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Call Back

If you have gone a little way ahead
of me, call back;
'Twill cheer my heart and help my
feet along the stony track;
And if, perchance, faith's light is dim
because the oil is low,
Your call will guide my lagging course
as wearily I go.

Call back and tell me that He went
with you into the storm;
Call back, and say He kept you when
the forest's roots were torn;
That, when the heavens thundered and
the earthquake shook the hill,
He bore you up and held you where
the very air was still.

But if you'll say He heard you when
your prayer was but a cry,
And if you'll say He saw you
through the night's sin-darkened
sky,
If you have gone a little way ahead, O
friend, call back;
'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet
along the stony track.

—Selected.

* The Victorious Life

A Message to You

SANITARIUM, California,

June 14th, 1914.

Dear Friend:

The Lord has given me a message for you, and not for you only, but also for other faithful souls who are troubled by doubts and fears regarding their acceptance by the Lord Jesus Christ. His word to you is, "Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." You desire to please the Lord, and you can do this by believing His promises. He is waiting to take

you into a harbour of gracious experience, and He bids you, "Be still, and know that I am God." You have had a time of unrest, but Jesus says to you, "Come unto Me, . . . and I will give you rest." The joy of Christ in the soul is worth everything. "Then are they glad," because they are privileged to rest in the arms of everlasting love.

Put away your distrust of our Heavenly Father. Instead of talking of your doubts, break away from them in the strength of Jesus, and let light shine into your soul by letting your voice express confidence and trust in God. I know that the Lord is very nigh you to give you victory, and I say to you, Be helped, be strengthened, be lifted out of and away from the dark dungeon of unbelief. Doubts will rush into your mind, because Satan is trying to hold you in captivity to his cruel power; but face him in the strength that Jesus is willing to give you, and conquer the inclination to express unbelief in your Saviour.

Do not talk of your inefficiency and your defects. When despair would seem to be sweeping over your soul, look to Jesus, saying, He lives to make intercession for me. Forget the things that are behind, and believe the promise, "I will come unto you," and "abide with you."

God is waiting to bestow the blessing of forgiveness, of pardon for iniquity, of the gifts of righteousness upon all who will believe in His love and accept the salvation He offers. Christ

is ready to say to the repenting sinner, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." The blood of Jesus Christ is the eloquent plea that speaks in behalf of sinners. This blood "cleanseth from all sin."

It is your privilege to trust in the love of Jesus for salvation, in the fullest, surest, noblest manner; to say, He loves me, He receives me; I will trust Him, for He gave His life for me. Nothing so dispels doubt as coming in contact with the character of Christ. He declares, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out," that is, there is no possibility of My casting him out! for I have pledged My word to receive him. Take Christ at His word, and let your lips declare that you have gained the victory.

Is Jesus true? Does He mean what He says? Answer decidedly, Yes, every word. Then if you have settled this, by faith claim every promise that He has made, and receive the blessing; for this acceptance by faith gives life to the soul. You may believe that Jesus is true to you, even though you feel yourself to be the weakest and most unworthy of His children. And as you believe, all your dark, brooding doubts are thrown back upon the arch-deceiver, who originated them. You can be a great blessing, if you will take God at His Word. By living faith you are to trust Him, even though the impulse is strong

* This testimony was written the year before Sister White died, and was published in leaflet form by the College Press at Loma Linda. Although a personal testimony, it applies to all who need its message of encouragement.

within you to speak words of distrust.

Peace comes with dependence on divine power. As fast as the soul resolves to act in accordance with the light given, the Holy Spirit gives more light and strength. The grace of the spirit is supplied to co-operate with the soul's resolve, but it is not a substitute for the individual exercise of faith. Success in the Christian life depends upon the appropriation of the light that God has given. It is not an abundance of light and evidence that makes the soul free in Christ; it is the rising of the powers and the will and the energies of the soul to cry out sincerely, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief."

I rejoice in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Be cheerful, and praise the Lord for His loving kindness. That which you cannot understand, commit to Him. He loves you and pities your every weakness. "He hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." It would not satisfy the heart of the infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son.

Satan seeks to draw our minds away from the mighty Helper, to lead us to ponder over our degeneration of soul. But though Jesus sees the guilt of the past, He speaks pardon; and we should not dishonour Him by doubting His love. The feeling of guiltiness must be laid at the foot of the cross, or it will poison the springs of life. When Satan thrusts his threatenings upon you, turn from them, and comfort your soul with the promises of God. The cloud may be dark in itself, but when filled with the light of heaven, it turns to the brightness of gold; for the glory of God rests upon it.

God's children are not to be subject to feelings and emotions. When they fluctuate between hope and fear, the heart of Christ is hurt; for He has given them unmistakable evidence of His love. He wants them to be established, strengthened, and settled in the most holy faith. He wants them to do the work He has given them; then their

hearts will become in His hands as sacred harps, every chord of which will send forth praise and thanksgiving to the One sent by God to take away the sins of the world.

Christ's love for His children is as tender as it is strong. And it is stronger than death; for He died to purchase our salvation, and to make us one with Him, mystically and eternally one. So strong is His love that it controls all His powers, and employs the vast resources of heaven in doing His people good. It is without variableness or shadow of turning,—the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. Although sin has existed for ages, trying to counteract this love and obstruct its flowing earthward, it still flows in rich currents to those for whom Christ died:

God loves the sinless angels, who do His service and are obedient to all His commands; but He does not give them grace: they have never needed it; for they have never sinned. Grace is an attribute shown to undeserving human beings. We did not seek after it; it was sent in search of us. God rejoices to bestow grace upon all who hunger and thirst for it, not because we are worthy, but because we are unworthy. Our need is the qualification which gives us the assurance that we shall receive the gift.

It should not be difficult to remember that the Lord desires you to lay your troubles and perplexities at His feet, and leave them there. Go to Him, saying, "Lord, my burdens are too heavy for me to carry. Wilt thou bear them for me?" And He will answer, "I will take them. With everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon thee. I will take your sins; and will give you peace. Banish no longer your self-respect; for I have bought you with the price of My own blood. You are Mine. Your weakened will I will strengthen. Your remorse for sin I will remove."

"I, even I, am He," the Lord declares, "That blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put Me in remembrance;

let us plead together; declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." "I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye Me in vain; I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right." "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am the Lord, and there is none else." Respond to the calls of God's mercy, and say I will trust in the Lord and be comforted. I will praise the Lord; for His anger is turned away. I will rejoice in God, who gives the victory.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Notes From India

"—Where sin abounded grace did much more abound." We ought to expect that in India, where the arch-enemy has entrenched himself so strongly, the gospel will make some of its greatest triumphs. The abounding grace of God is seen at its best where sin shows at its worst. Thank God we already see in India a most encouraging work accomplished. Although the baptised believers are not very numerous; they have been gathered from many races, and represent the beginning of a large work in many languages. The mother-tongues of those who have thus far been won for the message are the Bengal, Santali, Burmese, Sgaw Karen, Pwo Karen, Chin, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kanarese, Gujerati, Marathi, Urdu, Hindi, Garhwal, Punjabi, and the English, and they have come into the truth direct from Mohammedanism, Hinduism, and Buddhism as well as from various branches of Protestantism and Catholicism.

From South India Brother G. G. Lowry writes of a thousand Malayalese people influenced by our work who say they will turn from their idols if we will instruct them in the right way.

From the North Brother M. M. Mattison writes of a tour of Brother F. H. Loasby through villages in the Punjab, baptising at the time twenty-four persons. He says the work is building up so that we may expect to have hundreds of Punjabi believers in the near future.

In the West some missionaries of another denomination became interested in the truth through our publishing house, and have embraced the message in a way that seems distinctly providential. Pastor G. F. Enoch is now visiting these friends, and reports that some have already decided to keep the Sabbath. A Bible institute continuing two weeks has been held to bring the message before Indian workers and believers, who number several hundred. This seems to be a remarkable opening for our work in a portion of the field where hitherto we have found the work difficult.

In the East our Bengali work is steadily progressing. In East Bengal we have Sabbath-keepers in thirty different villages, supporting themselves, and living the truth; with only an occasional visit from our workers. Now we hear of a company of Sabbath-keepers in Kuch Behar, a native State in north Bengal, and of a large interest south of Calcutta.

From Burma R. A. Beckner writes of some Chins with others of that people asking for baptism, and the prospect of the work extending among them.

W. W. FLETCHER.

Encouraging Results in a Military Camp

WHILE in India, Brother Arthur Mountain had the pleasure of seeing a young private in the military camp won to the Sabbath truth through his efforts. This young man was transferred to the Afghan frontier before coming to a decision regarding the new truths he had heard. Later Brother Mountain received from him the following:—

"You will be pleased to hear that I have convinced myself of the seventh-day Sabbath, and henceforth God's Sabbath is the day I shall try to keep even more holy than I have kept Sunday. It has taken a good deal to shake the old way off; but after a very careful perusal of the whole question, and having pledged myself to the Bible as the Word of life, I cannot do anything else than accept God's commandments. God's word is the same forever, unchangeable. My heartfelt thanks go forth to Him for thus leading me into another great truth."

Others for whom Brother Mountain worked while in camp gave evidence of interest in the truths of this message. "I am glad," Brother Mountain says, "to see some tangible evidence that the Lord had a purpose in bringing me to India." This young man is a sturdy Christian, one who will serve God regardless of what men may say or think. He has been sending the literature that I have given him from time to time to his people in England. May this, too, prove to be seed sown in fruitful soil."

A Testimony to the Keeping Power of God

ON the night of September 24 a terrific cyclone visited East Bengal, doing a vast amount of injury. In reference to the situation as he found it there, Brother W. H. Stevens writes: "I felt very much concerned and sad at the thought that among the forty villages where we have work in East Bengal, there was not, as far as I could ascertain, one of our people's houses left. All of the churches were damaged and two absolutely destroyed. The ones that were not very much damaged are to be repaired as best the brethren can do, while the Gopalganj church and one of the other buildings will have to wait until our committee meets to decide what we can do. We are very thankful, however, that none of our people lost their lives, and none were seriously injured. This experience should certainly serve as a warning, and prepare the people for the greater and more dreadful catastrophes which are soon to be seen in the earth. As I walked through the broken and scattered houses in Gopalganj, I thought of Sister White's words, 'The judgments of God are already in the land.'"

"I went over to Borashi to see the people there, and the old brother who

was healed from leprosy in answer to prayer many years ago, had a very interesting story to relate. His house was blown away; but he sat upon his bed and prayed that God might save him. Timber fell all around him, but he was not even scratched. Although he sat there all night drenched to the skin he was not cold, nor did he suffer from any after effects, while others suffered much from cold. It did me a great deal of good to listen to the old saint's testimony to the keeping power of his God."

Enlarging Our Borders

WE wish to pass on to you some of the encouraging reports that have recently come by the mail. The work is onward throughout the whole field, and though the opposition of the enemy is increasing in many places, yet it does not seriously hinder.

Tonga

I have pleasure in reporting that Brother and Sister R. W. Smith have reached their field, Tonga, and write encouragingly of their first experiences there. The following is an extract from a letter just received:

"We are having very good attendances at our Sabbath meetings. So far we have had an average of a little over thirty. About half of these are not our people, but we hope that they will be some day. It would seem that the prospects for Tonga are fairly bright, but it will take some hard work, and above all, a firm hold on our Father's hand. We certainly ask the prayers of all our people for the work in Tonga."

"I am sure that we shall enjoy our work here. We are making fair progress on the language. We find it much more difficult than either the Tahitian or Hawaiian, but we shall master it by the help of the Lord. We find the people very congenial, and willing to help us in every possible way."

"The outlook for our school for the coming year is very encouraging. If all the children come who have made inquiry, we shall not be able to accommodate them. It would seem from the present outlook that one teacher would hardly be able to do justice to the work, but we shall be able to tell better later on."

New Hebrides

Good news has come from the New Hebrides, and it is a real pleasure to announce that Brother and Sister Wiles are now located in the territory of the Big Nambus. You will see from the following letter from Pastor Stewart how the Lord has opened up the way for the work to begin there at this time. We desire your earnest prayers for our young missionaries in all their associations with a people so savage.

"Since writing to you, I have been to Big Bay, Santo, again in the launch, taking Mrs. Stewart with me. We spent a week with Brother and Sister James, and returned against a strong wind and heavy sea, but little Eran got through safely. Our dinghy in tow swamped on one occasion, and it was with difficulty that we 'stood by' until one of the boys could bail it out. A cutter a little larger than our boat foundered in the same sea a few days before we

crossed it, and the crew, mostly Japanese, had some difficulty in reaching the shore."

"Last Sabbath the British Resident's vessel passed, landing some mail and letting us know that the Resident, Mr. King, would probably call on his return a few days later. So we planned at once to go to Big Nambus and bring the chief and some of his men here to wait upon Mr. King on his return. We were not long home when we received a message from Mr. King asking us to come to see him at Vao, a nearby island, and so we were soon under way again."

"He asked the chief a number of questions and then gave him opportunity to talk and each time the chief made a statement it included the words, 'Me fellow want missionary he come stop along me fellow.' School work was good, and when trouble arose he thought he would have the missionary to represent his case to the government. The interview made a very favourable impression upon Mr. King's mind, and in a subsequent interview with him he asked me our plans, and I told him we were ready to go ahead and build a house for Mr. Wiles. He asked if we wanted to go right on top, and I told him we were planning to start on a lower level and if necessary move farther inland later. This plan he favoured and said he thought it would be all right now. He raised no objections at all and so we left, thanking the Lord that the way is again open."

"Here on Atchin we are still plodding away with about the same apparent results. The attitude of the natives toward mission work has wonderfully changed since our first workers landed here. A most friendly relation exists between us and all the people on the island. During a recent heathen ceremony that lasted for a month the people confessed that it was not as before. They said, 'There used to be plenty of devils come to this ceremony before, but now the missionary is here making school, and we look and call in vain for them.' If we are driving out the devils we must be working along apostolic lines."

Marquesas

I also feel sure that you will appreciate a line from Brother and Sister Sterling, of the Marquesas. We are much encouraged to know that the first-fruits of the group have already appeared, and that in spite of difficulties and discouragements Brother and Sister Sterling are courageously endeavouring to advance the message in that very distant group. They tell us in the following words of their experiences and of the progress of the message. They too need our earnest prayers.

"During the last three weeks the Catholic priests have become thoroughly aroused as to the work we are doing here, and they have begun to work against us. First they spoke against us in church on a Sunday, warning the people to keep away from our house. Latter they got out a little pamphlet, hand-written and duplicated on a mimeograph, trying to sustain Sunday sacredness from the Bible. They have also told the people to hand over our tracts to them (to the priests). Of course they have the complete control

over some, who do anything that the priests say. Others have a mind of their own.

"We are told here that when men gathered in groups in the past to talk, the conversation was upon any subject but the Bible; they did not know enough about the Bible to talk about it. But now, since the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church have been questioned, conversations frequently drift to the teachings of the Bible. Arguments are frequent, but their arguments are based on hearsay, as they do not know what the Bible says. Only a very few have the Tahitian Bible, and few are able to read it intelligently.

"We were obliged to come here without our belongings. The schooner was filled to the hatch with copra, so that we could bring with us absolutely nothing but our hand luggage. We also brought a little primus stove. We thought we would be able to buy or borrow a few things here that would tide us along until our things arrived, but we found the place very destitute of such things as we could use. We slept on the floor the first month, but later a mattress was loaned us. Our things have not arrived yet. We are trusting God to open a way shortly.

"Just now we are very short of provisions. In fact, it has been so ever since we came. No fresh provisions have reached here for six months. There is no flour, rice, sugar, starch, soap, legumes, or biscuits. We are living on breadfruit, pumpkins, mangoes, bananas, a few tins of Nestle's condensed milk, and a few pounds of ship's biscuits. These last two items we guard very carefully, and partake of sparingly. It is a poor diet, and one which a European soon tires of. In the ordinary course we should have a schooner again from Tahiti in four weeks hence. But we are trusting God to bring a vessel before then.

"A few are taking their stand for the truth. Two couples are keeping the Sabbath, also a married man, whose wife is a faithful attendant at the Catholic Church, her faithfulness dating from the time her husband began to keep the Sabbath. I think that in time she may come with her husband. Then we have one or two other couples who are interested. Pray for us."

We wish all our "RECORD" readers every blessing as you press forward in your work for the Master this new year, and pray that it may be to you a prosperous and happy one.

CHAS. H. WATSON.

Dobeli, Solomon Islands

On November 9 we started school and have had a good regular attendance. The majority are young men, bright and enthusiastic. Several are ex-police boys and cooks. Some possess slates of their own and come up in the morning to show us their night's work, quite proud of their first attempts at writing. Our school building is not quite completed yet. The boats will soon be here to bring our flooring. The walls and roof are leaf, of which all native houses are made.

Every evening we hold worship in the village below, to enable the older people to attend. The natives are loyal to us, although repeated attempts have

been made by others not of our faith to turn them against us.

One Sabbath a shoal of fish came in and the other mission boys taunted our boys, telling them to jump into their canoes and catch the fish, but not a native attempted to do so. None of us were near at the time, but we heard about it afterwards. And they were a special kind of fish that the natives prize very highly.

The term "feast" may be a joyous one to many people, but not so to the missionary in a heathen land. It means months of labour to the native to prepare for them, and this is a hindrance to the missionary's work; but one very encouraging feature is that they all drop work on Sabbath and over one hundred assemble for worship.

The other day one of our elderly men came up to the mission. He was wearing a downcast look and had a native creeper tied around his neck, as a charm. This is their method of practising devil medicine. We called him aside, and asked him if anything was wrong. He replied, "I am going to die soon." A few more inquiries brought out the fact that a friend of his had received a message from the spirits. I said to him, "God is stronger than the spirits; why believe them?" Without giving me opportunity to say more, he went over to the fire and burnt his devil's medicine. Later, we had another spiritual talk with him and he left us in a happier frame of mind. I next went in search of his friend and asked him whether the spirits always tell the truth. He admitted they did not, and promised me that he would stop talking to them. He shows every good intention of fulfilling his promise. The older people have been spiritualists from their infancy, and you can readily understand how Satan can use such people to hinder our work.

Another native told me he was shocked because a neighbouring tribe had buried a dead person—something unknown to him. He was surprised when I told him that was the correct way to do. He said, "When I die I do not want to be buried; I cannot breathe." His wish was to be tied up in some trees and later on his skull would be placed in a little box and treasured by his tribe.

A custom, which has been stopped by the Government now, is this: If one man had a grudge against another, he would quietly pick up a small piece of discarded food or some little article belonging to the offending party and then go and hide it under some stones. All this would be unknown to the offending party, but should the offending party get ill, inquiries would be made of the spirits, and the man who hid the food would be seized and suspended by his wrists to a tree. Should he tell them where the charm was hidden he would be lowered and released and another devil man with a special stick would brush the food out of the hole and the spell would be broken.

The Government a few years ago ordered these people down to the salt water to stay and this, by bringing the people together in villages, has greatly helped in our work. Their former houses in the bush are now used for pigs.

The fight is truly against rulers of darkness in high places where man seems powerless, but with God's help we can prevail. We earnestly ask you to pray for us.

R. H. TURRY.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Colportage Work

New South Wales

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DECEMBER, 1919

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<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>			
F. Byford	31	16	20 10 0
Mrs. Cozens	11½	15	20 17 6
Miss Hossack	39½	12	16 15 0
Miss Stewart	12	15	22 0 0
Mrs. Wells	70	50	75 10 0
Helps sold by Agents			5 9 1
Totals	435½	360	£447 4 1

North Queensland-Papua Mission

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<i>Heralds of the Morning</i>	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
B. Osborne	162	56	£52 17 6
Helps sold			14 17 0
Totals	162	56	£67 14 6

North New Zealand

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<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Mrs. Beavis	18	8	£10 10 0
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R. K. Piper	17	5	4 17 6
G. R. Tasker	17½	3	3 15 6
J. Wordsworth	36½	12	11 2 6
<i>Practical Guide</i>			
J. Wordsworth		3	3 12 6
A. Jackson	21½	15	18 2 6
J. S. Jackson	46	58	23 12 6
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i>			
G. P. Wright	11	8	10 19 0
<i>Christ's Object Lessons</i>			
Miss D. Merrick	32	21	6 6 0
Helps sold by Agents			7 2 6
Helps sold by Magazine Agents			5 14 3
Totals	367	290	£289 5 3

<i>Life and Health</i>	Hrs.	Copies Sold	Subs. Taken	Value
Miss M. Strong	23½	11	7	£1 7 6
S. J. Johnson	16	10	21	3 18 6
H. E. Ellis		4	4	16 0
Miss E. L. B. Hill	35	6	40	11 11 3
Totals	74½	31	72	£17 13 3

Victoria

DECEMBER, 1919

<i>Great Controversy</i>	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
L. Wilson	42	10	£7 14 6
R. Wilson	39	9	6 19 0
Miss Smeaton	48	44	29 11 0
W. H. Govett	124	35	34 13 0
H. Swain	10	5	3 12 0
W. O. Borgas	73	25	17 8 6
Miss M. Cameron	8	1	10 6
<i>Daniel and Revelation</i>			
J. D. Anderson	16	22	18 19 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i>			
State Agent		1	1 7 6
<i>Seer of Patmos</i>			
M. Wilson	29	28	12 6 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i>			
L. Wilson		1	1 2 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>			
Mrs. Coulsell	46	17	28 0 0
Miss Harker	24	11	13 15 0
J. F. Ward	63	21	28 0 0
<i>Christ's Object Lessons</i>			
O. Goldsmith	96	164	49 4 0
G. Dawson	60	65	19 10 0
R. J. Paterson	75	80	24 0 0
Helps sold by Agents			20 16 6
Totals	760	539	£312 9 0

Queensland

DECEMBER, 1919

<i>Desire of Ages</i>	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Miss V. Eardley	37	25	£19 17 6
T. C. Lawson	36	16	13 12 6
C. R. Perrin	24	11	13 0 0
<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i>			
Mrs. F. E. Harlow	51	10	9 0 0
<i>Great Controversy</i>			
O. W. E. Maxwell	18	4	4 1 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook</i>			
Mr. & Mrs. Newley	69	16	22 10 0
E. C. Watts	57	12	15 0 0
<i>Practical Guide to Health</i>			
W. G. Hodgkinson	18	14	19 10 0
K. Brozart	71	44	58 10 0
C. E. Harlow	71	21	24 17 6
<i>Christ's Object Lessons</i>			
Miss C. Guest	43	14	4 4 0
A. D. Appleton	4	2	12 0
Miss B. Wiltshire	35	29	8 14 0
Lionel Smith	63	45	13 10 0
Miss Laura Petersen	29	13	3 18 0
Miss Rhoda Petersen	27	12	3 12 0
Miss Winnie Worth	10	15	4 10 0
Miss Alma Hill	9	12	3 12 0
Miss E. M. Perrin	24	7	4 4 0
J. T. Cox	6	15	4 10 0
K. Brozart	5	1	1 10 0
R. Watts	6	1	1 16 0
Mrs. F. E. Harlow	1	1	6 0
Helps sold by Agents			18 11 3
Totals	679	366	£276 8 3

Book Totals for December, 1919

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
New South Wales	2,979½	2,505	£1,060 14 6
South Australia	295½	83	97 13 6
Tasmania	194	60	67 13 6
West Australia	142	54	64 5 0
South New Zealand	435½	360	447 4 1
Nth. Q.-Papua Mission	162	56	67 14 6
North New Zealand	367	290	289 5 3
Victoria	760	539	312 9 0
Queensland	679	366	276 8 3
	6,014½	4,253	£2,713 7 7

Magazine Totals for Dec., 1919

	Hrs.	Copies Sold	Subs. Taken	Value
New South Wales	38½	125	...	£3 2 6
North New Zealand	74½	31	72	17 13 3
	103½	156	72	£20 15 9

The Book Work in New South Wales

It was anything but bright. The prospects ahead looked gloomy. Nevertheless, the promises of God stand sure. Our noble band of canvassers are facing the field with zeal to work with greater determination for the Master. The drought prevailing over the greater part of New South Wales has been the worst experienced during the last forty years. Thousands upon thousands of head of stock have perished. Millions of pounds have been lost to the State, while many people have been almost driven to desperation. In some instances farmers have packed up and left the district, leaving their property in order to save their own lives, the water having given out.

The industrial community has suffered as well. With its 138 strikes during the year many thousands were thrown out of employment directly and indirectly as a result. Almost every industry has been affected. Nevertheless, God has wonderfully blessed the faithful work of the canvassers. During the past six months, ending December 31, 1919, our sales have been more than £900 in excess of that of the corresponding period of the previous year. For the month of December our summary reveals the fact that it is the highest in the experience of the book work in New South Wales for any one month, namely, £1,090. This not only constitutes the New South Wales record, but will in all probability create an Australasian record. A few months ago South New Zealand took £969 worth of orders in one month.

During the months of December, January, and February we plan to dispose of over 22,000 copies of our books, which will include subscription books, also *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Beyond Death's Barriers*, and smaller books. During the month of December our canvassers took 2,555 orders and sold 2,306 smaller books as helps. Our hearts are made glad to think that such an enormous amount of our good literature is finding its way into the homes of the people. All classes of society and creeds are represented among the list of subscribers. Judge Docker; a member of the Australian Board of Missions; the superintendent of the Botanical Gardens; Dr. Howard James, a son of our sanitarium doctor at Warburton, are among the subscribers received by one of our canvassers.

The students from the Australasian Missionary College enjoy their experiences in this good work. Many of them have met with wonderful success. Brother Eric Finch, a young man eighteen years of age, surprised us all by earning a scholarship in twelve days. With the strong desire to see his sister at college as well, he started out with the object of earning a scholarship for her, which he did by selling 137 copies in ten days. Thus, in twenty-two working days he had taken orders sufficient to cover two scholarships. Twenty-five orders in the one day was his best day's work. The average was thirteen orders per day. The territory in which these orders were received was in the suburbs of Newcastle;

namely, Adamstown and Hamilton. Truly the Lord has wonderfully blessed his efforts.

Many others have already earned their scholarships, and each week one, two, and three are finishing. Some are becoming professionals, and have taken a subscription book during the remainder of the vacation, in order to provide a complete "outfit" for school requirements.

Next year we would like to see a hundred more students with us, placing these books in the homes of the people. Many and varied are the experiences met with by these agents. The missionary meetings at the college will be eagerly looked forward to when these students relate their many experiences. In most instances they are received well by the people, and on leaving are wished God's speed in their noble undertaking.

We are placing a thousand copies of "Coming King" in this State, being the last available copies of this good book. This book has been well received and highly appreciated; and has left in many a home the timely message of the soon coming King. "Heralds of the Morning" is now also among the "sold outs," having had a splendid sale. "Daniel and Revelation" is the book with a message for this time that we would like to see placed in the homes of the people. Prophecy is fast fulfilling, and its message will prove helpful to anxious inquirers of truth. Will you help to place these books? Many hearts rejoice to-day for the truth found in the books sold by the canvassers. In conversation with a brother this week in reference to the truth, he said, "It was 'Bible Readings' that first gave me the light, as I was brought up a Roman Catholic." We are convinced that if ever there was a time when books can be sold; when God's Spirit is mightily at work; when people want to know where is the truth; it is now.

The six months' canvassing course at the college is a very good one to take if you are thinking of connecting with this good work. Full particulars can be had from the principal.

We pray that God will still continue to bless us, as we labour on, and we also ask an interest in your prayers, on behalf of the canvassers.

E. G. WHITTAKER,
N.S.W. State Agent.

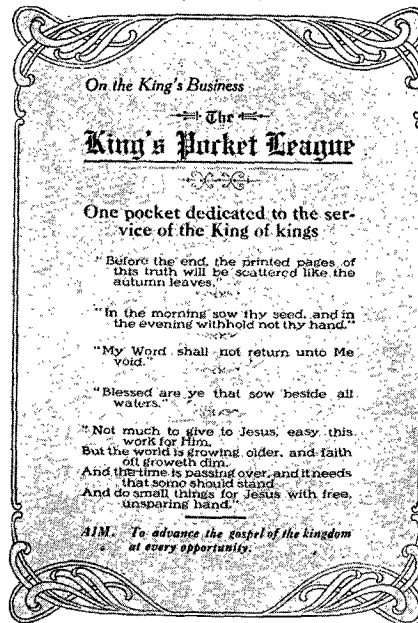
The King's Pocket League

Not something new this time, but something quite old that is being revived. In fact, it has already been resuscitated in one of our largest conferences, and others are asking for it.

In the early days of the message good work was done by the members of the then-called "Missionary Campaign," who had a "dedicated pocket" for the silent missiles of truth. There were only a few Advent workers, comparatively, in those days, but in the many members we have to-day who came in through the preaching of those "silent messengers" which were scattered in large numbers, through the united and persistent effort of God's people back there, we have evidence of what can be accomplished in this way.

The plan is to dedicate one pocket to the Lord; to always carry in that pocket at least a small supply of leaflets, and to use them at every opportunity. A simple thing—yes, surely, but how far reaching the possibilities! Who can tell what a glorious harvest is likely to be reaped as a result of this continuous seed-sowing on the part of every member? And then, to the one distributing, think of what it means in the light of the testimony: "Every act to enlighten others, brings you into closer harmony with the God of heaven."

Suitable envelopes have been printed, and these, ready "charged" with leaflets, are now available. They contain 72



REDUCED FACSIMILE OF ENVELOPE

Question and Answers Series Leaflets. Eleven different leaflets have been issued in this series. The subjects dealt with in these are, The Sabbath, Law of God, First Day of the Week, Spiritualism, Second Probation, Thief on the Cross, etc. These are live questions, and by means of these little leaflets you will be able to give ready and effective answers to any questions which may be asked. They are also suitable for general distribution at any time.

The price of the envelope, filled, is 1/-, postage extra. They will fit almost any pocket, being only 5½ inches by 3½. Neat, cloth-covered wallets, to hold about fifteen to twenty leaflets at a time (price 6d., postage extra) are also available. These serve to keep the leaflets clean and new, and, besides, greatly dignify the work. They also contain a pocket to hold the regular weekly report slips. A small quantity of leather wallets were also made, and these can be obtained for 2/-, postage extra. These wallets could be kept in the "dedicated pocket," if so desired, and refilled from the envelope. A new envelope will be provided free on each order for a further six dozen leaflets.

One writer aptly wrote of the usefulness of tracts and leaflets, as follows:

"Tracts can go everywhere. Tracts

know no fear. Tracts never tire. They can be multiplied without end by the press. They can travel at little expense. They run up and down like the angels of heaven, blessing all, giving to all, and asking no gift in return. They can talk to one as well as to a multitude, and to a multitude as well as to one. They require no public room to tell their story in. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop, the parlour or the closet, in the train or the tram, in the broad highway or the footpath through the fields. They will tell their story twice, thrice, or four times over if you wish them. They can be made to speak on every subject, and on every subject they may be made to speak wisely and well. Who can measure the influence of one little tract put into the hand of an unconverted person? Thousands upon thousands can rise up and testify that a tract was the means of their conversion. Others have been cheered, comforted, and stimulated in their Christian lives by them. As the angels told the shepherds where to find Jesus, so these little messengers have told many a soul."

S. V. STRATFORD,
Home Missions Secretary.

Masterton, New Zealand

AFTER leaving Avondale I journeyed to New Zealand. Passing through Auckland I reached the camp-ground at Masterton five days before the meeting began. This time was spent in convention work and study with the workers. Pastor Cormack and his helpers had the camp plan well in hand, and all things were ready for the opening.

Masterton is a nice little town, located about eighty miles north of Wellington. Its 10,000 inhabitants, whether temperate or otherwise, go on the "dry" plan, for all the public houses are closed. This was done several years ago by vote of the people, and in consequence the town carries an appearance of prosperity not always claimed by country districts. Its streets are clean, business is brisk, and though, as usual, prices are high, still the air of prosperity is unmistakable. Motor cars and motor bicycles crowd the streets to quite an unusual degree, and most of the houses wear a superior appearance.

The town lies in a level valley, between two mountain ranges. Two days after our arrival the westward of these ranges carried a deep-fitting garment of snow! It was "snow in summer," and the Australians suffered accordingly.

The camp was located near the centre of the town, in the grounds of the public high school, kindly granted by the mayor and councillors for the purpose. It was altogether an ideal location. Some seventy tents were erected, and about four hundred people in attendance. At the close I could say with many others, "It was the best camp-meeting I have been privileged to attend."

The morning after closing we left on our journey to the Christchurch meeting. Our train had to cross a mountain 4,000 feet in height. Three en-

gines were employed to pull, or rather push, our train up the steep. One engine was at the front, one in the middle, and one behind. Progress was very slow, but as we passed up the deep ravines and along shaded valleys we had time to get a more perfect vision of the wild and charming scenery. After reaching the top of the mountain we passed down a long, green valley, through which a bright stream threaded its way to the Wellington harbour.

Brethren Lukens and White were left to carry on tent work where the camp had been. We can but pray that the Lord will greatly bless the people. He has already blessed in the work in New Zealand.

R. HARE.

How the Lord Provided the Money

IN taking an order some years ago for one of our dical works, I told the purchaser that the Lord would help her make up the money. When I called with the book she said, "If you had called this time yesterday I could not have paid you, for with all my trying I could save only half the amount. Last night, however, as I was feeding my ducks a man in a buggy stopped at the gate and, looking at the ducks, asked what I would take for a pair. I replied 'What are they worth?' 'Well,' he said, 'I'll give you 15/- for a pair,' so I told him to take his pick." She said, "Why ever he wanted to pay so much for them I don't know; he could have had a pair for half the money." The Lord knew that 15/- was the exact amount required to complete the payment for the book, and doubtless impressed the man to do as he did.

In the days when there were no helps to sell, one of our canvassers found himself without funds in a country town in which he was a stranger. His work was completed, and the amount required to reach the next town was 10/-. It was Sunday morning; early next day the train would leave. He decided to take a walk in the country and consider what to do. After walking a few miles he saw a notice board about a quarter of a mile away, and something impressed him to walk over to it. When he reached the post his attention was drawn to something shining in the sand—it proved to be the edge of half-a-crown. He turned over the sand and there was another and another, making just 10/-. Not a house was within miles. How did the money come there? Again he searched, but there were no more coins. He glanced at the board. It read: "Trespassers prosecuted." He returned home, thanking the Lord for the wonderful way in which he had supplied his needs.

A CANVASSER.

"He who has helped me hitherto
Will help me all my journey through,
And give me constant cause to raise
New Ebenezers to His praise."

Life's Plan

AND so I pray,
Then rising find the burden lifted and
the day,
More beautiful, the clouded night less
dark,
The twilight softer, and the sod
Greener, since love has whispered to its
God!

And so I pray!

And so I sing,
While nature's thousand voices answer
and hope's wing
Takes loftier flight, and faith beholds
the stars,
And from their inspiration learns to
tell
Of One who doing, "hath done all
things well!"

And so I sing!

And so I wait,
Through morning's brighter glow and
twilight's calm estate;
I listen for His feet and hear the
hymn,
Lifted by seraph escorts on the way,
Chanting the glories of His coming
day!

And so I wait!

And so I work,
With patient spirit, where the deeper
shadows lurk,
For love would lift some weary
burdened heart,
Would whisper tender words of power,
And waiting, fill with blessing every
hour!

And so I work.

R. HARE.

An Extraordinary Record

ONE of our lay members, Mrs. Phoebe Press, has called at practically every door in the city of San Francisco three times. Her work in this special way began in 1901. She worked incessantly, except for a vacation of four weeks, for twelve years.

During those years she sold almost 374,000 of our papers and magazines—more than 363,000 of these were copies of the *Signs of the Times*. She sold 686 books; took 79 subscriptions for periodicals; distributed £25 worth of tracts; and found 30 Bible readers. After her health failed in 1913 she mailed 500 more copies of the *Signs*.

Any one acquainted with the city of San Francisco will understand something of the amount of hard toil represented by such a report. This city is hill after hill, and built flat upon flat. A careful study of the items indicate that she probably has made at least a million calls at the doors of San Francisco homes; that she has climbed many a million stair-steps.

To-day Sister Press is enfeebled by age and her years of arduous labour. None can ever know the full results of this dear old lady's faithful work for her Master till heaven's books open to the gaze of human eyes. A layman may labour on in comparative quiet and obscurity, but Heaven takes account and makes faithful records. The world is in need of thousands of just such faithful laymen workers.

B. E. BÉDDOE.

San Francisco, Cal.

Obituaries

THRIFT.—The new year brought sorrow to the home of Brother and Sister Thrift and family of Quirindi, in the loss of their little rosebud, Alma Elsie, aged five years. Little Alma never enjoyed the best of health and God in His loving mercy called the little one to rest. But soon she shall come "from the land of the enemy," and it is to that bright morning her loved ones are looking. Since walking in the Christian path, Brother and Sister Thrift have been called upon to endure many heavy burdens, but like Moses of old they "endure, seeing Him who is invisible." As they drink the cup they know that it is a loving Father who holds it to the lips. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved ones. Soon God Himself shall wipe all tears from their eyes.

M. H. WHITTAKER

REDWARD.—It is with mingled feelings of sorrow and joy that we record the death of our dear father and husband, F. W. Redward, who departed this life on the evening of November 3, 1919, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, after an illness of several months. Our sorrow is the sorrow of all those who lose their loved ones; and our joy is the joy of those who know that all things are ordained by Him who cares for us, and the consolation that our departed one was, we believe, fully prepared for the change, which he knew was approaching. Words of comfort were spoken by Brother Lukens who conducted a short service at the late residence of the deceased, and also at the graveside.

REDWARD FAMILY.

TASMANIAN CONFERENCE

THE annual meeting of the Tasmanian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Glenorchy Show Grounds, Glenorchy, February 26 to March 7, 1920.

H. E. PIPER,
President.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

THE twentieth session of the South Australian Conference and camp-meeting will be held at Croydon, on the Port Adelaide line, February 26 to March 7, 1920. The first business meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 26.

Every effort will be put forth to make those in attendance at the meeting comfortable. You are invited to come and unite with us in seeking rich spiritual blessings. All church members in good and regular standing are delegates.

E. B. RUDGE,
President.

WEST AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

WE desire to give notice that the West Australian Conference and camp-meeting will be held in the recreation ground, Cottesloe Beach, March 1 to 21. The usual business of the conference, including the election of officers for the ensuing year, will be transacted at this meeting.

EDWIN S. BUTZ,
President.

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THE world sales of our literature for 1918 reached the grand total of £713,300. It is expected that the sales for 1919 have exceeded £800,000.

OUR workers in Siam are making excellent progress in language study. A good interest is already aroused among the Chinese; and the work has started off well.

A YOUNG man has recently taken a definite stand for the truth in Sydney who is just entering on his third year in the Medical Course at the Sydney University.

MISS LILIAN STREETER, who recently graduated from the College Course of the Australasian Missionary College, has connected with the Union Conference office at Wahroonga.

SINCE the death of Sister Haskell, who was closely associated with Pastor Haskell in his editorial work, it has been decided to discontinue the publication of the *Bible Training School*.

BROTHER E. G. WHITTAKER, who has been filling the position of State Agent for New South Wales, has been appointed assistant General Agent for the Union Conference.

AN invitation has been given to Brother H. C. Stacey by the New South Wales Conference to take up the work of State Agent for the New South Wales Conference, to fill the vacancy made by Brother Whittaker's transfer.

BROTHER L. A. BUTLER has accepted an invitation to connect with the Auckland Café as manager. Brother W. A. Wilton, the late assistant manager of the Sydney Sanitarium, will take charge of the Adelaide Café.

A SABBATH-school that has recently been organised at Cadia, New South Wales, reports a membership of thirteen for last quarter, every member having a perfect record of attendance; and every one having studied the lesson daily during the quarter.

OWING to the condition of his wife's health in Fiji, Pastor W. E. Gillis has been invited to connect with the field work in the North New Zealand Conference. After a brief visit with his people in Arcadia, New South Wales, Brother Gillis and family are proceeding to New Zealand.

PASTOR W. W. FLETCHER writes: "There are good things ahead for the work in India. We are all of good courage and seeking to take greater advantage of the many opportunities we see around us for the promoting of the message. Our missionaries are all going on steadily with their work, and we get better reports all the time."

OUR readers will be glad to learn that Sister Tunheim is improving in health. She is at present acting as matron of the

Shanghai Sanitarium, and is doing Bible work for the European patients in the institution. She is studying the Mandarin language and making good progress in it. Her influence and help in the work at the sanitarium are much appreciated.

THE day following the date of this paper, the Victorian Conference will open at Caulfield, Melbourne. Pastors C. H. Watson, C. K. Meyers, A. W. Anderson, R. Hare, A. C. Chesson, and Brother S. V. Stratford expect to be in attendance from the Union Conference. It is hoped that Dr. Sherwin also will be able to be present for a portion of the time of this meeting.

As the result of a public effort that is being conducted in Nottingham, England, over one hundred have signified their intention to obey the truth, and on November 15, more than sixty of these were in attendance at the Sabbath meetings. On an average, about seven hundred are coming to the evening services, and 850 have given in their names for literature.

A TENT mission was opened at Turramurra, about two miles from the Union Conference office and Sydney Sanitarium, on Sunday evening, January 18. Pastor F. Knight is in charge of this effort, assisted by Brother Parsons as tent-master. There is a good attendance of a fine class of people, and studies are already being held in the homes of several. Each Sunday evening a mission party goes down in the sanitarium car to assist in the song service and special items of music.

PASTOR H. M. BLUNDEN and family who left China in September and have been visiting relatives in West Australia and Victoria, have arrived in New South Wales and will be locating at Wahroonga. Brother Blunden has been asked to take charge of the book work in the Australasian Union, and will be entering upon his duties at this office after a course of treatment in the sanitarium.

THE *Tango Maru*, which arrived in Sydney on January 13, brought Pastor F. A. Allum and family to the homeland on furlough. Brother and Sister Allum have laboured for fourteen years in China, during which time they have done much pioneering work and have borne heavy responsibilities. They are now at Ayondale, where the children have the benefit of the church school. Pastor Allum has been ordered to take a complete rest for some months, but expects to be able to return to China in a year's time.

ON Brother Stratford's transfer from the Signs Publishing Company to the Union Conference office at Wahroonga, Brother G. S. Joseph took charge of the sales department in the Signs Office. For a number of years Brother Joseph has filled the position of General Agent for the Union Conference, but the continual travelling connected with this work has so affected his health that a change became necessary. Brother Joseph will be relieved of the duties of General Agent as soon as Pastor Blunden is ready to enter upon this work.

FROM Burma Brother H. A. Skinner writes: "I am glad to be able to tell you that Brother Pu Nyu and I are getting along nicely here. Our work up to the present has been chiefly for the educated natives, and among these we have six persons whom

we have reason to believe are really interested. Three are Burmans, two Indians, and one Karen. Two of these men are school teachers. I seem to be making a little headway with the language and hope to be able to preach soon. I long for the time to come when I shall be able to converse with the Burmese people just like one of themselves."

AN isolated Sabbath-keeper in New South Wales who had recently accepted the truth herself as a result of her stay at the Sydney Sanitarium, gave the message to a young lady who came to live in her home. This young sister, in turn, sent the *Signs* to her father's home, with the result that both her parents and three sisters soon decided to keep the Sabbath, and are rejoicing in the knowledge of the truth. In writing of them she says: "My father has been very ill for a long time, but since he has begun to keep the Sabbath he is getting better. He is able to get up now. I am so very thankful. It was the reading of the *Signs of the Times* that impressed them to make their decision regarding the true Sabbath."

"It would have done you good," writes Sister Mitchell of Monamona, "if you could have been present at our quarterly meeting on December 29. Our native young people gave such good testimonies; they were a help and inspiration to us. Our hearts were touched as these dear ones told of their determination to be faithful to the end and meet Jesus when He comes. They not only want this joy for themselves but want to help their friends to find Jesus also. When one remembers what temptations the young folk have, and from whence they were digged, it truly is wonderful, and nothing but the grace of God could accomplish the good work that is going on in the hearts of these young people. Jesus is to them a personal Saviour."

BROTHER GORDON BRANDSTATER and Miss Idarene Felsch were united in marriage at the home of Brother and Sister C. H. Schowe in Concord, New South Wales, on Thursday afternoon, January 29, in the presence of a company of friends, Pastor Anderson performing the ceremony. Brother and Sister Brandstater are under appointment to school work in Fiji, and expect to proceed to their field of labour at an early date. The good work of these two teachers has been greatly appreciated at the Marrickville church school during the past year; but in view of the urgency of the call that comes from Fiji, the home field cheerfully makes the sacrifice to meet this need. We trust that God's special blessing will rest upon them in their united lives and all their work for Him.

IN the very interesting report brought forward by the Statistical Secretary at the General Conference Council held at Boulder, was the following regarding our publishing work: Twenty years ago the combined publishing houses of the denomination showed an investment of \$1,400,000. The sales were a quarter of a million dollars. At the close of 1918, while the investment had only doubled, the sales had increased fourteen times—a striking commentary on the wonderful blessings the Lord has bestowed upon the evangelistic colporteur, and the increased efficiency of our publishing houses through the dedication of all their facilities to the production of gospel literature. Then the denomination was publishing in twenty-three languages. Today the total number is ninety-four.