

THE GLEANER.

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“THOU SHALT FIND IT.”

“CAST thy bread upon the waters,”

Ye who have but scant supply;
Angel eyes will watch above it,
You shall find it by and by.
He who in His righteous balance
Doth each human action weigh,
Will your sacrifice remember,
Will your loving deeds repay.

“Cast thy bread upon the waters,”

You who have abundant store;
It may float on many a billow,
It may strand on many a shore.
You may think it lost for ever;
But, as sure as God is true,
In this life, or in the other,
It will yet return to you.—*Selected.*

A WEEK OF PRAYER.

SEPTEMBER 4th to 12th has been set apart as a special season for seeking the Lord by all our people in Australasia. We are taught to “pray without ceasing,” for prayer is the vital breath of the soul. The Christian needs a constant communion with God; but frequently there have been times in the history of the church when some great work or crisis has made it most fitting and necessary that the people of God should, in a special manner, lay hold of the source of their strength. Such occasions are more frequent and important as the final conflict thickens about us.

Since the opening of the work in Australia there has not been a more opportune time for a week of prayer than this which has been appointed. The present religious liberty crisis is giving us one of the greatest privileges we have ever had to get the truth before the people, and at the very time of the week of prayer, the Federal Convention, at its second sitting, will be putting the finishing touches to the Draft Constitutional Bill, and the religious amendment will come up for final decision. It will be our privilege to pray that God will put it into the hearts of some of these men to stand for the right.

The school enterprise also needs our prayers, and while we pray we can be truly grateful for the providences that are attending it. The buildings are full to overflowing, and the work is prospering in a most gratifying manner. But before another school year begins, another building must be erected. The management greatly needs both wisdom and means.

A physician and nurses are now on their way from America to open up our health work in Melbourne. This will be a great blessing, but will be an undertaking of such importance as to demand the earnest prayers of all God's people.

The tent and camp-meeting seasons are also just upon us, when the Union Conference, the several local Conferences, and other organisations, will hold their meetings. These will be important occasions for counsel and devotion. We greatly need more labourers. All about us the fields are white for the harvest, and there are but few to thrust in the sickle. “Let us pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into the harvest.” Above all we need to pray that God will give all His people a heart to consecrate themselves and their means to Him.

Suitable readings for the week of prayer will be furnished to all our churches. We greatly desire that all will make this a season of earnest devotion, and we pray that the showers of His grace may be abundant.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRACT DEPARTMENT.

NEARLY two years ago a Conference was organised in New South Wales. Since then the Tract Department of the Conference has managed the tract and periodical business of that colony, but by request the Australian Tract Society has managed the subscription book business. That Conference has now decided to take over this department, and manage all its Tract Society work.

Pastor W. L. H. Baker has rented a convenient house at 82 Douglass St., Stanmore, a part of which he will occupy, and the remainder will be used for offices.

Miss Lizzie Gregg, who has been employed in our Melbourne office for the past year, has gone to Sydney

to act as secretary, and all Tract Society business, including the subscription book work, should be addressed to the New South Wales Tract Society at the above address. All accounts of agents working in the colony will be turned over to New South Wales, and hereafter they will order all books and supplies from that office. All business will be conducted on about the same basis as before, and if all agents will note the transfer, and send all reports, and direct all communications to the Sydney office from now on, there will be no difficulty occasioned by the transfer.

Brother R. S. Bell, who has been in our canvassing work for many years, has gone to New South Wales to canvass, and, for the present at least, will assign territory, and assist the agents generally. All applications for agency or territory should be addressed to him at the Sydney office. If any matters in this arrangement are not clear to agents or others, full particulars can be obtained by writing to the Sydney office.

We are confident that this is a move in the right direction, and trust that the time is not far distant when a society will be organised in every colony of Australasia.

TASMANIA.

DURING the past month it has been my privilege for the first time to visit Tasmania. This trip, for several reasons, was one of the most pleasant I have made in the colonies. It was almost like a visit to my native land, to be greeted by snow-capped mountains and rugged hills at every turn. It was very pleasant to meet the hospitable people, among whom were our own brethren in particular.

The most of my time was spent in Hobart, engaged in religious liberty work. Nine meetings were held with the church, and the good Spirit of the Lord was present to assist in the studies. About 1,000 signatures were obtained, and presented to the Assembly and Council.

The proposed religious amendment was debated in the House by Members nearly every day, and some of the leading men took good, clear positions on the question, among whom were two Ministers of the Gospel. No Member refused to present our petitions. When I called upon the acting Premier, and asked him to present a petition for us, he said, "Most certainly I will, and I am heartily glad that there are people in this colony who have sense enough to get up a petition like yours." He is a Christian man, yet he sees the danger and inconsistency of such a clause.

After two weeks spent mostly in Hobart, I returned to Melbourne cheered and encouraged by the active work in the field afforded by this trip, and trusting that the time may not be far distant when I can return and become better acquainted with other parts of that very pleasant island.

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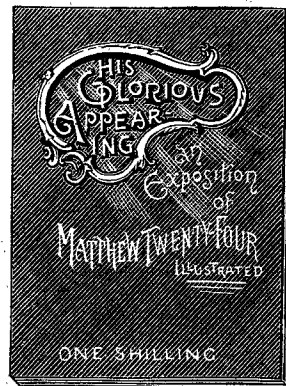
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Gill, Miss. M. ... Hobart, Tas. ...	8	49	84	6	1	—	2	3	—	5 0	4 0 0
BIBLE READINGS—											
Reekie, Mr. P. ... Ipswich, Q. ...	20	113	180	38	2	1	12	23	—	2 4 0	23 19 0
Chapman, Mr. T. A. ... Ipswich, Q. ...	14	84	138	34	1	7	3	23	—	2 7 6	22 0 0
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Innes, Mr. John ... Wynyard, Tas. ...	8	50	40	11	2	2	7	—	—	10 0	8 7 6
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Davis, Mrs. N. A. ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	4	—	—	9 0 0
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Currow, Mr. A. ... Clermont, Q. ...	3	21	14	5	1	—	—	4	—	—	8 5 0
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Diverall, Mr. J. C. ... Bacchus Marsh, Vic. ...	5	38	28	5	—	1	—	—	—	4 0	7 9 0
Currow, Mr. L. ... Clermont, Q. ...	9	56	29	12	3	5	—	4	—	8 0	22 18 0
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Gooding, Mrs. C. ... Adelaide, S.A. ...	14	89	81	20	—	4	—	16	—	6 0	18 10 0
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Brighton	20	72	Geelong	168
Broken Hill	15	624	Ipswich	60
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Hobart	95	552	Kangarilla	48
Kellyville	16	96	Kadina	30
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Malvern	23	48	Townsville	164
Parramatta	70	1,332	Traralgon	72
Perth	29	620	Zeehan	144
Prahran	47	644	New Zealand	6,686
Prospect	12	48	Miscellaneous	3,701
Rockhampton	63	338		
Sydney	84	1,654		
Toowoomba	28	208		
Williamstown	63	264		
Carried forward		9,302	Total	23,287

MELROSE, TASMANIA.

THE proclamation of the "third angel's message" is going forward in this district. The work started by Bro. Brandstater holding meetings in our house, at which a good number gathered, there being between twenty and thirty present on each occasion, and all manifested a keen interest in the truths presented.

Unfortunately Bro. Brandstater's work has removed him from the vicinity, but the work is being carried forward by meetings held each Friday evening. The attendance is steady, and the interest very good.

We are very thankful to be able to report good success in the *Echo* work. The Lord has abundantly blessed me in obtaining subscribers. On one evening I secured twelve, who have either paid in advance or promised to pay quarterly. At present our list stands at thirty-six, which number I hope to increase during the week. The only time I have for canvassing is from three in the afternoon until dark. The paper is generally well received. The only difficulty is lack of time to engage in the canvassing.

Our district is a very rough one, being all hills and valleys. Sister Mitchell and family are the only Sabbath-keepers here besides ourselves, and she lives two miles away. In spite of this we are always able to count on her help at the meetings. We believe that there are honest hearts here that will accept the truth, and we hope to be able to report an addition to our number at an early date.

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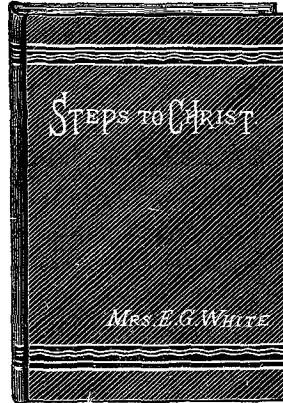
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MISSSES Oliver and Gill have returned to Melbourne from Hobart, Tasmania. They expect to engage in the *Bible Echo* work again.

BROTHER W. R. Carswell, who has been working at Toowoomba for some months, has returned to Coorانبong, and has applied for territory in New South Wales.

BROTHER and Sister Hewitt have completed a very successful delivery on the line from Ipswich to Toowoomba, and are planning to spend the summer at the latter place canvassing for the "Guide."

BROTHER DANIELLS was called to Sydney and Coorانبong on the 9th inst. to look after business matters connected with the Union Conference and the Avondale School. He expects to return to Melbourne August 20.

BRETHREN A. and L. Currow have pushed far out west from Rockhampton, and are now thinking of going into the distant back blocks. We are glad to learn that God is blessing them, and we trust they may be successful in carrying the truth to some of those distant parts.

It is with much thankfulness that we learn of the returning health of our agents who have been so very sick with typhoid fever in Perth. This has been a trying time for them, and we are glad that the worst is over. Let us pray for their full recovery and early return to the work.

PASTOR J. E. FULTON, of the Fijian mission, writes that on account of failing health Pastor Cole has found it necessary to close up his work in Fiji preparatory to leaving for America. He was planning to take the Vancouver boat that left Sydney in July.

THE *Moana* arrived in Sydney from San Francisco on Sunday, the 15th inst. She brought Brother and Sister Brandstater, who have come to assist in the medical work, and Brother Bond and wife. Brother Bond has come to connect with the work in the *Echo* Office.

SIGNATURES to the petitions are still being sent in to the Victorian Parliament. The number of names has now reached 12,220. It is thought that the dis-

cussion on the Constitution will be concluded this week. We therefore ask all who may have signatures on hand to send them in at once, that we may present them before it is too late.

THE Sunday evening meetings in the North Fitzroy church continue with a growing interest. For several weeks the Sabbath question has been presented. Many strangers are attending, and appear much interested. Some of these have been coming regularly for many weeks. There is also a good attendance and interest at our Wednesday evening missionary meetings. Strangers are always present, who seem glad to learn of our work. Some of these have taken hold of the petition work, and assisted in securing quite a number of signatures.

FREQUENTLY it is our privilege to receive word from the Avondale School. Whether these reports come from members of the faculty, or from the students, they all tell the one story of spiritual growth and general prosperity. From a private letter just received from one of the teachers we quote the following:—

"We have a family of forty-two at present boarding in the home, and have very little space left. Everybody seems happy, and we feel very thankful that the spiritual interest of the students seems to increase. The young ladies have been having an early morning prayer-meeting among themselves in their own rooms for some time, and it has been a great blessing to them all. The boys also have some meetings among themselves. Every Friday evening we have some good meetings in the girls' study, with all the home students present, and often nearly all in the room bear their testimony. Last Friday evening the meeting was especially good. Sister White has come over several times of late and talked to the students, which they seem to appreciate very much."

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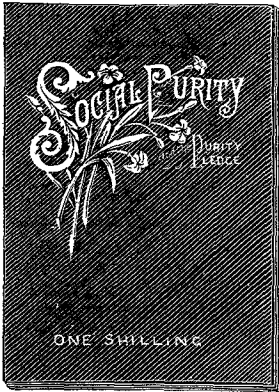
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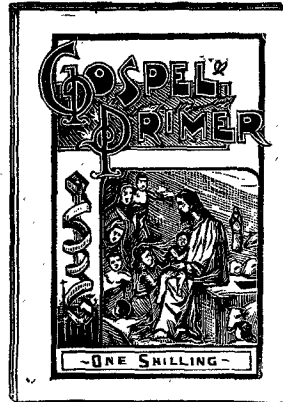
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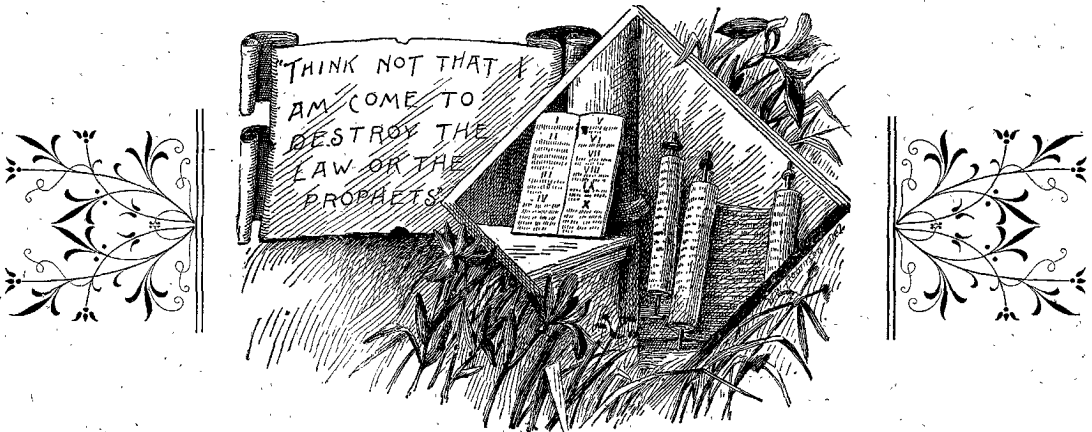
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