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CONSECRATION.

LORD, in the strength of grace,
With heart made glad and free,
Myself and my remaining days,
I consecrate to Thee.

Thy willing servant, I
Restore to Thee Thine own;
And from this moment, live or die;
Will serve my God alone.

—Charles Wesley.

ADELAIDE CAMP-MEETING.

OUR annual meeting, which has just closed, has been one of the most interesting and profitable occasions of the kind ever held in the colonies. Since the first plans were laid the Lord has greatly blessed every step that has been taken. We saw His providences very clearly in the sale of the camp-meeting edition of the *Bible Echo*, which was nearly double any other record, considering the number of workers. Two agents sold over 1,700 copies each. Old Brother Wainman took the lead for a single day's work by selling 160 copies. The usual edition of 10,000 copies was sold, although there was only one church to do the work.

In making arrangements for the meeting, we were wonderfully favoured. The Unley Council gave us the use of the beautiful Parkside Oval for only £3 3s.; the customs officials let all of our tents, etc., into the colony for six months with a cost of only one pound; the timber merchant gave us the use of all the timber we needed free of rent, we having to pay cartage only. Of course we had to pay for all timber that was cut or badly damaged. Two new stoves with pipe were also loaned to us free. We cannot understand why we have been thus favoured, only as we remember that God has always shown Himself strong in behalf of His people.

The weather throughout the meetings has been all that could be desired, and the attendance has been the largest we have ever had in the colonies. The people's hearts have seemed to be open to the truth,

and fruit is beginning to appear. On the last day of the meeting fifteen were buried with their Lord in baptism. One brother remarked that God had answered every prayer that we have offered in behalf of this meeting.

While God has been working the great enemy has also been active. Satan has sent some very active agents to the meetings who have tried to make trouble, but the Spirit of God has taken the Word and gained victories at every step.

The camp-meeting closed Oct. 18, but meetings are being held each evening. The people still come out to hear, and are greatly interested. Several have decided to obey the truth, but it is impossible to report the definite number. We will do so in later numbers of the *GLEANER*. Our hearts are full of praise to Him who has thus manifested Himself to us, and we ask that all our people will unite in prayer for this special effort which is being made for the Adelaide people.

E. R. PALMER.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE.

THE ninth session of the Central Australian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held on the camp ground at Parkside Oval, New Parkside, South Australia, October 8-18, 1896. The President, A. G. Daniells, occupied the chair.

The roll call of delegates showed that the churches of the Conference were represented as follows:—

North Fitzroy, 14; Adelaide, 9; Prahran, 4; Broken Hill, 1; Ballarat, 2; Latrobe, 1; Bismarck, 0; Brighton, 1; Hobart, 4; Hawthorn, 1; Williamstown, 5. Delegates at large: W. C. White, A. G. Daniells, S. McCullagh, R. Hare, W. L. H. Baker, and G. T. Wilson.

The company of believers which has been organised during the past year at Malvern, Vic., was admitted to the Conference, and two delegates were enrolled.

Reports of the last year's work were given by nearly all the labourers, and were full of interest and encouragement. It was specially cheering to hear of the good work which has been done at Hobart and Malvern.

The Chair appointed the following committees:—

Delegations: G. T. Wilson, A. H. Rogers, A. Chelberg.

Nominations: J. Higgins, P. B. Rudge, William Bell.

Resolutions: W. L. H. Baker, W. D. Salisbury, A. W. Anderson.

Auditing: T. Lucas, A. H. Rogers, P. B. Rudge, William Knight, William Bell, A. W. Anderson, and the Conference Committee.

Credentials and Licenses: S. McCullagh, W. Vercoe, A. Ballingall.

In the absence of the Treasurer, N. D. Faulkhead, the Balance Sheet was presented by the Secretary, and briefly explained by the President. It showed the present indebtedness of the Conference to be £1,193 8s., nearly £150 of which has been contracted during the past year. The cause of this loss was the separation of N. S. Wales, Queensland, and W. Australia from the Conference at the beginning of the year, thus greatly reducing the tithing receipts, while nearly all of the labourers were retained for the first few months. There has been an encouraging gain during the last half of the year, and the prospect is good that the indebtedness will be decreased during the coming year. On motion by J. Higgins the Balance Sheet was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses was adopted:—

1. That C. F. Hawkins be separated to the work of the Gospel Ministry by ordination.

2. That Credentials be issued to A. G. Daniells, G. T. Wilson, S. McCullagh, A. S. Hickox, C. F. Hawkins.

3. That Ministerial Licenses be given to C. P. Michaels, A. Ballingall, E. R. Palmer.

4. That Missionary Licenses be given to W. D. Salisbury, N. D. Faulkhead, W. Knight, A. H. Rogers, J. Steed, J. H. Woods, Geo. Hubbard, and P. B. Rudge.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:—

WHEREAS, The *Bible Echo* has been the medium in the hands of God of disseminating the light of truth in fields not occupied by ministers or Evangelists, and many persons have by it been brought to the fold of God, and,

WHEREAS, It should therefore have a wider circulation than has been secured by the methods employed, therefore—

1. *Resolved*, That we request the Conference Committee to take the matter into consideration and devise means whereby suitable persons may be engaged to devote their whole time to this line of work.

WHEREAS, The obligation and importance of the tithing system is not fully understood by many of our people, some of whom have lately accepted the truth, therefore—

2. *Resolved*, That our people be urged to study this subject for themselves, and that our church officers be recommended to bring this matter before them frequently.

WHEREAS, The example and commission of Jesus Christ to heal the sick is a prominent part of the gospel, and,

WHEREAS, Some have gone from our country to fit themselves for medical mission work are ready for service, therefore—

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Conference Committee to encourage the establishment of a health institution in Melbourne, which may be a base of operations for work in medical missionary lines.

WHEREAS, The Union Conference has undertaken to establish at Cooranbong, N. S. Wales, an institution for the training of Christian workers and teachers, and,

WHEREAS, To establish this school about £5,000 are required, £2,000 of which must be raised in Australasia, therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That during this Conference year we undertake to raise our proportion of this amount, which is about £752.

These resolutions were earnestly supported by Pastors Haskell, White, Daniells, Wilson, and many of the delegates.

The President gave an outline of the work which the Conference Committee had in mind for the coming year. He said that for a time the efforts would centre in Adelaide and continue as long as circumstances would demand. He desired also that work should be done as soon as possible at Broken Hill, Kadina, and Moonta.

The delegates from Ballarat presented an earnest desire that the next Conference and camp-meeting be held in that city.

Bro. Ballingall, representing the Nth. Fitzroy church, requested that arrangements be made so that they could have ministerial help during a series of Sunday night meetings which the church officers had decided to hold in their new church building. Bro. Davey, Sister Nolan, and others, made requests for help in their respective localities.

Four meetings of the Conference were held, all of which were well attended. There were sixteen more delegates representing the churches mentioned above than were in attendance at the previous Conference held at Armadale. The spirit of earnestness and harmony which prevailed throughout all the meetings made it a very pleasant and profitable occasion.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, A. G. Daniells.

Vice-President, G. T. Wilson.

Secretary, E. R. Palmer.

Treasurer, Miss Edith Graham.

Executive Committee: A. G. Daniells, G. T. Wilson, E. R. Palmer, N. D. Faulkhead, George Hubbard, R. G. Anderson, William Knight.

A. G. DANIELLS, *President*.

E. R. PALMER, *Secretary*.

A MAN may run into debt, but he seldom comes out at anything faster than a walk.

THE AUSTRALIAN TRACT SOCIETY.

THE ninth session of the Australian Tract Society convened on the camp ground at Parkside Oval, New Parkside, South Australia, October 8-18, 1896. Three meetings were held, the first of which was called October 12.

The report of the Secretary was presented, showing the work of the Society for the nine months ending June 30, 1896. To better facilitate the work in the office and give more time for the compilation of statistics before the annual meeting, it was decided to close the fiscal year of the Society with June 30 instead of September 30 as heretofore, and hence the work of nine months only is represented in this report.

It will be remembered that at our last yearly meeting the colony of New South Wales was set off as a separate Conference. Shortly after this the Tract Society department of the work in that district was organised under the management of the New South Wales Conference. Under this change the trade books and tracts used by the churches in that colony were ordered through their agent direct from the Echo Publishing Co., and the business with the churches was conducted from the headquarters of the Conference in Sydney. The Australian Tract Society still has charge of the subscription book business and of the periodical circulation in that field.

Three churches have effected organisations for Tract Society work since our last report. These are in Malvern and Geelong of Victoria, and in Perth, West Australia. It has been truly encouraging to note the zeal and love for the truth evinced by these new companies.

The total amount of sales of publications made from the office and by the members throughout the field during the nine months is as follows: Trade books and tracts, £736 2s. 7d.; periodicals, £627 9s. 4½d.; subscription books, £4,881 19s. 1d.; total sales, £6,245 12s. 0½d. The circulation of periodicals bearing on present truth has reached 185,324 copies. In addition to these the Society has given away for free distribution many thousands of back numbers of the various papers, and these have been put to good use by distribution in hospitals and benevolent homes, on shipboard, in house to house visitation, in distributors, and through the mails.

The circulation of the *Bible Echo* alone has reached 146,124 copies during the three quarters, and as compared with the same length of time the year previous, exceeds it by 20,000 copies. The testimony of the agents engaged in the sale of the paper is very encouraging as showing what can be done. Our great need is for more workers who will go out and sell the paper as these faithful workers are doing.

The Sydney church with its agents is taking 798 copies of the *Echo* weekly. This is the highest number

reached by any church. Some of the small societies are doing well when we take into consideration their small working force.

The special blessing of the Lord has seemed to rest upon those churches that have adopted the plan of paying cash for their supplies or of settling their accounts at the close of each quarter. Among these the Adelaide church is worthy of special mention. During the nine months they have done business with us to the amount of £52 12s. 2½d., and have paid cash for the full amount. The Broken Hill, Rockhampton, and Williamstown companies have also endeavoured to maintain this principle, and have been blessed in so doing.

Although we have not seen all the missionary enterprise that there should have been, and that the time demands, we are very thankful for the hearty co-operation on the part of many of our members, for the degree of prosperity that has attended their efforts, and for all that the Lord has wrought since our last annual meeting. Almost daily in the office we have received good news from those who are becoming interested through the literature. Sometimes this word comes through our workers in the field, and sometimes direct from the individuals who are reaching out for, and receiving, the light.

The general canvassing agent, Bro. E. R. Palmer, gave a very interesting report of the subscription book work. There have been about forty agents in the field. Their sales have been very encouraging, amounting several months to from £900 to £1000. The helps have met with a ready sale. These have been improved during the year, and two new ones introduced, "His Glorious Appearing," and "Gospel Primer." Of the latter 20,000 copies have been printed, and preparations are being made for another edition of the same number. Notwithstanding the hard times, the agents have been greatly prospered. The difficulties from a human standpoint have seemed to further the work, as the agents have been led to trust more fully in the Lord, and to work upon His lines, rather than to depend upon circumstances for success.

Many incidents were related showing that the seed sown through the sale of the subscription books is springing up in many places, and bearing fruit to the glory of God. In each meeting there were those present that bore testimony to this fact, and also to the good work our smaller publications are doing.

The Society's Balance Sheet was read by the Treasurer, and accepted. It showed a balance in hand of £1 5s. 0¾d.

Pastor Haskell referred to the encouraging features of the work at the present time, and spoke of the beginning of the work in this field in 1885, when he and others were led by the opening providence of God to come to Australia to labour.

The following committees were appointed by the Chairman:—

On Nominations: A. Ballingall, A. H. Rogers, P. B. Rudge.

On Resolutions: W. D. Salisbury, R. Hare, S. McCullagh.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:—

Resolved, That we hereby express gratitude to our Father in heaven for His signal blessings that have attended the circulation of the *Bible Echo*, the distribution of our general literature, and the sale of our subscription books during the past year.

WHEREAS, The GLEANER has, during the past year, been changed from a cyclostyle sheet to a printed paper, whereby the editions can be largely increased, and,

WHEREAS, The object of this paper is to convey information to all our people in the Australian Conferences with reference to our canvassing work, the general distribution of our literature, and church intelligence, and to impart information with reference to all our institutions, and the progress of the work in general, therefore—

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of this paper, and that we will do what we can to support it by taking it ourselves, and encouraging others to do the same.

These resolutions were considered separately and unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected:—

President, A. G. Daniells.

Vice-President, W. A. Colcord.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Anna L. Ingels.

Treasurer, Edith M. Graham.

General Agent, E. R. Palmer.

Directors: District No. 1, Queensland, G. B. Starr; No. 2, New South Wales, W. L. H. Baker; No. 3, Victoria, A. W. Anderson; No. 4, South Australia, J. Higgins; No. 5, Tasmania, G. T. Wilson; No. 6, West Australia, R. Hare.

Adjourned *sine die*. A. G. DANIELLS, *President*.

A. L. INGELS, *Secretary*.

THE AVONDALE SCHOOL.

(Continued.)

LABOUR.

DURING the first half of 1896, we have employed ten men for periods of from one to twenty weeks each. The average number of workmen has been seven. The distribution of labour expense to various parts of our work has been as follows:—

Saw-mill, £132 3s.; brick plant, £16 19s. 4d.; orchard, £12 15s. 1d.; moving and storing furniture, £7 1s. 10d.; swamp, road expense, and surveying, £1 10s. 3d.; boarding house and stable 15s. 3d.

During the last half of 1896, we shall show a much larger expenditure in the orchard, on account of ditching, ploughing, and replanting, but the cash expenditure will not be large, as we have traded two horses which we could spare, for work in the orchard. Our roads will also call for improvement, for as business increases, and the old tracks are fenced across, new roads must be made, and some bridges built. But our principle effort will be to saw out the timber for our first building, and to make bricks for its foundation and chimneys, and then to push forward its erection.

THE RAISING OF FUNDS.

It will be remembered that in undertaking to raise £2000 for the school in the Australasian colonies, that distribution of the burden was made as follows:—

The Central Australian Conference was asked to raise £940; New Zealand, £500; New South Wales, £440; and Queensland, £120.

We have not yet received a complete record of the pledges made in the Central Conference, but from the records which we have at hand, we find that pledges and payments have been made as follows:—

Name of Field.	Total Pledge.	Paid in '94 and '95.	Paid in 1896.	Paid to date.
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
General List	298 5 0	247 0 0	12 0 0	259 0 0
Central Australia ..	391 3 6	37 0 0	68 2 0	105 2 0
New Zealand	425 12 6	176 0 0	—	176 0 0
New South Wales ..	414 0 0	45 0 0	51 1 6	96 1 6
Queensland	14 0 0	1 0 0	—	1 0 0
Total	1,543 1 0	506 0 0	131 3 6	637 3 6

From these figures it will be seen that three-fourths of the amount required has been subscribed, and not quite one-third paid in. We hope to receive information that will enable us to change these figures materially in the next few weeks.

OUR AVONDALE LETTER.

AVONDALE, COORANBONG, N. S. W., SEPT. 11, 1896.

DEAR FRIENDS,—We have had a short visit from Bro. and Sister Farnsworth. They came off the *Warrimoo* much wearied with their long journey, but were soon hard at work. After uniting with Pastor Israel and Sister White in a general meeting at Ashfield, Sabbath and Sunday, they spent two days with us here, and then hurried off to Melbourne to be present at the dedication of the North Fitzroy church. While here Pastor Farnsworth spoke twice to the Avondale church. There was a good attendance, and all wished him to remain longer.

During the last few weeks, ploughing and planting on the school land have gone on merrily, and just now the orchards planted last year are very pretty, as

the peach, apricot, nectarine, and almond trees are many of them covered with blossoms.

The mill has been doing better work during the last three weeks than before, and a few more days' sawing will complete the bill of timber required for the first building. Another kiln of bricks has just been burned, and these will be used in the foundations.

The clouds which have hung over some features of our school enterprise are lifting, and the prospects for steady progress are brightening.

At a recent meeting of the Local Land Board in Newcastle, our request for the rescision of the 100 ft. government reservation along Dora Creek was favourably considered, and the Board recommended that, from Fern Street, opposite Cooper's Landing, which is at the head of navigable waters, the land be granted to us at an appraised value of £5 per acre. There are seventeen acres in that portion of the reservation which will be affected by this decision. The power to fully control the land down to the water will be highly valued by those settling along the creek.

The perplexing difficulties which have attended our efforts to secure full possession of our title deeds now appear to be fully removed, and the work of entering the estate under the Real Property Act is delayed only by the difficulties attending our effort to secure the removal of a government road. The difficulty of securing the change in the old government road north of Maitland Road, which would give our plot the symmetrical appearance shown on our plan, is so serious that we shall probably abandon the effort. This will call for some additional work by the surveyor before our plans can be presented to the Lands Department for entry.

During the last two months only small amounts have been received from our brethren for the school. We shall begin building with the confidence that our brethren will make earnest efforts to send us the funds necessary to keep the work moving.

W. C. WHITE.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE ninth annual session of the Central Australian Sabbath-school Association convened on the Adelaide camp ground during the session of the Conference, from Oct. 8-18, 1896. The first meeting was called Tuesday morning, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. The minutes of the last session were read, and the meeting opened to the transaction of business, and to interchange of thought on Sabbath-school work. Two topics of importance claimed considerable attention: our Sabbath-school missionary offerings, and the Sabbath-school lessons.

The contributions of each school for the year, with the amount donated to missions, were interesting figures

as placed on the blackboard. One school had given 80% of its donations to missions.

The financial report as presented by the Treasurer showed a balance of 12s. 1d. in the treasury. During the year £62 13s. 11½d. had been received from the schools for the mission fields,—China, Negroes of America, and India. £7 17s. had also been received from the Armadale and Hobart camp-meetings for China, making a total of £70 10s. 11½d. contributed to missions. Since the last report £15 had been paid from the funds of the Association toward the printing of tracts in the Maori language.

At another meeting the following resolutions were adopted:—

WHEREAS, The present series of lessons present special advantages in leading to the study of the Scriptures, therefore—

Resolved, That we earnestly invite our officers, teachers, and scholars, to give them a thoughtful, prayerful, and daily study.

WHEREAS, The lesson pamphlets are furnished at the small cost of 3d., therefore—

Resolved, That we request all the members of our Sabbath-schools to purchase for themselves, and that the Sabbath-school contributions be not used in that way.

WHEREAS, There are many needy mission fields where the Sabbath-school donations could be used in spreading the light and truth, therefore—

Resolved, That we consider the Sabbath-school donations as missionary offerings, and that the least possible amount be used in a local way.

WHEREAS, There are many ways, such as gardening, flower-culture, and other occupations whereby our children could secure means for missionary offerings, therefore—

Resolved, That we request the teachers and officers of our local schools to study and plan for their children with this object in view.

WHEREAS, The expense of supplying hymn books for our Sabbath-schools draws heavily on our Sabbath-school funds, and therefore takes much that should go to the missionary work, therefore—

Resolved, That we request the International Sabbath-school Association to arrange for the publication of a small edition of our Sabbath-school hymn book, without music, so that it can be secured at small expense for our schools.

The remarks of Sister Farnsworth at these meetings, and her help in the children's meetings, were much appreciated.

The officers elected for the year are:—

President, C. F. Hawkins.

Vice-President, W. A. Colcord.

Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Colcord.

Treasurer, Miss E. M. Graham.

Executive Committee: C. F. Hawkins, W. A. Colcord, Mrs. A. L. Colcord, W. D. Salisbury, C. P. Michaels.

Sabbath-schools were held on the two Sabbaths, the attendance being about 225 each week. The offerings which amounted to £4 9s. 0½d., go to our mission field, India.

W. L. H. BAKER, *President*.

Mrs. J. L. BAKER, *Secretary*.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.
September, 1896.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	CAN.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS.	TOTAL VALUE.
BIBLE READINGS,—											
Turnbull, J. I., ... Barcardine, Q. ...	7	53	106	60	16	16	18	10	—	£2 4 0	£44 5 0
Dean, J. L., ... Bathurst, N. S. W. ...	17	119	84	44	17	17	8	2	—	8 0 0	35 15 0
Dean, Mrs. R., ... Bathurst, N. S. W. ...	16	105	143	36	1	10	6	13	—	2 5 0	24 15 0
Diverall, J. C., ... Werribee, Vic. ...	—	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adcock, Miss E., ... Valley, Q. ...	3	17	25	6	3	1	2	—	—	1 12 6	5 0 0
Fisher, W. F., ... N. W. Coast, Tas. ...	15	117	83	15	1	2	1	11	—	1 17 0	8 12 6
Whittle, T., ... Charters Towers, Q. ...	18	129	295	105	55	20	20	6	4	4 14 0	86 8 0
Henderson, J. F., ... Charters Towers, Q. ...	17	126	270	79	64	7	8	—	—	5 3 0	74 5 0
Johnson, Mrs. F., ... Perth, W. A. ...	15	81	—	47	31	2	12	2	—	—	41 0 0
Craddock, T. H., ... Kiama, N. S. W. ...	18	—	—	20	—	2	6	6	—	6 0	9 12 0
Reekie, P., ... <i>Other Books</i> ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8 0 0
Reekie, P., ... Nanango, Q. ...	14	23	55	35	6	8	12	9	—	1 9 6	24 0 0
Reekie, P., ... <i>Other Books</i> ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 0 0
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS											
Gill, Miss M., ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	2	11	13	1	—	—	—	1	—	14 0	10 0
Oliver, Miss L., ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	3	15½	23	2	1	—	—	1	—	5 6	1 10 0
Hill, P. L., ... Narrabri, N. S. W. ...	14	105½	180	31	5	7	16	3	—	2 15 9	21 15 0
Downs, J. B., ... Narrabri, N. S. W. ...	17	90	142	50	9	15	26	—	—	3 17 6	37 10 0
Hewitt, J., ... Marburg, Q. ...	3	20½	24	3	—	—	3	—	—	2 0	1 17 6
Fisher, G., ... <i>Other Books</i> ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 15 0
Fisher, G., ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	3	21½	27	3	—	—	3	—	—	10 0	1 17 6
SUNSHINE AT HOME,—											
Zeibig, Miss E., ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	18	96	145	40	—	—	32	—	8	1 1 0	14 12 0
Sumpster, Miss M., ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	19	82	110	30	—	—	28	—	2	1 9 0	11 3 0
Hughes, C. H., ... Brisbane, Q. ...	4	21	38	7	—	—	7	—	—	13 6	2 12 6
Olsen, Miss A., ... Toowoomba, Q. ...	3	18	26	6	—	—	2	—	4	—	2 1 0
H. H. BOOK.—											
Currow, A., ... Narrandera, N. S. W. ...	12	104½	87	42	5	26	—	11	—	—	73 16 6
Hickox, A. S., ... Corowa, N. S. W. ...	5	49	30	11	—	10	—	1	—	—	18 17 6
Michaels, C. P., ... Gippsland, Vic. ...	—	—	29	23	—	6	—	23	—	—	42 2 6
LADIES' GUIDE.—											
Dean, Mrs. R., ... Bathurst, N. S. W. ...	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	2	—	—	3 17 0
Gooding, Mrs. C., ... Malvern S. A. ...	15	96	74	22	1	4	—	17	—	10 0	20 9 0
Michaels, C. P., ... Gippsland, Vic. ...	—	—	—	19	1	5	—	13	—	—	18 0 0
Gregg, Mrs. M. A., ... Childers, Q. ...	—	—	—	17	—	16	—	1	—	—	17 13 6
Ackary, Miss A., ... Mackay, Q. ...	15	80½	75	26	10	7	—	9	—	1 6 0	28 19 6
Johnson, Mrs. F., ... Perth, W. A. ...	—	—	—	47	28	8	—	13	—	4 18 0	56 3 6
Currow, A., ... Narrandera, N. S. W. ...	—	—	—	16	2	6	—	6	—	—	16 8 0
Hewitt, Mrs. J., ... Kerchieum, Q. ...	8	34½	—	33	4	9	—	20	—	16 0	30 14 0
MASTERPIECE.—											
Herbert, H., ... Sydney, N. S. W. ...	5	38	31	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	1 18 6
SUNBEAMS.—											
Stoate, R. J., ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	3	9	21	1	—	—	—	1	—	4 0	10 0
Stoate, R. J., ... <i>Other Books</i> ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	17 6
Totals	289	1716½	2107	891	266	207	211	183	24	£39 13 3	£795 10 6

BIBLE ECHO SALES during September, 1896.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide*	121	11,758	Brought forward	19,448
Ashfield	66	360	Bendigo	60
Armada	16	144	Brisbane	48
Ballarat	50	324	Broken Hill	432
Bismarck	24	60	Geelong	83
Brighton	24	174	Ipswich	48
Cooranbong	50	218	Kangarilla	16
Hawthorn	50	228	Launceston	96
Hobart	90	664	New Zealand	5,476
Kellyville	16	96	Miscellaneous	1,515
Latrobe	6	192		
Melbourne	210	512		
Parramatta	70	254		
Perth	29	588		
Prabran	53	844		
Prospect	12	48		
Rockhampton	63	472		
Sydney	84	1,908		
Toowoomba	28	256		
Williamstown	57	348		
Carried forward		19,448	Total	27,222

* The sales credited to the Adelaide church include the sale of the camp-meeting edition made by its members and others.

MEETING OF THE ECHO PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Echo Publishing Co., Limited, was held in connection with the Australian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Parkside Oval, New Parkside, South Australia, Oct. 15, 1896, at 9:30 a.m.

There were twenty-two shareholders present, representing 131 shares.

The Chair was occupied by the President, W. D. Salisbury.

Prayer by A. G. Daniells.

The Secretary being absent, A. L. Ingels was elected Secretary of the meeting. The Chairman read the notice of the meeting from the *Bible Echo*, after which the minutes of the last annual session were read and approved.

The Directors' report for the year ending June 30, 1896, was presented together with the Balance Sheet for the same period.

The Directors' report brought out the following items of interest:—

The volume of business done during the year was £6,912, the net profit on which was £275 gs. 10½d.

The Company had been favoured with the patronage of Lord Brassey, Governor of Victoria.

The press-room had been repaired and a wall to it rebuilt.

The amount of business transacted in the Book Department had been £3,432 wholesale.

The number of pamphlets and tracts published during the year was 79,325, representing a total of 3,914,400 pages.

Five new publications had been issued, "His Glorious Appearing," "Gospel Primer," "The Puritan Sabbath," "The Law in Christ," and "The Eastern Question."

Besides these, since the beginning of 1896, the Company has been publishing the Sabbath-school pamphlets for all the Sabbath-schools in Australasia.

236,137 copies of the *Bible Echo* had been printed, or an average of 4,722 copies weekly.

The Company has become the sole importers of all our publications received in the colonies from England and America.

Following this report appropriate and interesting remarks were made by the Chairman on the work of the Publishing House during the past year. Twenty-eight persons were employed in the office at the close of this year, while only twenty-one were required to carry on the work during the early part of the year. The volume of work has been largely increased. About two-thirds of this has been commercial work. The *Bible Echo* has considerably increased its circulation.

E. W. Farnsworth spoke on the report of the last year's

work, and thought we should be profoundly thankful to the Lord for the evidences of His blessing. A. G. Daniells also referred to the prosperity that has attended the work, and felt assured that the hand of the Lord has been over His work.

The Committee on Nominations for the Echo Board presented the following names for Directors of the Company for the ensuing year:—

W. D. Salisbury, A. G. Daniells, N. D. Faulkhead, W. C. White, A. Ballingall, A. W. Anderson, W. A. Colcord.

The report was adopted, and the persons named declared elected.

W. C. White stated that he was pleased that this meeting could be held in Adelaide, so that the shareholders of this district could have the privilege of attending a meeting of the Company. He spoke of the importance of all our people becoming acquainted with our institutions, and invited those who are not shareholders to become so, that they may have a material interest in its welfare.

The Chairman stated that the shares were £1 each, and that another way in which the members could further the work of the Company was by the distribution of the literature it publishes.

The remainder of the time was occupied by Mrs. E. G. White, who spoke on the importance of the publishing work, and the necessity of loyalty to our institutions. Those who are employed in our offices should be able to discern between the sacred and the common, that they may act upon right principles under all circumstances.

Adjourned *sine die*.

W. D. SALISBURY, *Chairman*.

A. L. INGELS, *Secretary pro tem*.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

IN harmony with the recommendation of the committee on Credentials and Licenses, which will be found in the Conference report, Pastor C. F. Hawkins was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the Adelaide camp-meeting. The ordination service was indeed a very solemn and impressive occasion. Brother Hawkins briefly stated the circumstances under which the Spirit of God had led him into the light, and how he rejoiced that he could now stand to proclaim the third angel's message. Prayer was offered by Pastor E. W. Farnsworth, and Pastor Haskell gave the charge. What a change God has wrought in a few short weeks! We can but pray that He will greatly bless His servant, and make him bold to proclaim the truths of the gospel.

NOTES.

THIS number of the GLEANER should be carefully preserved for reference, as it contains the reports of the annual meetings of all our organisations in the Central Australian Conference.

ON Tuesday, October 27, Pastor R. Hare and family sailed from Melbourne for Perth, W. A. On the same day Pastor W. L. H. Baker passed through Melbourne on his way to the New South Wales Conference, which is to be his field of labour.

BROTHER W. E. WAINMAN and Sisters Oliver, Gill, Mansell, and Turner are to work, for a few weeks at least, in Adelaide, selling the *Bible Echo*, and doing general missionary work in connection with the tent meetings that are being held.

THE Adelaide meetings are continuing with a great interest. Pastors Hawkins and McCullagh will remain there throughout the tent season. Pastor Wilson and wife expect to remain five or six weeks, and Pastor Daniells hopes to be able to labour there the most of the time during the summer. This interest should be specially remembered in our prayers. God is greatly blessing the preaching of the word thus far, and quite a number have taken their stand for the truth.

A TEN days' general meeting is being held in the North Fitzroy church, which is enabling our Melbourne brethren, who could not attend the Adelaide camp-meeting, to hear some of the good things that were presented there. We are favoured with the labours of Brethren Haskell, Farnsworth, and White, and Mrs. E. G. White. They are soon going on to Sydney to attend the New South Wales Conference. At the close of that meeting Pastors Haskell and Farnsworth will go to New Zealand.

 WHAT NOT TO DO.

Don't enter the work until you have well considered and counted the cost.

Don't enter the work to "try it," but to succeed, and stay there until you do succeed.

Don't attempt to engage in the work until you have a good understanding of the book you expect to handle and a clear knowledge of how to present it.

Don't introduce your business at the door if you can avoid it.

Don't enter into a discussion with your customer; to win the argument is to lose the sale.

Don't become impatient or let insult throw you off your balance.

Don't rush over your territory, but work it carefully and thoroughly.

Don't fail to report every week to the general agent.

Don't call the canvassing work a failure when you work only five hours a day, three days in a week, and fifteen weeks in a year.

Don't try to preach the third angel's message in a fifteen minutes' canvass; for, by so doing, you will make your sentences too "dark" to be understood by those unacquainted with the truth.

Don't attempt to go out without first spending some time in seeking divine aid.

Don't ring the door-bell until you have asked the Lord to open the heart's door of the people.

Don't talk in a listless, careless way when you begin a subject; but put into it all the enthusiasm and energy that the subject is worthy of.

Don't pass by a house because some one else tells you that they will not listen to you.

Don't pass by a house because you think the people are too aristocratic. The Lord has honest souls everywhere.

Don't remain at home because the clouds are thick and dark.

Don't forget when delivering that one-half of the money received belongs to the Tract Society.

Don't forget that one-tenth of the other half belongs to the Lord.

Don't under any circumstance borrow this. It is holy and sacred unto the Lord.

Don't forget when the road is rough and thorny that you are following the example of our divine Master, who pleased not Himself.

Don't forget you can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you.

Don't do your work in such a way that you will be afraid to come back to the same field the second or third time.

Don't forget that other people value a straight-forward, strictly honest character just as much as you do.

Don't forget that possibly you will be the only person from whom the family you stay with may receive light and truth.

Don't forget to give the honour to the Lord when you have success. --Selected.

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