

Union Conference Record.

"Be strong all ye people, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you."

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Submission.

Laid on Thine altar, O my Lord Divine!
Accept this gift to-day, for Jesus' sake.
I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make:
But here I bring within my trembling hand
This will of mine.—a thing that seemeth small;
And Thou alone, O Lord! canst understand
How, when I yield Thee this, I yield mine
all.—SEB.

The Holy Spirit.

"Receive ye the Holy Ghost." John 20 : 22.

"The Holy Spirit seeks to abide in each soul. If it is welcomed as an honoured guest, those who receive it will be made complete in Christ. The good work begun will be finished."—*Special Testimonies*, No. 7, page 38*

"It is only when brought under the full control of the Spirit of God that the talents of an individual are rendered useful to the fullest extent."—*Ib*, No. 3, page 23.

"There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."—*Desire of Ages*, page 250.

All Gifts in One:—What gift could He bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. He determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. *This gift could not be excelled. He would give all gifts in one, and therefore the divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying, would be His donation.*—*Mrs. E. G. White in the Signs of the Times*, December 1, 1898.

The Vicar,—The Holy Ghost.

THE Holy Spirit, since he has taken the place of our ascended Lord, has rightly been called, the Vicar of Christ. God committed the entire administration of the affairs of the church to him till Christ shall return in glory. He is to superintend everything pertaining to the Lord's house. He must direct all things in the church, all its movements in any and every direction.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord. . . . But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to *every man* to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the self-same spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." 1 Cor. 12 : 4-11. Here is one centre in the work of God from which emanates all over-seeing and directing power—the Holy Ghost. All are amenable to him, and directed by him.

If he is recognised and given the place assigned him by God, all parts of the organization will work harmoniously; but if he be ignored and argued with, there will be confusion and every evil work.

Here is seen the root of the great apostasy that spread over nearly the whole earth, and darkens the hearts and hopes of untold millions. The rule and authority of the Holy Ghost is set aside. God's Vicar is practically voted out of his chair, and a poor, fallible man has assumed the place and

functions of the one sent from heaven, and even dares to usurp the name of the "Vicar of Christ."

Paul, in describing that blasphemous work, uses the following language: "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thess. 2 : 4. The temple of God is evidently the church of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3 : 16. "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2 : 22.

When Christ ascended on high He sat down on the right hand of the throne of God; but He sent down His Vicar who took his seat in the church, the temple of God, there to rule and direct till the end. There is only one "Holy See" on earth; that is the seat of the Holy Ghost in the church, and the Holy Spirit alone can occupy it without the greatest blasphemy.

We may think there is no danger that we shall assume such a place; we have no pope or other high church officials. But let us remember that a majority, or a minority, may assume just that place if they decide questions simply by a show of hands without a knowledge of the mind of the Spirit. That would be the papacy, and that majority, minority, or committee which makes decisions without the enlightenment of the Holy Ghost, would simply crowd the Holy Spirit out of his office and take his place.

Of course when any body of men have waited upon God till he has revealed His will to them, then the Spirit speaks to the church through that committee. When a decision is thus reached, the conclusion can very appropriately read, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." Acts 15 : 28.

So important is the voice of the Spirit that the admonition to hear and heed its teachings is repeated seven times over in the second and third chapters of the Revelation. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches," is the seven-fold message to us. As often as the church has been seduced by false teachers, and led away from her guide, the call is to her to hear what the Spirit saith. Listen to the voice of the true teacher. Heed the voice of the one who has promised to guide you into all truth. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way; walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 20 : 31.

E. W. FARNSWORTH.

The Law of Sacrifice.

THE very foundation principle of the gospel is self-sacrifice. Without this principle the plan of human redemption could never have been brought to our world.

Man, through sin, became "alienated from the life of God." He had utterly abandoned himself to Satan. If he had been left in the state to which sin brought him, he would have been bankrupt to all eternity, and the human heart would forever have been incapable of one good thought or impression.

Viewing man in this lost and hopeless condition, the great heart of infinite compassion was moved towards him, and that blessed prophecy and promise was given, which took root in Genesis (Chapter 3 : 15), branched out through history, prophecy, gospel, epistle, and blossomed in the revelation of Jesus Christ, revealing to man how he can be restored to the favour of God.

But this seed of "enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed," which was dropped in the soil of the human heart, and which was destined to restore the lost image of God to the soul, involved an infinite sacrifice. "God so loved the world that He gave." Love that had not power enough in it to give something could not have saved the race. "We love him because he first loved us." But love that has not power enough in it to prompt the human heart to give something, has not the power to appreciate and lay hold of the gift so freely offered in the gospel.

The Price Paid for Us.

How much did God give for us? He "gave His only begotten Son."

In giving His Son, He emptied heaven of all that He had to give. He gave all—it took all to buy the field. The heart that is not moved by a love strong enough to prompt giving all, in return for a gift that cost all, would not be capable of appreciating or accepting such a gift. Therefore we must give all, it will take all to buy the field.

This is the underlying principle of the gospel. Not that we thus earn the favour of God. That is the way the papal church has it fixed up; that is Satan's counterfeit of the true idea of sacrifice. The true idea is that man can never appreciate the gift of eternal life, that has cost all that heaven had to give, until the heart has experienced what it is to give all in return. "So likewise whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14 : 33.

I am satisfied that right in this point lies the most blessed experience that can come to the human heart. Satan knows this and it is his aim to keep us from this experience, by presenting the spirit of sacrifice in the light of something hard that is required of us. He said to Christ, "pity Thyself" (Matt. 16 : 22, margin), and he comes around to us whispering the same thing, suggesting that we have sacrificed a good deal and that we must be careful not to go too far in that line.

The Secret of Adversity.

The Lord says, "The gold and silver is mine." We are His servants, doing His work. Why does He allow His gold and silver to be locked up in the world, where it is used in the cause of rebellion against His government, while His people and His cause, dearer to Him than the apple of His eye, are languishing for the very means necessary to carry forward His work? To my mind there is but one answer to this question. If He should turn the streams of silver and gold to flow into His cause, while His own people, more than half of them, are robbing Him in tithes and offerings, and few, if any of them, have learned what real sacrifice is, it would simply mean setting that people aside.

The Lord has promised in His word that in connection with the closing message, His people should "eat the riches of the Gentiles," and that "the wealth of the Gentiles shall flow unto thee." In a recent testimony we are told that merchant princes of wealth will come in, bringing their treasures to be used in carrying forward the work. The channel is closed up, by our selfishness and covetousness, and the

Lord must either wait or set aside His own chosen people. The testimony of the Spirit of Prophecy is that "the heavenly intelligences are waiting impatiently to co-operate with human agencies."

Let me whisper to my brethren in the ministry. We are to preach this gospel of individual self-sacrifice. But have we really touched the bed rock of this principle ourselves? Our message will have effect upon others just to the extent that this is experienced by us. We must get out of the way of our people, so that we can say to them, "Come, let us take up the stumbling blocks out of the way of the Lord's working, as He is waiting to work upon the people outside of us."

Results of Robbing God.

This sin of robbery toward God, not only hinders means from flowing into the cause, but it hinders the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. The prophet of God, pointing to this time, says, "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. Therefore the showers have been withholden and there hath been no latter rain." Jer. 5 : 25 ; 3 : 3.

He who owns all the gold and silver in the world, and who is waiting impatiently to turn the riches of the Gentiles to flow into His cause, pleads with His own people, for whom He has given the best gift in the universe, to prove Him on this very question. He says, "Ye have robbed me . . . in tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

I appeal to my brethren and sisters in the Central Australian Conference. Do you think if the Lord were put to this test which He asks us to put Him to, that we would have to allow our ministers to drop their God-giving work and engage in the canvassing work for three months, because of lack of funds? I appeal to our people throughout Australasia, in behalf of the lack of funds of the Union Conference, with which to carry forward the many important enterprises connected with its great field. Let us study the principles of true sacrifice and make that entire surrender to God that He can confer upon His own heritage, the honour which He wants to place upon them.

A. T. ROBINSON.



The Church

"Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."

If Thou Art Blest.

"If thou art blest,
Then let the sunshine of thy gladness rest
On the dark edge of each cloud that lies
Black in thy brother's skies.
If thou art sad,
Still be thou in thy brother's gladness glad."

Preparation for the Quarterly Meeting.

FOR some weeks before and after the quarterly meeting there is an unusual amount of care and responsibility resting upon the various officers of the church; hence much time and prayerful study are required and frequent seasons of consultation will be found necessary.

The Church Roll.

As we near the close of the quarter, it is especially appropriate that the officers of the church should make careful study of the prosperity of each member. A very effective way to do this, is to take the church records and examine the list of members, asking these two questions regarding each member: 1. Is there any duty that the church owes to this member, that is not being performed? Does this person need any word of encouragement or advice that we can give? Or is he in need of any kindness or help that we can bestow? 2. Is there some work in the Master's vineyard for this person to do, which is not being done from lack of faith, or courage, or knowledge? And is there any way that we can strengthen his hands, so that he will take hold of the work, and receive the blessings that come with service?

Absent Members

THE clerk should write to all absent members, and to all who are not attending the meetings, stating the time of the quarterly meeting, reminding them of the pleasure which will be given the church by their attendance, and calling attention to the importance of these occasions, and also asking that those who cannot be present shall send a letter to the church, expressing their hopes and experience,

The Ordinances.

THE deacons should see beforehand that all things are in readiness for the Lord's Supper, and the Ordinance of Humility. During the grape season, provision for a supply of unfermented wine sufficient for the year should be made. A recipe for its manufacture was given in the September RECORD. The making of bread that is suitable for use in communion is also a matter worthy of attention. When we consider that this bread is an emblem of the body of Christ, who is the source of *life*, and that leaven is a process of decay and a symbol of death, we can then see at a glance that it is not appropriate to represent the body of the Lifegiver, by that which has in it any fermented or leaven. Let us use unleavened bread henceforth, in the communion. For this a simple recipe was given in the September RECORD.

Plans for the Meeting.

PLANS for the meeting in all its parts should be carefully laid, so that the precious time, when there is an attendance of nearly all the members of the church, may be used to the very best advantage. It is well for the officers to prepare a simple programme, and have a distinct understanding regarding the time and order of the meetings, and the part that each one is to act in both the devotional and the business meetings. It is always desirable that a minister should be with the church at the time of the quarterly meeting; and as there are more churches than ministers in the Conference, it is sometimes best that some of the churches should hold their meeting a week earlier, or one or two weeks later than the appointed time, that a minister may be with them. Let the clerk correspond beforehand with the officers of the Conference, or with the minister in charge of the district, so that there may be a clear and definite understanding about this matter.

Reception of New Members.

THE reception of members into our churches is not confined to the quarterly meetings, and yet it seems appropriate that special attention should be given before and at these meetings to two questions; namely, 1. Are there any Sabbath-keepers living within the influence of our church who should be encouraged to transfer their membership to this church? 2. Are there any persons wishing baptism and acceptance into the church? If there be any

such let the elders of the church visit them, learn of their experience, and of their knowledge of the word of God, and its special messages for this time, and impart such instruction as will prepare them to enter the church with knowledge and full assurance of faith.

Business Meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS should be made for the holding of a business meeting while the largest number of members are together. This meeting is usually held the evening after the Sabbath, or on Sunday. At that meeting full information should be given to the congregation regarding the workings of the church for the quarter just closed, and in case of the January meeting, of its workings for the year. As far as possible these reports should be presented in writing, and should include:—

1. A report from the clerk, showing the numbers received and dismissed during the year, the present membership of the church, and a brief statement of those decisions arrived at by the officers in their meetings, that would be of interest and benefit for the church to know.
2. A summary report from the librarian of the Tract Society, showing what has been done by the church in the Tract and Missionary work, and a financial statement, showing the receipts and expenditures during the time covered by the report. This may be accompanied by an outline of the work in hand, or in which the church should engage, with an estimate of the expense of carrying it forward.
3. A report from the treasurer, showing the amount of tithes received during the quarter, and forwarded to the Conference treasurer.
4. Reports from the treasurer or deacons, according as the responsibility of the matter may rest, of the receipts, expenditures, and present standing of each of the various funds and accounts of the church.

Finances.

LET the officers of the church prepare to follow these reports with plans and propositions regarding the raising of necessary funds, and the financial policy of the church for the year to come. Then, if the brethren are given an opportunity to consider these plans, they will be prepared to adopt, and to support them heartily and intelligently during the year.

Let no one prepare for, nor enter into, the consideration of these questions in the spirit of contention or debate. Let not one condemn the proposals of another, but let each one who has a thought or a plan, state freely and kindly what he thinks ought to be done. "Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all."

W. C. WHITE.



"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. A. L. HINDSON

The Church Librarian.

THE librarian of the Tract and Missionary department of the church holds a very important office. The individual occupying this position has a wide sphere of usefulness before him, and can be a great blessing to the church with which he is connected. More of the life and prosperity of the churches depend upon the extent to which the librarians magnify their office, and perform the duties devolving upon them, than many realize.

We will occupy some space in this and future numbers of the RECORD in the consideration of the responsibilities resting upon the librarians, and how they can best be discharged; and as we do this let us ask the Lord to open up to us the importance of this work as never before, and to let His special blessing rest upon the two score or more librarians in the Australasian field, fitting them for greater usefulness than in the past.

The work of the librarian may be divided into two general parts, and these sub-divided as follows:

1. Relation to the Colonial Society.
 - (a) Communications to the Colonial Secretary.
 - (b) Communications from the Colonial Secretary.
2. Relation to the members.
 - (a) Encourage individual effort.
 - (b) Promote the interest in missionary meetings.
 - (c) Keep the Tract and Missionary accounts.
 - (d) Look after the finances.

Relation to the Colonial Society.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY.—The librarian acts as the medium of communication between the church and the Tract Department of the Conference. Often almost all that the Colonial Secretary knows about the missionary operations of the church is what she learns from the librarian. This is especially true of the more distant churches. It is, therefore, important that the librarians keep in close touch with the Colonial Secretary, acquainting her with every detail of their work. The librarians that communicate

most freely with those at headquarters about the work in their churches, stand in the best position to receive help in the way of instruction and encouragement from the office; as the information furnished her in reference to the condition of the work enables her to give the information that will tend to build up and strengthen the work. We would recommend that each librarian make it a point to write to the Secretary as often as once a month under ordinary circumstances, and oftener when occasion demands.

In addition to this correspondence on missionary lines, it devolves upon the librarian to conduct a business correspondence with the Colonial Secretary, which should include all orders for supplies, remittance of money on account, etc. Of this feature of the correspondence we shall have occasion to speak later. But we would impress upon the librarians the importance of writing freely to the Secretary in reference to the needs and prosperity of their work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY.—The librarian is also a medium through whom the Tract Department of the Conference communicates with the church, and is also frequently the channel through which the Conference itself, the Publishing House, and other organizations, communicate important matters to the members. Plans are constantly being developed by our general workers for the benefit of our churches and the advancement of the truth. As these are sent out from time to time it is very important that they lose none of their force in passing through the librarian's hands, but rather that they receive a new impetus in the hearty co-operation of the librarian.

One week there may be a special issue of the *Bible Echo* to circulate, next week it may be to talk up some new tract or pamphlet that should be widely distributed at this time, then there may come along a request to see that every family of our people is supplied with the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD; a few weeks later an urgent appeal for funds for some special enterprise is made, and again a general request for canvassers to engage in the sale of our papers and smaller publications. As these various plans and suggestions are presented let the librarian give them all due consideration. Do not become discouraged because there are so many different lines to push, but rather take courage in the thought that our work is so wonderfully arranged and adapted to

the capabilities of every one that all can act a part in it.

In the report of the Secretary of the New Zealand Society, given on the opposite page, we have an excellent illustration of what we have referred to as plans made by the general workers, and sent to the churches through the librarians. Please read this report carefully, and note what result followed each separate appeal. We can see that others, besides the Secretary in the office, must have co-operated in the work, and that the success following each special effort was largely due to the faithfulness of the librarians in presenting these matters to the churches. Had they failed to do their part the work would have suffered serious loss.

Let the librarian not only study the plans submitted, but study the members as well, with a view of giving to each one that line of work for which he or she is best adapted.

Next month we shall have something more to say on the subject of the librarian's duty to encourage individual effort on the part of every member, giving some suggestions in reference to the way in which it may be accomplished.

Have you seen it?

WE wish to call your attention to the *Bible Echo* Supplement of Sept. 18. We hope everyone received a copy and read it through carefully. If you have not seen it, send your name and address to the Echo Publishing Co., Ltd., and you will receive a copy post free.

You no doubt felt impressed, while reading the Supplement, with the magnitude of the work before us. God does not point out our duty in regard to His cause, and then leave us to carry on His work alone. He says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

The Echo Company has before it a great and noble work, and it desires to enlist the sympathies of all of God's people in this work. No doubt you felt an earnest desire when reading the appeals made, to help in some way. There are many ways in which you can help us.

When we have obtained all the facilities necessary to do efficient book work, we want faithful persons to carry the seeds of truth to the homes of the people. This is a line of work in which all can engage to a greater or less extent. We have publications for those to work with who think they have but the one talent, as well as for those who

may have five or ten. We do not ask our people to trade on their talents in this way simply to sustain an institution in our midst; but to carry the light of truth to the millions who sit in darkness.

It is the truth of God's word that we are printing. We are preparing to circulate this truth to a greater extent than ever before, and we ask your co-operation. How many copies of the *Bible Echo* are you planning to take and sell or give away next year? We want to more than double the present circulation. We can do it if you will help us.

Our Books.

Please read carefully the article in the Supplement on the canvassing work and consider if it is not a call to you to enter the Lord's vineyard as a worker. We have books prepared for those who have had no experience in canvassing work. "The Gospel Primer," "A Friend in the Kitchen," "His Glorious Appearing," "Steps to Christ," etc., are among these. The "Coming King" is a book which is having a large sale, and is just the book for the times. "Christ Our Saviour," has been revised, enlarged, and nearly forty new illustrations have been prepared especially for it by one of Australia's leading artists. Five thousand copies should be sold by our people before Christmas. It will make a beautiful holiday present. Can you not decide to give all or a part of your time to the work of selling this, or some of our other books? The following letter written to the *Review and Herald* shows what can be done in this line:—

I am engaged in driving a city steam laundry waggon on commission; but on Wednesdays there is not much to do, nearly all the laundry being gathered up, and but little of it ready to deliver, so I have worked for some of our publications. In this way during the last three months I have succeeded in delivering sixteen copies of "The Desire of Ages," fifty-seven "Heralds of the Morning," and fifty five "Making Home Happy," besides some of our smaller publications.

My experience with "The Desire of Ages" has been that the book is so attractively compiled it almost sells itself, and some of the people who have received the book speak very favourably of it. The Lord has also blessed my efforts in the sale of the book, "His Glorious Appearing," of which I have delivered one thousand copies. The people who have purchased this book are highly pleased with it, many of them telling me that it is in perfect harmony with the Bible, and that the author must certainly have been familiar with the subject discussed in this excellent little work in order to set forth the truths contained therein in such a clear and impressive manner.

It is my desire to be a humble instrument in the Lord's hand to assist in spreading this grand message that he has entrusted to us as a people, and I dedicate my life anew each day to the Master's cause.

OSCAR EINASSEN.

We hope to begin the printing of "The Desire of Ages," early in

October. The plates and paper which were ordered some months ago are expected at that time. We want one hundred canvassers to sell this book as soon as the prospectuses are ready.

Read what one of our agents, who has been canvassing in the city of Brooklyn, New York, says about this book:—

"The Desire of Ages," is really the best book we have yet had for foundation work in canvassing. Everybody seems to like it. This spring I have taken £6 or £8 worth of orders several days in succession, and one day secured £12 worth of orders including £2 worth of health literature. But these, of course, are rare experiences in large cities like this. It is certainly a grand and valuable book in our work. I have been devoting most of my time to selling the book myself, so as to learn all the difficult points and the best way out of them. Many of the difficulties I saw when I first began to sell it have entirely disappeared. In fact, there is no longer anything worthy of notice to fear as to the success of this book. The question as to who the author is, and there being so many lives of Christ on the market, which used to seem so great and such insurmountable barriers to the sale of the book have disappeared."

GEO. A. KING.

The command to us is, "Go work to-day in My vineyard."

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New Zealand Tract Department.

Secretary's Report.

FOR SEVEN MONTHS ENDING

JUNE 30, 1899.

At the close of the Wanganui Camp Meeting in November of last year, I commenced work as Secretary of the New Zealand Tract Society.

I found the office work well posted and in good condition, and opened my work by sending out a circular letter and leaflets, introducing a shipment of Caramel-Cereal to our people.

These circular letters have formed quite an item of labour, and have in every case met with a kindly response.

This effort was followed by sending letters to every church and isolated Sabbath-keeper in behalf of the special New Year's number of the *Bible Echo*, which resulted in an order for some 2,600 copies.

A letter from Elder W. C. White, urging us to press the distribution of "Appeal to Missions" by Mrs. E. G. White, led us to write to all our people again.

Owing to pressure from Australia, I made a special call for the pledges promised for Avondale School, and Christchurch Health Home, and re-

ceived cordial replies. The result was most satisfactory, nearly all answering to the appeal either fully or partially.

The Week of Prayer readings were posted to each church and isolated member in the colony, accompanied by a letter, with the result that £29 11s. 3d. was received in donations, which will be forwarded to the Union Conference.

Letters, accompanied by advance sheets, soliciting orders for both "Desire of Ages" and "Coming King," were sent out to all the librarians of our missionary societies, and thus a knowledge of these works was brought before our people with such good results that we have received seventy-four orders for "Desire of Ages," and a much larger number for "Coming King."

Every month since last December, circular letters have been sent out to all our canvassers and *Bible Echo* workers, in which was given reports of the progress of the work, and an endeavour to cheer and encourage them in their various fields of labour.

By monthly correspondence I have been able to suggest to our Tract Societies plans of work, which will make their meetings interesting.

Missionary letters have been written to isolated Sabbath-keepers and interested persons, whose names have been supplied by our canvassers and friends. Replies have been received from quite a number, and in some cases correspondence has been kept up.

A large quantity of back numbers of our periodicals have been mailed to families, whose replies give evidence of gratitude for the gift, and the benefit derived from their perusal.

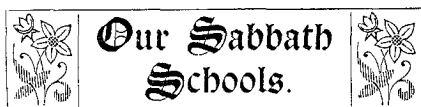
Canvassers have sent in the names of individuals to whom we could send tracts, and in most cases stating the topic the person wished to study.

We have thus been brought into touch with some interesting cases. This class of correspondence could be enlarged to a wide extent, and we believe "the fields are white already to harvest."

The outlook for the future of this Society is bright with promise, for in every good work we have the hearty, united, and willing co-operation of our people and friends throughout the Conference.

To their prayers and earnest endeavour the success of our Society is due, and God's lasting blessing made sure.

EMMA STEED, *Secretary*.



"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

"Feed My Lambs."

O HAPPY teacher, to whose trust
This glorious work is given,
A work unshared by those who dwell
Amid the joys of Heaven!
"Feed, feed my lambs," in all its sweet
Persuasiveness to-day,
This message from the Saviour's lips,
O Christian reaches thee.

Ask not, 'And what shall others do?'"
But help without delay,
To train the children of your class
In peace and purity.
And though, perchance, thou may'st
Not call earth's fading laurel thine,
Yet bright as stars that gem night's brow
Thou shalt for ever shine.

—Selected.

Special Notice.

ONE resolution passed at the Union Conference read, as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe that it would be a valuable means of education in benevolent and philanthropic work if the work and needs of our various home missionary enterprises were brought directly to the attention of all our Sabbath schools, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that during each quarter general information be laid before the schools regarding one of these benevolent enterprises, and that a special collection be taken up in its behalf; and further,

Resolved, That among the first enterprises presented, attention be given to the Melbourne Helping Hand Mission, the Avondale Health Retreat, the charity work of the Christchurch Health Home, and the charity work of the Sydney Sanitarium.

At the Central Australian Conference held in North Fitzroy, August 13-20, this resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That, in harmony with the action of the Union Conference, we recommend the appropriation of our Sabbath school offerings for the first Sabbath in October to the work of the Melbourne Helping Hand Mission.

It is desirable that there should be harmony of action in our giving to the different enterprises, and it will add to the interest felt in them to know that our schools in Australia and New Zealand at the same time are remembering in their offerings the Melbourne Helping Hand Mission, the Avondale Health Retreat, and the charity work in our health institutions in Christchurch and Sydney. No doubt the secretaries of the associations have written to all the schools con-

cerning this offering before they will see this notice, so we will only say that the first Sabbath in October all our Sabbath schools in Australasia will give their contributions to the Helping Hand Mission in Melbourne.

No worthier object can be found for our benevolence, and we trust the abundance of the offering will testify to the deep interest all hearts must feel in this Mission. We wish all our Sabbath schools might visit it, as we had the privilege of doing not long since, partake of its wholesome fare, visit its work rooms, and look over the large dormitory where long rows of neat beds furnish a resting place for many a weary, discouraged man.

Please do not think of this as a "penny collection." Shillings and pounds may find their way into this contribution, and no one will complain of their presence or make them unwelcome. To all our schools we say, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Central Australian Sabbath Schools.

OUR Conference and Sabbath School Convention are now over. We had three nights devoted to Sabbath school work, and we had a really profitable time. The attendance each night was all that could be desired, and the interest was so great that people did not want to leave the building at closing time, but wished to discuss what they had heard until late.

The meetings were the most interesting that I have ever attended. Seven papers were read on the following subjects: "Conventions," "Christ the Model Teacher," "Sabbath School Officers," "Donations," "Attendance," "Teacher's Meetings," and "Kindergarten Teaching." Besides the papers mentioned, we had questions on important matters discussed and voted upon.

It was decided that all donations in our Sabbath schools should go to missions, the expenses of the schools to be met by special collections. I hope this will be fully carried out in our schools. It was also decided that the *Sabbath School Worker* should be supplied to each teacher from the school funds.

These decisions were the most important ones passed, there being several questions still unanswered and left for the next convention. I am hoping that this year our schools will be able to make greater advancement than they have done. Nothing was

said about changing the Secretary, so I am still filling that office.

MRS. N. D. FAULKHEAD.

New Zealand Sabbath Schools.

ONE very interesting feature of the recent Conference held in Wellington, N.Z., was the reading of the report of the Sabbath school Secretary. This showed careful preparation, especially the comparative reports and the financial statement, which were neatly printed on blackboards.

The report and statement covered nine months, ending June 30, 1899. One blackboard gave the name of each school, the average attendance, the whole amount contributed, and the amount given to missions. The Secretary remarked that when the schools had a definite object to which they were giving, the amount was much larger than when they were simply told that they were giving to "the most needy field."

On another blackboard a comparative statement was given of the donations to foreign missions and Christian help work for five years, ending June 30, 1899. This showed that during this time £362 3s. has been given to foreign missions, and £40 5s. 7d. to other objects, making a total of £402 8s. 7d. Of this amount, £129 5s. 9d. was given the past year.

The financial report was not the only interesting feature of the meeting. It was shown that the Secretary had written many letters to the schools, urging that the first and most important part of their work was to secure the conversion of their members, and seeking to establish prayer meetings where the children might feel especially free to act a part.

Mrs. E. Steed was again chosen as Secretary of this department of work in the Conference.

WHEN teaching in Sabbath school, teach *something*. Be definite. Don't talk simply to fill up the time. Find the central truth of the lesson, some thought around which every statement clusters, and let all your teaching tend to make that truth clear and prominent. One writer has forcibly said: "The old adage, 'Hit the nail on the head,' is very good advice to all who have any truth to present, or any point to make. And to this may be added, Be sure to hit the right nail; and after it is driven home, then stop. Don't try to drive it clear through."

Women's Work

"She hath done what she could."

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

Till He Comes.

ARE you working for the Master
Day by day?
Are you gathering in some lost ones,
Following in the Saviour's track,
Till the Keeper of the vineyard
Cometh back?

Our Plan.

As promised last month we will give, as fully as space will admit, a plan of work for our women suggested by Mrs. S. M. I. Henry. While presenting this we hope none will feel that unless they have an organization and hold regular meetings they can do nothing. Even though entirely alone, with not a soul to join with you, you can act your part and come in touch in heart and sympathy with those who are interested in you and all you do. If two, three, or more can meet together for prayer, counsel, and encouragement, do so; but *personal work* for those in physical or spiritual need is to be preferred above meetings or organizations. These are good; but the labour to bring one soul to Christ as his Saviour, the effort to let our light so shine that others seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in heaven,—*this* is the object ever to be kept in view. If you find in your heart a longing to do something for the one who has done so much for you, do not delay, but begin *now*, this very day, with the work nearest you.

An Aid to Personal Work.

As an aid to personal work, I have prepared some simple helps in two study cards, one for the Christian worker, and the other for the hungry soul whom you would be glad to lead to Christ. Let me ask you to study both these cards on your knees before God; and when you have come to the point where you can subscribe to both, you will be ready to take the one to the needy soul for whom you are willing to pray and labour. In

this labour you are to lead her in the study of the principles which constitute the character of Christ, and bring her to the point of yielding to the Holy Spirit. You should be able so to help her to understand the work, and receive the teaching, of the Holy Spirit that she may have an "intelligent knowledge of what is truth." This done, take her over the ground of the worker's surrender, with which you started, giving her the two studies, together with the instruction that she is to find a soul whom she will lead as you have led her; and so on, each convert made into a worker at once, and each worker finding as many souls to help as possible, never resting until the Lord comes. And who can forecast the harvest of a sowing so diligent as this may be?

Realizing My Need

*I DESIRE TO BECOME A TRUE FOLLOWER
OF CHRIST: AND TO THIS END*

*I will Study to know the Principles
Which Constitute His Character,*

*As they are set forth in His Word, and to practically
Live them out in the Common affairs of
Every-day Life,*

**AS HE SHALL HELP ME BY HIS
HOLY SPIRIT.**

Signed,

Address,

Date,

Every woman who already knows the truth, ought to take and use these helps as rapidly as can be consistent with the leadership of the Holy Spirit. *Keep them going* in a steady stream of personal effort. The cards serve two purposes,—that of the study already referred to, and of a record. We must keep track of every soul. I learned long ago, as an evangelist, that the work for a soul is only begun when that soul has been converted, and I tried to keep hold of everyone by correspondence. This we must do. These cards are to be kept by those who sign them; but let each worker send every name, with full address, to me, that, with those who assist me, I may become personally acquainted with every one. We must win and hold for Christ all whom He, by His Holy Spirit, shall send our way. Let special meetings for prayer be held by small companies of women in their homes for those for whom they labour, and for one another.

As a Worker with God

*I SURRENDER MYSELF to be so INSTRUCTED
in ALL TRUTH;*

*To be so led and used by the Power of the Holy Spirit;
to be so taught a True Woman's Ministry
IN MY OWN HOME, AMONG MY NEIGHBOURS.*

*And in my own immediate social circle, that I
may be prepared to labour for suffering
humanity, and to help in uplifting
the fallen, and in educating the
ignorant*

**"TO BELIEVE—SIMPLY TO BELIEVE—
IN JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR."**

*For, "The first glance of any soul must be Jesus
Christ. Then if he follows the Lamb of God,—
as he remains a learner, he will have an
intelligent knowledge of
WHAT IS TRUTH.*

Signed,

Address,

Date,

One further word of earnest appeal to you, my sisters: Let every woman trim her lamp, and arise and shine.

MRS. S. M. I. HENRY,
Sanitarium, Battle Creek.

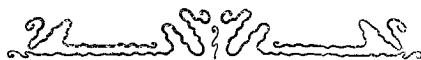
"We should preach God's glory day by day, not by words only, often not by words at all, but by our conduct. If you wish your neighbours to see what God is like, let them see what He can make *you* like. Nothing is so infectious as example."

"Make somebody else happy," was the prescription given by a wise physician to a victim of nervous depression.

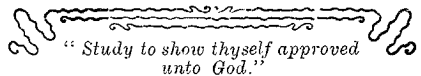
WE will supply any of our sisters, who may desire them, with the cards mentioned in Sister Henry's article. Please follow her directions to *study them carefully*. As soon as the seeker's signature is secured, please send the address, and begin Bible studies with the seeker about Christ, and make any effort necessary to secure salvation. As soon as experience in Christ begins, present the *worker's* study card, and when signed, send as before, giving a new one for use with another soul; for every one, as soon as Christian experience begins, should begin labour for some other soul. Each should have, all the time, some soul for whom she will work, and should never leave that one till that one become a worker for other souls.

Send all names and address all correspondence to—

MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH,
37 Taranaki Street,
Wellington, N.Z.



EDUCATIONAL.



"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

CONDUCTED BY E. R. PALMER.

Thy Word is Truth.

WE seek the world of truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read,
And all our treasure of old thought,
In His harmonious fulness wrought
Who gathers in one sheaf complete
The scattered blades of God's own wheat,
The common growth that maketh good
His all-embracing Fatherhood.—Whittier

Gems for Thought.

Selections from Christian Education.

Right thinking lies at the foundation of right action.

God must first take hold of you, if you would take hold of others.

Any effort that exalts intellectual culture above moral training is misdirected.

The Christian should possess more intelligence and keener discernment than the wordling.

If morality and religion are to live in a school, it must be through a knowledge of God's word.

He is a Christian who aims to reach the highest attainments for the purpose of doing others good.

The exercise of the muscles, as well as the brain, will encourage a taste for the homely duties of life

We need to make use of the youth who will cultivate honest industry, who are not afraid to put themselves to the task. Such youth will find a position anywhere, because they falter not by the way; in the mind and soul they bear the Divine similitude. Their eye is single, and they constantly press upward and onward, crying "Victory." But there is no call for the indolent, the fearful, and the unbelieving.

Importance of Church School Work.

AMONG Seventh Day Adventists throughout Australasia, there has been an awakening to the necessity that a good church school be established wherever there is a company of believers, and a sufficient number of children to attend. In this evil time no one is suffering from the sad inroads of sin more than the children. Satan by every means possible has laid his hands upon the lambs of the flock, with the object of undermining their lives, while the mind is tender and easily moulded. Infidel sentiments have so permeated the present systems of popular education, that it is unsafe to place many of the current textbooks in the hands of the children. Many of them advocate theories contrary to the Bible, placing a light value upon inspiration.

"Come out of her my people." As faithful watchmen, we should be just as desirous of getting our children out of the popular schools, as we are to call the older people out of the popular churches. The popular churches are only a product of worldly education, so if we get at the root of the matter we must separate ourselves from that which creates the condition in which all the religious world at present finds itself.

In all our Churches there should be Schools, and teachers in those Schools who are Missionaries. It is essential that teachers be educated to act their important parts in educating the children of Sabbath keepers, not only in the sciences but in the Scriptures.

Special attention should be given to the education of the youth. The children are to be trained to become missionaries, and but few understand what they must do to be saved. If the instructors have a rich experience themselves, they will be able to communicate to their students the knowledge of the love of God they have received. These lessons can only be given by those who are themselves wholly converted; and this is the noblest missionary work that any man or woman can undertake.

There is a statement made by Martin Luther to the effect that on the education of the children hinges the whole success of the world; that early training ought to be insisted upon as a measure of public safety and prosperity, and he explains it in this way: that a city is nothing more than a collection of families; a district a

collection of cities, towns, and villages; a principality a collection of districts; a kingdom a collection of principalities; an empire a collection of kingdoms. These are all composed of separate families, and naturally if the children are not well governed nor carefully educated, there can neither city, town, village, district, principality, kingdom, nor empire be well and peacefully governed.

Primarily, our children need to know about God, for God is love and truth, and to know Him is the sum-total of education. From all parts of Australasia we have received most interesting and pressing letters, making appeals for teachers who will be able to organize and conduct good schools in our churches, and thus secure for the children a good start, and a sound foundation both mentally and spiritually, before they are sent away from their homes.

It would be far better if our children could be kept in a good school where right principles are taught, and live at their own homes under the guidance of their parents, at least until the age of sixteen. Circumstances are often such as to make it advisable that students should be sent away from home to a good school at an earlier age than this; but if a good church school could be organized near their homes, the result would be far more satisfactory.

The Lord, through the Spirit of Prophecy, has been pressing the importance of this upon us for years, and now the word comes to us that wherever a church is raised up, a school-room should be built and a church school organized. At our late Union Conference this matter was thoroughly discussed, and the brethren from the various Conferences urged that teachers be supplied without further delay. The Avondale School Board recognise how urgent this call is, and wish to co-operate with the brethren everywhere in preparing to supply this great demand.

What is done for me? Everything.
What must I do? Everything. And if you can reconcile these two, then you can walk with God.

No one is educated unless he is a perpetual student. If you ever stop studying you will have no education.

You stop studying when your ideal is stagnant.

—Parker.

A Teacher's Training School.

THE Avondale School Board is making every provision possible for a thorough teacher's training course to be opened with the beginning of the next school year, February 1, 1900. The object of this course will be to prepare teachers as rapidly as possible for efficient work in church schools.

If our church members were awake, they would multiply their resources; they would send men and women to our schools, not to go through a long course of study, but to learn quickly, and go out into the field. They—the church—should assist worthy persons who have not the means to obtain an education.

We wish to have a good corps of teachers ready to fill positions after one year's training, and in order to accomplish this, we must secure the attendance of young people who have had more or less experience in teaching, or who, at least, have secured a good liberal education in the common branches, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar, arithmetic, geography, English history, &c. We desire to form a good class of such persons, and give them every opportunity that the school can afford in securing a rapid preparation for service.

In this training department special attention will be given to Bible study, nature study (which will include the elements of physiology, botany, physics, zoology, and astronomy), school management, and a review of the grade studies and drills, with methods and practice of teaching.

We particularly desire to secure the attendance of several who have already become successful private or state-school teachers. Those who have not completed the common branches of education, but who desire to qualify as soon as possible for teachers, will be placed in special preparatory classes where, if bright, good students, they will have a reasonable prospect for qualifying for church school work in two years. We are placing this matter thus early before our people, so as to give those who desire to attend, ample time to make arrangements.

We earnestly invite the hearty co-operation of Conference labourers, church elders, and Tract Society workers, in searching for persons who are likely to make a success in this department. Every church which desires to establish a church school should take special interest in sending some person to the school to be qualified for the position of teacher.

Surely this is one of God's great agencies for saving our children. In these schools they will lay the foundation for sound characters and a good education, and may with greater safety be sent from their homes to a school like ours in Avondale, where in a short time they may prepare for some department in the Lord's vineyard.

Dear brethren, think of this seriously, and let us know at your earliest convenience to what extent you can co-operate with us. At least, give us your prayers, that this endeavour may prove a great blessing. Address all correspondence to the Principal, Avondale School, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

News Notes.

WE have just been favoured with a very profitable visit from Pastor A. G. Daniells, who gave most valuable assistance in laying out the plans of the school work for another year, and in giving counsel concerning the work of students during the vacation. Definite arrangements were made with nearly every one.

Eighty-three students received counsel, which resulted in their plans being arranged as follows:—Twenty-six return home for the vacation; twenty-one remain at the school to work on the estate, assist in building, work in the food factory, engage in fruit-canning and drying, etc.; nine enter the canvassing field; five the periodical work; four the Bible work; six the medical missionary work; five will be employed as stenographers and secretaries; two as secretaries and accountants; and five will engage in miscellaneous enterprises.

It seemed that the Spirit of God had prepared the heart of each student to accept with thankful joy whatever position was offered to him. This made the matter of arranging the students' work a more pleasant task than ever before. May God greatly bless these dear young people as they "draw on their world-wrappings" and go out to do service for the Master.

The most interesting item of work now proceeding on the estate is on the site which many months ago was set apart by the Board for stables. We are undertaking to put up a large barn and stable, which will afford good room for the horses and cattle, storage of grain and vegetables, lofts for all kinds of cattle feed, and shelter for the vehicles and farm implements. The stable is being built wholly by students

under the direction of Mr. Fred Lamplough. During the afternoon work our boys have cut all the timbers and rafters, peeled off the bark nicely, and drawn them to the building site.

Nearly all the second and third class timber and odd pieces which could not be worked into the regular buildings will be utilized in the stables, and thus, we are enabled with a small cash outlay to put up a nice building which will be of great value, as all will understand who have visited the school. The chief expense will be the iron for the roof. Two tons will be required, which will cost between £35 and £40. If any of our good friends who have helped us so liberally with past enterprises would send in donations enough to cover this expense, we will say "Thank you" most heartily.

The horses and cows were never looking better than at present. A few weeks ago Mr. Arthur Rowe, from Victoria, came to the school as an industrial student, and was given charge of the horses. He is an experienced horseman, and the horses have rapidly improved under his careful attention. Their feed is costing us less, and it is a pleasure to work or drive them. John Ruskin says that "flowers only bloom rightly in the garden of some one who loves them," and evidently horses thrive best under such attention.

The cows, also, are doing remarkably well. The Lord has blessed us with a large crop of turnips which we have been feeding to them nearly all the winter, when there was little grass.

We have secured a Massey-Harris turnip slicer which rapidly slices the turnips hardly one-eighth of an inch in thickness. This, with a little bran, makes a good feed for milch cows, and it is quite inexpensive. The flow of milk is very good. We get the best results from Swede turnips, of which we are raising fully twenty-five tons per acre. Farmers will understand that this is a very good yield.

We have recently had very heavy rains which continued nearly three weeks, causing the highest flood known in this district for several years. Our oats, broad beans, and peas were entirely covered. In fact, the water rose fully six feet above the oats, but as there was hardly any current it went down and left all the crops nicely standing, apparently leaving everything in nearly as good condition as before. In fact, the rain was a blessing. Our cistern and tanks are full.

Totals for July.

	Orders	Value
New South Wales ...	253	£345 7 6
New Zealand ...	155	137 12 0
Central Australia ...	336	136 12 5
Queensland ...	74	47 13 4
West Australia ...	77	28 12 0
	895	£695 17 3

Totals for August.

	Orders	Value
New Zealand ...	298	£276 8 6
New South Wales ...	152	226 15 3
Queensland ...	182	201 11 0
Central Australia ...	174	107 10 8
West Australia ...	99	66 11 6
	905	£878 16 11

Canvassing in the Central Conference.

THE work in this Conference has, through various circumstances, been at a low ebb for a considerable time, but we are glad to note, that although hardly apparent in our financial returns, our work is on the upgrade.

The letters received from our workers in various parts of the field, tell of devotion to the work, and earnest consecrated effort, and we know that wherever the motive power is that "faith which worketh by love," there will be success all round.

We are glad to have some of our old workers with us again. Bro. Keegan, who in the past has done excellent work in the field, has once more joined our ranks and is enjoying a rich experience in working for the salvation of precious souls. In a recent letter he said: "It is a blessed work to be engaged in talking to the people about Christ and His salvation. The Lord has shown me that I am to watch for souls as they that must give account. My prayer is that the Spirit of God may control my every action, and that God will use me in His own way to hasten his coming." Bro. Keegan is working in Bendigo with Bro. Burgess who writes: "I am having a good time. The Lord is helping me, but I am only successful just as I do my work faithfully." The Lord will bless every faithful effort in this precious ministry, and those who seek Him earnestly will never seek His help in vain.

Bro. T. W. Rowe, who has recently started out in the field, has proved this. He writes: "I have had to plead with the Lord for the help and wisdom I need so much, and He has blessed me in a special manner." In a recent testimony on the canvassing work we are told that "the Lord will co-operate that "when the Lord co-operates with all who are earnest in the work" and

the human agent, and the human agent co-operates with God, marked advancement is made in all learning in business lines, and spiritual knowledge, for the Lord opens the understanding that his faithful children who honour him may continually advance." We are glad this is the experience of our workers.

Bro. Steed has joined our work in South Australia, and we believe that his past experience will prove a real help to our work in that part of the field. Altogether there seems to be a growing interest in our canvassing work, and we have been especially encouraged to see our ministers relate themselves to this work in a way that is right in harmony with God's plan. He says that "a most precious ministry can be done by canvassing, and that by ministers." Brethren Michaels and Ballingall are working in Launceston, Tas. Bro. Knight is planning to spend some time in canvassing here in the suburbs of Melbourne, and Bro. Woods has gone back to South Australia, and will probably devote some time to canvassing in that field. Bro. Anderson will devote his time to the circulation of the *Bible Echo*, and we feel sure that the Lord will bless our ministers in this good work.

Still we are in need of workers. The word of the Lord comes to us by his servant, that where we now have one, we should have a hundred workers. We have in this field territory open for the circulation of some of our very best publications, and God has so planned this work, that all who are willing may have a part in swelling the "loud cry" of the last message of mercy to the world. Look for a moment at the wonderful provision he has made in supplying us with an abundance of excellent literature, as well as men and machinery to produce the printed page by the million, and now he calls for "men and women who will make exertion to plant the standard of truth in our large cities and highways of travel." Who will heed the call?

J. JOHANSON.

New South Wales.

WE are pleased to report some encouraging features in the canvassing work in New South Wales. While the heavy rains that have fallen during the last few months have prevented the agents from putting in full time, and thus considerably lessened our sales, it prepares the way for better work in the future.

A number of new canvassers have lately entered the field, while others are preparing to take up the work. We have recently been able to furnish three good agents for West Australia—Brother and Sister Ross-Lewin and Brother Anderson. While the loss of these agents will materially affect the work in this colony for a time, we are glad to strengthen the cause in another part of the great harvest field.

We have received very encouraging reports from time to time from Brother Nichol. He writes:—"I have just finished one delivery, and with good results. I have delivered about 102 per cent. of all my orders. This I quite expected, for before beginning in each district, I prayed to God to send His angels to prepare the hearts of the people to receive me. I thank Him because He has heard my prayer. My health is good. I am fully convinced that God has called me to this work."

We are pleased to say that Brother J. Reekie has again entered the canvassing field, and is now handling the "Home Hand Book." His study and training in the medical work especially fits him to represent this valuable book. His reports already to hand are very encouraging. He says: "I realise that God is working with me and for me. I am becoming widely known here as very successful in tooth extracting, and in administering general treatment. I have cured three patients, and saved sending for a doctor twice; the cost of which would have been £16 in one case, and £8 in another. As yet, I have not taken one penny for my services, but make it all tell for my books. God is good, and I desire to acknowledge it."

We are much encouraged by the good reports we have received from our missionary canvassers in Singleton. From the commencement of their work the Lord has owned and blessed it in a marked manner. As our brethren go forth from house to house, bearing the glad tidings of salvation, they are being well received by many who are just hungering for the bread of life. Space will not permit us here to deal fully with the good reports we have already received, but next month we hope to report their work more fully.

Brother Cook, who is labouring in the district of Wellington, has just completed a successful delivery. He is full of courage and hope in his work.

Other canvassers throughout the field are doing good work. We feel grateful for the prospering hand of the Lord that is with us.

J. HINDSON.

THE FIELD.

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them"

Camp Meeting for Queensland.

In harmony with the earnest request of the church at Toowoomba, it has been decided to open the camp-meeting season with a meeting in that city. The meeting will begin on Thursday evening, October 12th, and continue till the 23rd. While the meeting is specially designed for the southern districts of Queensland, we shall be very glad to see any and all who can come. The railway authorities have granted us the concession of a round trip for one fare. This, from Brisbane, amounts to 17s. 5d., 1st class, and 11s. 7d., second. Certificates signed by the undersigned will be required, and will be furnished on application.

Tents will be provided for those who wish to rent them for the meeting. The price will be for 10 x 12, 10s. 6d, fly, 5s. extra; for 12 x 15, 12s. 6d, fly 6s. 6d. extra; 12 x 18, 15s, fly 8s. extra. The tents will be pitched ready for occupancy. Those desiring to rent tents should send in their application soon so that the right number may be procured. There will be warm food, fruit, bread, and the health foods for sale at reasonable prices, but no dining tent will be provided, so all will come prepared to set their own tables, as well as to provide their own beds.

We are pleased to learn that it is the purpose of Mrs E. G. White to be at this meeting. Elder Daniells will also be there, and other help will be provided. We would appeal to those who are within reach of this meeting, to come. Bring with you those of your neighbours and friends who may be interested in the study of the truth for these times. All will be received with a hearty welcome. It may require an effort on the part of many to come, but we hope that no small consideration will deter anyone from coming. Direct inquiries or correspondence to the Queensland Tract Society, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane.

G. C. TENNEY.

West Australian Mission.

Report for Quarter, Ending June 30, 1899.

As we review the past thirteen weeks we feel that the Lord's guiding hand has been with us. Many changes have taken place and new enterprises have been started. While some faithful workers have left us for the Eastern Colonies, God in His love has raised up others to carry on the good work.

About the middle of the quarter, Brother and Sister Pallant and Sister Walker arrived. They received a hearty welcome to the West, and already their labours have been greatly blessed. On the 26th of May, Brother Chapman and Sister Walker were united in marriage by Brother Pallant. We wish them much happiness and success in all their future work together.

Finances.

The cash received in the West Australian Mission field during the quarter is as follows:—

Tithe	£55 17 11½
W. A. Tract Society	370 7 1
Perth Church Collections	7 6 4
Helping Hand Mission	12 3 7½
Week of Prayer Offerings	7 9 0
Foreign Mission Offerings	1 0 0
"Orphans' Home," Sydney	0 5 0
		£454 14 0

W. A. Tract Society.

THE Tract Society has just entered its second year. We feel very thankful to God for the degree of prosperity that has attended this branch in the past. Our canvassing work has been at a very low ebb because of the scarcity of workers; but we are praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into His vineyard. The cash receipts this quarter appear high, but this is due to the fact that at the close of the previous quarter Brother F. W. Reekie made a large delivery and settled his account in full before leaving the colony.

Bible Echo.

ABOUT 3,000 *Echos* have been sold by our members during the quarter. Nearly 2,000 of these have been taken by Sister Mary Chandler who is now devoting the whole of her time to this and other lines of missionary work.

The Lord is specially blessing her labours. In the course of her work she became acquainted with a lady who greatly appreciated the *Bible Echo*. After a time she consented to have Bible studies in her home. Another

lady also attended these studies, and they soon began to keep the Sabbath together. At the present time Brother Pallant is holding Bible readings with four gentlemen of the same household, and we believe they will all come out boldly for the truth as it is in Jesus. Thus we see some of the results of faithful work from house to house. We wish that others were impressed to join Sister Chandler in this good work.

Perth Helping Hand Mission.

Our report of work for the last quarter is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	
Cash £12 8 7½
Groceries 221 pounds
Garments 128
Material 5 yards
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cash £12 10 11½
Groceries 23 pounds
Garments 45
Material 13 yards
Pages reading matter 2,896

Fremantle Branch of Helping Hand Mission.

The following report has been sent in by Sister Bradley, the secretary of this branch. It covers the work done from the beginning of the year, as the first quarter's report was not sent in.

RECEIPTS.	
Cash £1 17 9
Groceries 52 pounds
Garments 88
Material 12 yards
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cash £1 17 9
Groceries 88 pounds
Garments 109
Material 5 yards
Families assisted 7
Papers given away 4,088
Periodicals given away 613
Papers lent 12
Pages lent 1,704

Chinese Mission School.

About six weeks ago we studied the needs of China and her people, in our weekly missionary meeting. At the close a collection amounting to 10s. was taken up. It was proposed that this be used in buying tracts in the Chinese language to be circulated in Perth. This raised the question as to whether it would not be advisable to open a School for the Chinese. After some consideration arrangements were made to conduct it on Monday evenings. The first night three came, and now the number has increased to twelve. A teacher is provided for each scholar. They manifest a deep interest, and we hope that seeds of truth will be sown in their hearts that will eventually spring up and bear fruit.

Children's Meetings.

Five weeks ago we organized our children, between the ages of five and thirteen, into a missionary society.

Our plan of work is perhaps rather an original one, but we find that it is succeeding well. We are teaching them sewing, physiology and cooking. When the garments are made and the food cooked, we let them in turn accompany us to the homes of the needy. In this way we hope to teach them how to live hygienically and care for their bodies, and also to arouse within them a true missionary spirit. On the fourth Sunday in the month we devote the time to hearing their reports, and teaching them how to work for Jesus during the coming month. Nearly all now have missionary vegetable or flower gardens, or missionary hens.

Our isolated Sabbath keepers have become much interested in this effort, and write that they have given their children gardens or hens for missionary purposes.

Gospel Work.

During the quarter we have found it necessary to remove to a hall in a more public thoroughfare. We believe that this is a step in the right direction. Our Sunday evening services are much appreciated. Brother Pallant has been presenting such subjects as "Christ our Example," "Christ our Brother," "Christ our Saviour," "Christ our Righteousness," etc. Those who have been attending are deeply impressed. Last week we had a full hall.

About a month ago, Sister Appeldorff removed to Fremantle. She now has her hands nearly full. We believe that good faithful Bible work will open the way for a public effort in that place.

Our experience is that the work grows dearer to us each day, and we pray that wisdom and strength may be given us to fill every opening.

ANNIE S. HIGGINS,
Secretary.

Sydney.

THE work in and around Sydney is progressing favourably. Regular Sabbath services are held in nine places, in five of which our brethren meet in their own church buildings.

In order to strengthen and unify our work we have been holding some union church officers' meetings. In these we have first called for reports from the different church and Sabbath school

officers, to learn the condition and needs of each church. We have then talked on the best methods of conducting the various lines of church work, church services, &c., such as the Sabbath school work, Sabbath services, prayer meetings, missionary meetings, and Sunday night meetings, allowing a free discussion of all. Following this we have taken up topical Bible studies on such subjects as the Sabbath, tithes and offerings, the ordinances, &c. These meetings have been much appreciated by the officers, and we believe will result in good to the churches.

On Sunday, September 17th, a general Sabbath school Convention, for the Sabbath schools in New South Wales, was held at the Stanmore church. This was attended by most of the leading workers in the colony, including the Presidents of the Union and N.S.W. Conferences, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and generally regarded as a real success. Many most excellent papers were read, each being followed by general discussion. Some of these we hope may, in time, find a place in the "Sabbath School" department of the RECORD. There was a half-hour's drill in the "Song Sheaf," and a "Question Box" opened near the close of the Convention.

Sunday evening meetings have been started in the Leichhardt Town Hall, Sydney, Pastor Daniells and the writer, so far, doing the speaking. At these there have been good audiences and good collections.

W. A. COLCORD.

"Ivanhoe," Cannon Street,
Petersham, N.S.W.

Progressive Work in Sydney.

THE Stanmore church, under the pastorate of Bro. W. A. Colcord, has recently made a departure from the ordinary way of doing things. These brethren have a very pleasant place of worship, and for a year or more they have been making the best use of it they could, Sunday nights.

But of late they have wanted to reach a larger number of people. In order to do this they decided to start a series of Sunday night meetings in the Leichhardt Town Hall, about one mile from the church. This hall is in the centre of a very large population.

The majority of the members are working very earnestly for the success of this effort. Each week they call on

hundreds of families to invite them to the meeting. When the time comes to open the service nearly every member is present to assist in making a congregation, in singing, and to pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The plan contemplates the distribution of literature in addition to the gospel meetings. The address on "The Time of Trouble," the first of the series, has been printed in a four-page leaflet, and two thousand copies distributed in the vicinity of the hall. Other addresses are to be dealt with likewise. It is also intended to work the entire district with the *Bible Echo*.

This is a step in the right direction. The end of all things is at hand. The masses are unprepared for it. They know not the solemnity of this time. God has given His people light for those who sit in darkness. It is high time that we wake and go forth to let that light shine. May God greatly bless the Stanmore church

A. G. D.

Perth, W.A.

From a letter just received from Brother Pallant from Perth, West Australia, we give the following:—

"Our Sunday night meetings are being blessed. Three have recently taken their stand. One, a fine young man of about thirty (who, in consequence, has lost his position on the railway, where he was held in high esteem); a lady, who was one of Brother Craddock's readers; and an elderly lady, who first became interested through Sister Mary Chandler's *Echo* work. We are expecting from six to ten more to take their stand with the remnant people of God. These meetings have furnished us with good readers for our Bible work. As you know, this work is slow, but it is sure. Keep praying for us, for we need the prayers of God's people.

You will be pleased to learn that our laundry is being blessed with success, and is now paying its way for the first time since it has been in existence. It has been moved into a good neighbourhood and into better premises, for which we are paying more than double the rent (30s. per week). We are planning to tender for the Government washing, which consists of such work that needs no skilled labour, so that we can give more employment to the most needy classes."

Medical Missionary

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

CONDUCTED BY MISS HARRIET PEARCE.

Hope for the Hopeless.

FROM a recent letter, received from one of our canvassers, who works for the good of the people among whom he canvasses, we extract the following sentences,—“My mind is burdened and distressed as I travel among the country people, and see their bodily distress. In a week's canvassing one meets almost every kind of disease, and the suffering is simply appalling. They rely on patent medicines, or put their trust in Chinese or European quacks, who only make their patients worse. What can we do to help the people? I recommend the Sanitarium to every one I meet, for God has established our medical institution to save the people from their physical sins. Some perhaps will go there and be benefited. I should feel guilty before Heaven if I simply passed these sufferers by, without telling them of the place where there may yet be hope of their being restored to health.”

It would be well if all our canvassers could remember the sick as they journeyed from place to place. The Lord has promised to bless the efforts put forth in our medical institutions to restore the sick to health. To this we attribute the marked success hitherto attained. Several hundreds of patients have now been treated in the Sanitarium, and many more in the Christchurch Health Home, and Adelaide Electro-Hydropathic Institute. These individuals suffer from the worst chronic diseases, and yet all are improved, and may get entirely well.

It is pitiable to see so many of the sick from the country coming to institutions in the large cities, paying enormous fees, and returning as bad, if not worse, than when they left home. They do not know of the presence of our institutions, and those who come in contact with the people must bear a burden from the Lord, to give them the information they need. We are pleased to report to our people that the Sanitarium in Sydney has more patients than ever before, and excellent reports are coming in from the medical office in Newcastle, the Health Home in New Zealand, and the Medical Institute in South Australia.

In the latter institutions medical diseases can be treated successfully, while the Sanitarium is prepared to accept any surgical cases, with every prospect of making their patients well. Already, during the past eighteen months, considerably over a hundred surgical operations, many of the gravest nature, have been performed, and the Lord has given signal success. Several of our sisters, as well as many others, have had their health restored to them, when their cases seemed past hope.

A few months ago a gentleman came to the Sanitarium as a last hope. He had been treated by twenty-seven physicians. This morning a lady came for a surgical operation, who has already had ten operations without success.

The leading medical authority for Australasia only yesterday recommended a physician to send his patients to the Sanitarium; and to-day a telephone message was sent by the Secretary for Agriculture, asking the institution to reserve a room for a lady patient.

As our new institution is erected with the best of facilities, more will be helped. Even now many will visit the Sanitarium, the Health Home, and the Medical Institute, and receive both treatment for the body, and comfort for the soul.

Vigorous steps are even now being taken to secure a favorable site for the new Sanitarium, and many prayers are ascending to the Lord of all counsel, that the proper locality may be secured on which to erect an institution that will adequately represent the great principles of reform committed to Seventh Day Adventists.

E. R. CARO, M.D.

Medical Missionaries and Their Work.

THE American Medical Missionary College has been doing a good work, twenty-four young men and women who are about to enter the missionary field having recently graduated there after a four years' course of training.

The President, Dr. Kellogg, gave a very interesting address on the occasion at Willard Hall, Chicago, June 27th, 1899. After speaking of the various European and other countries he had visited, the doctor stated that he had “seen everywhere that men are sick—that the world is sick and dying,” and

that this fact should have a very practical significance to those who were preparing for medical missionary work.

The American Medical Missionary College has only been in existence a little over four years, and is the first of its kind; although the necessity for such an institution—a school where students could not only be trained for the medical profession, but also for missionary work—has long been felt.

While it was necessary for the missionary physician to have a medical training of the very highest order, he needed something more than a scientific training. The doctor should be not simply a healer of diseased bodies, but of mental and moral, as well as physical wounds.

Christ, the model missionary, went about doing good, healing the sick, and teaching the ignorant. A physician has the opportunity of seeing human needs, with a clearer vision than any other man. The greatest of opportunities lie close to him and bring with them corresponding responsibilities.

The missionary physician has a far greater responsibility resting upon him than any other man, as he may be the only physician for twenty millions of people, as sometimes happens in India and China, hence the necessity for his having a broad medical foundation, a sound scientific education.

“The sympathy which should actuate every true Christian physician, the spirit which should be his animating principle, is thoroughly opposed to the commercial spirit, the exclusiveness of class aristocracy. The missionary physician has to be the servant of humanity. To serve, and not to be served, is the highest privilege to be sought. He is the greatest who serves most. He is the most honourable who has the largest service given him to perform. The really highest place is the place which is nearest God. Christ, sitting at the feet of all humanity, had no title, and belonged to no recognised profession; His own kin were ashamed of Him.”

As we look abroad upon the world to-day at China with her four hundred millions, and the teeming millions of India, with but a handful of medical missionaries in each; the great Soudan with its ninety millions where there is not a medical missionary, or a missionary of any kind who speaks the native tongue; we say surely there is no need so great at the present as that of just such self sacrificing medical missionaries.



PERSONAL

DURING the past month Bro. G. B. Starr has paid Sydney a number of visits on Conference business. From him we learn that the work is moving along encouragingly in Newcastle and its suburbs. Bro. Starr is pressed with many duties, but carries his usual cheerfulness with them all.

BRO. JESSE PALLANT writes us very encouragingly regarding the work in Perth. He is holding Sunday night services in the Protestant Hall. On Sunday night, September 17th, he conducted a special floral service, the subject being "Thoughts on the Plan of Salvation Revealed in a Bunch of Flowers." Our readers will be pleased to learn that Bro. Pallant's health is improving.

DURING the past month Sister White, accompanied by her son, W. C. White, has visited Sydney with the view of inspecting some proposed locations for the Sanitarium. While here she spoke to the brethren and sisters in the Ashfield Church, but was not well enough to fulfill her appointment with the Stanmore Church.

PASTOR E. H. GATES, Superintendent of the Polynesian Mission field, is spending a few weeks at Avondale. During the closing weeks of the school he is conducting a large, interesting missionary class. We rejoice that the students are blessed with the presence and labours of Bro. Gates, and we hope that the Polynesian field will soon be blessed with the labours of some of the students now attending the school.

BRO. GOODHART and Bro. and Sister Garsed James, of Ballarat, have recently begun self-supporting missionary work in Singleton, N.S.W. We have been pleased to receive very encouraging reports from these workers since their arrival in the above place. We believe that they are entering upon an interesting and useful line of work, and shall watch the results of their present efforts with deep interest. Our readers may look for fuller reports from them.

BRO. W. J. REDHEAD, who has been attending the school at Avondale during the past year, finds it necessary

to leave the school for a short time, and take treatment at the Sanitarium. He reports improvement, and thinks he will be ready for the canvassing field by the close of school.

SISTER EDITH ADCOCK, who has been canvassing in the country since the Newcastle camp-meeting nine months ago, has been spending a few days in Sydney. She is planning to canvass the territory between Sydney and Newcastle. Her courage is good, though she reports that it is somewhat lonely to work in the back blocks of this large colony without an associate.

BROTHER JOHN H. MILLS, of Brisbane, who has been connected with the New South Wales Tract Society during the last two months, has been appointed Secretary and Accountant of the Sanitarium Health Foods Co. at Avondale. He left Sydney, the 17th of September, to assume his new duties at the food factory.

SISTER TENNEY, who has been stopping with her son in Melbourne since the Union Conference, has recently joined her husband in Queensland. She spent two days in Sydney and one day in Newcastle, visiting friends, on her way to Brisbane. We are pleased to report that she is in good health, and of good courage in the Lord.

BROTHER G. W. TADISH, who has been visiting his parents in Melbourne since the late session of the Union Conference, has returned to his field of labour in Queensland. He spent a day or two visiting the workers at Sydney, Avondale, and Newcastle on his way north. Brother Tadish is of good courage in the Lord. He is planning to attend the school next year.

SISTER ANNIE OLSEN has recently been called from the Avondale School to engage in nursing work at the Summer Hill Sanitarium. We are glad to see the way the medical work is advancing, and also to see that there are young people who are ready and willing to enter this branch of our work.

THOSE who are acquainted with the needs of the canvassing work in West Australia will be pleased to learn that two good canvassers have recently left New South Wales for the West. These are Brethren Charles Anderson and Ross Lewin. These brethren

have taken their families with them, with the expectation of making West Australia their field of labour for some time. We wish these brethren much of the blessing of God, and believe that prosperity will attend them.

SISTER CUSHMAN, Sister Tenney's mother, is spending a few weeks at Avondale before joining her daughter's family in Queensland. Sister Cushman is over seventy years of age, and came to the colonies about one year ago with Bro. G. C. Tenney and family. She embraced the Third Angel's Message in its early days, and has maintained a firm attitude through many years of perplexity and trial. Her faith in the message, and its final triumph, is stronger than ever, and she rejoices in the hope of the soon coming of Jesus.

BRO. JOHANSON, the general canvassing agent for Victoria, is at Avondale, where he will spend the last two weeks of the present school year. He is engaged in giving instruction to those students who have decided to enter the canvassing field during the vacation. We trust that these canvassers will have abundant success in their work for the Master.

A very pleasant gathering of the students at Avondale School was held on the morning of September 5th. On this occasion the Preceptor and Preceptress, Mr. Lacey and Mrs. Hughes, were made the recipients of presents from the young men and the young ladies respectively. Mr. Lacey was presented with a suitably engraved handbag, and Mrs. Hughes with a handsome writing desk. Appropriate speeches were made by some of the students, in which they stated that the presents were given to express their appreciation of the way in which the Preceptor and Preceptress had managed the home life of the students. The presentation was quite a surprise to both Mr. Lacey and Mrs. Hughes, as neither were aware that anything of the kind was in anticipation. This formed a pleasant break in the school life, and no doubt the students as well as the teachers will look back upon it with feelings of pleasure.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Bro. Hungerford, of Cooranbong. Although he had not been in good health of late, neither his family nor friends thought that his end was so near. Further mention will be given in our next.

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The Record.—Dear reader, what do you think of our church paper in its new form? Do you like it? Do you propose to have its visit each month. If so, subscribe at once. It will visit you without your request this month. But it must not presume to call again without invitation.

Church Officers should not fail to read Brother White's article in "The Church" department this month. We are sorry this instruction was not given last month. However, we are making earnest efforts to get this number into the hands of the church officers before the quarterly meetings are held.

A Request.—We will esteem it a favour if all our readers, especially our preachers, will send us every choice statement they find in Sister White's writings concerning the Holy Spirit. Be sure to give the full reference, that is the book, chapter, and page from which it is taken. Thank you.

Be sure and read the quotation on the first page from Sister White, taken from the *Signs*. We wonder if our ministers, Bible workers, medical workers, and church officers value the precious quotations from Sister White's writings, on the Holy Spirit, which are being printed on the first page of each number of the RECORD. These statements are for this time, and can be used to excellent advantage in Gospel work. Cut them out and fix them in your Bible, so that you can have them at just the right time.

If you have not received the *Bible Echo* Supplement, referred to on another page by the Manager of the Echo Publishing Co., send to your Tract Society for it. If you have not read the copy sent you, do so at once.

The New Zealand Annual Conference was held at Wellington, August 23-28. We had hoped to be able to give our readers a report, but so far none has reached us.

Camp-Meeting Appointments.

Queensland, Toowoomba, October 12 to 23.
 New South Wales, Maitland, November 2 to 13.
 Tasmania, Launceston, November 23 to December 4.
 New Zealand, Auckland, December 21 to January 1, 1900.

"The Time of Trouble."—The above is the title of a new four-page tract. It is an outline of an address delivered by the Editor of the RECORD in the Leichhardt Town Hall on Sunday evening, September 10, 1899. Wide-awake Seventh Day Adventists will see at a glance that the title of this tract is a good one for missionary work, in that it suggests a live question—one that is pressing itself forcibly upon the minds of people in all parts of the world. Price, 3d. per dozen, postage added. Address, The New South Wales Tract Society, 25 Sloane Street, Summer Hill, N.S.W.

Sabbath School Offerings for Fourth Quarter, 1899.—We fear that some of the readers of the RECORD SPECIAL may be somewhat confused with reference to the appropriation of Sabbath School offerings for the fourth quarter of 1899. A resolution on page 10 of No. 9 recommends that the offerings of the fourth quarter be devoted to the work among the Maoris of New Zealand. A resolution on page 15, No. 10, states that the offerings for the same quarter are to be devoted to the mission work in the Cook Islands.

The latter is correct. The recommendation to devote the fourth quarter's offerings to the Maori mission work was only a suggestion to the Conference. It was referred to the Conference Committee, who have decided to have the offerings go to the Cook Islands Mission. Please make a note of this explanation, and remember that the Sabbath School offerings for the quarter beginning Oct. 1, 1899, are to go to the mission work in the Cook Islands.

Special Notice.

THE Union Conference has opened an account with the Bank of New South Wales, through which all business will be done in future. We therefore request that all drafts, cheques, and money orders be made payable to the Australasian Union Conference and drawn on Sydney.

E. M. GRAHAM,
 Secretary and Treasurer.

The Sanitarium Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	948	10	0
John Nichol	5	0	0
Miss Goodhart	0	10	0
Edith Goodhart	0	10	0
J. G. Foster	1	0	0
John Wells	1	0	0
Total	£956	10	0

Pledges can be sent directly to the Sanitarium, or to any of the following parties, who are duly authorised agents to receive pledges for this fund, also payment for the same:—

Miss A. Pearce, 25 Sloane Street, Summer Hill, N.S.W.
 Miss L. Gregg, 214 Chapel Street, Prahran, Victoria.
 Mrs. E. Steed, "Beulah Hall," 37 Taranaki Street, Wellington, N.Z.
 Miss S. Gurner, Lambridge Villa, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, Queensland.
 Miss A. S. Higgins, 263 Newcastle Street W., Perth, West Australia.

Membership in the Australasian Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

IN the RECORD Special, No. 10, there were given the Articles of Association of the above-named organization, as revised and finally adopted at the recent session of the Union Conference. The articles as last published were prepared so as to conform to law, in order that legal registration might be secured for the Association.

The annual membership fee was placed at 10s., so as to give the most favourable opportunities for all friends of the cause to join.

At this writing the enrolled membership is 115. Doubtless there are many more who would like to become members. Let all such forward their names, together with the membership fee of 10s. to the Treasurer, Miss E. M. Graham, 25 Sloane Street, Summer Hill, N.S.W., or to any of the persons in the list enumerated in the foregoing article.