to tell you of my own humble efforts and experiences, but rather of what has been accomplished by our dear people in Queensland, with whom it has been my great privilege and pleasure to labour. Your Home Missions Secretary's report is a report of many faithful workers, who not only devote a portion of their time to the service of the Master in heralding this last warning message, but sacrifice in many ways for the support of the work and workers, not only in this conference, but also in the island field.

J. ALLEN,

State Home Missions Secretary.

Report of the New South Wales Tract Society

For Year Ending June 30, 1916

THE progress of the Tract Society during the past year has been most encouraging. Our hearts should go out to God in gratitude for His guiding hand, and the protection of His outstretched arm. It has been our best year both in the matter of circulating literature and from a financial standpoint. And should it not be our best?—Yes, each year should be better than the preceding one. We are one year nearer home, and as we pass the milestones on the homeward journey, which are indicated by the years of time, we should

see at least some progress in our work. For this we work; for this we plan and pray; and it can be said to the glory of God, that this we have achieved.

The sales made throughout the year are not the results of the colporteurs' efforts only. They have done well in exceeding all previous records, and we are sure that they feel pleased to have been thus honoured of God; but the rank and file of our church members are to some extent responsible for this increase. The church members have lifted well at every call made upon them to circulate literature, and have rendered valuable service. Success usually leads to success; therefore, brethren, the success of our efforts this year should lead us to greater success next year. Are we, as church members, going to slacken our efforts now because we have obtained a measure of success? Verily nay: I feel confident that it is in the mind of each one to put forth a more vigorous effort and reach a greater measure of success. Can we not redouble our efforts as we see thickening evidences of our Lord's return? This we must do as responsible members of the church of God.

New "Outlook"

Our first big campaign this present year is on the *Outlook*. We have ordered a good supply of these papers. Our first order was for three thousand. These have all left our office together with a number of others which comprised part of our second shipment of two thousand copies. We expect the remainder of this shipment to be disposed of at an early date.

We hope to have other magazines, and other special efforts throughout the year, and thus keep the flame of missionary zeal burning in the hearts of the believers.

Several inquiries from people in the city have come to our office for tracts. Lists have been supplied and orders have been received for tracts covering the strongest points of truth. One person sent an order covering about two pages of paper, closely written. These people were unknown in our office, and their names were handed to our city workers. Probably they learned of us through the efforts of our church workers. Let us keep

on with the good work, and thus help in producing a rich harvest to be garnered at our Lord's return.

A. E. HODGKISON.

Reporting—Its Place, Value, and Privileges

UPON examining the quarterly reports from the various states comprising our Australasian field, some surprise and alarm is experienced, as it is found that a comparatively small percentage (in some states thirty per cent only) of our people report missionary work.

We are loath to believe that this is because little missionary effort is made, particularly when we read from the Spirit of Prophecy words such as these: "The work in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." Again, "The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with its glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people who *know by experience* what it means to be labourers together with God."

Are we anxious for the finishing of the work? Do we want the outpouring? Surely! Why then do reports come from so few?

Perhaps the *place* of reporting has never been realized by the "labourers together with God." Right through the centuries reporting has been prominent among God's people. The Bible, in fact, is mostly a compilation of reports. From Genesis, where the creative work is reported, through the Pentateuch, Job, Daniel, etc., we find the story told of things attempted and accomplished by and for God through Him and His people. In the New Testament even more is said. The four Gospels abound in the work of Christ, reporting things He said and did, and inasmuch as the unchanging Spirit of God moved these writers to report, if His Spirit now operates, shall we not be moved as were they? We pass to the Acts of the Apostles and find the report of those things which they *continued to do*—those things that Jesus had commenced. In Acts 14:27, the first thing reported on the return of Paul to Antioch from a missionary journey

is, "They rehearsed all that God had done with them." The report was again delivered to the church at Jerusalem. Acts 15:4. Paul was undoubtedly led of Christ in this.

Thus through the church of old, reporting was given an important place. With a Leader who is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, should the church of to-day alter its ways?

We briefly notice the *value* of reporting. It is said that much of the success of the Japanese in their war with Russia was due to their accurate system of obtaining constant and definite reports from all parts of the field. In the present titanic struggle no army can hope for success unless the commander receives correct reports from every point. If reporting is so necessary for success in earthly warfare, must it not be also in spiritual, which needs all the system and order that can be exercised, if victory is to be experienced by the followers of Christ? The general must note the need, then he must know how it is being met; where men are few; and where reinforcements are needed. So must we. Our need is great, the world is before us, and some day, by the grace of God, we shall encircle it. Is the line lengthening, or is it shortening; are there weak places, or is all strong? How may we know? Why, by the reports of Christ's labourers. Through this we shall learn what is being done, and what yet remains, and thus at a glance be able to so organize our line that the enemy will be compelled to retreat.

Reporting is of value in other ways, sometimes unexpected. In the early days of our South African mission work, other workers desired to keep us out of certain territory, so they sent to the government a request that our workers be forbidden to open stations in South Africa. Great Britain controlled this territory, so to London went the request. There statistics are kept of work done by every denomination in the British Empire. These were examined by the officials; the result was that the request was refused; the reason given being that Seventh-day Adventists were doing more missionary work than any other denomination. Do you see how this fact was discovered?—*By the total of the individual reports.* To those who read

this, and fail to send in their reports, we say, "Are you not glad that all others have not so neglected their privileges?"

This brings us to the third phase of reporting—its *privileges*. "For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Remember these words. We are reminded that in every Christian it is Christ within that does the work. Then to whom shall the praise be given, and whose name shall be exalted but Christ's? Thus it is the privilege of every sincere follower to uplift the Saviour, both in the doing and in the reporting of the deed. When He is uplifted there is always a blessing poured upon the soul.

After I had spoken on reporting at the recent New South Wales camp-meeting, a sister came to me and said, "I at one time neglected my reporting, but as I listened to the testimonies of others, and saw how the Lord blessed them in telling what He had done through them, I determined to lose His approval no longer, and without delay commenced to report, and can testify that from that time the Lord has undoubtedly led and helped me in all my work for Him." To those who read this and do not report, we would suggest that they try the above, and the Lord's blessing will come to them. Another privilege that may be ours lies in the joy that comes to us as we read of the rapid advance of this message. How pleased we are to read in the RECORD of the increasing work in India, China, Africa, and the islands of the sea. With what pleasure we learn of the facts connected with this vast field. How are we able to place these facts before you? Only as the result of our people reporting. We are interested in their work; would they not be interested in ours? They do not neglect their duty, let us not neglect ours.

Brethren and sisters, work for the time is short. The night soon cometh when no man can work, then tell us of your labour for the Master. Follow the teachings of the Scripture and of the Spirit of Prophecy and let His blessing rest upon each one so that when life's work is over it shall be said of us, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

W. G. TURNER,
Assistant Home Missions Secretary.

The Day Line

MANY of our people having been questioned in regard to the day line, and not having been acquainted with all the facts relating to it, will be glad to learn that we have just published a tract that will meet their need. This has been prepared by Pastor G. Teasdale, and sets out in a very simple, clear, and scriptural manner, all the facts as they actually exist. We would suggest that all study this tract carefully, and buy copies to send to others whose minds have been perplexed by this subtle snare of the adversary. Thirty-two pages of helpful reading for one penny. Twenty-five copies for 1s. 8d. Order from your Tract Society
W. G. TURNER.

Gems of Thought on Influence from "Christ's Object Lessons"

CHRIST has made every provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the Light of the world, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace.—Page 419.

From every true disciple is to be diffused an influence for life, courage, helpfulness, and true healing.—Page 419.

The divine fullness will flow through the consecrated human agent, to be given forth to others.—Page 419.

Our influence may be a silent, unconscious but mighty power in drawing others to Christ and the heavenly world.—Page 342.

The silent witness of a true, unselfish, godly life carries an almost irresistible influence.—Page 340.

The promise of the Spirit is not appreciated as it should be. Its fulfilment is not realized as it might be. . . . Learning, talents, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner be won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them the channel for the outworking of the

highest influence in the universe.—Page 328.

By faithful endeavour, watchfulness, and prayer, secure the wisdom that is from above. . . . Thus you may rise in character, and gain an influence over other minds, enabling you to lead them in the path of uprightness and holiness.—Page 334.

The life of Christ was an ever-widening, shoreless influence, an influence that bound him to God and to the whole human family. Through Christ, God has invested man with an influence that makes it impossible for him to live to himself.—Page 339.

Every soul is surrounded by an atmosphere of its own,—an atmosphere, it may be, charged with the life-giving power of faith, courage, and hope, and sweet with the fragrance of love. Or it may be heavy and chill with the gloom of discontent and selfishness, or poisonous with the deadly taint of cherished sin. *By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected.* This is a responsibility from which we cannot free ourselves.—Page 339.

But never should it be forgotten that influence is no less a power for evil. . . . That our influence should be a savour of death unto death is a fearful thought; yet this is possible.—Page 340. C. HALLAM.

BROTHER L. A. BUTLER left Sydney on November 8 to take the management of the Adelaide Café.

DR. SHERWIN returned to Wahroonga on November 4 from the Western Australian camp-meeting, bringing a good report. A full account of the proceedings of this meeting will appear later.

Obituary

MOULTON.—Died of illness at the front on August 19, 1916, Brother Charles A. J. Moulton, aged twenty-one years. Brother Charlie was the only son of Brother and Sister L. Moulton of Bridgetown, Western Australia. He had a bright happy disposition which won for him the love and esteem of all. The writer received a letter from him a few weeks prior to his decease which breathed a strong desire to meet with God's people again in his beloved homeland; but God had for some wise

purpose deferred that meeting until the resurrection morn. The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents and four sisters who are all endeavouring to look beyond the dark portals of the tomb to the great and final day when they shall meet and become an unbroken family for eternity.

"Until the shadows from this earth are cast,
Until He gathers in His sheaves at last,
Until the twilight gloom is overpast,
Good-night, good-night, good-night."

NETA GOODING.

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Notice

Tasmanian Conference and Camp-Meeting

THE annual conference will be held in conjunction with the camp-meeting, November 23 to December 3, 1916. A very favourable location has been secured, the Hobart City Council having very kindly granted us the use of the South Hobart Recreation Ground.

All members in good and regular standing constitute the regular delegation, and we look forward to a meeting that will be in keeping with the solemn times in which we live. Come, praying for and expecting great things from God.

A. H. WHITE.

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THE report of the New South Wales Conference will appear next week.

AT a meeting of the Asiatic Division Council, Pastor F. A. Allum was invited to take the principalship of the Chinese Training School in Shanghai.

PASTOR N. Z. TOWN arrived in Wahroonga from Victoria on Tuesday, November 7, and left the following morning for a short visit to Avondale. He will spend Sabbath and Sunday, November 11 and 12, with the Sydney churches.

PASTOR ALLEN'S Home Missions Report in this number will be found exceptionally interesting. It is long, but we felt that none could be omitted. If any of our readers are inclined to feel disheartened in missionary endeavour, we strongly advise them to read this report that is so replete with good results from seed-sowing.

IN writing from Adelaide on his way to India, Professor Griggs says, "Mrs. Griggs and I have had a most delightful time in Australia. We like the country and its people very much." We feel confident that we voice the sentiment of all who had the privilege of meeting Brother and Sister Griggs, in saying that it has not only been a great pleasure to us to have them with us for a time, but that their labours have been most beneficial to the work in this field. Our first-page article from the pen of Professor Griggs will be of special interest. Later his address to the graduating class at Avondale will be published.

ON their way from America to South Africa, Pastor Bender with his wife and two children and Brother Patchett arrived in Sydney on Tuesday, November 7. Brother Bender has been appointed to mission work in Central Africa, and Brother Patchett is to connect with the college at Cape Town. It has been a privilege to welcome these workers en route to their distant field. Pastor Bender has laboured for some years in the West Indies, and on Wednesday evening, November 8, he occupied the time of our missionary meeting at Wahroonga in giving us a very interesting talk on that field. The thought impressed upon our minds was that the same power attends the proclamation of the message in all parts of the world-wide field, and the same spirit characterizes the workers.

An Expression of Thanks

TO OUR dear brethren in Australia, Greetings. On behalf of the Manila Church, Philippine Islands, I wish to thank you for sending us your offerings to help us in building a church. Your generosity has greatly impressed our native brethren and has led them to become more liberal themselves. It is so warm in Manila that it is impossible to hold our general meetings in a tent, so our central church must be large enough to be used for this purpose. Our native brethren are endeavouring to buy the land which costs 4,300 pesos, or £430. This will be a great struggle for them as they are very poor and have but little of this world's goods. I am sure if you could have seen the look of gladness and thankfulness on the faces of our brethren when I told them that I had received the money from Australia for the new church, you would feel well repaid for all the sacrifices you have made.

We have been forced for some time to hold our meetings in a building which is unfit for the worship of God. Our quarterly meetings have to be held under our house. You can understand something of what it means to bring together 275 or 300 people for such a service beneath a house in such oppressive heat, when they have to be crowded closely together.

God has greatly blessed our work during the past six months. Thus

far we have baptized 328 people. We are now erecting our new college building. Our teachers have arrived and we look forward with much interest to the great help this will be to us in training new workers.

Again thanking you for your generosity and interest in our work, I pray God who "is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Sincerely your brother,
L. V. FINSTER.

The Growth of a Seed

OVER twelve years ago a modest tent was pitched on a vacant lot in one of our railway towns. In attendance was a company of Adventist workers: the work went slowly, but a few interested ones gathered each evening.

Within a few weeks a monster tent was erected only a few blocks away, with a popular Scotch evangelist and a united church choir attracting large crowds nightly; and the audience in the small tent dwindled, till one night there was only one feeble old man, and he an adherent of the faith of the Plymouth Brethren. Hard and scanty material this on which to work, and dark the outlook; but the workers held on.

And faith was rewarded; the seed did grow. The old man was the firstfruits, and three families followed, accepting the whole truth of the Word of God. Church of England, Church of Christ, Methodist, and Plymouth Brethren,—all became one in heart and mind; and the heads of two families turned from preaching and church work to spreading the printed page of truth.

Years have passed. Two of those workers have crossed death's portals, so has the aged man who led the way. All of the others, save the lads now grown to manhood, are found walking the narrow path. Two have married, and unite with their husbands in the Lord's work, while the husband of a third for many years carried the truth-filled literature o'er land and ocean. One of the workers and two of the company this year work side by side on the faculty of our college at Avondale.

But if those workers had given up when the seed seemed to fall by the wayside to be devoured—then what?