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THE WATER-PIPE.

MEN praise the "never-failing spring" whose waters, fresh and sweet,
Flow many miles, and gladden lives which everywhere they meet;

But never to the homely pipe is given any praise—
A channel through which blessings pass unknown it spends its days.

The water-pipe is lowly laid, and hidden from the sight,
Yet through its course there flows each day the sparkling waters bright.

The weary traveller stops and drinks; refreshed he passes on;
All nature smiles in gladness true, where'er its waters run.

So though my life bring self no praise, may I, with humble heart,

A channel be from Christ the "Spring," sweet blessings to impart;

And if some glory to His name my humble life may bring,
'Twill be enough, though self be hid, to glorify the Spring.

MARY C. WILSON.

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM "ECHO" WORKERS.

OF late a new impetus seems to have been given to the *Echo* work, and we are receiving very encouraging testimony from the *Echo* workers. We will give our readers the benefit of some of the good words that we have received.

AN *Echo* agent in one of our Melbourne churches says: "I know of five or six who, through reading the *Echo*, are keeping the Sabbath. Two of these are also paying tithe."

A SISTER, seventeen years of age, who accepted the truth in Queensland through missionary work, writes that she has decided to devote her whole time to the *Echo* work, as she thinks it is the best thing she can do. She has been selling the paper to neighbours and friends, and finds that it is well received.

AN agent in Tasmania writes: "One lady whom I serve with the *Echo* was quite disappointed the week the paper was skipped. She said we ought to have had an *extra* number. She is greatly interested in religious liberty, and does good work by showing her friends our papers when an opportunity offers."

FROM a Sydney worker: "Somehow or other the *Echoes* seem to have flown this week. I have only forty on hand this evening, and most of these will go to-morrow morning. Hereafter, please send the gross every other week instead of every third week. I have thirty-six regular subscribers, and expect soon to have more. One who has been receiving the *Echo* regularly has decided to observe the Sabbath."

FROM West Australia: "One who has taken the *Echo* from me desires to have it every week. When he learned that I had a copy of each number for 1896, he said, 'I will buy them all, and will do missionary work with them among my fellow workmen. I love to read them. I do not read them simply, I eat them.' Seed is being sown, and when the minister comes and waters, God will surely give the increase."

THREE brethren in Queensland, who have recently accepted the faith, have each ordered a gross of *Echoes* to be sent to them every week. These orders were sent through the secretary of the district. In writing of one he says, "You will be pleased to hear that Bro.—sold all of the twelve dozen in four days, and he seems to enter into the work in good spirits." Of the other two he says, "They are going to try to work up to 500 each per week. At this rate we think Queensland will soon stand first in the circulation of the *Echo*."

ARE there not those of our brethren and sisters, isolated or in churches, who, after reading these good words from *Echo* sellers and *Echo* readers, will ask themselves the question, Has not God a work for me to do in this line? We are cheered to see new workers joining the ranks, and to observe the steady increase in the circulation of the paper. But there is room for a much greater work than has ever yet been done.

MOVEMENTS OF WORKERS.

A SUGGESTION.

At a recent meeting of the Union Conference Committee, Pastor S. N. Haskell was requested, after attending the New Zealand Conference and visiting the churches in the North Island, to spend March and April at Avondale, assisting in the organisation and opening of our school.

Pastor Geo. B. Starr was advised to visit Central and Northern Queensland, spending a few weeks labouring with some who have become interested in the message through reading our books. Letters just received from him report a prosperous journey as far as Charters Towers.

It was also recommended that I should attend the next session of the General Conference. In harmony with this, I took passage in the *Monowai*, December 21, and, at this writing, we are nearing Auckland, where I shall post this to the GLEANER. Thus far our voyage has been a pleasant one. The second-class accommodations on the *Monowai* are quite comfortable, and our fellow-passengers are nice, companionable people.

At my earnest request, Pastor A. G. Daniells, the Vice-President of the Union Conference, and Miss Edith Graham, the Treasurer, and W. D. Salisbury, President of the Echo Publishing Co., made a short visit to Sydney and Cooranbong, just before my departure. Four days were spent in council, during which time all the features of the Union Conference work passed under careful review. Thus Bro. Daniells has become acquainted with the progress and the plans for the work in the mission fields and also of the school.

UNION CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

With my departure from Sydney, all the responsibility resting upon me as President of the Union Conference and Chairman of the Avondale School Board, passes to Pastor A. G. Daniells, the Vice-President of the Union Conference. Therefore, all correspondence regarding Union Conference business should be addressed to him.

It is a great satisfaction to me, as it will be to the workers in all parts of the field, that the oversight of the work passes into the hands of one who is very familiar with its every feature, and who is an experienced and able manager.

During this council, it was arranged that the statistical work of the conference should be transferred from the Secretary, Bro. H. C. Lacey, to the Treasurer, Miss E. M. Graham. Until school opens, Bro. Lacey will be moving rapidly from place to place, and when the school begins he will be too busy for this work; therefore, it will be an advantage to all concerned that hereafter the blanks with requests for statistical and financial reports will be sent out by Sister Graham, and that these, with the reports of the Mission Treasurers, be sent to her, care of Australian Tract Society, North Fitzroy, Victoria.

W. C. WHITE.

In past numbers of the GLEANER which I have seen, there has been but little said concerning Sabbath-school work. This surely is not because of a lack of interest in this branch of the cause, but probably on account of the many things to be said in behalf of other lines of work. If permitted, I would like to suggest that the officers of the Australian associations, and any others who may feel an interest for the welfare of our Sabbath-schools, "speak out" occasionally concerning the different phases of this work which should receive attention. If perfect silence were maintained in regard to the canvassing work, the Tract Society work, and other interests which are constantly kept before us, we should see but little done in these lines. The same result must follow if nothing is done to awaken a new interest in behalf of our schools, to arouse their enthusiasm, and to encourage special efforts in behalf of the children and young people. This work requires the wisdom which comes from above, careful thought, and earnest effort.

There is another suggestion which might assist in carrying out the first if put in practice. That is, that in places where two or more schools can come together, that the officers and teachers meet for counsel, and to discuss such topics as will assist in management and teaching. In Sydney and Melbourne especially, the schools are very favourably situated for holding such conventions. It remains for some one who sees the need of improvement, and the benefits which would arise from holding such councils, to agitate the subject and secure the appointment. If this is done, it will surely result in great benefit to those who attend and to the schools. The Lord will give His wisdom as we seek for it; for He has ten thousand times ten thousand angels who have nothing to do but to help and give wisdom to those who are willing to cooperate with Him in the salvation of souls.

These suggestions are offered in hope that they will be put into practice, and that they may result in advancing the Sabbath-school work in Australia. At our camp-meetings and other general gatherings, there is no time to enter into the discussion of plans and methods which are of so much interest to the practical worker; but at a convention, where two or three days can be devoted to this work, this difficulty would not be met. Who will be the first to carry this plan into effect?

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Of all the gifts which God has given to man, none is more noble or a greater blessing than the gift of speech, if it is sanctified by the Holy Spirit.—E. G. W.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

December, 1896.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	Can.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS.	TOTAL VALUE.
ARCHBISHOPS AND PROPHETS—											
Downs J. B. ... Walgett, N. S. W. ...	8	38	58	11	4	2	5	—	—	£1 11 0	£8 12 6
<i>Other Books</i> ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1 1 0
BIBLE READINGS,—											
Farrant, T. ... Gladstone, S. A. ...	18	177	43	28	—	8	3	10	7	4 18 0	14 9 0
Diverall, J. C. ... Port Pirie, S. A. ...	19	186	80	27	2	3	7	10	5	4 11 0	14 15 0
Walker, Miss G. ... S. Brisbane, Q. ...	3	10	20	5	2	2	1	—	—	0 3 6	4 2 6
Chapman, T. A. ... Manning River, N. S. W. ...	13	86	121	37	—	5	2	27	3	0 15 0	19 3 6
Reekie, P. ... Allora, Q. ...	1	4	7	4	—	2	—	2	—	0 5 0	2 10 0
Rudge, P. B. ... West Coast, Tas. ...	6	32	45	22	8	—	8	6	—	1 5 0	16 0 0
Fisher, W. F. ... West Coast, Tas. ...	18	109	84	36	9	1	12	14	—	3 0 0	22 5 0
Dean, Mrs. R. ... Blayney, N. S. W. ...	7	33	44	15	2	4	2	7	—	0 7 0	9 15 0
Adcock, Miss E. ... S. Brisbane, Q. ...	13	48	51	21	3	4	8	6	—	1 4 0	14 10 0
Innis, J. ... Deloraine, Tas. ...	10	74	58	16	1	8	7	—	—	0 15 0	11 7 6
Innis, Mrs. K. ... Deloraine, Tas. ...	12	75	63	24	5	1	7	11	—	1 10 0	15 12 6
Johanson, Mrs. F. ... Freemantle, W. A. ...	4	26	—	16	9	3	—	4	—	0 19 0	13 5 0
LADIES' GUIDE,—											
Gooding, Mrs. C. ... Kadina, S. A. ...	13	84	93	23	—	6	—	17	—	3 9 0	21 3 6
Mosedale, Mrs. ... Kadina, S. A. ...	13	75	84	26	1	2	—	23	—	3 6 0	23 12 0
Bell, R. S. ... Scone, N. S. W. ...	—	—	—	8	—	1	—	7	—	—	7 3 6
<i>Other Books</i> ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1 7 6
Ackary, A. ... Mackay, Q. ...	8	49	38	9	3	1	—	5	—	1 2 0	9 11 0
Michaels, C. P. ... Gippsland, Vic. ...	—	—	—	11	—	3	—	8	—	—	10 3 0
H. H. BOOK,—											
Hickox, A. S. ... Corowa, N. S. W. ...	8	59	27	14	3	7	—	4	—	—	24 12 6
Michaels, C. P. ... Gippsland, Vic. ...	—	—	—	81	—	10	—	71	—	—	115 2 6
SUNSHINE AT HOME,—											
Hughes, C. H. ... Brisbane, Q. ...	4	7	19	3	—	—	—	—	3	1 12 6	0 19 6
SUNBEAMS,—											
Stoate, R. J. ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	12	95	187	23	—	—	7	—	16	2 18 0	12 7 6
Totals ...	190	1267	1122	462	52	74	69	233	34	£33 11 0	£393 12 0

BIBLE ECHO SALES during December, 1896.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide	121	3,528	Brought forward	10,648
Ashfield	66	340	Bendigo	70
Ballarat	50	312	Brisbane	84
Bismarck	24	60	Broken Hill	468
Brighton	24	144	Geelong	132
Cooranbong	50	232	Ipswich	48
Hawthorn	50	204	Kangarilla	36
Hobart	90	432	Launceston	90
Kellyville	16	94	New Zealand	5,084
Latrobe	6	120	Miscellaneous	3,218
Melbourne	210	464		
Malvern	16	144		
Parramatta	70	184		
Perth	29	844		
Práhran	53	734		
Prospect	12	48		
Rockhampton	63	384		
Sydney	84	1,884		
Toowoomba	28	208		
Williamstown	57	288		
Carried forward		10,648	Total	19,872

THE BASAL PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

It is hardly needful to prove the importance of forming an accurate idea of education. The possession of the true ideal, as a means to successful attainment, is an obvious necessity. Without it, even earnest and persistent effort is unavailing, for it is misdirected. It is only the arrow aimed straight at the mark that quivers in the bull's-eye.

The purpose of this article is to set forth, in close compass, the ideal of Christian Education. It will be found based on principles that vitally touch and involve every human being. These principles are five in number, and may be stated as follows:—

1. Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God.
2. That image is now defaced in him, and well-nigh obliterated.
3. The disfigurement was caused by man's seeking for, and obtaining, the wrong kind of knowledge.
4. The image of God is to be restored to the soul.
5. The restoration is effected on man's part by seeking for, and obtaining, the right kind of knowledge.

Let us examine these principles briefly in the light of the Bible and of the "Testimonies," and then offer a definition of education based upon them.

1. *Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God.*

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."¹ "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."² "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? . . . For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels (the Revised Version reads, "but little lower than God"), and hast crowned him with glory and honour."³

Consider also the following extracts, where the same thoughts are amplified in order:—

"In the beginning, God created man in His own likeness. He endowed him with noble qualities. His mind was well balanced, and all the powers of his being were harmonious."⁴ "Man was to bear God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character. Christ alone is the express image of the Father, but man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; His appetite and passions were under the control of reason. He was holy and happy in bearing the image of God, and in perfect obedience to His will."⁵ "God

made man upright, and He gave him noble traits of character, with no bias towards evil. He endowed him with high, intellectual powers." "Their intellectual bower was but little less than that of the angels."⁶

These citations amply prove the proposition that man originally possessed God's image, in mind and heart and soul as well as in body.

2. *That image is now defaced in him, and well-nigh obliterated.*

"And the Lord God said, Behold, what has become of the man, who was as one of us?"⁷—words uttered in the tenderest compassion, as God saw the wreck sin had wrought in His "masterpiece." "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."⁸ The glory of God is His goodness, His character, *Himself*⁴; hence, Conybeare and Howson translate this passage: "For all have sinned, and none have attained the glorious likeness of God." And further, "Sin has marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man."⁹

In accordance with these definite statements every enlightened conscience testifies to the same disastrous fact,—the present defacement and almost complete obliteration of the divine likeness in man.

3. *The disfigurement was caused by man's seeking for, and obtaining, the wrong kind of knowledge.*

It was the tree of knowledge of "good and evil" of which Adam was commanded not to take the fruit and eat.⁶ In other words, he was forbidden knowledge linked with, and hence vitiated and poisoned by, evil. But that was precisely the kind coveted to make him as God. In the temptation, the serpent said, "Ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil."⁷ And hence we read, as the crowning motive inducing the sin, "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat."⁸

And then what was the result of this wisdom?—"Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee."⁹ From the knowledge of good only, which they possessed before the fall, the human race was quickly perverted to the knowledge only of evil. So that of man in the antediluvian world we read "that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually;"¹⁰ and of the chosen of God in the days of Jeremiah, "For My people are foolish, they have not known Me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."¹¹ And Paul assigns as a reason for the corruption of the whole Gentile world the fact that "When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in

¹ Gen. 1:26, 27. ² Eccl. 7:29. ³ Ps. 8:4, 5. ⁴ "Christian Education," p. 63. ⁵ "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 33.

⁶ "Patriarchs and Prophets," pp. 37, 38. ⁷ Gen. 3:22, Dr. Jamieson's rendering. ⁸ Rom. 3:23. ⁹ Ex. 33:19, 22. ¹⁰ "Christian Education," p. 63. ¹¹ Gen. 2:17. ¹² Gen. 3:5, R.V. ¹³ Gen. 3:6. ¹⁴ Isa. 47:10. ¹⁵ Gen. 6:5. ¹⁶ Jer. 4:22.