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A WORKER'S PRAYER.

LORD, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and *when*, and *where*;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

THE July number of the GLEANER, in its new dress, and loaded with interesting news, came as a very welcome visitor to the members of the Avondale church. In its typewritten form the GLEANER has been known to a few; in its printed form it will be read by many.

At the missionary meeting, where it was first seen, it was hastily scanned; then orders were taken for several dozen, and the secretary was requested to ascertain the subscription price, so that we may work up a good sized club. If the subscription price does not exceed fifteen pence

when mailed singly, and ninepence in clubs, we believe that the GLEANER will have a large circulation.

ABOUT two years ago we sent out to church officers two circular letters under the name of "The Church Visitor." And about a year ago two or three letters about the school were sent to many of its friends. These letters met with a hearty welcome, and we have often resolved to write and send out more. But the labour required to multiply copies of typewritten letters is considerable, and other pressing work has taken our time.

The publication of the GLEANER as an eight-page monthly will open the way for us to communicate to the brethren freely and often regarding conference work, the progress of the school, and many other matters of general interest.

W. C. W.

HOME AGAIN.

AFTER an absence of seven weeks, it is a great pleasure to be at home again, and come into closer touch with all the workers. Some letters have been forwarded to me, and various items of business have been reported, yet it has seemed that I have been quite separated from many of the agents in the parts of the field not visited. The trip through New South Wales and Queensland was a source of great help and encouragement to me. To meet the agents with whom I had been corresponding for months, but had never seen, and to get better acquainted with their field, was indeed a pleasure. The prospects are very favourable where I have been, not because the times are specially prosperous, but God is greatly blessing our workers, and giving

their success in spite of the hard times. We greatly rejoice to see the work moving on with so much prosperity.

I have regretted that for nearly two months my letters have been so few, but it has been quite impossible to do much writing while visiting agents, and remaining only a short time in each place. On returning home there is much to do, but I will write to all as soon as possible. May the Lord continue to richly bless you all is my prayer.

E. R. PALMER.

THE ADELAIDE CAMP-MEETING.

It has been decided to hold the next camp-meeting of the Central Australian Conference at Adelaide, South Australia. The meeting is appointed to begin Thursday night, Oct. 8th, and to continue ten days, closing Sunday night the 18th.

It is intended to hold the annual meetings of the Conference, Tract Society, Sabbath-school, and Echo Publishing Company, in connection with the camp-meeting. This meeting should, therefore, be well attended by representatives from all parts of the Conference.

We want this camp-meeting to contribute to the advancement of the gospel of Christ. It should be the means of leading God's people to obtain a deeper spiritual experience; and it should be made to communicate spiritual light and blessing to the community in which it shall be held. Brethren, pray for this.

We rejoice that a camp-meeting is to be held in the city of Adelaide. Two such meetings have been held in Melbourne, one in Sydney, and one in Hobart. Each meeting has been the means of strengthening and advancing the work of God in those cities.

Since the close of 1891 we have had no minister located in South Australia. The Conference Committee and the Adelaide church have regretted this, and have several times laid plans for opening aggressive work in that colony; but for various reasons these plans have never been carried out. The failure of the plans has brought disappointment to the brethren and sisters of South Australia, but they have borne these disappointments patiently. Meanwhile they have shown their love and zeal for God's cause by earnest, faithful service; and although they have been without a minister, except occasional brief visits, for five years, the membership of the church has been maintained, the

tithes have steadily increased, liberal donations have been made to the cause, and a large quantity of our literature has been circulated each year. This is consistent, and the Lord has blessed this church in many ways.

The literature that has been placed in the homes of the people by the church members and the canvassers is working, and from different parts of the colony calls are coming for more light.

The conviction rests upon us that the time has fully come when earnest work should be done in that colony, and we should make the coming camp-meeting the effectual beginning of that work.

PLANS.

Several months ago committees were appointed to secure a camp ground, arrange for timber, furniture, water, etc. The locating committee has found it difficult to find a suitable camp ground. This is the usual experience, but the Lord always opens the way in time.

We shall begin at an early date to make preparations for the meeting. It has been decided to print a camp-meeting edition of the *Bible Echo* similar to those printed for previous meetings. Ten thousand copies of the paper, and the same number of extra covers announcing the meeting, will be placed in the homes of the people.

SPEAKERS.

In his kindness toward us the Lord has provided experienced labourers for this meeting. Sister White, who had almost decided that her age and writing would this year prevent her from attending the camp-meetings, has assured us that if all goes well she will be with us at the Adelaide meeting. Let us pray that the Lord will richly bless His servant. Pastor W. C. White, Superintendent of this district, will accompany his mother, and help us in various lines of work.

A letter just received from Pastor E. W. Farnsworth, in America, states that he and his wife were expecting to sail for Australia, Aug. 10th. They should reach Sydney Sept. 1st. Bro. and Sister Farnsworth have had a valuable experience in many phases of our work. Their labours at the Adelaide meeting will be of much value.

We are glad that we have been able to arrange the affairs of the Conference so that the ministers will have the privilege of attending the meeting. Bro. Hare, who has been assigned to Western Australia, will attend the meeting on his way to his new field. Bro. McCullagh, who has been

transferred to this Conference, is now in Adelaide assisting in preparing for the meeting. Pastor C. F. Hawkins, who has recently united with us, will be present to help us.

FARES.

The time of the meeting has been set so that those who go from the eastern part of the Conference can take advantage of Cook's cheap excursion fares. The return fare by this train is only £1 5s. second, and £2 first. This is remarkably cheap for making the round trip. The train will leave Spencer St. Wednesday morning, Oct. 7, and arrive in Adelaide Thursday morning the 8th. The camp-meeting will open the same evening. The return tickets are good for one month. Passengers can return by the ordinary train leaving Adelaide Mondays and Thursdays, or by Cook's excursion the 5th November.

TENTS, FLOORS, BEDS, ETC.

Tents will be supplied by the Conference as under:—

Tent, 12x18 feet,	15s.;	fly,	7s. 6d.
„ 12x15 „	12s. 6d.;	„	6s. 6d.
„ 10x12 „	10s.;	„	5s.

We have not yet received figures for timber and beds, therefore we are unable to state prices. This information will be given as soon as possible. It is very probable that the prices will be about the same as at previous meetings.

All who desire tents, timber, and beds, should send orders at an early date to—

E. R. Palmer, 16 Best St., North Fitzroy, Vic. Do not fail to state size of tents, beds, etc.

DELEGATES.

Every church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate, and to one additional delegate for every fifteen members. Thus, a church of six or ten members can send one delegate, a church of fifteen is entitled to two, and a church of thirty to three.

We would be very glad if every church in the Conference could send the full number of delegates. We would advise each church to consider the matter at an early date, and elect a full list of delegates. Then let all do their best to attend the meeting.

GENERAL.

We have great confidence in the success of the coming meeting. We believe that the providence of God is in the arrangement, and that if we do our part faithfully, the Lord will make it all that it ought to be. Why should not this meeting be

the best of the kind we have yet held in this country? We are one year nearer the end. The conflict is sharper than ever before. The Spirit of God has been working in a marked manner in our Conference during the past year. Now, if God's people come up to this meeting with a fuller consecration of all to Him than ever before, we believe He will work for us as never before.

Dear brethren, we earnestly request you to plan to attend this meeting. We know that times are hard, and that it will be difficult to get the means to go. At the same time we believe that God, who directs us to hold such gatherings, knows all about the times and our difficulties, and that He will help us in our efforts to attend. Let us consider that it is a religious duty, and let us make every effort to go, earnestly praying the Lord to help us. We shall then find that God will open ways for us that we cannot now see at all.

A. G. D.

THE AVONDALE SCHOOL.

For some time we have been promising the friends of the school a circular letter regarding the progress and prospects of the work at Avondale. And we now rejoice that through the GLEANER we are permitted to speak to a much larger number than we could hope to reach by circular letters. Knowing that our friends are interested in every feature of the work, we shall endeavour to speak briefly of many things.

THE SAW-MILL.

The saw-mill started just before the institute. Then the boiler bulged, and while repairs were in progress, the workmen attended the institute. Since that repair, the boiler and engine have worked satisfactorily. Our first work was to cut timber to enclose the large frame of the mill, and to floor the loft; then to prepare material for Bethel Hall. As we had but little money to operate with, we thought it unwise to send away for expert sawyers, considering that the machinery was not fully tested, and that our funds might not be sufficient to maintain steady work. We had faithful men who were desirous of learning this work, and who were willing to labour for wages corresponding to what they could accomplish. Therefore Bro. Hare has been training them in the work.

After running a few weeks, we had to stop the mill for lack of funds, but a little has come in

lately, and next week the mill will start again, and we hope to keep it running till the material is provided for the two storey wing of Bethel Hall.

As regards the working of the machinery, we find that the circular saw does its work well, but the horizontal breaking-down saw is too slow. It cuts into flitches but little more than eleven hundred feet a day, whereas the circular saw would handle nearly three thousand feet in the same time. We hope that it may be decided to put in a good perpendicular saw before we cut the timber for the main buildings. There are several offered us, ranging from £50 to £95 in price. According to our records and estimates, the weekly results of operating the mill with its present facilities, are about as follows:—

Value of sawing 6,600 feet, at 3/3 per 100,	£10 12 0.
Cost of labour	£6 0 0
Interest on investment,	10 0
For wear and tear, oil, files, etc.,	1 18 0
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Total Cost,	£8 8 0
Profit on work,	£2 4 0.

By using our own timber, the quantity required for a week's sawing costs £7 less than if purchased from others, but on account of using second-class logs, we lose in the quantity of good timber turned out about half of this amount, so that our actual saving from using the timber on the place is about £3 10s. on a week's sawing. This, if our estimates are correct, gives us a total profit of about £5 14s. on the working of the mill for a week. We think that with a good perpendicular breaking-down saw the weekly gain from the mill should be double this amount. Our estimates are based on observation of a few weeks' work, and further experience may change some of these figures.

The saw-mill is a large and roomy structure, covering 60x59 feet of ground. The two storey part is 60x40 feet, and the lean-to is 60x19 feet. This gives ample room on the ground floor for the engine, boiler, saws, planer, and turning lathe, with ample space for other work. The roomy loft above will always be very useful for store-room, carpenters' shops, and manual training work. At the present time one-half of the loft is used for the storage of our school and boarding-house furniture, and the other half for a meeting hall and schoolroom.

BRICK-MAKING.

Our brick-making goes forward satisfactorily when the weather is suitable. During this winter we have had an unusual amount of rainy weather,

and this has hindered the work. There has been some outside demand for bricks, and we sell them at the kiln for 34/- a thousand. Our arrangement with Bro. Woodhams is this: We furnish the use of the yard with the mill and covers, also use of a horse, and he furnishes labour, fuel, and horse feed, and makes the brick for 23/- a thousand.

THE ORCHARD.

The very unusual rainfall this year has made it necessary to devote considerable labour to the draining of the orchard. Our trees made a remarkably good growth last year, and we cannot think of neglecting them now, although for a time we would be glad to devote all our strength to other work. There were found to be ninety trees that died last year, and these we have replaced. All have been dug about and dressed with bone-dust, and we trust that with six main drains to carry off the surplus water, and with good care, that the one thousand trees will continue to make a healthy growth.

THE SWAMP.

The large swamp which was thoroughly drained last year, but which failed to grow a crop because the land was so sour, appears to be in good condition for cultivation, and the School Board has offered to let a few acres free of rent for a year to persons who will cultivate it faithfully. One tract has been spoken for, and we expect to see other tracts taken, and a variety of crops planted.

THE SALE OF LAND.

Twenty-two blocks of land have been sold to thirteen purchasers. The net value of these blocks is £599 11s. 2d. The total area, 103 acres. About £32 is owing for land, the balance has been paid.

GROWTH OF THE SETTLEMENT.

The growth of the settlement has been very slow, but we think it has been natural and healthy. Bro. Harry Camp is the only one who has made a purchase without seeing his land. Nine of the thirteen purchasers are living on their blocks. These are:—

1. Mrs. E. G. White. She has 66 acres; half of this is fenced; five acres are cleared; three acres set to orchard, and two acres in garden. She has built a ten-roomed house, which shelters a family of twelve persons.

2. Thomas Coulston, 18 acres. He has built a four-roomed cottage, fenced most of his block, cleared two acres, and started an orchard and garden.

3. E. Warsnop, 5 acres. He has made a clearing, built a three-roomed cottage, and begun a garden.

4. Metcalf Hare, 4 acres. He has cleared and fenced half of his block, and had it broken up. He has planted trees, and is making a large garden.

5. Albert Lamplough, one-half acre. He has cleared and fenced his piece, and built a good, substantial blacksmith shop.

6. Robert Lamplough, one-half acre. He has fenced and cleared his piece, and built a boot and shoe shop with living room in the rear. His patronage is small, but it is growing.

7. J. N. Hansen, one acre. He has built a general store, size, 38x19 feet. He received his stock, and began business about the first of August.

8. Mrs. Hamilton Carswell, one acre. She has built a four-roomed cottage, and boards a number of the workmen.

9. W. T. Woodhams, one acre. He has cleared, fenced, ploughed, and planted his land, and has built a one-room cottage. w. c. w.

should be made to reach them. May the Lord bless and water the seed sown.

In a more recent letter he writes:—

"I have to thank you for the GLEANER. The article on Bible Study I prize most highly, and have adopted the instruction with priceless benefit. I have long been endeavouring to commit to memory portions of God's word, but could not retain it. I find now that I have been putting the cart before the horse, as the GLEANER method is far more effectual."

Bro. J. O. Williams, in the extreme north of Queensland, who has been faithfully living out the truth for over a year, and zealously working for others, writes:—

"I have been very busy, and would not take time to write you now but for the 'Urgent Appeal' in the General Conference *Bulletin* received a few days ago. I gladly forward £2 10s., with a promise of more very soon, to aid in pushing on God's work. May the Lord lay it upon the heart of every one of us to do more in this respect."

Since writing this he has received the last GLEANER, and sends a telegram ordering twelve dozen copies.

Bro. Irvine, who for several years has been holding up the light of truth alone in the Richmond River District, N. S. W., says:—

"I received the 'Urgent Appeal' some weeks ago, and have given it to my youngest daughter to go around to the neighbours to see what she can get. She has 14/6 now, and hopes to raise it to a pound in another week, when we will forward it to you. We are all doing our best towards it."

Mrs. Snell from Townsville, Queensland, writes that since she believes the same as ourselves, she feels free to address us as brethren. She sends tithe amounting to £6 10s. and five subscriptions to the *Bible Echo*. Such letters as these, coming as they do from regions where the living preacher has not been, should greatly encourage our workers, as they do us. A. L. I.

DIVERGING RAYS.

A NUMBER of good letters have been received at the office this month from those who have accepted the truth through the canvassing work. That which makes these letters especially good is that the writers have a burden to help others, and thus the light that so recently shone upon their pathway, has found in them unobstructed channels through which its rays are diverging in many directions and penetrating the darkness around them.

Brother Costello, a barrister of Charters Towers, in the north of Queensland, writes, ordering for himself the *Bible Echo*, *Review and Herald*, *American Sentinel*, the *Pacific Health Journal*, and an assortment of tracts, also three yearly subscriptions to the *Bible Echo* for others, and ten copies of the "Life of Miller" to be sent to various addresses. He writes that he is ordering these for missionary purposes, and says that since he is the only Sabbath keeper in Charters Towers, he is spending his Sabbath hours in writing circular letters to various officers in the Salvation Army of that colony. He feels sure that a goodly number of God's people are among them, and that a determined effort

THE librarian of one of our societies writes:—

"The question of First Day Offerings came up at our last missionary meeting, and it was unanimously decided to contribute what each one could as the Lord had prospered; this to be done each Sunday evening. It was vividly brought to our minds during the week of prayer that the Lord had been robbed in offerings as well as in tithes. Praise God for the work of His Holy Spirit."

GIVE your tongue more holiday than your hands and eyes.—*Rabbi ben Azai*.

THE GOSPEL CALL.

LABOURERS of Christ, arise,
 And gird you for the toil!
 The dew of promise from the skies
 Already cheers the soil.

Go where the sick recline,
 Where mourning hearts deplore;
 And where the sons of sorrow pine,
 Dispense your hallowed store.

Be faith, which looks above,
 With prayer your constant guest;
 And wrap the Saviour's changeless love
 A mantle round your breast.

So shall you share the wealth
 That earth may ne'er despoil,
 And the blest gospel's saving health
 Repay your arduous toil.

L. H. SIGOURNEY.

THE BIBLE ECHO.

BRO. E. APPLETON of Sydney, who is one of our most successful canvassers for the *Echo*, writes to us concerning his work as follows:—

"About seventeen dozen take the *Echo* from me regularly. I am received kindly wherever I go, having had but one rebuff in all the time I have been working. There are anxious souls inquiring for the truth. Only this week I found one lady who is interested in the Sabbath, and with whom I have left reading matter. There are two others attending our Sabbath meetings. They are anxious for Bible readings at their homes. It is sometimes 7:30 and 8 o'clock before I get home at night. I realise the importance of the work, and greatly feel the need of the sustaining power of Christ."

Miss Campbell of Perth, writes:—

"I went out last week, and in two and one-half days sold 210 copies of the *Echo*. All seem to appreciate the paper. One lady who takes the *Echo* from me every week has desired to have meetings in her house. On one occasion she said, 'I think a paper that has so much of God's word in it should be treated differently to others, and if you will accept them, after my friends and I have read them, you may have them back to use in the hospitals or otherwise.' Another said, 'I can always find something in the *Echo* especially good; something that just suits me.' Another, 'O, I should miss the *Echo*; I look forward to reading it so much.'"

The *Echo* circulation reached 16,895 copies last month. This is an increase of 667 copies over the month previous. Let the good work continue.

A. L. I.

MOVEMENTS OF THE "PITCAIRN."

LETTERS from the *Pitcairn*, which were posted at Tahiti, have just come to hand, from which we gather the following information. The ship, which sailed from San Francisco May 19th on her fifth cruise among the islands of the South Seas, reached Pitcairn Island June 20th. After a stay of one week she sailed for Tahiti, arriving there July 8th or 9th. At the time of writing it was expected that she would sail from Tahiti July 22nd, and would visit Rurutu, Raratonga, Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga, where our missionaries are located, and also look up new fields among the Hebrides, Solomon, Marshall, and other groups, after which she will again return to San Francisco.

At Pitcairn Island Bro. Whatley and wife were located, and Bro. and Sister Buckner, Bro. and Sister Butz, Sister Andre, Bro. J. R. McCoy, Rosa Young, Maria Young, and Thomas Christian, joined the ship. Bro. and Sister Buckner and Sister Andre are returning to their home in America. Sister Rosa Young expects to go to America and return to Pitcairn Island on the next outward voyage of the ship, while the others will probably locate at some of the mission stations.

At Tahiti Bro. and Sister Dexter and Bro. and Sister Green were located, while Bro. and Sister Pricket joined the ship to be located elsewhere. Here Bro. and Sister Buckner left the *Pitcairn* and took the regular mail boat running from Tahiti to America direct. The voyage so far had been a pleasant and prosperous one, and the work at Pitcairn and Tahiti was progressing nicely. A. L. I.

READ, STUDY, DISTRIBUTE.

THAT which we say of all the valuable tracts and leaflets on present truth, we desire to say with special emphasis regarding the "Words of Explanation from Pastor C. F. Hawkins," an eight-page supplement to the *Bible Echo* of August 17. First read and enjoy it, then study it over and over again till each position taken, and the Scripture reasons for it are clearly in mind. Then distribute and post copies to friends and acquaintances who may be interested to read them. For although it is addressed to "his Wesleyan Methodist friends," it will be read with equal interest and profit by people of all religions. Let us give it a wide circulation.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

July, 1896.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	VALUE.
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.—									
Downs, J. B., ... Gunnedah, N. S. W. ...	19	102	28	1	7	17	3	—	£18 7 6
Gill, Miss M., ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	16	93	12	1	2	4	5	—	7 10 0
Hewitt, J. H., ... Kerchieum, Q. ...	4	25	7	2	2	3	—	—	5 7 6
Hill, P. L., ... Gunnedah, N. S. W. ...	9	57	14	3	—	8	3	—	9 10 0
Mackenzie, A. G., ... Dangowan, N. S. W. ...	13	59	36	8	2	16	10	—	24 10 0
Mills, P. W., ... Tamworth, N. S. W. ...	20	—	38	18	3	11	6	—	30 2 6
Oliver, Miss L., ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	15	106	7	2	1	2	2	—	5 0 0
BIBLE READINGS.—									
Adcock, Miss E., ... Valley, Q. ...	4	18	6	2	—	3	1	—	4 7 6
Bell, R. S., ... Richmond River, N. S. W. ...	—	—	46	5	6	8	27	—	28 0 0
Chapman, T. A., ... Richmond River, N. S. W. ...	11	79	36	1	9	5	21	—	21 7 6
Craddock, T. H., ... Goulbourn, N. S. W. ...	3	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	1 5 0
Diverall, J. C., ... Bacchus Marsh, Vic. ...	18	154	30	4	3	7	15	1	18 7 0
Fisher, W. F., ... N. W. Coast, Tas. ...	15	135	40	6	8	6	20	—	25 15 0
Gregg, W., ... Gin Gin, Bundaberg, Q. ...	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gregg, Miss L., ... Gladstone, Q. ...	4	27	14	6	2	—	6	—	10 10 0
Rudge, P. B., ... N. W. Coast, Tas. ...	14	127	59	18	6	18	17	—	42 5 0
Stoate, R. J., ... Narracoorte, S. A. ...	17	122	55	2	3	6	13	31	21 9 6
Turnbull, J. I., ... Mt. Morgan, Q. ...	17	135	156	49	26	73	8	—	118 2 6
Wainman, W. E., ... Adelaide, S. A. ...	5	—	10	2	—	3	5	—	6 7 6
Walker, Miss G., ... Valley, Q. ...	3	17	5	1	1	2	1	—	3 10 0
Wallace, J., ... Millicent, S. A. ...	19	124	62	3	4	17	18	20	30 2 6
Whittle, T., ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	4	25	22	2	6	9	5	—	14 12 6
DANIEL AND REVELATION.—									
Patching, Mrs. S., ... Strathfield, N. S. W. ...	2	15	3	1	2	—	—	—	2 10 0
LADIES' GUIDE.—									
Buhler, C., ... Dandenong, Vic. ...	18	—	33	—	—	—	33	—	28 17 6
Gooding, Mrs. C., ... Mitcham, S. A. ...	14	50	12	—	6	—	6	—	11 11 0
Gregg, Mrs., ... Bundaberg, Q. ...	17	110	68	4	18	—	46	—	64 13 0
Hewitt, Mrs., ... Rosewood, Q. ...	5	25	30	4	10	—	16	—	30 0 0
Johnson, Mrs. F., ... Coolgardie, W. A. ...	—	—	33	23	5	—	5	—	41 5 0
Johnson, J., ... Coolgardie, W. A. ...	—	—	33	23	5	—	5	—	41 5 0
Michaels, C. P., ... S. Gippisland, Vic. ...	—	—	26	—	6	—	20	—	23 16 0
By Other Agents ...	—	—	6	—	1	—	5	—	5 8 6
H. H. BOOK.—									
Currow, A., ... Hay, N. S. W. ...	—	86	41	8	13	—	20	—	72 5 0
Hickox, A. S., ... Hay, N. S. W. ...	18	146	52	11	14	—	27	—	91 17 6
By Other Agents ...	—	—	26	1	7	—	18	—	38 15 0
HELPS SOLD.—									
	300	1845	1048	211	178	220	387	52	£ 932 7 9

BIBLE ECHO SALES during July, 1896.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES.	ECHOES.
Adelaide ...	121	1,197	Brought forward ...	9,776
Ashfield ...	66	360	Bendigo ...	60
Armadale ...	16	72	Broken Hill ...	432
Ballarat ...	50	336	Geelong ...	52
Bismarck ...	54	60	Ipswich ...	48
Brighton ...	24	120	Launceston ...	96
Cooranbong ...	50	200	New Zealand ...	4,562
Hawthorn ...	50	232	Miscellaneous... ..	1,869
Hobart ...	90	376		
Kellyville ...	16	96		
Latrobe ...	6	240		
Melbourne ...	210	561		
Parramatta ...	70	256		
Perth ...	29	720		
Prahran ...	53	808		
Prospect ...	12	48		
Rockhampton ...	63	544		
Sydney ...	84	2,964		
Toowoomba ...	28	256		
Williamstown ...	57	330		
Carried forward		9,776	Total	16,895

NOTES.

Do NOT fail to read the article concerning the Adelaide camp-meeting, and "ask in faith, nothing wavering," that God will open the way for you to attend.

Just before going to press, we have received word from the locating committee at Adelaide, S. A., that they have secured Parkside Oval, Parkside, as the site for the soon-coming camp-meeting.

SEVERAL months ago we called the attention of our agents to the importance of promptly sending in carefully prepared reports of their work each week. This matter is becoming much more important as the book sales increase, for we need every report in order that we may make correct calculations for importing from London. We cannot promise to supply books on time unless reports are promptly sent in. We also request that the report blanks be filled out *completely*. Some of the older agents are beginning to make reports as though writing telegrams, occasionally leaving out even the styles of bindings. One agent of short experience writes: "The summary would be much more interesting if all the agents would give complete reports, for as some who are supposed to be the best canvassers do not give the days and hours worked, we younger members of the family cannot fully compare our work with theirs." This is true, and we hope the suggestion will be followed by all. Please fill *every space* in the report. It is a small task, and your faithfulness in performing it will be much appreciated.

WE have been greatly pleased to see the interest manifested in the first number of the GLEANER in its new form. Although there were more than two thousand copies printed, we have received orders for several hundred more than could be supplied. We trust that it will prove a great blessing to our people, as we can put into it much interesting matter that could not be run through the *Bible Echo*. It is to be a church paper, and should not be used for general distribution in missionary work. The prices have been arranged as follows: Single subscriptions, per year, post paid, 1/3; in clubs of six or more copies to one address, per year, post paid, 9d. each; single copies one penny each, postage half-penny extra. It will be sent free to all subscription book canvassers. Please send in your subscriptions on time for the next number, which we hope to get out by the middle of September.

It will be an advantage to all churches and companies to order in clubs, as the cost will be much less. Send all orders to the Australian Tract Society, 16 Best St., North Fitzroy, Victoria.

A HEALTH HOME IN ASHFIELD.

THE readers of the GLEANER will be pleased to learn that Bro. A. W. Semmens has opened up a modest but well equipped Hydropathic establishment in Ashfield. During the two years that he has been principally engaged in Bible work, he has devoted much time to the care of the sick, but has found it very difficult to carry on the work without proper facilities. Ever since the Ashfield Conference, where the wish of the New South Wales Conference was expressed that a Hydropathic institution should be established soon, Bro. Semmens has been preparing for this work, and is now ready for business.

His location, at "Beechwood Cottage," on Hugh Street, is about six minutes' walk from the Ashfield station, and will be readily found by our friends, because it stands directly back of our Ashfield meeting house. We can say to those who are not acquainted with Bro. Semmens or with the Hydropathic treatment, that he is prepared to do first-class work in the many lines for which he has secured so thorough an education and training while connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

In a short time he will have a supply of health foods, health clothing, and various health appliances, which will be advertised elsewhere. Already he has some regular patronage, and promise of more.

In a future number of the GLEANER I will speak of the needs and uses of such an institution as this for our people and others. W. C. WHITE.

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