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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 Carpenter's Son

The little shop at Nazareth,
The peaceful life for which it stood,
The clear, strong, ringing hammer-strokes,
The droning saw, the riven wood,
The murmur of the smoothing plane,
The scent of shavings freshly curled,—
When Thou hadst left them all behind
And gone Thy way into the world,
Where men would hate Thee and revile,
And one betray Thee with a kiss,
And one deny, and all forsake,
Was there one added pang in this :
That tools of Thy familiar craft
Should be the things that wounded Thee—
The hammer and the driven nails,
The wood of that accursed tree?
Ah, no! Thou Crowned and Crucified,
Thou Power of God that seemed to fail;
'Twas not of wood Thy cross was made,
'Twas not the hammer and the nail
That drove the blows and fixed Thee there,
And pierced Thy hands and feet at last;
Man's hatred and man's sin the cross,
And love—Thy love—that held Thee fast.
—Annie Johnson Flint.

"Be Ye Also Ready"

REPEATED warnings are given in the Scriptures of truth against the danger that Christian believers will become indifferent to the gospel message. Particularly is the church of God in the closing days of earth's history admonished to guard against this menace. Read the following earnest exhortation given by our divine Lord :

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24 : 42-44.

Similar warnings are given, as recorded by Mark and by Luke. These warnings are echoed and re-echoed in the writings of the apostles.

The Master recognized that in the closing days of earth's history His disciples would be beset by terrible temptations; that iniquity, like a great overflowing scourge, would sweep in upon them; that sin, in all its myriad forms and with its subtle and insidious wiles, would seek to overcome them. There would be danger of their sensibilities becoming benumbed, and that they would become weary in their long waiting for the Lord's return. Hence these warning notes were sounded in the Sacred Record.

We who live now, in the closing days of earth's history, know how easy it is to lose the sense of the significance of these solemn times. It is easy for us to become so engrossed in the cares of life, and even in the cares and perplexities attendant upon some part of the Master's service in which we may be engaged, as to forget the terrible meaning which attaches to present-day movements. It is admitted by many careful observers that there has been a great deadening of the world's sensibilities during the last two years. Great and important events have passed in such kaleidoscopic rapidity, the terrible war has had connected with it so many

heart-sickening and revolting episodes and experiences, that the great multitudes are unmoved by ordinary events and occurrences. Conditions existing in the social, religious, industrial, and physical worlds, which two years ago appeared so pregnant with meaning, have come to be regarded as hardly worthy of passing thought. Political events of the greatest importance as related to present-day civilization, and to the whole future history of the nations of men, are rapidly taking place. The outcome of the situation which exists no statesman can predict, no human intellect forecast. What startling events a day will bring forth, what far-reaching changes will come as the result of the present struggle, we must leave for the future to reveal. To His church in such a time as this the words of the Saviour are addressed :

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockerowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13 : 33-37.

Years ago, the servant of the Lord in speaking, we believe, of this very

time, uttered this significant warning:

We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails.—“*Testimonies for the Church*,” Vol. IX, page 11.

How little did we realize when this message was given that a little way in the future there would break upon the world the terrible scenes we have witnessed during the last two years. But the war with all its horrors came, and it came suddenly and unexpectedly, even to those best acquainted with the political situation. It was with the suddenness with which all Europe was set on fire that startled men. In a week Europe was transformed from a land of peace, of quiet industrial pursuits, of apparent concord and harmonious co-operation among the nations, to a great armed camp. The industries of peace were transformed into accessories of war. Of the sudden terribleness of this transformation the editor of the London *Daily Telegraph*, in its issue of August 1, 1914, speaks as follows:

As we look back over a week which has been full of the keenest excitement and the most feverish anxiety, we cannot fail to be struck with the extraordinary rapidity with which this present crisis has developed. . . .

Practically within the compass of a single week, we have had to watch the evolution of a crisis absolutely unparalleled in the memory of the present generation,—perhaps in the history of the world,—and have discovered to our astonishment and dismay that we stand on the brink, not of a mere localized conflict in the east of Europe, but of an appalling European war. It is this alarming violence, this remorseless haste, as of a tornado tearing its way with resistless force across peaceful lands, which takes away our breath and paralyzes our thoughts. Before we have had time to guess whither events were leading us, we find ourselves in

the centre of the storm; and every man in every capital looks with feverish anticipation for what the next few hours may bring forth. Human imagination is stunned by so sudden, so tremendous, and so unexpected a catastrophe.

We believe that the sudden and unexpected manner in which this war broke upon the inhabitants of Europe is an object lesson of the rapid manner in which other significant events will shape in the closing days of earth's history. Says the servant of the Lord, “Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.” How greatly we need to be on our guard lest the great day of the Lord come upon us as a thief in the night, and we be taken as in a snare. Satan would have us believe that we can actually figure out the proximity of the Lord's return; that by casting up figures and compiling statistics we can determine just how far the last gospel message has extended, and how nearly Israel is made up.

We take the map of the world and point with pride to the progress of this movement. There are few countries it has not entered, yet much remains to be done. But after all, how little we can determine the forces and the agencies which God has at work in the accomplishment of His purpose! We thank God from the depth of our heart for what has been accomplished, but we can measure only the material extent of the message. We have no means of determining the unseen influence which has gone out into all the world. We only know this, that in many instances the Spirit of God has reached over and beyond denominational effort, and men and women in various countries, by personal study of the Word, have been led to see many of the precious truths which we as a people hold, and have accepted them without any knowledge of us as a denomination.

We seek many times to measure the extent to which certain movements have progressed. We consider the fulfilment of prophecy with respect to the United States, with respect to Turkey, and we argue that the end must be reached through certain progressive steps in the fulfilment of the prophetic word, and yet, after all, this is largely human reasoning and human speculation. We know that certain results will be reached in the end, yet we have but little conception of just what steps

may be taken and how rapidly these steps may be taken. It is evident that we are on the eve of mighty and startling events. Everything is shaping toward a speedy climax. The great forces of evil have been marshalling, and are ready to make their last great stand against God and His truth. All heaven is ready. If the church of God were as fully prepared, how speedily God could accomplish His work in the earth!

Sometime, we know not when nor how soon, God will set His hand to cut His work short in righteousness. Are we ready for this as a church, as individuals? Are we ready for the events which wait on the morrow, whatever they may be? for the startling changes which this year will bring? We would raise no false alarm. We do not believe in wild enthusiasm or erratic moves; but we do believe that we have come to a time when we need to be very greatly in earnest in seeking God.

What is it to be ready? It is to have every sin forgiven. It is to be gaining daily victory in our Christian experience. It is to have everything placed upon the altar of service,—our property, our sons and daughters, our own lives,—all to be used as the providence of God shall lead and indicate. It is to live separate and apart from the evil influences of the world around us, to avoid partaking of its spirit or coming under its power. It is to find pleasure in the service of God rather than in the pleasures of the world or the service of self. It is to be in our own homes and in the consciousness of our own hearts what we profess to be before our brethren and sisters. He who puts off this day of complete consecration does so at his peril. The call of God to His people to-day is to prepare themselves for the things that are coming upon the earth. Are you ready? This is the question which we desire to press home to the heart of every reader. Are you prepared for the close of your probation? Are you prepared to meet the Lord Christ?

F. M. WILCOX.

“DAY by day the battle goes on. If our eyes could be opened to see the good and evil agencies at work, there would be no trifling, no vanity, no jesting or joking.”—“*Testimonies for the Church*,” Vol. VI, page 41.

When Should We Talk Religion ?

RELIGION is considered a taboo subject on all ordinary occasions. Its discussion is considered as belonging to the church, or the prayer meeting, or the more particular occasions for the most part. Why should this question be thus regarded? Why should we hesitate to speak to our fellows about the one question which above all others is of greatest importance, that of eternal destiny? We spend hours talking about the weather, crops, politics, the war, but feel that it is out of place to broach questions of spiritual import.

This we believe is false modesty. Nor do we believe that our neighbours would take offense, as we sometimes fear, if we should speak to them directly of those things that concern the salvation of their souls. We inquire after the physical welfare of our friends, and why should we not as freely inquire after their spiritual health?

“AS LONG as we sail with the current of the world, we need neither canvas nor oar. It is when we turn squarely about to stem the current that our labours begin.”—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, page 129.

“IF you love the Scriptures, and search them whenever there is opportunity, that you may come into possession of their rich treasures, then you may be assured that Jesus is drawing you to Himself.”—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, page 204.

“THE Lord is soon to come. We must work while the day lasts; for the night is coming, in which no man can work. O, many, many have lost the spirit of self-denial and sacrifice. They have been burying their money in temporal possessions. There are men whom God has blessed, whom He is testing to see what response they will make to His benefits. They have withheld their tithes and offerings until their debt to the Lord God of Hosts has become so great that they grow pale at the thought of rendering to the Lord His own,—a just tithe. Make haste brethren, you now have opportunity to be honest with God; delay not. For your soul's sake no longer rob God in tithes and offerings.”—*Mrs. E. G. White*.



Taungs, South Africa

WE are glad to report that the truth still moves onward up here, even though there are many hindering causes to be met. In some cases very decided victories have been gained and much light and comfort have come to the hearts and homes of the people.

One woman who has accepted the truth, feels sure God sent us here, and that had we not come and taught them the things we have, they all would have been lost.

This woman, who was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, has four children with her who love the truth and keep the Sabbath of the Lord. Her mother also has accepted and loves the truth.

One of our new members, who has resigned from the Church of England, received a letter from the Anglican clergyman, in which he says, “Since God finished His work of creation on Saturday, and Jesus rested in the tomb on that day, and the fourth commandment requires that we keep it, we surely cannot be wrong in observing that day,” and also that he “would welcome the suggestion of keeping Saturday as a day of rest as beneficial both spiritually and physically.” This, of course, has helped some to feel more sure of their position.

For some time I have received urgent invitations to conduct services at a diamond field thirty miles away. Two weeks ago I made the venture with one of the new friends of the truth. We each drove our own Enfield cycle and side car, taking bedding and provisions, and away we went over mountains and sand and dry river-beds.

We spent one day announcing the meeting, and at night were much pleased to see a crowd of people gather for the service. No building was available to accommodate them, so we had an open-air meeting. I never saw a company of people take more interest in a lecture on Daniel 2.

At the close of the meeting they bought thirty shillings' worth of small books.

Being earnestly invited to go again, I went out last week alone and held two more meetings. People having heard of the first meeting came in carts and waggons from miles away and again we had a crowd and an open-air meeting. These meetings seem somewhat similar to the open-air meetings held in the days of John Wesley.

On this second occasion we had a very successful meeting, and at its close they once more bought books. One man alone went home with fifteen shillings' worth of small books under his arm. Of their own free will they gave me a collection of fifteen shillings and urged me to stay for the next night.

This I did, and again we had a good meeting. At its close three young men asked me to tell them how to accept the salvation of God and live true Christian lives. On this night they again gave me fifteen shillings in collection and guaranteed me all expenses incurred in coming out to help them.

Some of these men are taking a very different view of life since our visits among them, and it does one good to listen as they talk together during the day.

This coming week we have arranged to go out again and conduct two more services. One of the miners is lending us his organ, and we have promised to have some extra singing. My wife will accompany me this time and we have promised to have a children's service.

Mr. Renou, one of our new Sabbath-keeping storekeepers, is going out in his car to help us, and to talk to the people in Dutch.

Already I am invited to go to two diamond fields further away to hold meetings, but alas! I am only one man and not three. We have our hands full here in Taungs alone, and have no one to help us. If we had a capable young woman as Bible worker we could do much more, as we could then venture further from home.

The amount of work to be done here in this corner of Africa alone,—the people unwarned, and the hearts open to receive the truth, with so few to carry it to them—fill me with anxiety. I wonder how many hundred years it will take to warn this country of the coming of

the Lord at the rate we are now doing the work.

Surely there should be more workers in this field doing pioneer work, and surely there should be more tithes in the treasury for the support of such.

May God arouse us all to sense the fact that this is not a time for Seventh-day Adventists to be spending all their time in "buying and selling, planting, and building," but to be turning our earthly possessions into cash as much as possible and investing in God's work, thus laying up treasure above. We should save to give, study to give, work to give, and live to give, that God's work may go speedily, that souls may be saved, and Jesus come.

C. A. AND M. E. PAAP.

THE following interesting experience appeared in the *South African Missionary*:

"While in Rhodesia, Brother A. P. Tarr fell into conversation with a gentleman on the train, and introduced some features of the message to him. He learned that the man was a neighbour, as neighbours are counted in Rhodesia, and was acquainted with Pastor Sturdevant. An invitation to visit Tsungwesi was given and accepted, and one or two visits were exchanged with the mission family. At each of these some feature of the message was considered.

"At the time of our visit to Tsungwesi, this family, with two or three others who live near enough to do so, attended a Sunday meeting, and invited Brother Clark to accompany them home. Not much sleeping was done that night, the time being spent in searching the Scriptures. Two weeks later they visited Brother Sturdevant's people in Umtali, and I believe at that time decided to obey God. Brother Sturdevant has visited them once or twice since, travelling forty miles and return to do so, and at the time of his last visit these friends were baptized."

There are honest seekers after truth scattered throughout the world; then let us call the attention of all, even though they are strangers, to the message of the coming King, for we know not what the results may be.



Go Work To-day

Hear ye the call, O child of earth;
Hear it amid life's careless mirth;
It comes at night when all is still,
It bids thee do thy Master's will:
Go preach to-day.

The gift to preach may not be thine,
In Learning's halls you may not shine;
But there are tasks right at the door,
Tasks you have slighted o'er and o'er;
Go work to-day.

The kindly smile, the gentle deed,
The helping hand to those in need,
The words of truth on printed leaf
May give a troubled soul relief;
Go work to-day.

The vineyard of the Lord is wide,
The angels will with you abide,
Some little corner you may fill;
Go forth and do thy Master's will:
Go work to-day.
ELIZA H. MORTON.

An Urgent Call

THE world is sick. Never in the history of the human race has medical science seemingly reached so high a degree of knowledge, yet never have these students of medicine been faced with such a complication of ills as confronts them to-day. What can be done to stem the torrent of sickness and death? who shall attempt if doctors apparently fail? To the one whose knowledge is widened and moulded by the third angel's message there opens countless avenues for helping humanity by lifting the great burden of sorrow, pain, and physical distress that rests upon men. The glad tidings of the gospel need to be sounded in all countries that men may recognize that spirit, soul, and body are to be changed, renewed and sanctified for righteousness. God calls for the physical regeneration of the human race just as He desires the spiritual, and to us as a people He has graciously given light whereby the gospel of health may be proclaimed. He tells us through His Spirit that "the gospel is to be bound up with the principle of true health reform. Christianity is to be brought into the practical life. Earnest, thorough reformatory work is to be

done. . . . We are to present the principles of health reform before the people, doing all in our power to lead men and women to see the necessity of these principles and to practise them."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, page 379.

Not negligently, or but rarely are we to do this, treating it as but of little moment, for "the medical missionary work is as the right arm of the third angel's message which must be proclaimed to a fallen world." We cannot all be doctors or nurses, diagnosing diseases and suggesting remedies for the alleviation of the pain, but other means are placed in our hands that may prove very effective and be used as a powerful lever to lift the pressing weight of ill. The work of our literature in all departments of the third angel's message has been proven most successful in carrying the gospel truth, and to-day there are thousands serving God through the introduction of the printed page. Our books, magazines, periodicals, and tracts play an important part in the closing work for man, and as the end draws nearer it will be even a greater factor in telling the message for this time. The gospel of health may be taken to all homes through the medium of our medical books and magazines.

"Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light that the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interests of health and temperance and social-purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner, and in their true light to the people."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, page 136.

There are several who recognize this and whose work for God consists in distributing these journals in many centres. The call rings loud to-day for labourers in this branch of service. The harvest is ready, the world is waiting, the sickle of truth is sharpened and is ready at hand, but—the labourers are few. God calls to-day for young men and women to catch the vision of a world perishing physically and spiritually, and then, filled with the realization of their duty, act their part as body and soul-saving

followers of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our good magazine, *Life and Health*, is one means of accomplishing the purpose of God in the earth, and we commend this to all those who are willing to have some part as workers together with Him.

We are anxious to increase the circulation of this magazine by at least ten thousand copies, bringing the quarterly issue up to twenty-five thousand. To do this we are planning a big *Life and Health* campaign to commence early in January, and we are appealing to our people to take up this work with their usual enthusiasm and zeal, and thus reach the aim we have set. It will mean that each secure five yearly subscriptions for the issue. This is not too much, we feel sure, and we are confident that your co-operation will be extended to this department of the Lord's work without delay.

The first number of the new quarterly is now ready, and with its attractive cover and interesting contents, which deal with summer complaints, should command a ready sale. We are sending to each conference a number of prospecti consisting of a complete sample copy of the October-November issue to which is attached a four-page supplement advertising the subjects to be dealt with in each issue during the coming year. This will enable the colporteur to correctly acquaint the customer with future plans and better enlist sympathy. A book containing ten blank order sheets will be forwarded with the prospectus, together with a suggestive canvass, so that none need refuse this work through unpreparedness. This prospectus, etc., will be provided without charge and may be procured from your Tract Society secretaries. The good commission of fifty per cent, or 1s. 3d. in the yearly subscription of 2s. 6d., will be allowed the canvasser. Thus we are hoping that our people will rally to the effort, and that the Signs Publishing Company will have the pleasure of sending from their press no less than twenty-five thousand *Life and Health* in the near future.

We trust that the Lord will bless the efforts of His people as they carry the truth to the world, and that He will use them in the winning of souls for His kingdom.

W. G. TURNER.

Gems of Thought on Our Duty from "Christ's Object Lessons"

WE are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are.—Page 229.

Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little.—Page 331.

Now is our time to labour for the salvation of our fellow-men. . . . Every moment is freighted with eternal consequences. We are to stand as minute men, ready for service at a moment's notice.—Page 343.

We should not talk of our weakness and inability. This is a manifest distrust of God, a denial of His Word. When we murmur because of our burdens, or refuse the responsibilities He calls upon us to bear, we are virtually saying that He is a hard Master, that He requires what He has not given us power to do.—Page 363.

Many who think that though they are doing no actual work for Christ, they are yet on His side, are enabling the enemy to preoccupy ground and gain advantages. By their failure to be diligent workers for the Master, by leaving duties undone and words unspoken, they have allowed Satan to gain control of souls who might have been won for Christ.—Page 280.

All around us are heard the wails of a world's sorrow. On every hand are the needy and distressed. It is ours to aid in relieving and softening life's hardships and misery.—Page 417.

Our neighbour is every soul who is wounded and bruised by the adversary. Our neighbour is every one who is the property of God.—Page 376.

When the appeals of the Holy Spirit come to the heart, our only safety lies in responding to them without delay. When the call comes, "Go work to-day in My vineyard," do not refuse the invitation. . . . It is unsafe to delay obedience. You may never hear the invitation again.—Page 281. C. HALLAM.

"THE highest evidence of nobility in a Christian is self-control."



Sabbath-School Rally Day at Warburton

THOUGH the weather had been wet and dull all the week, the Lord heard the prayers of His people, and when Rally Day came the clouds rolled away and the sun shone out bright and clear. There were 165 present for the opening of the Sabbath-school at 10.30 a.m. All were indeed interested in the special programme prepared for the occasion, and everything passed off very successfully.

All the charts of the Sabbath-school were displayed on the walls with three additional mottoes, all of which helped to impress the exercises of the day.

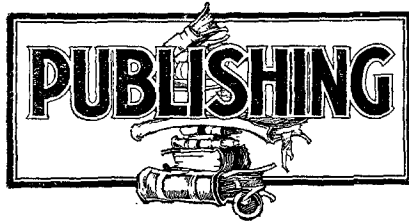
In addition to the special items in the Sabbath-school, the entire church service was devoted to the interests of the Sabbath-school work.

Twelve have already been added to the Sabbath-school as the result of the Rally Day services, and we trust that many more may be gathered in as the result of this special effort. T. BEHRENS,
Secretary.

I Love the Sabbath-School

[This is the real testimony of a six-year-old.]

"I LOVE the Sabbath-school. It helps me to be a Christian. If I did not have any Sabbath-school to go to I might turn into a heathen. The Sabbath-school is a temple where Jesus comes to meet with us. Next to home and next to grandma's house, I'd rather be at Sabbath-school than anywhere else. I love the songs and the prayers, and the marching round to give the pennies to Jesus; and I love my teacher, and the nice picture she shows me, and the Memory Verse Cards she gives me, and all the little Sabbath-keeping children that come to meet with Jesus. And if there's anybody here that don't go to Sabbath-school, they don't know what they're missing, and I'd like to get them to come if they will. Jesus would bless them if they would come. I love the Sabbath-school, that is what I love."



Monthly Summary of Australasian Colportage Work

New South Wales

NOVEMBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —			
G. Henry	33	4	£ 4 1 0
<i>Home and Health</i> —			
R. Lutton	25	14	5 5 0
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
E. G. Whittaker	108	61	46 10 0
F. Masters	117	50	38 1 0
W. Morris (Del.)	136	19	15 7 0
O. W. Maxwell	34	11	8 19 6
C. A. Maunder	45	11	8 18 0
J. W. Roberts	4	3	4 6
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
W. Fairfoul	173	58	54 9 0
A. Bullas	53	43	38 10 6
Mrs. Bullas	36	39	37 12 6
J. Mitchell May	78	15	13 19 0
A. M. Potter (Del.)	89	13	11 0 0
G. Henry	7	5	12 0 0
F. Masters	21	4	3 8 0
J. W. Roberts	4	3	8 0 0
Helps sold by Agents			14 19 9
	948	357	£313 4 9

Victoria

NOVEMBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —			
A. Timothy	22	5	£ 3 14 6
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
Miss C. E. Hodgetts	69	39	30 3 6
<i>Coming King</i> —			
Miss C. E. Hodgetts	4	1	1 0 0
F. W. Ghinister	57	19	6 11 6
L. G. Sedley	22	13	2 11 6
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
D. Able	86	30	30 18 0
J. L. Smith	121	34	31 8 0
M. Bernoth	124	51	65 9 6
Mr. and Mrs. Vicary	32	8	6 16 0
Helps sold by Agents			6 14 3
	533	203	£185 7 9

South New Zealand

NOVEMBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
F. N. Smith	82	92	£78 14 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
J. Shiu	85	78	56 18 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
D. Cooper	59	67	73 0 0
<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —			
R. Barber	155	83	77 6 3
Mrs. Barber	18	2	1 7 0
T. A. Driver	35	30	23 18 0
Miss F. Knowles	17	8	6 17 0
J. Farrar	113	96	76 5 0
A. McCoy	59	101	91 15 0
State Agent	6	7	5 18 0
Helps sold by Agents			20 14 6
	629	564	£512 13 3

North New Zealand

NOVEMBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
J. S. Jackson	96	55	£44 16 0
A. Jackson	103	44	40 14 0
D. Jackson	53	37	40 9 0
J. Wordsworth	100	45	33 0 6
S. J. Johnson	82	22	18 2 0
<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —			
L. W. Jones	183	73	66 15 6
G. R. Tasker	94	45	38 14 0
Miss L. Brandstater	44	10	8 7 0
R. Johnson	78	19	19 4 0
W. Haddock	129	57	51 18 0
Miss M. Letts	38	14	12 16 0
W. D. Smith	63	23	26 10 6
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
J. McLachlan	111	36	36 10 0
N. Atkinson	148	92	106 6 6
J. Ivey	99	40	57 0 0
A. Cambie	80	49	53 6 0
L. W. Jones	2	2	4 0 0
A. H. Newman	16	5	5 0 0
C. H. Reynolds	61	64	78 4 0
Helps sold by Agents			16 19 3
	1578	732	£756 16 3

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	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —			
L. W. Gericke (Del.)	34	3	£ 2 0 6
<i>Bible Readings</i> —			
H. K. Welburn	93	24	18 19 0
J. Lowe	96	24	20 15 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
F. A. Ross	104	19	15 9 0
P. S. Roy	103	33	26 15 0
S. L. Patching	122	45	32 13 0
L. F. Were	132	20	16 17 6
Helps sold by Agents			11 13 6
	684	168	£145 3 0

Queensland

NOVEMBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
H. E. Streeter	106	18	£20 2 6
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
E. C. Watts (Del.)	8	3	1 18 0
Mrs. Newley	113	18	13 3 0
G. H. Bartlett	192	87	70 2 0
<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —			
C. L. Rowlands	134	63	56 1 0
A. T. Start	40	24	19 9 0
P. H. Ferguson	110	17	13 14 6
G. H. Bartlett		1	13 6
Helps sold by Agents			23 14 0
	703	231	£218 17 6

Western Australia

NOVEMBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Great Controversy</i> —			
F. H. Gall		1	£ 16 0
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
State Agent		1	12 6
F. H. Gall		1	1 0 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
G. Borgas	47	29	31 10 0
F. H. Gall	73	81	84 15 6
E. G. Dunn	128	53	54 11 6
State Agent	97	85	87 6 0
Helps sold by Agents			5 10 6
	345	251	£266 2 0

India

OCTOBER, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —			
C. Stafford (ill)	63	23	£17 6 8
<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —			
H. A. Skinner (ill)	56	28	15 8 0
R. A. Thrift (ill)	19	12	8 0 0
W. H. Stevens (ill)	52	40	26 16 0
	193	103	£67 10 8

Totals for November, 1916

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
New South Wales	948	357	£313 4 9
North New Zealand	1578	732	756 16 3
South Australia	684	168	145 3 0
South New Zealand	629	564	512 13 3
Queensland	703	231	218 17 6
Victoria	533	203	185 7 9
Western Australia	345	251	266 2 0
	5420	2506	£2398 4 6

Our Literature Appeals to Him

A FEW days ago I shared my seat in a crowded railway carriage with Dr. —, of the Congregational Church.

As soon as he found out that I was a Seventh-day Adventist, he began to talk about our activity as a people and the splendid literature we are circulating. Among other things, he said that Seventh-day Adventist literature appealed to him as being fair and reliable. He further stated that he was interested in our position on the war question. He said he had read in several papers about some lectures on the war question delivered in many cities by one Pastor Daniells, but that he had never been fortunate enough to be present when such a lecture was given. I had several copies of Pastor Daniells' lectures in my bag and handed him one. He read every word of it while we were speeding along, and when he had finished he said, "I am sure you people hold the right position on the prophecies, and everything that takes place in the world confirms your position."

I had a good visit with the gentleman, and I trust our visit was profitable to both. However, the point I have in mind in writing this is the fact that we have literature of which we need not be ashamed, and that fact ought to cause us to be ten-fold more active in distributing it. Let us make use of every golden opportunity to do home-missionary work.

S. A. RUSKJER.



Gisbourne, North New Zealand

PASTORS A. G. Daniells and R. Hare raised up a church here thirty years ago which subsequently received the labours of Sister E. G. White who then made the statement to a doubting one that some day the church would be filled.

Latterly, the colporteurs, Brethren Jones and Atkinson, have sown seed which has brought forth fruit. For some months a hall was used in which to proclaim the message. One young man and his wife said that for three years they had been praying for light on the prophecies. Both have now taken hold and intend to fit themselves for foreign mission work. Another young man, an orchardist, stated that for years he had desired to know the way of life, but no light came until this message entered his home. He, with his wife and three children, is now witnessing for the Saviour. A Roman Catholic lady has also decided to obey God. Some time last year a colporteur in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, sold a "Great Controversy" to a lady who presented it to her sister. The sister read the first part, preceding the Sabbath question, when illness prevented her from continuing. She made another attempt and then moved to Gisbourne, New Zealand. The Lord opened the way for her to again read and studies were begun with her. She took hold nobly amidst great opposition from her husband. Twelve adults have proved their love to Jesus by obeying the fourth commandment.

A. C. CHESSON.

North Brisbane Missionary Volunteer Society

THE North Brisbane Missionary Volunteer Society was organized about fifteen months ago when the members were mostly all new Sabbath-keepers.

Having no church or suitable hall in which to meet, it was thought advisable to divide the members into bands and hold meetings in three

different homes. On account of having so many new Sabbath-keepers, three of the office workers were placed in charge of the bands.

When the church officers were elected at the beginning of this year, Brother Hames was chosen as leader of the entire company for the first six months, as they were then able to hold meetings in a hall. The society has advanced rapidly. The following figures will give some idea of the work done during the year.

At the beginning of the year there were about thirty members. Twenty-four of these took the Bible Study, and several started in with the Reading Course book. The offerings were £2 4s. 10d. the first quarter, the whole of this amount being earned by the members, the band children earning the biggest proportion. They gained a good experience in selling the *Signs* and magazines, and are still benefiting by this work.

The aim set for the year 1916 was as follows: Membership 35, Bible Study certificates 25, Reading Course 20, Offerings £15.

One member has gone to Avondale during the year, another to the Union Conference office, and another to the Queensland Conference office.

At present the figures stand thus: Membership 50, Bible Study certificates 31, Reading Course certificates 17, and offerings to date £13 6s. 3d. The offerings have steadily increased each quarter and there is still a little more to earn to reach the aim, but they are hopeful of reaching it. There are about twenty-five members studying the Reading Course book.

A special effort was made last Saturday evening (December 9), when an interesting missionary programme was rendered by the young people and the children to about one hundred appreciative listeners. All took part with a zeal that was good to witness.

At the close of the meeting Brother Hallam, who is visiting here in the interests of the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign, voiced the feelings of all when he said that he had greatly enjoyed listening to the items presented, for he could now better appreciate the needs of the foreign mission fields. H. OSBORNE.

"If you pray earnestly, you can work earnestly, and then you can give earnestly."

Obituaries

GURZINSKI.—On August 1, 1916, while visiting at the home of her daughter at Port Ahuriri, New Zealand, Sister Gurzinski passed away at the age of seventy-eight years. Sister Gurzinski was born in Norway on May 12, 1838, and accepted present truth under the labours of Brother A. Anderson, who came to New Zealand in the ship *Pitcairn*. Our sister was always willing to do what she could for the cause of God. She leaves a husband and ten children to mourn their loss. We hope to meet her at the first resurrection when the Life-giver shall come to call forth His sleeping saints. * * *

DARKO.—Walter Darko was born in the month of January, 1882, and passed away at the home of his parents on the evening of September 26, 1916. For the past two years Brother Walter had been confined to his bed, consequently he was unable to attend the services at the Collinsvale church, which building is in close proximity to his home. Untiringly have human hands ministered to his needs. His parents were continually with him. Upon the occasions of our visits to the church help has been given through reading and prayer. Within twenty-four hours of his death, it was our privilege to engage in prayer with Brother Darko and to read the thirty-first Psalm. Emphasized portions of the psalm were frequently repeated by him until he passed quietly to rest. A large concourse of people—including relatives, friends, and members of the Collinsvale Church—assembled in the church and at the grave-side. A spirit of solemnity rested upon all as attention was drawn to the necessity of making our calling and election sure. We believe that our brother, who is now resting from pain and suffering, will hear the call of the Life-giver at the first resurrection.

A. H. WHITE.

Wanted

WANTED for boy fourteen years of age, position on farm with conscientious Seventh-day Adventist family. A good home and mother's care is needed. References exchanged. Apply by letter to "Myrtle," Tasmanian Conference, Franklin Chambers, Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

Wanted

WANTED man to work as market gardener. Wages £1 per week and keep to start, with promise of increase to suitable man. Must be a Sabbath-keeper. Fare paid by boat from Sydney. Apply to A. H. White, Gurravambi, Macksville, Nambucca River, New South Wales.

Plant the seeds of kindness where you pass along;
Keep the note of courage always in your song.
Though the fates may drive you onward day by day,
Spread the cheerful gospel as you go your way.

—S. E. Kiser.

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BROTHER N. R. FAULKNER arrived in Sydney from Adelaide on December 17, and will take charge of the Wahroonga church-school the coming year.

DR. A. W. SEMMENS and wife and youngest son have arrived in Australia from the United States en route to Auckland, New Zealand, where Dr. Semmens expects to take over the medical practice of Drs. Keller, who are to leave for America shortly.

BROTHER and Sister G. H. Morrison, who have been labouring in the Queensland Conference, have arrived at Wahroonga on their way to Fiji. Our readers will remember that at the late Union Conference council Brother and Sister Morrison were appointed to Fiji.

SISTER PARKIN, wife of Brother F. Parkin of our Aboriginal Mission at Nulla Nulla, New South Wales, passed away on Sabbath afternoon, December 23, at Wahroonga. We extend to Brother Parkin and the three motherless children our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sore trial.

ON December 20, Brother Culbert Fisher and Sister Emma Mudford were united in marriage at the home of Brother Mudford, Cooranbong. Brother Fisher has been in the canvassing work for some time and is now employed in the Avondale Food Factory. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Hare. We wish Brother and Sister Fisher all joy in their future service for the Master.

Espiritu Santo, New Hedrides

WE recently made a trip to Santo, the largest island in this Group, to better ascertain the condition of things there with a view of annexation by this ever-expanding message.

As the weather was fine the launch travelled well and we were able to make the trip in four days, covering a distance of over two hundred and forty miles, and to make calls at several places of importance.

A Spanish navigator discovered the island on Pentecost Day, 1606, and thinking that he had found the great southern continent gave it the name of Tierra Australe del Espiritu Santo. Another smaller island to the southeast was given the name of Pentecost.

Santo is not only the largest island in the New Hebrides, but contains the highest mountain peak, which is about five thousand feet in height. It has a deep fertile soil and the copious rainfall makes the vegetation luxuriant. But it was neither the physical features nor the natural resources of the island that attracted us. We sought information concerning its ten thousand inhabitants and their present condition.

It is now nearly thirty years since the Presbyterian Church commenced missionary work on the island. A strong mission station has been built up on every side,—north, south, east, and west,—and creditable work has been done by the several missionaries who have occupied these stations. Probably about one-half of the people have been reached with the Gospel, and portions of the Scriptures have been translated into the various dialects. We visited one of the missions, and though there has been no European worker stationed there for over four years, we found the natives enjoying the privileges of Christianity. They were dressed and desirous of attending religious service. Native teachers have charge of their services, and seem to be earnest in their work.

For various reasons the missions on three sides of the island have been depleted of European missionaries, and these can only receive an occasional visit from the missionary on the south side or from another island. This condition of things with a people only half emerged from heathenism and savagery is most pitiable.

As we learned these facts, the situation appealed to me most strongly

and I longed to give these people the complete "everlasting gospel" which is due "to every nation and kindred and tongue and people." On the west and north is a coast-line a hundred miles long, with villages every few miles apart and not a European worker. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." A. G. STEWART.

Monamona

IT is now five months since our first baptismal service was held. The four girls and the young married woman who were baptized are daily striving to follow Jesus. Since their baptism the writer has conducted a class with them, studying from the Spirit of Prophecy, thus enlightening them more concerning the truth. The young woman's husband expressed a desire to attend the class; he was made welcome and has manifested great interest in the studies.

This young man has been a heavy user of tobacco. During the night he would get up five or six times to smoke. He has been fighting hard to overcome the habit.

At our last quarterly meeting we all decided to pray for him earnestly every day that God would give him the victory and grant that he would be with us at our next quarterly meeting. Sabbath afternoon, December 16, he, George Noble, was baptized by Brother Branford. Our hearts were filled with inexpressible joy as we realized the answer to our prayers. Our young sisters were so glad when they saw how God had heard them. They all expressed the wish that their loved ones would turn to Jesus.

Another man and his wife are striving to live a better life. They have both given up smoking; this in itself is a great victory as tobacco has these people fast in its grasp, and nothing but the grace of God in the hearts can overcome the habit.

We ask an interest in the prayers of you all that God will give us this man and his wife and others from this benighted people as trophies for His kingdom.

GRACE MITCHELL.

"YOU cannot share your joy too much, nor your grief too little."