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The Life of Faith

"I will commit my way, O Lord, to Thee
Nor doubt Thy love, though dark the way
may be,
Nor murmur, for the sorrow is from God,
And there is comfort also in the rod.

"I will not seek to know the future years,
Nor cloud to-day with dark to-morrow's
fears;
I will but ask a light from heaven to show
How, step by step, my pilgrimage should
go.

"And if the distant perils seem to make
The path impossible that I must take,
Yet as the river winds through mountains
lone,
The way will open up—as I go on.

"Be still, my heart, for faithful is thy Lord,
And pure and true and tried His Holy
Word;
Through stormy flood that rageth as the
sea
His promises thy stepping-stones shall
be."

Effectual Prayer

MANY prayers are offered without faith. A set form of words is used, but there is no real importunity. These prayers are doubtful, hesitating; they bring no relief to those who offer them, and no comfort or hope to others. The form of prayer is used, but the spirit is wanting, showing that the petitioner does not feel his need, and is not hungering and thirsting after righteousness. These long, cold prayers are untimely and wearisome; they are too much like preaching the Lord a sermon.

Learn to pray aloud where only God can hear you. Do not offer make-believe prayers, but earnest, feeling petitions expressing the hunger of the soul for the bread of life. If we prayed more in secret, we should

be able to pray more intelligently in public. These doubtful, hesitating prayers would cease. And when engaged with our brethren in public worship, we could add to the interest of the meeting; for we should bring with us some of the atmosphere of heaven, and our worship would be a reality, and not a mere form. Those about us can soon tell whether we are in the habit of praying or not. If the soul is not drawn out in prayer in the closet, and while engaged in the business of the day, the lack will be manifest in the prayer meeting. The public prayers will be dry and formal, consisting of repetitions and customary phrases, and they will bring darkness rather than light into the meeting.

The light of the soul depends upon habitual communion with God. Its wants are made known, and the heart is open to receive fresh blessings. Gratitude flows from unfeigned lips; and the refreshing that is received from Jesus is manifest in words, in deeds of active benevolence, and in public devotion. There is love to Jesus in the heart; and where love exists, it will not be repressed, but will express itself. Secret prayer sustains the inner life. The heart that loves God will desire to commune with Him, and will lean on Him in holy confidence.

Let us learn to pray intelligently, expressing our requests with clearness and precision. Let us put away the listless, sluggish habit into which we have fallen, and pray as though we meant it. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Faith takes a firm hold of the promises of God, and urges her petitions with fervour, but when the life of the soul stagnates, the out-

ward devotions become formal and powerless.

Jesus is our Saviour to-day. He is pleading for us in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, and He will forgive our sins. It makes all the difference in the world with us spiritually whether we rely upon God without doubt, as upon a sure foundation or whether we are seeking to find some righteousness in ourselves before we come to Him. Look away from self to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world. It is a sin to doubt. The least unbelief, if cherished, involves the soul in guilt, and brings great darkness and discouragement. It is saying that the Lord is false, and He will not do as He has promised; and He is greatly dishonoured.

There are rich promises for us in the Word of God. It is no narrow, limited provision that has been made for us. The plan of salvation is ample. We are not obliged to trust in the evidences that we had a year or a month ago, but we may have the assurance to-day that Jesus lives, and is making intercession for us. We cannot do good to those around us while our souls are destitute of spiritual life.

The spirit of God co-operates with the humble worker who abides in Christ and communes with Him. Pray when you are faint-hearted. When you are desponding, close the lips firmly to men; keep all the darkness within, lest you shadow the part of another; but tell it to Jesus. Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, increase of faith, that you may see light in His light and rejoice in His love. Only believe, and you shall surely see the salvation of your God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Items from Manila

A FEW months ago E. Manalaysay, one of our native ministers, began an effort in a fishing town near Manila. Recently a neat bamboo structure was dedicated as a house of worship, erected mainly by the ninety members there, at a cost of something over twenty pounds.

A canvasser of our book in the Tagalog language lately made a Filipino record of thirty pounds in one week. Nearly all the colporteurs—and there are twenty-six—are working with the new book, "The Other Side of the Grave."

The academy is running along on oiled wheels, and gives promise of being a good investment for the cause. The students number sixty, nearly all of whom are boys. There are four dialects represented. Twelve years ago a Filipino teacher bought "Home Handbook." He now is well established in the truth and is on the faculty.

A primary school, with Sister Severns in charge, has been commenced for unbelieving neighbours, and presents a good avenue for missionary work.

A few days ago the writer met an old subscriber who possesses four of our subscription books. In his quaint manner—for he is from the West Indies—he told me that his friends tell him they are wonderful books, especially "Daniel and the Revelation," and could not be duplicated the world over. His valuation is "worth their weight in money." This surely is appreciation. He now has ordered "Desire of Ages."

Dr. Selmon is here for a few weeks, overseeing his portion of the health book which is almost ready for the press. Professor Frost is also here from China, giving the academy the benefit of his experience as educational secretary.

R. A. CALDWELL.

In the Highways and Byways— Japan

It is a bright sunshiny morning in early September. The birds are warbling in the trees near-by, and the sparkling waters of the mountain stream rush on, past the noted temple grounds with their towering forest of lovely trees sheltering the many and beautiful temples, and beneath the famous sacred red-lacquered bridge over which none but the emperor may pass. Nikko is truly a lovely spot, said to be the most beautiful in Japan. Here in his summer palace the emperor spends the hottest months of the year.

It is still early in the day, and we start out with a bundle of our Japanese *Signs of the Times*, and some tracts, "The Way of Salvation," all tied up in the indispensable *furoshiki*, a square piece of cloth, which may be had in any size, colour, or material desired, and in which the Japanese always carry their parcels. Three months ago our magazine was improved, increased in size, and doubled in price, so that it now sells at ten

sen, or 2½d., which amount to the Japanese is about what a shilling is in value to us. The paper sells as readily at the advanced price as it did before, and now the colporteur retains fifty per cent on his sales, the same as in all other countries.

My husband has already left for other parts of the field. While he was here, together we canvassed this town, selling many single copies and securing a number of subscriptions, besides renewals from some who subscribed from us last year. And now before returning home next week, after our restful stay in this cool mountain resort, my little daughter and I start out to finish the remaining territory—"to work for Jesus," as Valma expresses it.

We begin at the house at the end of the street. It is summer, and the light, sliding, paper-panelled doors are all thrown wide open to admit all the air possible. This house proves to be a kind of headquarters for the many extra policemen now stationed at Nikko while the emperor is here. The interest of the officer in charge is at once arrested by the war pictures, and needless to say he readily buys.

At the next house, as we peer behind the bamboo blind hanging in the entrance, we can look through the neatly matted rooms right to the kitchen, for all intervening sliding doors, or rather walls, are pushed aside: and there we see the mother at work, her babe strapped to her back. The older children are at school, while the younger ones are playing in the street or in the garden at the rear. The lady approaches and gracefully bows, and, as is so often the case, after looking at the magazine she thanks us adding that her husband is not at home, or she cannot understand the paper, but will purchase next time. I quickly display a tract, which is only a fifth of the price. Sometimes she will buy, but if not, makes the same excuse as before. Thanking her and bidding her good-bye, we withdraw and pass on.

To the Japanese, it looks very strange to see a foreigner selling from house to house, and they cannot understand why we do it, for to them such an occupation is low in the scale. Even the merchant class ranks low, but Western ideas are gradually working a change in their opinions and customs.

As we pass along, the children in their curiosity follow, and often run

ahead to herald our approach to the neighbours, repeating what they have already heard us say in regard to the paper. There goes a little girl, with her baby brother almost as big as herself, tied to her back. But she runs along, and even joins in the games with her little playmates, as if he were not there. If very young, his little head bobs back and forth, and up and down, until one would really think it would fall off. But he is evidently not at all inconvenienced, for he stares about or sleeps contentedly as he feels inclined.

Now we come to a store with its various wares spread out in full view. The proprietor squats in front of a small low desk, or sits smoking before the small fire box, which is filled with fine white ash-dust, and in which is smouldering some charcoal. In this fashion he is content to squat by the hour, and if it is a large store in which assistants are employed, they do the same, until one wonders where the money comes from to support so many to do so little. When a customer arrives he usually hunts around himself till he finds what he wants, then an assistant comes forward to wrap the article, and receive payment, which he hands to the proprietor, who deals out any change required. The Japanese store-keeper is very independent, and seems quite unconcerned as to whether his customer buys or not. So in this country one is never worried by persistent salesmen, but simply looks around, makes a purchase, or leaves without doing so, just as he has a mind to, and apparently it is all the same to the store-keeper.

Next we come to a small post office, and while showing the paper to the one in charge, others standing by become interested, and before we leave, although not selling a magazine, we dispose of several tracts.

And so the morning passes. In this one street, which is not very long, we have sold sixteen magazines and eleven tracts; and we go on our way silently beseeching the Lord to bless the little messengers. The Japanese are a very difficult people to reach with this message, but there are honest hearts scattered here and there. May the Lord help us to search them out and win them for His soon-coming kingdom.

MABEL STACEY.

"PLACE your confidence in God, and it will never be misplaced."

The "Melanesia" in the Solomons

WE left the port of Tulagi on a fine afternoon for the Marovo Lagoon with the wind dead aft and our main-sail and mizentrimmed wing and wing, sailing at the rate of five and a half knots and a nice moderate wind blowing—one of those pleasant experiences to seamen after passing through stormy seas. Besides we were all homeward bound, for the Marovo Lagoon was the one place, after leaving Sydney, that encouraged us to weather cheerfully the dangers of the sea.

That night we passed by a number of small islands a few miles away. They looked like little dots on the water with two high mountains on a larger island in the background. These were the Russel Islands, or better known by the natives as Pavuvu. The boys, our native crew, sang and laughed as they came in sight of their dear islands.

About thirty miles farther away on the following morning we passed an island which looked like a high haystack rising out of the sea. This was Buroku. I did not have to tell the boys where we were, for they knew every peak and rock. But the very high mountains in the vicinity of their own homes, around the Marovo Lagoon, were quite concealed from our view by a peculiar haze which seemed part of the sky. We strained our eyes to get a first glimpse of the homeland, and not until we drew much nearer did the boys discern through the dull haze the high mountain of Gatukai, where is located one of our missions, of which Brother Gray has charge. Soon after this, other peaks and familiar landmarks came into view.

In the eager scanning of our beloved Marovo mountains, we failed to notice the storm that was gathering force behind us. It suddenly struck us in all its fury, as if jealous of all the attention we were paying to the landscape. We were obliged to face about and acknowledge our stern chaser with the lowering of sails, and this in double quick time, for it blew and rained and thundered until we could not see the length of the ship ahead of us. And now in the hurry and excitement of the storm we lost the bearing of the narrow entrance ahead to which we were steering,—only a mile away. We were between two ugly dangers, the high seas and wind forcing us onward at a terrific speed, and the

great bluffs and breakers ahead of us with just one narrow entrance of escape, but where was it? If ever we needed presence of mind it was then. Every man was in his place and on a high tension. Here was the moment of extreme danger. Shall we strike the bluff or reach the entrance? We could see nothing but the blinding storm. As soon as we could get the first glimpse of the land we would be almost upon it. Another anxiety came,—will the engine fail us at the last moment? We were not long in this suspense before we saw the dreaded bluffs, and then the entrance a little on our starboard, and we were soon in the calm blue waters of the magnificent Marovo Lagoon.

I think that our white crew were entranced with the beauty of all around them. Scores of little islets appeared like stars in the blue sky. Once more we sailed along merrily and the wrinkles passed away from our weather-beaten faces. On an island, an hour's sailing ahead, we saw a white speck,—it was our new mission house on Telina. No one seemed to notice our coming in, and when quite near we blew our whistle. Brother Nicholson said that when the young people heard the whistle, they laughed and cried with excitement, for they had watched the entrance many days to see the *Melanesia* come in, but on this auspicious day they failed to do so. The storm was the worst they had had during the season. The church was nearly blown over. We dropped our anchor and enjoyed the remaining hours of the day with our friends.

G. F. JONES.

Niue Island

TWO more months have passed since we have had any communication with the outside world. During this time we have had the first week of prayer with our native brethren on Niue, and the appointed season was enjoyed by all. They appreciated the daily meetings and the opportunity it gave of bearing of the world-wide work and its progress, the needs of the regions beyond, and the call to a putting away of sin and a reconsecration to the Master.

Three have been added to the Avatele Sabbath-school and at Sialuta, nine miles from our home at Alofi, two have accepted the Sabbath, but have not yet put away their tobacco. We are about to organize

a Sabbath-school of four members there, which will make our third school on Niue.

Our oldest Sabbath-keeper, Vai's uncle, recently lost his wife, and Vai herself is recovering but slowly from a six weeks' illness. Sickness has been very prevalent lately and one hundred have died in the past four and a half months.

We praise God for continued good health, for a favourable season, for peace, and the promises of His Word. We rejoice that the reports from many fields show that the harvest of souls is being gathered in and that a greater intensity is taking hold of God's people in all lands.

S. W. CARR.

Queensland Conference

UNDER the most favourable circumstances in a delightful park in West End, Brisbane, the Queensland Conference held its fifteenth session, September 20 to September 30. Last year we were pleased to report a record camp of sixty-six family tents and over two hundred campers; but this year we were obliged to pitch eighty-one family tents, which housed approximately two hundred and seventy-five campers, and consequently we were very glad to greet the largest and best delegation of our churches and companies yet assembled in conference in Queensland. Some of the delegates travelled almost a thousand miles to attend this meeting, and from the Northern Rivers of New South Wales we were very happy to meet a splendid delegation.

In addition to all the local conference workers we were pleased to welcome a liberal representation from the Union Conference; namely, Pastors W. J. Westerman, R. Hare, A. W. Anderson, and W. G. Turner, Dr. T. A. Sherwin, and Brother C. Hallam. Many hearty expressions of appreciation were made by the delegates for this Union representation, and the excellent tone of the instruction given. The good spiritual food ministered by these brethren was largely responsible for the success of the meeting.

The business of the conference was completed in nine meetings. The following standing committees were appointed:

NOMINATIONS: W. J. Westerman, H. J. Cooper, T. Coulston, F. F. Lee, A. Heise.
CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: W. J. Westerman, G. H. Bartlett, H. E. Mills, E. B. Rudge, F. L. Wiltshire.

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A. W. Anderson, W. G. Turner, C. F. Hodgkinson, C. Hallam, R. Ballard, P. C. Tucker, R. E. Hare, L. E. Newbold, H. E. Streeter.

Reports of the work done by the various departments of the conference were all of a very encouraging nature. The membership of the conference had grown to 554 by June 30 last, being seventy more than it was on June 30, 1916. The tithe for the year, £2,552 14s. 5d., was a record for this conference, being £709 more than the previous year and £368 8s. 11½d. in excess of the previous record. With an offering of £250 for evangelical work, the tithe was sufficient to meet the working expenses of the conference for the year, and leave a surplus of £359, with which to commence this year's operations. The present worth of the conference increased during the year by £290 5s. 11d. and stood on June 30 last at £1,261 9s. 6d. The various offerings for missions all showed a substantial improvement on the previous year.

The balance sheet of the Tract Society showed that the profits on the business transacted during the twelve months ended June 30, 1917, has been insufficient to meet its running expenses by £119 9s. 1d. This, however, was reduced by the conference coming to the assistance of the Tract Society to the extent of £87 15s. 3d.,—the state agent's wages for six months. The loss therefore on the year's running was £31 19s. 10d. The prospects for the present year are good.

The conference workers, including the colporteurs, gave some very interesting reports. The Lord has blessed these faithful toilers by giving them fruit for their labour. The Brisbane city mission had conducted three efforts during the year in various parts of South Brisbane, and thirty-three adults were reported as now keeping the Sabbath as a result. The Townsville mission had been successful in that thirteen were reported as having accepted God's last message. The mission that had been conducted in Maryborough during the year was also blessed of the Lord; two tent efforts and one hall effort resulted in twelve adults deciding for the truth. These with the children and one or two old Sabbath-keepers are organized into a Sabbath-school of twenty. In Gayndah, an inland town, the workers have been blessed. The year's work resulted in fifteen adults accept-

ing the message and a Sabbath-school organized of about thirty members. Apart from the work of the regular missions conducted during the year, several encouraging letters have reached the office reporting whole families who have accepted the truth.

The Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Departments gave bright reports showing very substantial increases. The present enrolment of our Sabbath-schools is seven hundred and three, showing an increase of ninety-two members; these members gave £372 8s. 8d. for missions, or £23 4s. 2d. more than last year. The membership of the Missionary Volunteer Department is now three hundred and sixty-five, being forty-two more than twelve months previously.

The offerings of this department amount to £161 9s. 9d., £101 of which was applied to the Melanesia Boat Fund.

The state agent presented a very encouraging report.

The number of subscription books sold amounted to 2,611, which is seven hundred and thirteen more than last year; and the value of the same, including helps sold, shows an increase of £554 13s.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report which was adopted as read:

PRESIDENT: H. E. Piper.
 SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. H. Mills.
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: H. E. Piper, H. J. Cooper, F. L. Wiltshire, H. W. Woodgate, E. B. Rudge, A. S. Thorpe, C. F. Hodgkinson.
 TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: C. E. Hames.
 TRACT SOCIETY TREASURER: J. H. Mills.
 HOME MISSION SECRETARY: R. E. Hare.
 SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY: Miss H. Osborne.
 MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: R. E. Hare.
 ASSISTANT MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY: Miss H. Osborne.
 STATE AGENT: C. F. Hodgkinson.
 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY: H. E. Piper.
 EDUCATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT: H. E. Piper.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

CREDENTIALS: H. E. Piper, J. Allen, E. B. Rudge.
 ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS: R. E. Hare.
 MINISTERIAL LICENSE: L. E. Newbold, B. Cormack, C. E. Ashcroft, J. J. Crammond.
 MISSIONARY LICENSE: J. H. Mills, C. E. Hames, C. F. Hodgkinson, C. W. Tinworth, Miss E. Westerman, Miss H.

Osborne, Miss E. F. Hopgood, Miss H. Markey.

COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: J. Newley, Mrs. K. M. Newley, J. Tinworth, H. J. Cooper, T. Coulston, E. C. Watts, A. T. Start, G. H. Bartlett, C. L. Rowland, H. E. Streeter, Mrs. H. Streeter, C. E. Harlow, Mrs. A. J. Hewitt, J. H. Hewitt, H. T. Daniel, Mrs. A. Daniel, A. Heuschele.

The report of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, no definite policy exists as to the methods of reporting missionary work accomplished by paid workers,

1. *We Recommend*, That hereafter a separate record be kept of the work done by labourers in the employ of this conference and tract society, and that the records of our churches and young people's societies be confined strictly to work done by lay members; and further that quarterly reports of work done by regular labourers be furnished by this conference to the Union Conference for publication in connection with the report of the Home Mission work of our lay members.

Believing that great spiritual help is obtained through the study of the deep religious lessons which are contained in the writings of Mrs. E. G. White,

2. *We Reaffirm* our confidence in these works, and urge our people to read and study more earnestly the Testimonies and kindred books in connection with their study of the Scriptures, with the object of deepening spiritual life both in the church and in the individual.

3. *We Recommend*, That at the election of church officers, full consideration be given the importance of the young people's work, and that earnest efforts be made to elect from the whole church the persons best fitted for the important positions of young people's leaders and secretaries.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the conference it is not wise for our young people to participate in theatrical displays or entertainments of a worldly character,

4. *We Recommend*, That they be encouraged to give their whole time and energy to the closing work of the third angel's message.

5. *We Recommend*, That the young people of Queensland be invited to unite with the young people of other conferences in this Union in taking the burden of raising funds required for the support of the work in the Solomon Islands for the six months ending June 30, 1918; and further that for the year ending June 30, 1919, they be invited to unite with other states in raising funds for the support of the work in the Solomon Islands and also for the wages of the crew and running expenses of the mission ketch, *Melanesia*.

That all our members may be more thoroughly grounded in the principles of our organization,

6. *We Recommend*, The careful study of the little book by Pastor Loughborough entitled, "The Church and Its Organization."

WHEREAS, the study of no other book furnishes such spiritual and intellectual benefit as the Bible, and

WHEREAS its daily reading and study is imperative to the spiritual life of the Christian, therefore,

7. *We Recommend*, That not only our young people, but all adopt the plan of reading the Bible through in two years, commencing January 1, 1918, and that

those portions to be read be outlined fortnightly in the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD.

In view of the urgent financial need for the further development of our work in the island mission fields,

8. *We Recommend*, That the plans outlined by the Union Conference for the circulation of the relief book, "Beyond Death's Barriers," in the various states, receive our hearty support, and that all our church members immediately enter into active co-operation in order that the quota of 3,500 allotted to this state be sold in three months.

9. *We Recommend*, That, in view of the advantages to be derived by a system of wider and more efficient advertising in the operation of our city and country missions, this conference raise the sum of £100 to be used at the discretion of the committee in supplying workers operating missions with posters, blocks, and other advertising matter.

WHEREAS, the Spirit of the Lord tells us that "the work of God 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,"

10. *We Recommend*, That the Home Mission movement be strengthened in this conference by:

(a) Bringing more prominently before our church members the need for united action.

(b) Asking all conference labourers to cooperate heartily with conference officers in organizing and building up this campaign for soul-saving service by carefully instructing all the church officers and lay brethren in this denomination in the most effective methods of successful effort.

(c) Encouraging all our churches to hold a weekly missionary meeting, and that wherever possible this be distinct from the young people's meeting.

(d) Electing annually as leader of the missionary society, the church elder wherever possible, or one with a strong passion for souls; and for church missionary secretary, one who has time and ability to attend to all the duties connected with this important office.

(e) That in order to enable our church members to become more efficient Home Mission workers, whenever possible Bible training classes be formed in our churches, consisting of as many workers as possible, these classes to meet once weekly for instruction at the hands of a competent leader.

(f) That in order to carry these plans into effect and thoroughly organize the work of this department, a Home Mission secretary be appointed whose whole time shall be devoted to the enlisting of every member in service.

Believing it is the mission of the church to preach peace on earth and good will to men, and also to pray for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty,

11. *We Recommend*, That our churches throughout the conference engage in earnest prayer that the industrial unrest which exists throughout Australasia, shall be brought to a speedy termination, and that peace and good will among men may reign throughout the world.

As we believe that the great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly, and as we realize the magnitude of our present opportunities,

12. *We Recommend*, That steps be taken

to secure agents, and that in God's name and power, a special effort be made during the coming year to increase the circulation of our subscription books, periodicals, and magazines.

With a view to correcting the neglect in the past in the matter of caring for our young people and keeping them interested in the active work of the church and the growth of the message,

13. *We Recommend*, That wherever possible our churches be encouraged to take an active part in the work of the young people, and provide suitable reading matter of an interesting nature on up-to-date subjects; and that a series of occasional lectures on interesting topics such as travel, science, etc. be arranged for, and that our church officers grant the use of schoolrooms for this purpose.

14. *We Recommend*, That the following article be inserted in our constitution, as article entitled "Liberty of Conscience."

"We hereby define what is, and has ever been, our denominational attitude toward military service. That as loyal citizens we will conform to all the requirements of the Government so long as they do not conflict with the law of God; that is, we will perform at any time, except on the Sabbath of the Lord (from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday), non-combatant service which may be imposed on us by law."

15. In recognition of the kindness shown to this conference by the caretaker of the park, Mr. Goody, we recommend that a letter of appreciation be sent to him, together with a copy of "Heralds of the Morning," limp leather, suitably inscribed.

WHEREAS, God has abundantly blessed all branches of the work in Queensland during the past year,

16. We place on record our devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful mercies; and we hereby pledge ourselves to reconsecrate our lives to Him for the completion of the work.

The meetings throughout were characterized by deep earnestness, and the Spirit of God was richly bestowed. The ordination of Brother R. E. Hare to the gospel ministry was a very solemn and impressive service, but the most remarkable meeting of all was on the last Sunday morning of the camp when the needs of the work were placed before the delegates and a call made for £250. Tears of joy were freely shed as one after another, young and old, cheerfully gave to the cause of God. The chairman called a halt, but still the meeting went on and then tears flowed again as the treasurer announced that £337 had been pledged. Pastor Westerman called for some ministers to come forward, and the season of prayer that followed will long be remembered. In two baptismal services that closed the camp forty-seven followed their Lord and Master.

Thus closed a good meeting, and the expression of many was "The best yet." To God be glory, and we humbly praise Him for it all.

H. E. PIPER, *President*.

J. H. MILLS, *Secretary*.

Malvern Volunteer Society

IN taking a retrospective glance over the quarter just ended, we see so many incidents that have cheered and encouraged us that we feel sure the RECORD family would like to share them.

The members of the society in this suburb of Melbourne are mostly children, and fifteen minutes before opening our meeting an earnest little group has met to unite in prayer for themselves and others. Our hearts have been made glad to hear requests from childish lips for a "father not in the truth," a "grown-up sister," interested only in worldly things, and for "brothers at the front." We are confident that these children realize that we have a God who hears and answers prayer.

The members are real missionaries and have worked hard during the quarter to raise money for our mission boat. While some of the sisters have been busy making useful articles, the children have done their part loyally in selling them. Two little girls denied themselves the whole of their school holidays, so anxious were they to dispose of the remaining goods before the close of the quarter. With the money made in this way and the increase on the children's talents, the sum of £12 13s. 3d. was reached. Adding this to the weekly offering brings our boat gift to the total of £18 14s. 6d.

With this gift our hearts are linked more closely to our missionaries, and we assure them that at the close of each day, when prayers ascend and good nights are said, our thoughts will be for them and for the safety of the *Melanesia*, of which we are part owners. We are united in the desire to see little dark-skinned boys and girls saved from the many as yet unentered islands. As a proof that this is the desire of our children, we refer to one incident on the last Sabbath of the quarter. The last offering registered by the chart outlined by our leader, Miss Hilda Brown, enabled us to transfer the remaining heathen children into a Christian land. One little boy exclaimed with delight, "They're all saved, every one of them."

The inmates of the children's hospital have been visited on Sunday afternoons, and these visits have proved blessings to both patients and visitors.

It has been an encouragement to the officers to find every member willing to share in the burden of the

COLERIDGE says: "The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions,—the little, soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or a smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment, and the countless infinitesimals of pleasurable thought and genial feeling."

weekly meetings, each one taking part in memorizing or reviewing the doctrinal texts, writing essays, preparing studies and talks, or in telling of the facts learned from the weekly portion of the Reading Course book.

We believe that much has been gained this quarter, and that impressions have been made which will never be erased, but will be as seeds of reform blossoming in perfection in the earth made new.

NELLIE FOSTER.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Colportage Work

New South Wales

SEPTEMBER, 1917

<i>Great Controversy</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
O. W. Maxwell ...	66	24	£25 6 6

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. M. Potter ...	20	2	1 17 0
J. W. Davis ...	77	46	42 17 6
J. Bristow ...	15	12	11 8 6
E. Maisey ...	53	40	43 19 0
R. Saltou ...	25	3	3 13 6
H. Meyers ...	17	23	23 11 0
Mrs. Vicary ...	26	7	6 16 0
F. Vicary ...	30	4	4 0 6

<i>Home and Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. Bird ...	25	6	2 7 6
Mrs. Bird ...	25	21	9 2 6
Helps sold by Agents			7 17 9
	379	188	£182 17 3

SEPTEMBER, 1917

<i>Life and Health</i> —	Hrs.	Copies Sold	Subs.	Value
Church Members	88			£1 14 0

Victoria

SEPTEMBER, 1917

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. L. Smith ...	49	9	£8 13 0
T. J. Clarke ...	22	13	13 13 0

<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. Bullas ...	15	1	15 0
G. Ryder ...	79	18	15 2 6
A. C. Timothy ...	163	19	15 11 0

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
T. W. Philips ...	61	18	9 9 0
A. C. Timothy ...	1		12 6

<i>Coming King</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss T. Barham ...	33	13	4 3 6
J. Robson ...	10	4	1 4 0

<i>Great Controversy</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. Maney ...	105	22	18 3 6
A. Bullas ...	40	29	27 6 0

<i>Ladies' Handbook</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. M. Bernoth ...	74	23	31 5 0
A. Bullas ...	8	1	1 0 0
A. N. Harker ...	28	26	29 0 0
Mrs. S. E. Counsell ...	12	3	4 0 0
J. Ward ...	87	32	33 0 0
Miss F. Harker ...	50	23	24 0 0
Miss M. Anderson ...	3	2	2 5 0
J. L. Smith ...	27	26	29 6 0
Miscellaneous ...	73	85	5 0

<i>Seer of Patmos</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. Swain ...	25	20	14 19 6
Helps sold by Agents			6 14 3
Helps sold by Magazine Agents			3 18 6
	832	358	£355 0 3

SEPTEMBER, 1917

<i>Outlook</i> —	Hrs.	Copies Sold	Subs.	Value
Miss F. Smeaton	95	473		£11 16 6
Miss E. Rigby ...	6	20		10 0
B. L. Sibley ...	38	189		4 14 6
L. G. Sedley ...	25	83		2 1 6
J. R. Brown ...	43	75		1 17 6
T. W. Philips ...	11	59		1 9 6
Miss M. Cameron	17	46		1 3 0
Miss C. Cameron	19	39		19 6
Miss D. Craddock	33	138		3 9 0
Miss B. Burrows	67	83		2 1 6
Mrs. Martin ...	27	71		1 15 6
Miss I. Bailey ...	10	45		1 2 6
Miss A. Addison		10		5 0
Miss L. Bagley ...	9	27		13 6
Miss Matthews	20	75		1 17 6
R. W. Barham	36	79		1 19 6
H. Barham	12	13		6 6
F. W. Glenister	82	177		4 8 6
Mrs. McMillen ...	19	33		16 6
Miss O. White ...	19	72		1 16 0
Miscellaneous ...		362		9 1 0

<i>Life and Health</i> —	Hrs.	Copies Sold	Subs.	Value
Miss M. Cameron		6		3 0
Miss C. Cameron		9		4 6
W. Boltho ...	2	3		1 6
	558	2187		£54 13 6

Queensland

SEPTEMBER, 1917

<i>Ladies' Handbook</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. J. Cooper ...	56	38	£49 5 0
Mrs. Streeter ...	12	5	5 15 0

<i>Great Controversy</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
G. H. Bartlett ...	14	2	1 16 0

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. C. Watts ...	104	47	33 12 6
Mrs. Newley ...	27	12	10 7 6

<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. Heuschele ...	60	18	18 7 6
C. L. Rowland ...	23	21	18 7 6

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. T. Daniel ...	32	11	14 15 0
H. E. Streeter ...	21	3	4 0 0
Mrs. Daniel ...	4	1	1 5 0
C. Harlow ...	76	40	39 10 6
Helps sold by Agents			11 15 0
	439	198	£208 16 6

South Australia

SEPTEMBER, 1917

<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
L. W. Gericke ...	135	29	£24 12 0

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
P. S. Roy ...	102	32	34 2 6

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. W. Bilbrough ...	104	44	36 5 0
S. G. White ...	43	11	11 7 6
Wm. Chapman ...	23	19	15 0 0
L. F. Were ...	23	10	8 0 0
Helps sold by Agents			11 0 0
	430	145	£140 7 0

<i>Outlook</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Church Members	186		£4 13 0

Tasmania

SEPTEMBER, 1917.

<i>Ladies' Handbook</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
H. Darko ...	74	31	£34 0 0
Mrs. A. Job ...	21	10	11 0 0

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
E. R. Whitehead ...	67	26	27 3 0
A. Job ...	105	34	32 3 6
Miscellaneous ...	4	3	10 0
Helps sold by Agents			17 6
	267	105	£108 14 0

North New Zealand

AUGUST, 1917

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
N. Atkinson ...	20	20	£24 13 6
J. Ivey ...	37	23	44 10 0
A. H. Newman ...	23	7	6 9 6

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. Jackson ...	121	56	42 11 0
D. L. Jackson ...	39	32	23 0 0
W. D. Smith ...	142	58	55 6 0

<i>Daniel and the Revelation</i> —	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. Haddock ...	41	7	6 13 0
Miss L. Brandstater	120	42	35 12 6
A. Jackson ...			5 14 0
G. Boyd ...	119	20	19 13 6
Helps sold by Agents			12 14 7
Helps sold by Magazine Agents			1 9 0
	712	265	£273 7 1

AUGUST, 1917

<i>Life and Health</i> —	Hrs.	Copies Sold	Subs.	Value
Mrs. Neilson	145	27	15	£3 4 0

Book Totals for September, 1917

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
New South Wales	379	188	£182 17 3
South Australia	430	145	140 7 0
Victoria	832	358	355 0 3
North New Zealand (Aug.)	712	265	273 7 1
Queenstand	429	198	28 16 6
Tasmania	267	105	108 14 0
	3049	1259	£1269 2 1

Magazine Totals for September, 1917

New South Wales	£1 14 0
Victoria	54 13 6
North New Zealand (Aug.)	3 4 0
	£59 11 6

Monamona Mission

Clothing Needed

In a letter recently received from Brother J. L. Branford, superintendent of our mission for aborigines at Monamona, he asks if we have forgotten one of their greatest needs—cast-off clothing. In response to former calls we have received valuable assistance in this matter, and we believe that when the need is again brought to mind, a similar response will result. Garments should be in good repair and clean. They are needed for men, women, and children. Send parcels to your conference office, and we shall arrange for shipment to the mission.

Those living at too great a distance from their conference office to make it practicable to deliver parcels there, will find that small parcels can be sent by post direct to the mission at small expense. Any deciding to do this should address parcels thus: Monamona Mission, Oaklands, via Cairns, Queensland. C. H. P.

Notes from Victoria

PASTOR J. H. WOODS, who has been conducting meetings in Brunswick, reports that twenty-seven have decided to keep the Sabbath.

PASTOR WALDORF expects that about thirty will be baptized before long as a result of the Elsterwick mission. Although no collections have been taken, excellent offerings have come in from this mission. Recently Pastor Waldorf had the pleasure of taking from the freewill offering box placed at the door a £10 bank note.

BROTHER A. W. KENT and Brother Smith are doing well at Geelong. They report fourteen new Sabbath-keepers since the commencement of their mission. As Geelong is reputed to be a hard place to work, we rejoice that so many have been added to the church there.

IN the Lakes Entrance district Brother Cozens is labouring. He writes of the joy it gave him to see the husbands of two of our sisters step out on the side of truth recently.

BRETHREN Rogers and James, who have been working in and around Rochester, report four having accepted the message.

BROTHER GUILLIARD is still in Ballarat and he also reports four new converts. This is a large city and much work yet remains to be done.

A LONG-FELT want has been filled by the appointment of Pastor Craddock to pastoral work in the city and suburbs of Melbourne. Brother Craddock is finding plenty to do in visiting our Sabbath-keepers, some of whom are invalids, and others too aged to attend church services.

WE were pleased to have a visit from Pastor C. H. Watson a few weeks ago, at which time he addressed an audience of about 300 in the Quarry Hall at Brunswick. As we listened to his stirring lecture on conditions in China, we wished that we might go to help in giving the light of truth to these people who are enshrouded in darkness.
P. G. FOSTER.

A Baptismal Service

ON Sabbath October 13 a service of unusual interest was held in the Parramatta church, when Pastor Brittain buried sixteen souls with their Lord by baptism. These were gathered from Fairfield and Kellyville as well as Parramatta. Our hearts were made glad to see several young people among the number.

We trust that these new members will be workers together with God for the salvation of others.

Four are awaiting baptism who were not able to be present at this service, while others are needing more instruction before taking such an important step.

CHAS. E. ASHCROFT.

So let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine."

Obituaries

FAIRMAN.—At the age of ninety-one years, Edward Gregory Fairman passed away in his home at Homebush, New South Wales, on Sabbath, October 13. He had been united with his wife in Sabbath observance during the past four years, but had not fully united by baptism with the church. He was a true and kind husband. Those who knew him best, expect to meet him in the glad morning when the saints shall receive immortality. Words of hope were read from the Scriptures at the home and in the Presbyterian section of the Rookwood Cemetery. God will fulfil His promise through Hosea, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death."

L. J. IMRIE.

LENE.—Our dear brother and faithful labourer, Lene, passed away peacefully at the home of his father in Vailele, Upolu, Samoa, on the morning of July 30, 1917. Lene was the first native to fully embrace the message in Samoa. He was also our first native labourer in this field, and most faithfully did he fulfil his mission. His interest in the message was first aroused by a *Tala Movi* that we handed to him on the street in Apia one day. Later, when we were living in the native village of Fusi, he attended the service held in a native house and his interest deepened. Shortly afterwards he begged to be admitted into our home in order that he might learn the truth and prepare for a place in the work. As he learned the truth concerning the Sabbath, tithing, health reform, etc., he put it into practice, and this trait of character was ever manifest in his after-life and service. When his father, an ex-minister of the London Missionary Society, heard of his son's change of religion he sent for him. Not being able to turn the boy from the truth, he turned him out of the house, refusing to own him any longer as his son. But his steadfastness brought its own reward, for later his father and sisters not only sought for a reconciliation, but have since become very favourable toward the truth. Lene was very zealous for the truth, and desired to behold the same spirit in his brethren. While we were in New Zealand he assisted Pastor Steed, and also made many journeys to different parts of this island, selling books and distributing papers and tracts. Wherever I go, I hear good reports of the boy and his work. When we returned to Samoa we found he had gone home to his people on account of ill-health. When well enough to travel again he came to Vaiofo to stay with us, and soon regained his old-time vigour. A little later he took a trip to his native island, Savaii, where he had long wished to herald the message. During this trip he made many arduous journeys, placing many books and papers, and talking with the people concerning the message. He was again taken sick, and had to return to this island in a very weak state. The disease proved to be the dreaded consumption, and in one short year death claimed him. We laid him to rest in the Vailele cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver. Truly it can be said of him, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14: 13. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at the home and at the graveside.
T. HOWSE.

HOOPER.—October 11 was a day of sorrow for the members of the Quirindi Church, New South Wales, when we laid to rest the first member who has died since the work was organized in this district. Sister Violet Lillian Hooper had at one time been united with her husband in colporteur work. She was greatly loved as a church worker and will be missed by the members as well as by our bereaved Brother Hooper and the three young children. At thirty-three years of age death claimed this child of God on October 10, 1917, after a sudden and brief illness. Though there was evidence of much sorrow, the promises of God give comfort and hope to those who mourn. The church was well represented at the home service, and also in the Presbyterian section of the Quirindi Cemetery, where we buried our beloved sister until she hears the Master's call to life everlasting.
L. G. IMRIE.

MOYLE.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of our dear Sister Moyle, who passed away on September 28, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jenkins, 18 St. Alban's Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. With her late husband she heard the truth from Pastor Michaels at Leader-ville about five years ago. She fully embraced the gospel message for our time, and ever since has been faithful to what she believed to be right. She was truly a loving and faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a consistent Christian. She loved her church and the companionship of God's people. She had recently been for a trip to Sydney, where she made the acquaintance of some of our people, of whom she loved to talk. Brother L. R. Harvey spoke words of comfort and hope to the members of the bereaved family and friends on Sabbath afternoon, September 20, at the Karrakatta Cemetery where our Sister Moyle is now resting until the Life-giver calls. Our sincerest sympathy and prayers are for the members of her family. May they look to our Heavenly Father who alone can comfort and heal broken hearts.
E. BRITTEN.

SMITH.—James Smith, born at Geelong, Victoria, January 8, 1855, died at Cheltenham, October 9, 1917, aged sixty-two years. Our brother stepped into the light of the third angel's message under the labours of Pastor Curtiss, some thirty years ago. Prior to that he was connected with the Salvation Army. After accepting the Sabbath and kindred truths, he fellowshipped with the North Fitzroy Church, and remained a member of that church in good and regular standing until he died. His earnest missionary zeal brought a number of persons into the light of truth. For many years Brother Smith was almost a helpless cripple, and finally losing the use of both legs, was confined to his bed. Then followed severe stomach and brain troubles which resulted in his death. He is a sufferer at rest. In the presence of his family relatives and a few old church friends, we laid our brother in the Cheltenham Cemetery, Wednesday afternoon, October 10, 1917, there to wait the call of the Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.
THOS. H. CRADDOCK.

"The finest life lies oft in doing finely
A multitude of unromantic things."

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BROTHER ROBERT CALDWELL experienced a most successful week recently, while canvassing in Luzon for "Practical Guide." As many as twenty-four orders were taken in one day.

OUR publishing house in Shanghai has sent us a catalogue of their publications in the Chinese. We find this includes 17 books, 80 tracts and pamphlets, and 3 periodicals in the Mandarin and Wenti languages.

THE report of the first quarter of 1917 showed a membership of 2,866 in the British Union Conference, a gain of forty-one having been made during the year. The title exceeded that of the corresponding quarter of 1916 by £305, and the offering also showed an increase.

FROM the *India Union Tidings* we learn that although Pastor Fletcher spent the entire hot season of India on the plains he is still in good health. He was planning to join Pastor Fulton at Rangoon, Burma, during the latter part of August and spend some time in visiting that field with him.

SINCE our last issue Pastor C. H. Parker has been able to secure passage to his field of labour in the mission fields, and Pastors A. H. Piper and A. W. Cormack, who were also held up in Sydney after the council by the strike, have sailed for the West.

PASTOR A. H. WHITE reports a baptismal service, the candidates being two young men and a young woman who have recently accepted the truth. Writing from Glen Huon on October 15, Pastor White says that they expected to have a baptismal service in that place the next day for six candidates.

AT the time the matter for this paper is prepared for the press, the New South Wales camp-meeting is in session. To say that it is a good meeting but faintly describes it. From the very beginning a spirit of love and unity has pervaded the encampment and the instruction has all been of the most helpful nature. We have had fine weather conditions.

THE East Central and South England Conferences in their recent annual meeting petitioned the Government to strengthen the hands of those in the churches who are endeavouring to instil into the minds of the people the utmost economy and intelligent self-denial by prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages during the war.

AS the result of an effort that has been put forth in the township of Watford, England, a few miles from the headquarters of our work in the British Union at Stanborough Park, a church has been organized of thirty members. Sisters Geiss and Knight, so well known to many of our

readers, are residing at Watford, and are doubtless connected with this newly organized church.

WHILE touring East Bengal with Pastor Mookerjee last July, Pastor Fletcher organized a little church of fourteen members at Surgram, this being the first church organized in East Bengal. On the same day a meeting house that had been erected for their worship, was dedicated to the Lord.

THE following letter written by a lady in Tasmania to the publishers of the *Signs* speaks for itself: "I wish to say, in renewing my subscription to the *Signs* that I could not well get along without it now. My husband and children also derive much benefit from it. Although I am a Methodist, I quite agree with you regarding the Sabbath, and it is my intention to keep it. At present, however, circumstances do not permit, as my husband does not see as I do in this matter. But I am at heart a Seventh-day Adventist, so please pray for a friend in Tasmania, that the way may open for me, and God, who knows all about it, will understand. May blessings from heaven go with you in your true and faithful cause." This letter was sent on by the *Signs* Publishing Company to Pastor White, that the writer may be visited. Let us remember her request and pray that she may soon be numbered among God's Sabbath-keeping people.

BEFORE leaving for Western Australia, Pastor Cormack furnished us with the following interesting facts concerning the canvassing tour of Brethren W. N. Lock and F. H. Gall into the north-west territory of Western Australia. He says: "At the end of September Brother Lock returned to Perth, owing to his machine failing, leaving Brother Gall to finish their delivery. At that time the value of orders taken was £300, of which amount £130 was received by way of deposits. These brethren carried "Practical Guide" and "Heralds of the Morning," and we are glad the Lord has blessed them with such success in placing these books in the hands of the people living in that isolated region. Much of the ground covered in the tour is virgin territory, so far as our work is concerned, and the efforts put forth by these brethren will be valuable, not only in respect to the distribution of the printed message, but also because of the information that they are in a position to give concerning the possibilities for evangelistic work in that part of the country."

Letter from Pastor Jones

IN letters received in the same mail with Pastor Jones' report appearing in this paper, he writes:

"We have been busy since our arrival in the Solomons, visiting our different stations, etc. The workers on the *Melanesia* are all very happy together and are in love with the islands and their people. We found Brother and Sister Nicholson in better health than we expected. They are living in the new house on Telina, which is the healthiest site we have for a mission.

"The young people of Viru, though left to themselves, have done well. They are loyal to our mission, and were delighted to see us sailing in one Friday evening. We had a lovely Sabbath with them. They have recently begun to build a new church,

the best we have seen yet made with native skill, and they have taken pride in their work. They also built pretty native cottages for themselves on the mission ground. We have left Brother Gray with them for three months, after which he will go to Gatuki mission. Of both these missions he has been placed in charge, and will divide his time between them. Brother Gray can speak fairly well now in the Marovo language.

"The Rendova mission bids fair to be a prosperous one. About two hundred attended on the Sabbath recently while Brother Maunder was there for a brief visit. The attendance on the Sabbath when a mission is started will possibly be three or four hundred. Brother and Sister Maunder will be in charge of this mission.

"A notable chief sent a man from the other side of Rendova to intercept me, to ask us to give him a missionary. He has already put up a church and is waiting. On Limbo about six hundred are getting ready for us.

"We have organized the Solomon Islands church with ten members consisting of the white workers for a beginning. We have arranged for an annual meeting for all the missions in the Solomons to be held in January of each year.

"I trust that it will not be long before we shall sail for the New Hebrides. We expect to return from that field by the end of November or the beginning of December, in order to escape the hurricane season. Then after the annual gathering in the Solomons in January we shall be going to New Guinea, unless on reaching the New Hebrides we find there is sufficient time to visit New Guinea and still reach the Solomons by the first of January."

From a Prisoner in Germany

"A FEW days ago," writes Pastor A. H. White, "I received a letter from one of our isolated sisters who has a son who enlisted during the early part of the war. One mail day instead of writing to him she posted him a copy of the *Signs*. He was then in the fighting line in France. I will copy a portion of his letter."

Lazarett, Kaiserhof,
Westphalia, Germany.

Dear Mother:

How do you like my new address? It does not look too bad, does it? It is my birthday to-day and just fifteen days since I was taken prisoner. . . . Do you remember the *Signs of the Times* you sent me? It was the last thing I received from you before I was taken prisoner. Doubtless the *Signs* went a bit farther than you thought it would. I had it in my pocket when I was taken prisoner and it went right to Germany with me. I was taken to a hospital where there were several wounded British soldiers without a thing to read. . . . You can imagine how glad they were to have the *Signs* to read.

Your loving son,
Walter.

It is interesting to learn where our pioneer missionary paper is travelling in these days, and to know of the good work it is doing among those who are in special need of its uplifting messages.