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BE TRUE.

THOU must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

—Selected.

“LITTLE THINGS.”

THE saying is a truthful and beautiful one, that “a Christian life is made up of little deeds faithfully performed.” When tempted to be careless in the performance of some duty, which seems to be of little importance, the remark is often made, “It is such a little thing, and of no consequence;” yet our success or failure depends upon our faithfulness or neglect in dealing with these supposed trifles.

Many people wonder why Providence has not placed them in some broad field of usefulness, some place of trust, or in some far away mission in a heathen land,—why He has not entrusted to them *ten* talents, when in fact they are careless and slothful stewards in the use of the *one* that has been entrusted to them. They live and die, supposing that their failure is the blind result of chance, imagining that they would have succeeded like others if only the Providential car had come their way, and carried them to the position for which they were fitted. But God does not deal in that way with His children. “Nothing comes by chance to the child of God.” “He knoweth their down-sittings and their up-risings;” “He guideth them with His eye,” and will give to every man according to his faithfulness. It is the “little foxes that spoil the vines.” The servant was “faithful over a few things” before he could be made “ruler over many things.” When he had been proved with the “very little,” he was given “authority over ten cities.”

I wish to again call the attention of our agents to some of the little things connected with their work, which may seem small in themselves, but the faithful performance of which helps to make a good steward in the Master's cause. We earnestly request that you will not regard them lightly.

THE WEEKLY REPORTS

are designed to keep the general agent in touch with each canvasser, so he may be able to render any possible assistance, and keep him from working for a long time on wrong methods, and thus injure his work. In order that the report may give the proper information, it is necessary that all the blank spaces be filled out. Do not make the reports read like telegrams. They are of little use, and make our summaries incorrect. I heard the remark not long ago, that the old agents know better than to send in full reports. Such agents will do well to go back to the place where they began to know *so much*, and know less in the future of that kind of knowledge (?). That man is wise who knows enough to do all the little things just right.

THE TIME TO REPORT

is at the close of each week, not at the close of the month. I have fully explained how important this is; and the failure to do it is likely to make the supply of books short, for all estimates for importing are made from the reports received each week. The larger part of our agents are doing well in this respect, and we want all to fall into line. Those who will not are the ones who will not be supplied in case there is a shortage of books. Some think it not worth while to send in small reports. No one likes very well to report failure, but if the report is small, that is a special reason for reporting. Perhaps we can help you. How can we if we do not know what you are doing, or how you are doing it? If you will refresh your memory by referring to the terms of your contract with the Society, you will find the above items mentioned, and your agreement to follow them strictly. We have no doubt but many of these little failures are mistakes of the head and not of the heart; but it will be a great help to us, as well as a blessing to you, if you will get your head so under the control of your heart that it will not make such bad work.

THE TESTIMONY

which was sent out to all our agents has been heartily responded to by many, and quite a number have had a real settlement with themselves, going over their stock, and sending in a cheque for the amount that has been allowed to run behind. This is right, and I am sure the Lord will greatly bless such a course. There are some who are so far behind that they cannot do this, but they can make some good resolutions, and do some hard work to get out. The Lord will help such ones to get right, and will then help them to keep so.

KEEP ACCOUNT

of all your business with the office. Don't say you cannot, for that may keep you from trying. If you have not the first idea of book-keeping, you can keep your accounts correctly. Get a little note book, and on the left-hand page write down all the items you get from the office, and the amount you are to pay. On the other page write down all the items you return to the office, and the amount you should be credited for them. Also write down on the same page all the cash you pay in on account. At the close of each month balance the account, and see how you stand with the office. The result should agree with the statement you receive from the office at the beginning of each month. If they do not agree, look up the difference, and if you do not understand it, write to us, and we will explain. This will be a great satisfaction to you, and help you not to get behind. When your delivery is over, and you are to pay for your books, balance up your account, and see how much you owe. If you are not able to pay the whole bill, which is by far the best way, find what the wholesale value of the books you have on hand amounts to, deduct it from the amount you owe, and send in the balance to the office. This is the least amount we can accept as a settlement. Now there is nothing hard about that, is there? Please give all these suggestions a good trial, and may the Lord greatly bless you in your attempts to carry them out.

E. R. PALMER.

QUARANTINE STATION, MELBOURNE.

ON the arrival of the S. S. *Nineveh* at Melbourne, the 13th inst., Miss Ingels, Mrs. Daniells and the writer went on board to visit a friend, Miss Hurd, who was on her way to Sydney from Cape Town. The next day the President of the Board of Health ascertained that there was a case of fully developed small-pox on board, and that a number of cases were just coming down.

The Monday papers made a call for all passengers by the *Nineveh* to report to the Board of Health.

These were sent into quarantine. On Tuesday a call was made for all who had boarded the ship to report to the Board of Health. The decision was that all who had visited the boat must go to the Quarantine Station. Through the considerateness of the health officers we were allowed a few days of liberty in which to arrange business affairs for the period of our isolation.

Sunday, the 14th inst., we three who had been on the *Nineveh* and my little boy, left Port Melbourne for the Quarantine Station. After a pleasant ride of three hours across Port Phillip Bay, we were sent ashore at Sorrento. We were conveyed from Sorrento by cab some five miles along the shore to the Quarantine Station. Arriving at the boundary, we found the quarantine grounds set off by two lines of fences about twenty feet apart. Along the inside of the inner fence was a long row of quarantined persons. Some were conversing with their friends, who were lined up on the outside of the outer fence. Those who had no friends present looked on and listened.

Here we left the vehicle and started afoot, escorted by two policemen, for the buildings which are, I judge, nearly half a mile from the boundary.

Everybody we passed seemed glad to see us. The officials were especially pleasant and agreeable. The policeman who guarded the quarantine gates graciously remarked as he opened them, "Mr. Daniells, I will allow you and your friends to pass inside." This was a permission for which we did not at the time particularly care.

We were first taken to the resident physician and his assistant, who took our names, ages, and inquired about vaccination, etc. Next we were sent to the fumigation building where hot baths were in readiness. Here we were obliged to turn over for fumigation every article of clothing worn on entering the grounds. The cheerfulness of the attendants, and the excellent hot bath, were truly refreshing. Our rooms are clean, fairly well ventilated, and very light and cheerful. So far as we have been able to detect, cockroaches and other vermin are not to be found about the building.

All things considered we think the Government has chosen an excellent spot for the Quarantine Station. True, it does not seem nice to think of going into quarantine, but we have seen worn out people and excursionists enraptured with far less inviting places, and they have seemed to enjoy themselves immensely with far more taxation and many less comforts than fall to the lot of those at this station.

Being ever inclined to make the best of circumstances, we can speak well of this place. It might be much worse.

A. G. DANIELLS.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

January, 1897.

AGENT AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	Can.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS.	TOTAL VALUE.
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS—											
Mills, Mr. P. W., ... Armidale, N. S. W.	18	140	251	27	2	1	20	4	—	£1 15 6	£17 5 0
Oliver, Miss L., ... Launceston, Tas.	5	32	37	4	1	—	1	2	—	0 9 0	2 12 6
Gill, Miss M., ... Launceston, Tas.	4	32	37	1	—	—	—	—	—	0 14 0	0 12 6
Carswell, Mr. W. R., ... Toowoomba, Q.	14	101	176	25	4	2	15	4	—	2 10 0	15 12 6
Carswell, Mrs. W. R., ... Toowoomba, Q.	15	109	163	46	1	8	27	10	—	1 18 6	28 7 6
BIBLE READINGS—											
Johanson, Mrs. J., ... Freemantle, W. A.	—	—	—	34	21	5	8	—	—	—	29 15 0
Parrant, Mr. T., ... Gawler, S. A.	10	69	27	12	—	1	1	9	1	2 14 0	6 2 0
Dean, Mr. J. L., ... Cowra, N. S. W.	18	128	80	37	13	15	8	—	—	—	29 15 0
Diverall, Mr. J. C., ... Gladstone, S. A.	13	110	45	8	1	—	—	3	4	1 15 0	3 7 0
Walker, Miss G. E., ... Highgate Hill	16	77	116	25	3	7	2	13	—	2 3 6	16 0 0
Chapman, Mr. T. A., ... Manning River, N. S. W.	20	138	47	41	1	4	—	35	1	2 19 0	21 14 6
Chapman, Mr. T. A., H. Book	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	4 17 6
Reekie, Mr. P., ... Allora, Q.	13	82	88	38	7	7	15	10	1	2 14 0	25 12 0
Reekie, Mr. P., H. Book	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1 15 0
Henderson, Mr. J. F., ... Mackay, Q.	—	25	68	16	9	3	2	1	—	2 4 0	13 15 0
Dean, Mrs. R., ... Cowra, N. S. W.	7	35	43	10	—	1	3	6	—	0 5 0	5 12 6
Adcock, Miss E., ...	16	87	138	45	7	8	10	10	10	2 7 0	26 10 0
Innis, Mr. J., ... Exton, Tas.	11	79	28	11	—	2	6	3	—	0 8 0	6 15 0
Innis, Mrs. K., ... Exton, Tas.	12	89	47	16	3	1	6	6	—	0 9 0	10 10 0
DANIEL AND REVELATION—											
Hindson, J., ... Geraldton, W. A.	—	—	—	21	19	1	1	—	—	—	20 7 6
LADIES' GUIDE—											
Bell, Mr. R. S., ... Stewart's Brook.	—	—	—	34	6	2	—	26	—	—	33 19 6
Gooding, Mrs. C., ... Port Wallaroo	6	33	26	13	—	5	—	8	—	—	12 5 0
Gregg, Mrs. M. A., ... Waratah, N. S. W.	2	12	16	5	1	4	—	—	—	1 3 6	5 11 6
Mosedale, Mrs., ... Port Wallaroo, S. A.	6	31	34	8	—	—	—	8	—	1 3 0	7 0 0
Michaels, Mr. C. P., ... Gippsland, Vic.	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	9	—	—	7 17 6
Johanson, Mrs. J., ... Freemantle, W. A.	—	87	—	23	13	3	—	7	—	2 14 0	27 3 0
H. H. BOOK—											
Michaels, Mr. C. P., ... Gippsland, Vic.	—	—	—	86	—	10	—	76	—	—	117 17 6
Bell, Mr. R. S., ... Stewart's Brook	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	11	—	—	15 2 6
Reekie, Mr. F. W., ... Swan River, W. A.	10	99	128	56	—	14	—	42	—	3 8 0	82 12 6
Hindson, Mr. J., ... Geraldton, W. A.	—	—	—	14	3	3	—	8	—	1 2 0	24 0 0
Currow, Mr. A., ... Harrierville, Vic.	9	64	53	23	—	16	—	7	—	—	37 12 6
Currow, Mr. A., "Masterpiece"	—	—	—	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	5 1 6
Mackenzie, Mr. A. G., ... Harrierville, Vic.	10	66	71	32	3	11	—	18	—	0 3 0	52 5 0
SUNSHINE—											
Olsen, Miss A., ... Toowoomba, Q.	5	36	65	8	—	—	4	—	4	—	2 16 0
SUNBEAMS—											
Stoate, Mr. R. J., ... Bendigo, Vic.	10	72	147	13	—	—	6	—	7	2 0 0	7 5 0
Totals	250	1843	1931	758	118	141	132	339	28	£37 11 0	£725 7 0

BIBLE ECHO SALES during January, 1897.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide	146	3,702	Brought forward	11,037
Ashfield	66	280	Bendigo	60
Ballarat	50	291	Brisbane	1212
Bismarck	56	60	Geelong	150
Brighton	20	96	Inswich	48
Broken Hill	11	588	Kangarilla	36
Cooranbong	50	232	Launceston	72
Hawthorn	50	198	New Zealand	5,080
Hobart	96	432	Miscellaneous	3,195
Kellyville	16	78		
Latrobe	10	60		
Melbourne	214	516		
Malvern	24	144		
Parramatta	70	184		
Perth	29	620		
Prahran	52	732		
Prospect	12	48		
Rockhampton	63	372		
Sydney	84	1,908		
Toowoomba	28	208		
Williamstown	58	288		
Carried forward		11,037	Total	20,890

NOTES.

WE are pleased to report the safe return of our friends who have been in quarantine for the past week.

ALL will be pleased to see the summary coming up again to the usual figures. The prospects are very good indeed for the month of February.

WILL those who return books to the office please send with the shipping bill an invoice of the goods, as the expense to the sender is 2/6 more when it is not done.

THE misfortune of the Secretary, who is editor of the GLEANER, in being unexpectedly quarantined for a week, will doubtless be sufficient excuse for the paper being a little late this month.

WE are glad to have Bro. F. W. Reekie in the field again. The Lord greatly blessed him in the sale of "Patriarchs and Prophets" in the West, and his usually good record is not falling on "Home-Hand Book."

OUR agents should send their tithes to the Treasurer of the church of which they are members. Do not send to the Tract Society Office, as we are often put to extra expense in forwarding to the proper place.

THE sale of "Home-Hand Book" is rapidly increasing, and growing into great favour with the agents who are handling it. We are very glad for this, for it is a good book for the people, and we are confident that it will do much good.

SOME of our teachers in the North Fitzroy Sabbath-school are greatly enjoying the study of "Farrar's Life of Christ" in connection with the present lessons. We have it in a very convenient size, with 700 pages, bound in cloth, which we can furnish for 3/6, post paid.

NOTICE.

PASTOR M. E. OLSEN, who has charge of the Scandinavian work in America, has sent to us a request that we collect the names and addresses of all the Scandinavian families about which we may be able to learn, and send them to him for use in the missionary societies. They specially desire the names of those who may have become interested in the truth. Will all our workers kindly take note of this, and send in to this office the names of any such, and we will forward them to Bro. Olsen.

WHY NOT SUCCESSFUL?

IT will be well for those who are not having success in their canvassing work to study well what may be the cause. The promises of God are sure, and He has promised to bless those who work for Him, if they fulfil the conditions that He has laid down. The gold and the silver are His, and it is a small thing with the Lord to provide for us all we need under any circumstances. Our success depends more upon the blessing of the Lord than upon personal ability, or the condition of the territory. Are there duties which have been left undone? Have we dealt honestly with both God and man? It may be possible that some have been robbing God in tithes and offerings. He cannot bless those who are doing that. The tithe is not our own, and to use it is to rob God. How can He bless a man with means who is unfaithful in the use of it? It will be well to think of these things carefully, and decide to fulfil all the conditions upon which God has promised to bless us.

CHILDREN CAN SELL IT.

THEY can sell the *Bible Echo*. The following letter has been received from Lily Hare, of Auckland. She is twelve years old:—

"After the meetings held here in Auckland by Brethren Farnsworth and Haskell, I began to sell *Echoes*. The first day I went out I sold seventeen, the second day seventeen, the third day fourteen, the fourth day eleven, the fifth day eight, the sixth day seven, the seventh day twenty-two. I have been out now four weeks, and have sold in all one hundred and eighty-seven. This includes nine yearly subscribers. Most of them say they like the paper very much. I have also a little girl ten years old to help me. She sold eighteen in four days."

That is good. This is not the first time the Lord has used the children to carry His truth. He can use the children just as well as the older people, if they will give their hearts to Him, and ask to be used in His service. Are there not other children who would like to try with the *Echoes*?

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