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WORDS FOR JESUS.

WHAT shall be our word for Jesus?

Master, give it day by day;
Ever as the need arises,
Teach Thy children what to say.
Give us holy love and patience;
Grant us deep humility,
That of self we may be emptied,
And our hearts be full of Thee.

Give us zeal and faith and fervour;
Make us winning, make us wise,
Single-hearted, strong and fearless;
Thou hast called us, we will rise!
Let the might of Thy good Spirit
Go with every loving word;
And by hearts prepared and opened,
Be our message always heard.

—Selected.

HAVE you decided to attend the Adelaide camp-meeting? We hope you have. Perhaps you have decided not to go. If so, may it not be possible that you have taken a position where God cannot open the way for you? You should not stand on the defensive, but take the position that you will go if He will open the way for you, and then work and pray to that end. The matter should be decided between you and God, not between you and circumstances. The latter are likely to defeat you, but the Lord can help you to go if it is His will.

THE summary looks very small this month, and indeed it is as compared with the reports of the past three months. However, it has not been because our agents have been inactive, but a large number of them have been making their deliveries, and so the reports have been few. The summary would have been a little better if all had reported promptly and faithfully. We must still urge that this be attended to without exception. Please do not delay one or two weeks, and then send in several together. We must have the reports promptly every week, or we will not be able to secure books from London in proportion to the demand. If the books run short, we cannot supply those who fail to report. Those who are faithful in this respect must be supplied first. Let us be careful in the little things. "Character is made up of little things faithfully performed."

VERY cheering reports have come to us from Adelaide concerning the sale of the camp-meeting edition of the *Bible Echo*. We sent over 2000 at first, and in three days they sent for all we had, and we sent 3,600 more. At the present rate another 5000 will have to be printed. Bro. Wainman writes that he sold about 200 in the first three days. In other lines, in connection with the preparations for this meeting, the hand of God is seen in a marked degree. When we see the hand of God working for us, we have reason to expect much of His blessing. Will you be there to share it?

LETTERS.

I AM glad again to have such an encouraging report. The Lord's blessing has been over me for good, and I am conscious that He is rewarding me for upholding Him unpretentiously before wicked and corrupt men. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." "Them that honour Me, I will honour." These are guiding lights to steer by in this dark world. I enjoy God's blessing much, when, by His grace, He enables me to witness for Him. I am proud of my allegiance to the cross of Christ, and trust that in all circumstances I shall not be ashamed of Him whom my soul loves.

Hay, N. S. W.

A. CURROW.

IT gives me much pleasure to send in my first report for "Bible Readings." I felt very anxious the first morning, but I asked the Lord to give me the courage I needed, and He helped me to obtain an order from each of the first four homes called upon. This encouraged me much, and I now feel quite at home with the book. On the first day I met three of my old subscribers for "Ladies' Guide," two of whom gave me orders for "Bible Readings," and the other was very pleasant. I enjoy working with the new book very much, and greatly rejoice that I am connected with this last great message. I do pray that this book will be the means of reaching many of the honest hearted, and revealing to them the truth.

Last Sunday we visited a lady who is much interested in the truth, and spent a very pleasant time with her. After some persuasion she consented to come to the evening meeting, which meant quite an effort on her part under the circumstances. After the meeting she told me that

she would keep the next Sabbath. Truly the Lord is working. I wish you could step into our Sabbath-school and meetings, the Lord is so near, and our hearts are full as we listen to the bright, cheering testimonies, often broken and mingled with tears of joy.

Perth, W. A.

FAITH JOHNSON.

My work at Mt. Morgan is now finished, and I feel very grateful for the success I have had, as it will be the means of spreading this message. My health of late has not been so good, but God has heard prayer on my behalf for healing, and I know He will do it again if it is His will, for "He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." "His compassions fail not." His love in times past forbids me to think that He will leave me at last in trouble.

Brethren Whittle and Henderson are leaving here on Sunday for Chartres Towers. I hope to follow them on Wednesday, September 2nd. I ask the prayers of all our brethren and sisters. It makes one feel strong and of good courage when he knows that many are praying for him.

Mt. Morgan, Q.

J. I. TURNBULL.

My regular subscribers for the *Bible Echo* now number 288, and I hope to increase this number in the near future. One lady, who is nearly seventy years of age, kept her first Sabbath on the 8th of last month. It is just twelve months ago that I first called upon her with the *Bible Echo*, and she has taken it regularly every week since. She praises God daily for the light which has come to her, and is constantly looking for the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I pray that the good work may go forward, and that many more such cases may be recorded.

Sydney.

E. APPLETON.

You will find the sum of ten pounds enclosed in separate envelope. It is the tithe from the Broken Hill company. You cannot think how we wish we had some one to hold meetings here, for there are many who seem quite interested. You may have heard about a man who came here to Broken Hill, met some of our people, and when told about the truth, wished to come to our Sabbath meetings, and decided to keep the Sabbath. Now he has gone back to the border of Queensland to try and teach his old friends and acquaintances. He has taken books and tracts with him. He asks the prayers of all our people for him in his work. I feel sure there are many wishing to know the truth.

Broken Hill.

M. E. KENDALL.

I HAVE received the tracts, and am getting the *Bible Echo* quite safely. I thank you very much for the assortment of tracts sent. I have derived much comfort from them myself, and am feeling anxious to let others know of these things, and to receive the knowledge of the true Sabbath. How we have been misguided from our

cradles! It seems so strange, and yet it is quite true. I send you two addresses for the *Bible Echo*. Enclosed you will find one pound. Anything that is over please use in the missionary cause. May the Saviour bless and prosper your work, for the great day of the Lord is near at hand.

Yalgoo Gold-fields, W. A.

H. BURROWS.

I RECEIVED the second number of the GLEANER yesterday. I find this little paper full of interest and especially welcome because it contains news of so many individual members and workers of our section of the Adventist family. Enclosed please find my subscription for a year.

I cannot express the joy it has given me to know of Pastor Hawkins' stand for the truth. Though I have not met him, I have often heard of him from mutual friends and acquaintances. I have just returned from a brief visit from the Nhill district, where he was stationed about two years ago. I found that his action had caused a sensation among his former flock and his friends there, and a desire to know more about S. D. A. doctrines was expressed by many. I have reason to believe that some to whom I have previously spoken are being helped to a decision by his action. I feel that could our ministers commence meetings in Nhill now, they would arouse considerable interest, and would have good fruit for their labours; or, failing this, a judicious canvasser would probably do much good by God's blessing.

A. A. JONES.

State School, Balmoral, Vic.

NORTH FITZROY CHURCH.

THE North Fitzroy church observed the week of prayer during the week ending September 20. This occasion had been postponed that they might have the privilege of meeting in their new church building. Pastor Farnsworth was present at nearly all of these meetings, and his helpful words were greatly appreciated. On the last day of the meetings, special services were held, and many were present from other churches in the suburbs. In the afternoon ten persons were buried with their Lord in baptism. After this service, the trustees of the church presented a statement of the cost of the new building, and announced the fact that £200 must be raised without delay to meet bills now due. The church came bravely to the rescue of the trustees by appointing a month of self-denial, during which time they would donate one week's wages, paying the same within four weeks. All absent members of this church, and perhaps others, will doubtless be pleased to join in this effort.

LORD, I have given my life to Thee,
And every day and hour is Thine;
What Thou appointest let them be;
Thy will is better, Lord, than mine.

—A. L. Waring.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

August, 1896.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	Can.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS.	TOTAL VALUE.
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.—											
Hill, P. L., ...	15	109	188	34	2	2	22	8	—	£2 16 6	£24 6 6
Mills, P. W., ...	4	—	20	7	5	—	2	—	—	6 0	6 11 0
Oliver, Miss L., ...	15	102	109	6	—	1	3	2	—	1 11 6	5 4 0
Gill, Miss M., ...	18	128	145	12	—	1	5	6	—	2 13 6	9 11 0
Fisher, G., ...	14	89	115	13	1	2	3	7	—	2 19 0	10 16 6
BIBLE READINGS.—											
Turnbull, J. I., ...	4	32	72	40	8	8	15	9	—	10 0	28 7 6
Stoate, R. J., ...	14	91	257	59	2	5	4	16	32	4 14 0	28 3 0
Wallace, J., ...	5	46	57	19	1	2	2	10	4	15 0	10 8 0
Diverall, J. C., ...	4	25	21	4	—	—	—	4	—	10 6	2 10 6
Wainman, W., ...	4	25	23	3	1	—	2	—	—	12 6	2 17 6
Bell, R. S., ...	—	—	—	15	2	3	2	8	—	—	9 10 0
Chapman, T. A., ...	6	38	—	12	—	2	—	7	3	—	5 13 6
Gregg, W., ...	1	9	13	6	—	—	6	—	—	11 0	4 6 0
Gregg, Miss L., ...	4	23	39	20	1	7	6	6	—	1 7 6	14 7 6
Fisher, W. F., ...	15	110	80	24	4	3	2	15	—	7 0	15 7 0
Johnson, Mrs. F., ...	11	73	—	43	28	1	8	6	—	2 7 0	39 2 0
H. H. BOOK.—											
Currow, A., ...	—	—	—	29	5	2	—	22	—	2 0	47 12 0
Hickox, A. S., ...	15	170	67	36	14	17	—	5	—	9 0	75 11 6
Michaels, C. P., ...	—	—	—	34	1	7	—	26	—	—	50 15 0
LADIES' GUIDE.—											
Gooding, Mrs. C., ...	6	38	13	4	—	2	—	2	—	5 0	4 2 0
Gregg, Mrs. M. A., ...	8	49	81	29	1	5	—	23	—	1 12 0	28 7 0
Hewitt, Mrs., ...	14	54	—	55	2	8	—	45	—	1 4 0	51 14 6
Michaels, C. P., ...	—	—	—	56	3	9	—	44	—	—	52 1 6
By Other Agents ...	—	—	—	36	15	14	—	7	—	—	41 9 0
SUNSHINE AT HOME.—											
Hughes, C. H., ...	2	6	14	4	—	—	4	—	—	2 0	1 12 0
Zeibig, Miss E., ...	4	25	34	9	—	—	9	—	—	6 0	3 13 6
Sumpter, Miss M., ...	3	20	32	13	—	—	13	—	—	3 0	5 0 6
	186	1262	1380	622	96	101	108	278	39	£26 4 0	£579 0 0

BIBLE ECHO SALES during August, 1896.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide	121	1,454	Brought forward	11,363
Ashfield	66	450	Bendigo	85
Armadale	16	180	Brisbane	60
Ballarat	50	420	Broken Hill	540
Bismarck	54	75	Geelong	65
Brighton	24	167	Ipswich	56
Cooranbong	50	250	Kangarilla	20
Hawthorn	50	290	Launceston	123
Hobart	90	650	New Zealand	6,554
Kellyville	16	120	Miscellaneous	2,238
Latrobe	6	240		
Melbourne	210	680		
Parramatta	70	320		
Perth	29	540		
Prahran	53	1,398		
Prospect	12	60		
Rockhampton	63	680		
Sydney	84	2,673		
Toowoomba	28	320		
Williamstown	57	396		
Carried forward		11,363	Total	21,101

PERSONALS.

PASTOR S. McCULLAGH, who has been labouring in the N. S. Wales Conference, has been transferred to the Central Australian Conference, and is now in Adelaide directing the sale of the camp-meeting edition of the *Bible Echo*.

It gives us great pleasure to state that Pastor S. N. Haskell is now on his way from South Africa to this field, and is expected to arrive about the 8th October, when he will doubtless proceed at once to Adelaide to attend the camp-meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for Pastor R. Hare to labour in West Australia, to fill the place made vacant by Pastor Corliss leaving for America. He will probably not leave for that field till after the camp-meeting.

NINE persons left this colony for Adelaide, by Cook's excursion 9th September, to assist in preparing for the camp-meeting. Among the number was Pastor Baker, who has been appointed superintendent of the ground, and will have charge of the arrangements.

BROTHER GEO. FISHER, and Sisters Oliver, Gill, and Booth, of Ballarat, and Sister Blunden, of North Fitzroy, have gone to Adelaide to assist in the sale of the *Bible Echo*. Excellent results have attended the sale of the *Echo* thus far.

PASTOR E. W. FARNSWORTH and wife, who have just arrived from America, are spending a little time here in Melbourne before going on to Adelaide. He is now giving a series of lessons on the Holy Spirit in the North Fitzroy church. We are enjoying these studies very much.

A FEW days since, Bro. Hickox gave us a pleasant surprise by calling at the office. He came down for his family, and they have now returned with him to Corowa. Sister Hickox will canvass for the "Guide," and Bro. Hickox will continue with the "Home-Hand Book." We have received orders from Brethren Hickox and Currow for nearly two tons of "H. H. Books" for their first delivery. They have been working very hard, and God has indeed blessed them in taking their orders.

BRETHREN STOATE AND WALLACE have finished their territory in the Mt. Gambier district, where they have had gratifying success in taking orders for "Bible Readings," and have closed up their work with a good delivery. They called at the office a few days ago, and gave a very favourable report. Brother Stoate has now gone to Bendigo, but Bro. Wallace's future field has not been definitely arranged.

SISTER LIZZIE GREGG, whose name has appeared in the summary for several months, is now working in the Tract Society Office, assisting in the subscription book department. Her practical experience as a canvasser in the field will be a great help to her in this branch of our office work.

VERY cheering reports have come to us from Brethren Whittle and Henderson, who are canvassing for "Bible Readings" at Charters Towers. They are having good success from the first. The helps are selling very readily, and they have wired for 300 copies more, although they had a good supply when they went there two weeks ago. May the Lord continue to bless them with success.

SISTERS ACKARY, SUMPTER, AND ZEIBIG, have begun canvassing in Rockhampton, and their first reports, which have just come to hand, are very encouraging. One of them sold eight books the second day she ever canvassed. We expect Sister Ackary will go to Mackay very soon.

AFTER spending a few weeks in Melbourne, Bro. and Sister Dean have returned to their field in N. S. Wales. For some time they will be at Bathurst. Reports have been received of their first two weeks' work, and we are glad to notice that they are having their usual success, although the "times are hard" there the same as in other places.

PASTOR M. C. ISRAEL and wife, and Sister Burnham, who have been connected with the work here in Australia since its infancy, are preparing to sail for America by the *Monowai* 28th September. We pray that God will go with them to their native land, and make their work as truly a blessing there as it has been here; and may He who stilled the boisterous waves of Galilee give them a quiet and prosperous voyage.

NOTICE.

FROM the 7th to the 20th of October, the Tract Society Office here in Melbourne will be closed, and all business with our agents will be done from Adelaide. All letters should be addressed here to the office, and they will be forwarded to Adelaide. It would be well for those who will be ordering books about that time, to send in their orders before we get away. If you cannot do this, you should order early enough to give time for the letters to be sent to Adelaide, and the orders to be returned for the Echo Company to fill. If you will be careful in this, there will be no delay in sending anything you may require.

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