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After Sacrifice the Song

"When the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also." 2 Chron. 29:27.

Lay the offering on the altar;
Let the smoke and flames ascend;
Then let the trumpet notes and psaltery
All with human voices blend;
Thus they did in old Judea,—
Custom that continued long,—
Giving us the happy sequence,
After sacrifice the song.

First the offering on the altar,
Body, soul, and spirit given,
Wealth and worship, mind and muscle,
All to Him who rules in heaven,
Then the rapture of contentment,
Heart-enjoyment, deep and strong;
This is God's appointed order,
After sacrifice the song.

Do you wish to hear the music
Of God's angels singing, "Peace,"
Starting vibrant notes within you,
Giving to the soul surcease?
Would you hear life's sweetest anthems
Sounding high and sounding long?
Learn the lesson God has taught us,
After sacrifice the song.

 $-Baptist\ \c Commonwealth.$

God's Desire for His People

THE Saviour has told us in plain language what would be the condition of the world just before His second coming. And to-day we cannot fail to see that His prophecy is rapidly fulfilling. "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." We are told that in the days of Noah before the flood, "God saw that the wickedness of man was

great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Christ has given a warning message that the fearful destruction so soon to come upon the inhabitants of the world may not find them unpre-"Take heed to yourselves," pared. He says, "lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." This message is to be given at this time. We are without excuse in failing to give it to the world with power.

God desires His people to be lightbearers to a world lying in midnight darkness. But if they refuse to go forward in the light which He causes to shine on their pathway, the light will finally become to them darkness; and instead of being light-bearers to the world, they themselves will be lost in the blackness that surrounds God desires His light-bearers them. ever to keep a high standard before them. By precept and example they must hold this perfect standard high above Satan's false standard, which, if followed, will lead to misery, degradation, disease, and death for both body and soul.

Those who act as teachers are to be intelligent in regard to disease and its causes, understanding that every action of the human agent should be in perfect harmony with the laws of life. The light God has given on health reform is for our salvation and

the salvation of the world. Men and women should be informed in regard to the human habitation, fitted up by our Creator as His dwelling-place, and over which He desires us to be faithful stewards. "For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Our bodies are wonderfully made, and the Lord requires us to keep them in order. All are under obligation to Him to keep the human structure in a healthful, wholesome condition, that every muscle, every organ, may be used in the service of 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God. God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." God, who formed the wonderful structure of the body, will take special care to keep it in order, if men co-operate, instead of working at cross-purposes, with Him.

These grand truths must be given to the world. We must reach the people where they are, and by example and precept lead them to see the beauties of the better way. The world is in sad need of instruction along these lines. The time has come when each soul must be stanch and true to every ray of light God has given, and begin in earnest to give this gospel of health to the people. We shall have strength and power to do this if we practise these truths in our own lives. If we all followed the light we have received, the blessing of God would rest on us, and we should be anxious to place these truths before those who know

Those who are enjoying the precious blessings which come to them through obeying this message of mercy, will do all in their power that others may share the same blessings. But we may rest assured that Satan will do all in his power to prevent anything like a message of reform from being given to the world at this time. Shall God's people be found on the enemy's side, either by failing to heed it themselves, or by neglecting to give it to others? "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." If we would be safe, we must not fail to know on whose side we stand.

The people are in sad need of the light shining from the pages of our health and temperance journals. God desires to use these journals as mediums through which flashes of light shall arrest the attention of the people, and cause them to heed the warning of the message of the third angel. Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light which 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 of social purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner and in their true light to the people.

In all our work, caution should be used that no one branch be made a speciality, while other interests are left to suffer. There has not been that interest taken in the circulation of our health journals that there should be. The circulation of these journals must not be neglected, or the people will suffer a great loss.

Let none think that the circulation of the health journals is a minor matter. All should take hold of this work with more interest, and make greater efforts in this direction. God will greatly bless those who take hold of it in earnest; for it is a work that should receive attention at this time

Ministers can and should do much to urge the circulation of the health journals. Every member of the church should work as earnestly for these journals as for our other periodicals. There should be no friction between the two. Both are essential, and both should occupy the field at the same time. Each is the complement of the other, and can in no wise take its place.

If men do not let their own minds and their own feelings come in to rule and change the Lord's design, there will be perfect harmony between these lines of work, and a most wonderful success will crown the efforts put forth to advance them. Unity will bring into the work a power that we have not yet seen. This will be the evidence to the world that the work is of God. The circulation of the health journals will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the seon coming of the Son of man.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

How to Be Happy

THE world is filled with sorrow. All about us are those whose hearts are weighed down with hidden grief, and whose eyes are red with weeping. Joy and happiness seem to be banished from their lives.

Some wander over the earth in search of happiness. Fortunes are wasted in seeking for that which will bring peace and comfort to the soul. But the search is in vain. Happiness cannot be purchased with money. Silver and gold do not bring joy into the heart. But the apostle Paul tells us how our very souls can be filled with love and joy:

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound

in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:13.

"Fill you with all joy and peace." How?—"In believing."

No room for gloom, sadness, and despondency. No place in the heart for darkness or the feeling that life is not worth living. Faith in God banishes all these, and fills the soul with light and joy. Faith banishes all worry, and brings true peace to the heart.

Laying hold of the promises of God is an act of faith, not of feeling.

Here is where many fail.

True faith lays hold of and claims the promised blessing before it is realized and We must send up our petitions in faith within the second veil, and let our faith take hold of the promised blessing, and claim it as ours. We are then to believe that we receive the blessing, because our faith has hold of it, and according to the Word it is ours. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Here is faith, naked faith, to believe that we receive the blessing, even before we realize it. When the promised blessing is realized and enjoyed, faith is swallowed up. But many suppose they have much faith when sharing largely of the Holy Spirit, and that they cannot have faith unless they feel the power of the Spirit. Such confound faith with the blessing that comes through faith. The very time to exercise faith is when we feel destitute of the Spirit. When thick clouds of darkness seem to hover over the mind,

then is the time to let living faith pierce the darkness and scatter the clouds. True faith rests on the promises contained in the Word of God, and those only who obey that Word can claim its glorious promises.—" Early Writings," page 72.

Our daily prayer should be, Lord, increase our faith.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Carry the Literature

RECENTLY while travelling from Singapore to Rangoon I had some experiences that led me to realize more than ever the importance of our keeping literature with us as we travel from place to place, for we never know what opportunities will present themselves for placing the printed page in the hands of those who might otherwise never be reached.

Usually the above mentioned trip is made by direct boats that ply between these two ports, but the war has greatly disarranged travel in the Far East, so I found my best way was to take ship to Medan, a city on the north-east coast of Sumatra, and there tranship to a Dutch freight vessel engaged in the rice trade between Sumatra and Burma. We are not at liberty to teach the Bible in this part of Sumatra, but we can circulate the literature. Having a few copies of "World Crisis Series" books and some sample magazines with me, and an hour at my disposal before the Sabbath, I improved the opportunity of calling on a few English speaking business men. ing these few minutes I took six yearly subscriptions for the papers and sold fourteen of the small books.

After leaving Medan, our boat made a brief stop at Sabang, a small station on a wee island off the northernmost point of Sumatra. Having a little time on shore I searched out the English speaking people, and in a few minutes took ten yearly subscriptions and sold ten of the small books. I was especially glad for this experience as Sabang is off the main line of travel, and I suppose that very few of our people have ever even seen the place. It is too small a station to warrant our sending a self-supporting foreign canvasser to it, but the Lord gave me this opportunity of calling there, and now most of those who read English will have the opportunity of monthly reading the message as presented in our

good magazines.

On my return journey my only fellowpassenger was a young man from a rubber plantation in interior Sumatra. He told me many interesting things relative to the rubber industry as conducted in the wilds of that island. This gave me an opportunity for telling him of the work in which I was engaged, and he seemed much interested as I told him of our mission publishing houses that are operating in all these eastern lands. I took from my bag copies of "Heralds of the Morning," "World War," "Armageddon," and Signs monthly. After looking them through he said that if I could spare them he would be glad to purchase the lot to take with him to the plantation as he and his associates were quite cut.off from the world and appreciated good reading. Of course I was only too glad to accommodate him. How admirably our literature is adapted to this pioneer work of finding the people in these out-of-the-way places of earth!

These various experiences on this one trip

impressed me with the fact that we should never be without our literature. The "Tract Pocket" should be enlarged to contain such literature as "World Crisis Series" and our good papers and magazines. In this way the message may be scattered like the leaves of autumn. C. E. WEAKS.

Prayer Heard and Answered

WE have a brother in Bengal whose prayers for physical healing were so remarkably answered that we give the story as told by himself, and translated into English by one of our Indian workers, Brother L. G. Mookerjee, of Calcutta, India. It is not a story of Bible times, or of Judea or Galilee. It is one of the incidents of our own times that help us to understand that God is the living God to-day, and that His power is as great as in the past.

This brother's faith laid hold of the blessing of restoration from leprosy through the power of his newlyfound Saviour, and the same faith led him to resolutely lay hold of the Sabbath and kindred truths when the light came to his attention. He says:

As a youth I was well instructed in the Hindu sacred writings, the shastras, and so, though I had this dreadful disease, I was much reputed in the villages as a holy man. By the age of forty, the disease had developed to the state where toes and fingers had dropped off, joint by joint. I still carry this sign of the malady; namely, hands and feet without fingers and toes.

At this time my heart was always after God. The hunger of soul grew daily. Just then a missionary visited our village. It was a time of famine, and he was going from place to place by boat, distributing rice and salt. One of the neighbours drew my attention to him as he was passing along the canal by my thatched house. I called to the missionary, and he talked with me from the boat, discussing religion. He asked me if I could read, and as I replied, "Yes," he left me a copy of Matthew's Gospel:

In this I read of the spotless life of Jesus. Our own scriptures had taught us the evil lives of Krishna and others of our gods, who lived in sin; and I had concluded that these were sinners the same as I. But there was One who did no sin. After a struggle, I determined to be a follower of Christ. I read the experience of the leper, in Matt. 8:1-8, and believed on Jesus as my only physician. At this time, in 1875, I was baptized by this missionary.

After baptism the missionary and I went to the Lord in prayer, asking God to heal my leprosy, anointing my body with oil at the same time. It was about six months that we continually kept this matter before the Lord; then the good Lord answered our prayers, and I was healed, to my own astonishment and to the wonderment of all the villagers. People flocked from far and near to see me, and this gave opportunity to witness to the true Saviour and Healer.

Many became Christians through my humble efforts, and in process of time I was made pastor of the village church. A chapel was built on my own grounds, next to my dwelling-place.

In 1906, Brother L. G. Mookerjee sent several workers with Bengali tracts through the villages. One came to my hands, "Jesus Christ a Sabbath-Keeper: What That Means to Us." It had a picture of Jesus walking the way of the ten commandments, leaving footprints for us to follow. The thought struck me.

"The same Jesus who healed me of the leprosy kept the seventh-day Sabbath, and I ought to follow His footsteps." This made me resolve that by His grace, I would keep the Sabbath that Jesus kept as my example. Since then I have rejoiced in the blessed truth. I had a great deal of persecution and many losses to suffer, but am still waiting joyfully for my Master's return, and hope to remain firm unto the end.

Solomon Islands God's Leadings

AS the work is gradually and continually opening in the Solomon Islands, we can more clearly see how wonderfully the hand of the Lord has been working from the first simple beginning made in starting the little mission of Viru.

It was apparently so insignificant that the white settlers said we would never do any good there, as the people were lazy and no good. And this seemed at times true, for we were often sorely tempted to believe it and to grieve over the fact that we had planted our first mission among them. Circumstances, however, would not allow us to change our plans. A very stormy season broke in upon us, such as they had not experienced before and we were by this obliged to stay in their closed harbour and remain by the mission.

But these people have sprung ahead and are now spiritually on a par with the other missions. They undertook to conduct the mission themselves, in the absence of a white labourer, and showed remarkable zeal in their work.

In the very early stages of the work it was these young people who, on the Advent Herald, pioneered the cause in the Marovo Lagoon by their simple testimonies and the singing of our hymns. This captivated each district we visited; first the Marovo Island, and the Loloha and Nono districts, then the Gatukai people, and then all the people all along the coasts of the Marovo Lagoon. Our best young people and chiefs to-day in the lagoon had their first love for our mission created by the words and songs of our insignificant Viru people. There are now mission stations in these places, and all are more or less fairly good followers of our mission.

But I have not yet done with our first little mission. The growth of this work caught the attention of other people farther away, and the Rendova district made its decision and sent for a missionary, where we have just opened our work. From Rendova another people still farther away were captivated, and a few days ago several leading men came to meet us on the Melanesia desiring to belong to our mission.

A few days later again, a chief and several leading men came requesting our help. I presently recognized this chief to be one who had given his strength and skill to build our first church in Viru. His wife, a bright and intelligent young woman, was once a Viru girl, and her brother was our mission "boss" boy.

It seemed all to follow so easily and quietly, like the turning over of the leaves of a good book in order.

Another little incident.—Our leading boy at Viru, who was recently baptized together with his young wife, told me that several men arrived from an island far away to see how they conducted the mission on the Sabbath, which was carried on entirely by our native boys, and they left satisfied, saying that they would return again some day and make a request for a missionary for their island, which has a population of six hundred.

How marvellous are God's doings, and how quietly and orderly He works. From that little unknown corner of a few insignificant people, where we seemed obliged to start our first mission, God chose to open up our Solomon Island work.

The end is not yet either, for this influence is still travelling on, and upon another island still farther away they are requesting a missionary through the relationship of some of their people with one of our influential chiefs on the Marovo Island. And from this we still see the movement spreading onward.

These are genuine leadings of God, and we ought to have good Christian workers to attend to them. Truly, we should not despise the day of small things.

Surely God is doing great things for our young people and others in the Solomon Group, rescued so very recently from the veriest heathenism. G. F. JONES.

Manihiki and Rakahanga

THESE two islands lie roughly six hundred miles north of Rarotonga, and being off any regular steamship line are reached only by schooner. It usually requires five to eight days to reach them. They are low-lying coral islands and though only thirty miles apart are quite out of sight of each other.

The wife of one of our native brethren of Aitutaki comes from Manihiki, and after accepting the truth she has had a growing burden to see the truth enter the island of her birth. A year ago this brother with his wife and family took a trip to Manihiki to visit their relatives, and with the hope that some of them would accept the message. were there about eight months, during which time they faithfully lived the truth, keeping the Sabbath, and talking the message wherever opportunity offered. One Manihiki family kept the Sabbath with them for a time, but later left off, saying they would wait till a white worker arrived and explained the way a little more clearly.

Howard, for this is the Aitutaki

brother's name, also went over to Rakahanga and met many there who expressed a desire to know the truths which we teach. They have since returned to Aitutaki, but with the very enthusiastic prea that we send a worker to these two islands, suggesting that we begin work on Rakahanga, and extend to Manihiki later on.

At our annual meeting held at Tahiti last September we voted to send Brother and Sister Wicks to these islands as soon as they could be released from the work on Mauke. Much opposition will be met when we attempt to enter this new field, for the Catholics are there strongly entrenched before us.

Will you not remember with us these two islands in your prayers, asking God to quickly open the way for the entrance of His truth into Manihiki and Rakahanga?

GEO. L. STERLING.

Missionary Volunteers in Queensland

THE year 1917 has passed, and with it there is entered in the books of heaven the record of another year's work for God. As we look back we see much to encourage us to greater effort during this present year.

The reports coming in from the field are all good. New interests are springing up and seven are reported as taking their stand for present truth through the faithful efforts of our lay members.

Floods and cyclones have been the order of the day, but so far as we know not one of our brethren has suffered anything in proportion to the losses of others.

The Missionary Volunteer Department shows good progrees during the past year. The young people have raised during 1917 about £186 for missions, and of this amount £50 15s. was raised during the last quarter.

The doctrinal studies are enjoyed by all, and this quarter we expect 250 to take the examination. The Reading Course is again in full swing, there being about forty hard at-work on the books specified. We have fifty-seven enrolled in the Standard of Attainment Course, and of these two have completed the course. The first of these is a young girl fifteen years of age who has taken the course in a little over twelve months. Hers was the third certificate granted in the Commonwealth.

The present membership of the Missionary Volunteer Department of Queensland is 442. A glance at the report for the last quarter shows that the young people have made 481 visits, have distributed 1,778 tracts, sold 190 books, and given 56 Bible studies. Besides securing 27 subscriptions for magazines and 115 for other papers, 2,814 copies of our papers were distributed by them, and 655 hours spent in Christian help work.

We trust that the present year will prove that God's people are awake to their responsibilities, and that each quarter will be an improvement until each one finds the blessing of being actively engaged in the Master's service.

REUBEN E. HARE,

Queensland Home Mission and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

South New Zealand Camp-Meeting

IT was the privilege of the writer to visit the South New Zealand Conference and camp-meeting, held January 31 to February 10 in the Addington Show Grounds, Christchurch.

The visiting brethren from the Union Conference were Pastors C. H. Watson and C. K. Meyers, and Brethren G. S. Joseph and J. Mills, principal of the Oroua School.

The business of the conference sessions was transacted in a calm, peaceful manner, without any unnecessary or prolonged discussion. Pastor F. H. Letts was re-elected president, and the following were appointed to act with him on the Executive Committee: Brethren S. H. Amyes, T. Whittle, the State Agent, G. A. Brandstater, G. Saunders, and F. Grubb.

Encouraging reports from the field were presented by the workers. We learned that, including the seventeen buried in the watery grave at camp, forty-four have been baptized in the conference since last June.

Owing to misunderstandings having arisen between some of the brethren, a sultry atmosphere existed when the conference session opened, but the Spirit of the Lord came in and swept away the thunder clouds of dissension, permitting the sunshine of love, joy, and peace to shine in. The Lord graciously used Pastor Watson, and on the first Sabbath when, at the close of the service, he made an appeal, a large number, deeply stirred under the influence of the Holy Spirit, responded by giving themselves to the Lord. Throughout the following week the good work of reconciliation continued, and on the last Sabbath there was a remarkable demonstration of what had been accomplished when, in response to an appeal for all who could testify to the knowledge of sins forgiven and knew from experience the saving, cleansing power of the blood of Christ, and who had made their peace with God, to rise to their feet, it seemed to the writer that the whole congregation arose. This impression was confirmed when the second appeal was made for all those who could not testify that they possessed that peace which can come only through the knowledge of sins forgiven to stand, but not a soul stirred in his seat. Seeing that the Lord had so graciously blessed His people, it was then requested that they express their gratitude by reconsecrating themselves to the Lord, and by rising again to their feet pledge themselves, in the strength of the Lord, to abstain from all gossip, scandal, or cruel criticism, to protect their brethren, and to walk together in the unity of the faith during the coming year. In response to this appeal the whole congregation arose to express their willingness to enter into this pledge and to press together, so that the Lord could bless the church and finish the work in that conference.

The following morning Pastor Watson, in a few earnest words, placed the financial needs of the conference before the members, and in a short period of time three hundred and twenty pounds was pledged towards the support of the work during the coming year. When we remember that there are less than two hundred members in the conference, and that nearly all are persons of limited means, some quite poor, we can better understand the spirit of consecration that existed.

We departed from the grounds realizing that it had been good to be there, that the Lord had met with us, and that He had graciously blessed His people in that conference. As a result we expect to see many souls won to the truth in South New Zealand during the coming year. May the Lord greatly bless Pastor Letts and his fellow-workers in that needy field is our earnest prayer.

W. H. PASCOE.

"We Love the Sabbath-School"

THE following letter from one of our Solomon Island boys was written very nicely in his own language, and this with the translation by Brother Gray was forwarded to us for publication:

Ilem Mission, Viru Harbour, Solomon Islands, October 8, 1917.

Hear me my friends in worship to Jesus. I wish to tell you of the Sabbath-school and the work I do in the school. Five men teach and Himi is superintendent of the school and I am the secretary. Fifty-six of us worship. And some work the review of the lesson past. We love the Sabbath-school, also the work of God.

I am finished now, BILI, Secretary of the Sabbath-school.

Sabbath in the Woods

'Tis Sabbath in the woods, and here is rest, Apart from city sounds, from sordid care. And here, in this God's church not made with hands

I wait in reverential mood, and hold a tryst With Him who did the leafy temples form. I hear a mighty chorus rise and swell, In which the woodland voices all unite Acknowledging their great Creator's praise, Until my heart, too, overflows with song, In tune with nature, and with nature's God.

—Selected.

THE secret of a life of close abiding will be seen to be simply this: As I give myself wholly to Christ, I find the power to take Him wholly for myself; and as I lose myself and all I have for Him, He takes me wholly for Himself, and gives Himself wholly to me.—Andrew Murray.

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P. S. Roy (Del.)					
Waymarks—					
F. A. Ross	54	27	23	2	0
A. L. Sweet	67	25	21	0	0
Ladies' Handbook-					
State Agent	9	15	16	10	0
Mrs. Wegner	29	12	14	5	0
Mrs. Badcock	36	23	24	10	0
Helps sold by Agents			14	8	0
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South Australia

JANUARY, 1918

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Daniel and the Revelation-	Hrs	. Or	d.	Val	ı1e
L. W. Gericke	213	40	£34	2	6
Heralds of the Morning-					
J. W. Bilbrough	151	40	30	7	6
Practical Guide to Health-	-				
P. S. Roy	122	34	35	12	0
C. R. Hunter		19		12	
Prophetic Waymarks-					
F, A, Ross	78	33	29	8	0
A. L. Sweet		47	42		0
S. G. White		10	9		6
Ladies' Handbook –					
Mrs. Badcock	60	35	39	10	0
C. J. Griffin	. 132	134	161	15	0
J. Lowe		91	103	0	0
H. K. Welburn		46	50	3	6
Mrs. Wegner	. 16	6	7	15	0
Helps sold by Colporteurs			22	17	0
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G. H. Bartlett	24	6	£6	7	0
Waymarks-					
T. Coulston	6	18	14	1	0
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A. Heuschele					
Practical Guide to Health -					
H. E. Streeter	11				
H. T. Daniel	22	8	10	12	0
Heralds of the Morning-					
T. Coulston	7	5	3	5	0
E. C. Watts	58	19	14	17	6
Ladies' Handbook-					
Mr. & Mrs. Hewitt		42	49	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. Newley	58	14	14		,0
Mrs. C. Hodekinson	36	42	46		0
Miss A. S. Cozens	23	16	20	5	0
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Ladies' Handbook-	Hrs.	Ord.	Va	lue	ļ
Miss V. E. Bennetto	22	16 €	18	15	0
Home and Health— W. J. Stevens Practical Guide to Health—		5	2	7	6
S. J. Ward W. J. Stevens Helps sold by Colporteurs	94 63	13 12		6 15 2	
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Western Australia

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E. R. Dadd	132	12 3	€ 9	5	0
Ladies' Handbook-					
Mrs. E. R. Dadd	14	5	5	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Dunn	114	5 67	71	5	0
State Agent	37	13	13	15	0
Helps sold by Colporteurs			9	16	6
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Life and Health-	Copies	Sul	os.	Val	ue
Miss E. M. Forbes	 34	2	£1	0	6

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"In turning from God's Word to feed on the writings of uninspired men, the mind becomes dwarfed and cheapened."—" Christ's Object Lessons," page 41.

Excellent Results

"I TAKE off my hat to the book agent, for he is doing more good in this world than I can ever hope to do."—Dr. de Witt Talmage.

Talmage.
"Without enthusiasm man is only a

statue."-Hugh Chalmers.

During the time that elapsed between the close of the camp-meeting at Concord, New South Wales, and the opening of our college, I canvassed on the Monaro, having been allotted the territory between Goulburn and the Victorian border, via Queanbeyan, Cooma, and Bombala. I made my first call at Queanbeyan, the Federal Capital railway town, and after visiting the above mentioned towns I reached the border at Bendoc. Truly I can say the Lord has greatly blessed my humble efforts. During the ten weeks I spent canvassing, I took three hundred and fifty-five orders for our medical work, "The Practical Guide to Health," also a number of Life and Health subscriptions, and sold a few of our smaller books. The approximate retail value is £390 3s. For this success I heartily praise God, and give Him all the glory, counting it a great privilege to become a labourer together with Him.

I would like to repeat these few lines as an expression of my sentiments:

The Colporteur's Reward

"When I enter the beautiful city above Far removed from earth's sorrow and fear, I hope that some one will whisper in love, "Twas you first invited me here."

"When I stand by the side of the river of life,

'Twill be joy to hear somebody say,
'I was drunk with the world and its maddening strife.

Till the colporteur happened my way.

"'From his books, his tracts, and hispapers galore

I first learned of this blessed abode:
Then I turned me about, and set out for
the shore,

'Twas the canvasser showed me the road.'

"When at home in those mansions eternally grand

Those dear faces with joy I behold, I hope that somebody beside me will stand Saved—because of the books that I sold."

E. G. WHITTAKER.

The Signs Publishing Company and Home Mission Work

THE Lord has said that upon our publishing houses largely rests the duty of giving the loud cry of the third angel's message.

The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. I am bidden to say to our publishing houses: "Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world."

Does this mean that the duty of those engaged in our publishing house is simply to prepare the needed literature for distribution? We think not.

Does it mean that the publishing house, as a separate organization, should be responsible for this great closing work? This certainly cannot be.

Whatthen? Nothingless, brethren and sisters, than whole-souled, consecrated, powerful co-operation one with the other. We must work together for God, not as units, but as a mighty army steadily moving in one direction for the accomplishment of the one great purpose.

The publishing house must work with you and you must work with the publishing house. We must be yours and you must be ours. Our interests and sympathies must be identical. This is the only effective way to "finish the work."

So the publishing house has been planning to combine practical home mission work with its mechanical departments. We thus wish to step out into the field and meet our workers on common ground: and we wish to learn the difficulties of field labour by actual field experience.

Brethren, we are holding out our hands to you. Let us grasp hands and unite hearts as never before.

We have started with "Beyond Death's Barriers." The past few weeks have been of intense interest to all as this campaign with the Union Conference relief book has been heartly taken hold of, under the leadership of Brother Stratford, our local home mission secretary.

On several occasions during that time, one young lady and three young men, besides two older workers, have sallied forth from our institution to the homes of the people of this district. Had you been here you would have seen them in the early mornings making their way along the Yarra valley, some on bicycles, some trudging on foot, another journeying by train, and still another on horseback. All were filled with enthusiasm, and went forth with confidence, believing that the Master who gave the commission would certainly stand by them in the good work of enlightening the people regarding the important truths contained in the book they were circulating, and also in assisting by this effort the work in the island mission field.

That the Lord was indeed with them is evidenced by the reports as we shall herewith present them to you. The books have been sold to honest-hearted folk in the timber-mills and isolated residences which nestle among the mountains east of the Signs factory, and from here the workers have also journeyed west,—through West Warburton, Powelltown, Yarra Junction, Launching Place, Wandin district, and thence down on to the plains. The town of Lilydale has been thoroughly worked, and in the finishing of the effort, our "mechanical" canvassers have worked as far as Ringwood.

While these gospel agents were about their important work, their hands were held up by those in the institution who especially remembered them in prayer. Upon their return late in the evenings, eager questions were asked, and in the chapel worship the morning following each effort opportunity was given for the workers to relate their experiences.

And how bright and cheering the reports were! Each time it just seemed as though the Lord was moving out further and still further beyond all our plans and expectations to reveal to us how weak our faith had been, and the mighty work which might be accomplished for Him as we set our hands and our hearts to His work with renewed consecration and earnestness.

In the aggregate, fourteen days were spent in canvassing by the various workers chosen to share in this practical experience campaign, and as a result about three hundred books are now found as witnesses in the homes of this community.

Not only so, but the names of many interested folk are now being used to good advantage by the missionary committee of the church; some of those near at hand have accepted invitations to attend our public mission services at present being conducted in the office hall; others have become regular readers of the Signs, still others have asked the privilege of sending their little ones to our Sabbath-school and also to the camp-meeting soon to convene. A considerable number of "Beyond Death's Barriers" were also taken personally by church members and distributed amongst friends and relatives, posted to interested persons, or sold while the workers have been on vacation. Altogether a little over five hundred copies have been disposed of with, we feel sure, beneficial results not only to those who study into these truths, but also to God's children in this corner of the vineyard, and to all who read these lines, that we may one and all arise and stand forth more boldly than ever to proclaim this last warning message before the end comes.

> W. H. B. MILLER, Manager.

Tasmanian Notes

In the office, Brother A. G. Minchin has his work well in hand and has now become acquainted with practically all of our members, many of them through correspondence.

Brother W. R. Litster is shortly to meet with the churches and companies in the north and north-west, for the purpose of assisting in convention work in the interests of the three departments of which he is secretary. We hope to see much good as a result of the above work.

In the RECORD of November 5, appeared a copy of a letter received from an interested lady living near Launceston. We are glad to be able to tell you that as a result of visits to her home by Pastor and Sister Sharp, this person is now observing the Sabbath of the Lord. The Signs of the Times was instrumental in opening the home for a series of studies on the truth.

During the latter part of December and the early part of January, the writer visited the believers in Launceston, Bishopsbourne, St. Marys, Devonport, and Burnie, besides a large number of isolated ones. At Irishtown in the north-west, we were pleased to meet with a family who had not received a visit from a ministerial worker during the past fifteen years. It was a cause of mutual blessing to meet with the isolated members.

While canvassing in Lower Blessington, a township nearly thirty miles from Launceston, one of our colporteurs met a number of people who seemed to be hungry for spiritual food. He was with one family till one o'clock in the morning, directing their attention to God's message for to-day, and upon returning to Launceston placed the matter before Brother Sharp. This visit has resulted in regular meetings being conducted in a hall in Blessington, and we would ask the prayers of God's people that souls may be won for His kingdom as a result. Most of Pastor Sharp's efforts are devoted to work in several districts within a radius of three to thirty miles from Laun-

In the month of December Brother W. Gillis began a series of meetings at Henrietta, some twenty miles from Burnie. Henrietta is a farming community and we are glad to report that a good interest is manifested in the truths that are being presented to this community for the first time. The head of a family who began the new year by the observance of Jehovah's day, very kindly introduced Brother Gillis to the residents of Henrietta, and is now taking a great interest in the work that is being carried forward there. Up to the present Brother Gillis has had nothing but a bicycle with which to reach the people of his large diocese.

The readers of the RECORD would have enjoyed being present at a meeting held

in the Collinsvale church on Sabbath, January 26. The writer said a few words concerning the work in the conference and read portion of a letter received from Brother Gillis. The Spirit of the Lord came very near and the meeting developed into a real Harvest Thanksgiving service, for within a few minutes, the sum of £20 10s. was donated with which to purchase a horse for Brother Gillis' work in the Burnie district. Thus our worker in the northwest will be able to traverse the hilly roads without the expenditure of that physical energy which has had to be spent in cycling so many miles. May God richly bless the Collinsvale church for their kindly interest.

On the evening of Sunday, January 20, assisted by Brother E. R. Whitehead, I commenced a series of meetings in the Masonic Hall, Hobart. Up to the present, four meetings have been held and we have been encouraged by the good attendances and the interest manifested by the hearers. Our largest attendance was about one hundred and twenty, about forty of whom were church-members. We are glad of the cooperation of the members of the Hobart Church, and we labour to the end that the Lord will add to the church such as shall be saved in His kingdom. Already we are finding homes opening to the study of the message. Brethren pray for us.

On Tuesday, January 29, we were pleased to welcome Brother W. O. Johanson and Miss N. R. Hare to our conference. The former made a flying visit indeed, for on the morning of the 31st Brother Johanson left for Melbourne, via Launceston, having completed his work of auditing the conference books. With Miss Hare's coming, we commence anew the work of primary schools in the conference. The opening exercises of the Glen Huon primary school were held on Monday, February 4. An attendance of nine pupils marks the beginning of the school and we bespeak the prayers and cooperation of all our families that God will bless both teacher and children. Miss Hare received a very cordial welcome from the Glen Huon church.

A. H. WHITE,

Forward! Our Watchword

THE nations of to-day are calling upon all to do their share in bearing the tremendous burdens placed upon them by the heavy hand of the god of war. While the call comes to all, yet the most urgent appeals are made to the young people to fight in the battles of their country.

The same call has been sounding in our ranks for years. The Lord, through His servant, sent forth this call for volunteers many years ago: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"

In order to more quickly attain to this end the Missionary Volunteer Movement was organized about ten years ago and since that time it has shown a steady growth.

In our own Union Conference the figures have a wonderful story to tell of the rapid growth of the Lord's army of volunteers. At the organization of this department in 1910 we had 80 societies with a membership of 1,793. We have now 180 societies and 3,323 members.

Our first reports show that 603 of our members took up the study of the doctrinal

texts. Our records at the present time show that 1,665 of our Missionary Volunteers are following up these studies. This indicates that over 1,000 volunteers have since joined the ranks of those who are studying God's Word according to this plan.

We are glad to report that 312 of our members have enrolled for the Standard of Attainment Course. It is now about twelve months since our members commenced working on this course and already seven

have completed it.

At the beginning of 1917 a call was made for the young people to raise £2,000 for the building of a small vessel for the use of our workers at the front in the Melanesian field. The hearty response with which this call has been met has proved that the young people are doing their part in forwarding the gospel message in the heathen lands. During 1917 the sum of £2,378 18s. 11½d. was raised for the Melanesia, besides over £130 for local and home missionary work.

When it was known that the Melanesia would cost more than was at first anticipated, we were asked to increase our aim to £2,300. We see from the foregoing figures that we have exceeded this by over £78. Compared with the 1916 offering, which was a record, we find that we have almost doubled the figures. In that year £1,206 1s. 4d. was raised for foreign missions. Although the amount raised does not quite cover the cost of building and fitting up our little ship, which owing to war conditions has run up higher than at first anticipated, yet we thank the Lord for what He has enabled us to do and look forward to greater blessings in the future.

Obituary

ROBINSON.-On the morning of December 8, at her home at Martin's Creck near Paterson, New South Wales, our dear Sister Ann Robinson fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Robinson was born in Battersea, England, in 1829, and came to Tasmania with her husband and sister in the first free emigrant ship to that state. After living for some time in Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand, they finally settled on the land at Martin's Creek, where Sister Robinson resided for more than half a century, until her death. She accepted present truth nearly fourteen yearsago, and was baptized by Pastor Starr some three years later and admitted a member of the Maitland church, though on account of feeble health and the long distance from her home she was never able to attend the services. Yet dear "grandma" as she was affectionately called, loved to welcome any of the brethren and sisters of like precious faith to her home, and kept a room ever specially prepared to receive them. Many remember with gratitude her loving hospitality. Her death was caused by an accident. When out driving with her son, a portion of the harness gave way, causing the pony to plunge, and both were thrown out. She was carried home, and ten days later passed away, in her ninetieth year. Though conscious throughout, she suffered much, yet was most patient to the last. Our dear sister was laid to rest in the Church of England cemetery, Paterson, to await the great call on the resurrection day. She leaves five children, thirty-two grandchildren, and thirty-two great grandchildren. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

C. COLLIER.

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A BAPTISMAL service was held in the Wahroonga church on February 26. One of the candidates is a gentleman who recently accepted the truth while a patient in the sanitarium.

THE Korean Mission Press has commenced the publication of our first women's paper in the Asiatic Division. The Ka Chong Pil Tee is finding a ready sale, almost two thousand copies having been sold during one month.

FOR the first time in the history of our message, we now have a worker located in Dutch Guiana, South America. This leaves but one country in South America in which there is as yet no herald of the advent message; namely, French Guiana.

AFTER returning from his auditing trip to Victoria and Tasmania, and spending two weeks in the Union office, Brother W. O. Johanson has gone on to New Zealand, where he will audit the books of both of our conferences.

AN unfortunate error occurred in the publication of the colporteurs' summary for the month of December, in our issue of February 11. The number of hours should have been given as follows, instead of as printed: R. Barber, 114; J. Farrar, 79; State Agent, 15; W. Redhead, 28; F. Smith, 94; total, 330.

Two meat inspectors recently visited our vegetarian cafe in Sydney. In conversation with them it was learned that they came out of sheer curiosity. When departing they expressed their intention of coming again, and stated that they were delighted with everything, especially the

ON February 18, at the home of Pastor Butz, Ryde, New South Wales, Brother C. E. Hames and Miss Katie Turner of South Australia were united in marriage by Pastor Smart. They left the same evening for Brisbane, where Brother Hames is labouring in connection with the city mission. We pray that God will abundantly bless them in their united service for Him.

THE following words of appreciation have just been received from a sister in Queensland: "I am sending this to let you know that I cannot do without the RECORD, for I look forward each week to the Signs and RECORD coming as a dear friend. They have often been a comfort to me in trials and discouragements. I wish to praise the dear Lord through the RECORD for what a wonderful Saviour He has been to me."

SISTER C. A. PAAP writes from Mateking, South Africa: "While on a visit to an isolated Sabbath-keeper, I had a Bible study with her Kaffir servant on the Sabbath question. She seemed much interested, but made no sign that she intended to alter her ways. A few days ago, however, I re-

ceived a letter from her saying that she is now keeping the true Sabbath. We are very happy and contented over here, and have our hands more than full."

BROTHER G. S. HANSFORD writes that some of the members of our churches in Palmerston North and Gisborne, New Zealand, have recently renewed their efforts to sell Signs in the shops and streets on Saturday nights. Success has been met with from the outset, and dozens of copies have been disposed of in one evening without difficulty. The experience is bringing joy and courage to the hearts of these members, and Brother Hansford suggests that the plan be tried in other centres, as he feels sure it will result in similiar success and blessing.

AT the close of the week of prayer in America, which was held December 8 to 15, the following word was sent by Pastor R. D. Quinn, who together with Dr. Kress and Pastor K. C. Russell, conducted the meetings at Union College, Nebraska: "Great revival in the College View Church during the last ten days. Practically the whole student body surrendered to God, and large numbers desire baptism. The people are aroused, and many are coming into the light. The meetings will continue another week. Two thousand pounds was given to missions on the last Sabbath of the week of prayer."

DURING Pastor Fulton's visit to our industrial school at Meiktila, Burma, when a special appeal was made to the students, the teachers had the joy of seeing about twenty-five of the young people turn to God, some of whom were just coming out of Buddhism. One of their leading teachers, a Burmese of long teaching experience, fully accepted this ruth not long ago. This industrial school conducts several different departments, and is self-supporting. The enrolment last year numbered one hundred and thirty, counting both boarding and day students. On one occasion the school was honoured with a visit from the Governor-General of India, who took a great interest in this little institution.

A GLIMPSE into one of the Home Missions campaign meetings in the California-Nevada camp-meeting, is given us in the following extract from a letter: "To-day at eleven o'clock Pastor J. L. McElhaney gave a stirring talk, and ten of us followed up the rush as fast as hands were raised to order copies of Pastor Daniell's book, "World War;" our total was 3,585." The earnestness of our people in Massachusetts to sell the book is revealed by the fact that at their camp-meeting our people purchased 12,000 copies. Brother E. R. Palmer states that within three months the publishers sold about 350,000 copies in the United States, "and it is still going like a whirlwind."

THE outlook for our annual meeting in Argentine, South America. October 25 to November 5, was most forbidding, when the biggest strike in the history of that republic caused all trains and boats to cease running for a week prior to the opening of the meeting. Mail was carried to but very few places, and telegraph business was greatly restricted. Had the strike continued a day or two longer, it would have been necessary to postpone the meeting. But when the strike broke, messages were sent out quickly inviting our people to the meeting, which

proved to be the largest and best ever held in that conference. The annual report showed that over a hundred persons had been baptized during the year, and others were awaiting baptism. The cheering testimony of the new converts present at the meeting brought blessing to all.

Notes from North New Zealand

THE Ponsonby church school opened with an attendance of more than twenty pupils. Miss Edith Clarke, assisted by Miss H. Wicks, does the teaching.

Pastor Watson is spending a few days with the Auckland churches and his spiritual instruction is being much appreciated. He is planning to leave Auckland for the United States early in March.

Brother King, who is alone in Wellington, reports a good interest at Petone where he has been holding Sunday night meetings. Some have begun to keep the Sabbath as the result.

Pastor G. G. Stewart has pitched his mission tent in Stratford. He is being assisted by Brethren R. K. Piper and L. Jones. They are meeting with much difficulty in finding a dwelling house for themselves.

Pastor Brittain is following up the interest in Wanganui. His co-labourers are Brethren Vernon Nillsson and C. Reynolds, and Sister Neilson. He reports that some have already decided to obey the Lord.

Brother James Pascoe has gone to Tologa Bay to arrange for building a church there. A section of land and a considerable sum of money for the purpose have been secured. He also reports several souls awaiting baptism at Wairoa and Gisborne.

Brethren F: G. Rampton and C. Head are both busily engaged in their different departments. Brother Rampton has a number of appeals to place before the military boards. Our young men on the military state farms are being well treated.

The Oroua School opened on February 13. Pastor Watson was present and gave the opening address. The outlook for the coming school year is most encouraging. Brother H. Streeter has been called from the South New Zealand Conference to assist in teaching, and Sister Eva Edwards from the Young -People's Department, so that the teaching staff has been materially strengthened.

W. H. PASCOE.

"THERE can be no true conversion without the giving up of sin."

ABIDING in Jesus, you come into contact with His infinite love; its fire begins to burn within your heart; you see the beauty of love; you learn to look upon loving and serving and saving your fellow-men as the highest privilege a disciple of Jesus can have.—Andrew Murray.