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WORKMAN of God, O, lose not heart,  
But learn what God is like;  
And on the darkest battle-field  
Thou shalt know where to strike.

**Croydon, Q'land.**—Bro. J. O. Williams writes: "I know you will be pleased to hear that I have obtained subscribers for my second dozen of the *Bible Echo*, and I intend to keep on. I feel that God is blessing me in this work. Any little trouble that is occasioned is repaid a thousand-fold by the pleasure I receive as I add each new name to my list. I am assisted by my daughter, fifteen years of age, who delivers the papers each week. Please send another dozen. My daughter proposes, God willing, during the mid-winter school holiday, to canvass the town for subscribers. She will be assisted by a school mate, thirteen years of age, who for the last two weeks has visited us each Sabbath afternoon to take part with us in the lessons. After an interest has been created with the *Echo*, I will follow with Bible readings. A good circulation of the *Bible Echo* will be a help in paving the way for meetings here, which I hope can be held later."

**Charters Towers.**—In a letter dated April 17, Brother Whittle writes: "Ten have embraced the truth here in Charters Towers; and they all, with one exception, are firm and steadfast in the truth. I suppose you have heard from them in reference to the *Echo* selling. They anticipate large sales. May they not be disappointed."

We are rejoiced to learn of the success that has attended Brother Whittle's Bible work in Charters Towers. Several of these new Sabbath-keepers have already ordered small clubs of the *Echo*, and propose to enter upon a systematic canvass for the paper. We wish them abundant success.

In reference to the *Southern Sentinel*, Brother Whittle says: "I am glad to receive a copy of the *Southern Sentinel*. I think it an excellent number. Having a little time to spare, I spent it in taking some orders among the business people of the town. I enclose a list of the orders taken, numbering fifty-two yearly subscriptions. They would like them to begin with the present quarter."

This is just the work that we are especially anxious should receive attention at the present time. Are

there not others who, having a "little time to spare," are willing to devote it to so good a cause?

**Townsville.**—Our November GLEANER contained a letter from Miss Anderson of Townsville. We have since received some good news from her that we think will interest our readers.

She writes from Burdekin Bridge:—

"I was glad when my brother asked me to come here and keep house for him, as now he stays at home in the evening. Lately I have noticed that he is becoming much interested in the truth. We often have long talks about the Sabbath and different subjects. I thank the Lord for this. We are living among queer people who do not seem able to speak one word without taking the Lord's name in vain. I take the *Echo* around among them, but they tell me such papers are not in their line. However, I will try and get a few orders."

Later she writes:—

"I am so happy I cannot help telling you the cause of my happiness. My brother was not working from Thursday evening until Monday, so was off work on Sabbath. I read a few chapters in the Bible, and as I was reading he said, 'Olga, I have been thinking for a long time about the truth, and now I mean to take a decided stand to obey God.' He is now a Sabbath-keeper. It seemed as though we were a broken family before, now we are united. His master told him if he thought it right to keep the Sabbath he was welcome to the day. My brother is determined to go to the school when it opens if he can obtain the means, and I should so much like to go with him. I have seven orders for the *Echo* here, and the people seem to like them very much."

Her experience might be an encouragement to those who find their fields difficult through prejudice against the truth, or want of interest in religious things. See Jeremiah 32:27.

At our missionary meeting in the North Fitzroy church, a stirring talk was given on the importance of circulating the *Southern Sentinel* just now while the subject of a union of church and state is being agitated. The following day, one sister started out to see what she could do with the *Sentinel*, and before night succeeded in selling one hundred copies of the journal.

### AN INTERESTING LETTER.

GOBUR, VICTORIA, APRIL 7, 1897.

To the Australian Tract Society, North Fitzroy, Vic.

DEAR SIRS,—We found much pleasure in reading the books and tracts concerning the Sabbath, which we have received from you. My mother and I are fully convinced that Saturday is the Sabbath of the Lord, the day on which the Lord rested after the creation of heaven and earth.

We belong to the Wesleyan Church. Our minister is a very good man. There are also two or three local men that preach here. They are good and earnest men, so of course we do not like to leave our church. We have spoken to them about the Sabbath, but they say that Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath, and that the seventh part of time is all that the Lord needs of us. But of course we think differently. We have also lent them some of the tracts, but they say we should not read such books that disturb our minds.

But of course we know that the tracts are written from the word of God, and that it is better to trust in God than in man. I would like you to understand we cannot keep two days, for we are not altogether our own masters, so we cannot do as we like, or else we would begin at once.

We get the *Bible Echo*, and we find it a very instructive paper. We have given many copies away to people around here, and they like the paper very much, because it keeps to the Bible.

We would like you to give us your advice, and say what you think we ought to do about the Sabbath, and oblige. And now I must close.

From your fellow-believer in Jesus,

WALTER EDWARDS.

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### HOSPITAL WORK.

For the encouragement of all those who are visiting hospitals, and of those who are thinking of taking up this work, I wish to relate the experience of a young man in the Thirlmere Hospital, near Sydney. Sister Townsend, one of the Sydney sisters, visited this hospital, and met the young man of whom we speak. She gave him reading matter, and laboured with him when she visited the hospital from time to time, until he gave his heart to the Lord, and came fully into the light of present truth. Although he is suffering with consumption, and is marked for the grave, he has been very happy in the Saviour's love, and his experience is a bright one.

I have had the privilege of seeing a number of letters from him, some of them written to the sister who visited him at the hospital and some to myself. By his

earnest request we have been labouring for his parents, who live in North Fitzroy, not far from our office. I will give you some extracts from his letters. Here is one:—

“Dear Sister Townsend,—I received your welcome letter, and have also received the *Echoes*, and Mrs. White's book, ‘Experience and Views.’ I am very glad you sent me the book. It brought home to my mind with great vividness our Lord's soon coming. The papers and tracts which I have received have been the means of showing the truth to four others here. They have not a doubt as to the true Sabbath, but whether they will come out and take their stand on the Lord's side I do not yet know. One is the nurse that you saw in my ward, one is a lady patient, a Roman Catholic, another is a young girl that used to go to the same school that I did in Melbourne, and also one of the men. All these see the Sabbath clearly, and do not dispute it as do others. This last week the Lord has been with me very much. He has drawn me nearer to Himself than ever. I am not so well to-day. —Your affectionate brother in Christ,

“GEORGE R. MILLS.”

He has since written us a letter. I will quote a few words from it. He says: “Could you send me a little more reading matter? A young woman has accepted the truth, and distributes the reading matter among the women here. I am also sending papers to the School of Arts at Picton. I am glad you visit my father and mother. I hope they take the *Bible Echo*, and will soon know of the third angel's message.”

In his last letter he says:—

“The young sister that has accepted the truth in the women's compartment is being led by the Spirit of the Lord to sow the precious seed there. She has a friend interested in the truth. I sent her my papers to make use of while I was ill, and am pleased to know she has been doing so.”

“And let him that heareth, say, Come.”

A. L. I.

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### SANITARIUM HEALTH FOODS.

We have the following on hand at the present time:—

**WHITE BISCUIT.**—These biscuits are made of the very best white flour; shortened but not sweetened. Price, 7½d. per. lb.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

March, 1897.

AGENT AND TERRITORY	DAYS	HOURS	Can	ORD.	M	L	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS	TOTAL VALUE.
<b>PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS—</b>											
Down's Mr. J. B. ... Woodend, Vic. ...	20	95	214	26	2	1	5	18	—	£3 16 0	£18 13 6
Mills, Mr. P. W. ... Armidale, N. S. W. ...	18	143	205	25	7	4	5	9	—	1 8 0	19 0 6
Oliver, Miss L. ... Launceston, Tas. ...	21	172	212	17	—	2	7	8	—	4 4 0	14 1 6
Gill, Miss M. ... Launceston, Tas. ...	21	169	219	16	4	2	5	5	—	4 4 0	15 6 6
Carswell, Mr. W. R. ... Toowoomba, Q. ...	20	146	238	21	3	—	15	3	—	3 8 6	17 6 0
Carswell, Mrs. W. R. ... Toowoomba, Q. ...	16	82	123	26	3	6	12	5	—	2 5 6	19 15 6
<b>BIBLE READINGS—</b>											
Fisher, Mr. W. F. ... Strahan, Tas. ...	4	—	—	4	1	—	1	2	—	—	2 12 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1 15 0
Buhler, Mr. C. ... Melbourne, Vic. ...	—	—	—	19	—	2	9	8	—	—	11 2 6
Johanson, Mrs. F. ... Freemantle, W. A. ...	16	120	—	42	24	6	10	2	—	2 16 0	38 11 0
Adcock Miss E. ... Brisbane, Q. ...	5	19	27	5	1	—	—	1	3	9 0	2 12 6
Walker, Miss G. E. ... Brisbane, Q. ...	7	53	56	19	6	2	4	6	1	18 0	14 2 6
Reekie, Mr. P. ... Warwick, Q. ...	5	25	—	5	1	—	2	2	—	—	3 5 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	8 5 0
<b>H. H. Book—</b>											
Mackenzie, Mr. A. G. ... Gundowling, Vic. ...	1	1	3	2	—	—	—	2	—	1 15 0	4 10 0
Davis, Mr. N. A. ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	7	36	—	17	—	—	—	17	—	4 0	23 11 6
Currow, Mr. A. ... Beechworth, Vic. ...	10	77	—	21	—	7	—	14	—	—	31 10 0
Currow, Mr. A., "Masterpiece" ...	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	4	—	—	5 12 0
Diverall, Mr. J. C. ... Beechworth, Vic. ...	21	217	100	20	—	4	—	16	—	1 19 0	30 19 0
Reekie, Mr. F. W. ... Claremont, W. A. ...	15	128	117	63	1	14	—	48	—	1 0 0	94 5 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	6	3	1	—	2	—	—	5 0 0
Hindson, Mr. J. ... Geraldton, W. A. ...	19	—	—	63	13	10	—	40	—	2 3 0	110 8 0
<b>LADIES' GUIDE—</b>											
Gooding, Mrs. C. ... Moonta, S. A. ...	22	130	131	27	1	11	—	15	—	3 2 0	29 3 0
Gregg, Mrs. M. A. ... Newcastle, N. S. W. ...	21	132	224	74	3	21	—	50	—	2 5 0	72 3 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	2	—	—	6 5 0
Hewitt, Mrs. ... Laidley, Q. ...	11	—	—	44	2	12	—	30	—	3 4 0	44 16 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1 7 6
Mosedale, Mrs. ... Moonta, S. A. ...	23	111	99	30	2	7	—	21	—	2 12 0	31 1 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	3 2 6
Buhler, Mr. C. ... Melbourne, Vic. ...	18	108	—	22	—	3	—	19	—	—	19 15 6
Ackary, Miss A. ... Bowen, Q. ...	20	120	—	40	10	5	—	25	—	2 4 0	41 6 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1 7 6
Johanson, Mrs. F. ... Freemantle, W. A. ...	—	—	—	44	24	6	—	14	—	—	51 11 0
Bell, Mr. R. S. ... Quirindi, N. S. W. ...	15	—	—	19	—	3	—	16	—	—	17 3 0
Hewitt, Mr. J. H. ... Laidley, Q. ...	7	47	35	8	—	—	—	8	—	1 7 0	8 7 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	5	—	2	—	3	—	—	7 12 6
Johanson, Mr. J. ... Donnybrook, W. A. ...	8	50	—	39	4	9	—	26	—	—	37 14 0
<b>MAN THE MASTERPIECE—</b>											
Masters, Mr. F. ... York, W. A. ...	—	—	—	89	10	38	—	41	—	—	89 10 6
<b>GREAT CONTROVERSY—</b>											
Masters, Mr. F. ... York, W. A. ...	—	—	—	122	14	13	47	48	—	—	77 2 6
<b>DANIEL AND REVELATION</b>											
Hindson, Mr. J. ... Geraldton, W. A. ...	—	—	—	24	12	2	10	—	—	—	19 15 0
<b>SUNBEAMS</b>											
Stoate, Mr. R. J. ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	10	66	163	16	—	—	5	11	—	—	8 12 6
<b>SUNSHINE</b>											
Hawkins, Miss M. ... Maitland, N. S. W. ...	19	97	100	5	—	—	3	2	—	2 14 0	4 9 6
Ackary, Miss A. ... Bowen, Q. ...	—	—	—	12	—	—	12	—	—	—	4 10 0
Sumpster, Miss M. ... Mt. Morgan, Q. ...	12	49	86	14	—	—	13	1	—	—	5 4 0
Lacey, Miss N. ... Maitland, N. S. W. ...	11	64	33	4	—	—	4	—	—	5 0	1 15 0
Totals	423	2457	2385	1074	154	198	171	547	4	£48 3 0	£1076 0 0

BIBLE ECHO SALES during March, 1897.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide	146	6,508	Brought forward	15,725
Ashfield	66	374	Bendigo	75
Avondale	50	290	Brisbane	1545
Ballarat	50	326	Croydon	120
Bismarck	56	75	Geelong	720
Brighton	20	120	Goulburn	60
Broken Hill	11	780	Ipswich	60
Hawthorn	50	240	Kalgoorlie	120
Hobart	96	612	Kangarilla	45
Kellyville	16	75	Kadina	120
Latrobe	10	12	Launceston	98
Melbourne	214	819	Townsville	68
Malvern	24	364	Traralgon	90
Parramatta	70	270	Zeehan	108
Perth	29	775	New Zealand	8,396
Prahran	52	825	Miscellaneous	2,656
Prospect	12	60		
Rockhampton	63	450		
Sydney	84	2088		
Toowoomba	28	260		
Williamstown	58	402		
Carried forward		15,725		30,006

## NOTES.

THE Avondale School for Christian Workers opened Wednesday, April 28.

WE are glad to see students preparing for the school. It is high time for parents and young people to think of this matter seriously.

Now is the time to circulate the *Southern Sentinel*. It sells easily now while the subjects upon which it treats are before the people. We still have a good supply on hand awaiting your orders.

THE drought is becoming serious all the way from South Australia to Queensland, and our agents in the hard places need to live carefully, and plan wisely so as to suffer as little as possible from its effects. A firm trust in God will help much in the hard places.

BROTHER AND SISTER DEAN, with their little girl, have gone to the school at Cooranbong. They have our best wishes that the school will be a great blessing to them, and that they will be better prepared at the close of the term for active work for the Master.

AFTER a very successful delivery, Bro. Chapman has gone to Tenterfield, N. S. W., to continue his work for "Bible Readings." He expects soon to join Bro. Phillip Reekie in Queensland.

BROTHER N. A. DAVIS and wife, with their two children, have arrived safely from Queensland, and are now nicely settled at Ballarat. They are both canvassing with good success for Home Hand-Book.

PASTOR G. B. STARR and wife passed through Melbourne a few days ago on their way to Adelaide, where they expect to labour for some time.

WE are sorry to report the ill health of Pastor G. T. Wilson. On account of this it seems best that his field of labour should be changed, and he expects to go to Adelaide as soon as possible. Let us all remember Bro. Wilson in our prayers.

PROFESSOR C. B. HUGHES and wife, who for several years have had charge of the academy at Keene, Texas, U. S. A., have been appointed to the Australian field, and are expected here in one month, when they will connect with the school in Cooranbong. They will be given a most hearty welcome.

## PRAYER EFFECTIVE.

WHILE I was canvassing for "Patriarchs and Prophets" in Queensland, I called on a person who was deeply interested in the book. She was anxious for more light upon the Scriptures, and was willing to walk in the light. She loved Jesus, and wanted to follow Him fully. Recognising that God's word is the instrumental cause of conversion and purity of life, she believed the book would help her in that direction; but she was in very poor circumstances, consequently could not see her way clear to give an order. I urged her to give me an order, and make it a matter of prayer; she agreed to do so; and when I was delivering a few months later, she was able to take her book, the money having been sent to her the day before I called. She was full of joy and thankfulness at the wonderful way in which prayer had been answered.

I could relate other instances but must forbear. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

J. I. TURNBULL.

## "OTHER BOOKS."

THIS term will often be noticed in the summaries, and in the one for this month in particular. Some of the canvassers who have been working in the good old line of "one agent one book" have wondered what the meaning of this indefinite term might be. Some have written to ask if the agents are now allowed to sell as many books as they like, and if so they would like to be granted the same privilege. It may be well to explain that we are still working on the old line, which has been so clearly demonstrated to be the best for the agent. In the back blocks where stations are very far apart, agents have sometimes taken a second book. They are also permitted to take orders for Bibles in any territory, or any of our books that have been sold once in the territory. These items explain all the cases where "other books" are sold. The less the efforts of an agent are divided the better his success will be.

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