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

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The Coming Crisis.

THE crisis presses on us; face to face with us it stands, With solemn lips of question, like the sphinx in Egypt's sands; This day we fashion destiny, our web of fate we spin; This day for all hereafter choose we holiness or sin; Even now from starry Gerizim, or Ebal's cloudy crown, We call the dews of blessing or the bolts of cursing down; By all for which the martyrs bore their agony and shame; By all the warning words of truth with which the prophets came; By the future which awaits us; by all the hopes which cast Their faint and trembling beams across the blackness of the past; And by the blessed thought of Him who for earth's freedom died, O my people! O my brothers! let us choose the righteous side.

—Whittier.

Proper Books and Literature.

(Extracts from Testimonies read by G. A. IRWIN, at the late Union Conference, Sunday, July 28.)

THE character of your religious experience is made manifest largely by the character of the books that you choose to read in your leisure moments. The Bible is the Book of books, and if you love the Scriptures, searching them, . . . you may be assured that Jesus is drawing you to Himself. There are rich treasures in the Word of God that can be discovered only by sinking the shaft deep into the mine of truth.

The carnal mind rejects the truth; but the soul that is converted undergoes a marvellous change. The book that was unattractive, because it revealed truths that testified against the sinner, to the converted heart becomes the food of the soul, the consolation and joy of a life. . . . To those who love Christ, the Bible is as the garden of God.

The world is deluged with books that might better be consumed rather than circulated. Books upon Indian warfare, and similar topics, published and circulated as a money-making scheme, might better never be read by the youth. There is a Satanic fascination in such books. The heart-sickening narration of crimes and atrocities, has had a bewitching power upon many youth, exciting them to see what they can do to bring themselves into notice, even by the most wicked deeds. Even the enormities, the cruelties, the licentious practices, portrayed in more strictly historical writings, have acted as leaven in many minds, leading to the commission of similar acts. Books that delineate the Satanic practices of human beings are giving publicity to evil works. These wicked, horrible particulars need not be lived over, and none who believe the truth for this time should act a part in perpetuating the memory of them. We have no permission from the Lord to engage either in the printing or the sale of such publications, for they are the means of destroying many souls. I know of what I am writing, for this matter has been opened before me.

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Love stories, and frivolous and exciting tales, . . . are a curse to every one who reads them. And this, although the author may attach a good moral. Often religious sentiments are woven all through these books; but in most cases, Satan is but clothed in angel robes to deceive and allure the unsuspecting. The mind is affected in a great degree by what it feeds upon. The readers of frivolous and exciting tales become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life.

The world is flooded with novels of every description. Some are not of as dangerous a character as others. Some are immoral, low, and vulgar; others are clothed with more refinement; but all are pernicious in their influence.—*Vol. II., p. 236.*

Many of the young are eager for books. They read everything they can obtain. Exciting love stories and impure pictures have a corrupting influence. Novels are eagerly perused by many, and, as the result, their imagination becomes defiled.

Satan is using every means to make crime and debasing vice popular. The course pursued by the base and vile is kept before them in the periodicals of the day, and everything which can excite curiosity and arouse the animal passions is brought before them in thrilling and exciting stories.

The literature that proceeds from corrupted intellects poisons the minds of thousands in our world. . . . The once tender conscience . . . becomes so blunted that it can dwell upon the low and vile sayings and actions of men with greedy interest.

You have indulged in novel and story reading until you live in an imaginary world. . . . The influence of such reading is injurious to both the mind and the body; it weakens the intellect and brings a fearful tax upon the physical strength.

Education is but a preparation of the physical, intellectual, and moral powers for the best performance of all the duties of life.

The purchase and sale by our brethren of story-books, such as are commonly circulated in Sunday-schools, is a snare to our people, especially to our children. The special effort of ministers, and of workers all through our ranks, . . . should be to turn away the attention of the youth from all exciting stories to the sure Word of prophecy.

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If their minds are filled with stories, be they true or fictitious, there is no room for the useful information and scientific knowledge which should occupy them. *Vol. V., pp. 516-520.*

There is a counterfeit holiness, a so-called moral purity, which makes me afraid to urge the subject of purity. There is a manner of treating this subject which results in producing impurity. There is need of extreme caution in regard to this matter, that it may not be treated unwisely, and produce an effect the opposite of that which it purports to secure. *U. T., December 23, 1893.*

Read John 17: 22-24 and Eph. 1: 3-8. This is my teaching on moral purity. The opening up of the blackness of impurity will not be one-half as efficacious in uprooting sin, as will the presentation of these grand and ennobling themes. The Lord has not given to women a message to assail men, and charge them with their impurity and incontinence. They create sensuality instead of uprooting it. The Bible, and the Bible alone, has given the true lessons upon purity. *U. T., Feb. 6, 1894.*

Our Warfare.

'Tis strange that we should ever doubt or fear
After our hearts have known a Saviour near,
Breathing in accents low, "Thy sins I take,
And thee I never, never will forsake."
Strange, after having tasted joy like this,
That we should crave the cup of earthly bliss,
Or that the sorrows of this life so brief
Should have such power to cause our spirits grief.
And passing strange that sin should e'er again
Enthrall our souls, and give our Saviour pain.

Oh! strife with sin must be a ceaseless strife,
A bitter warfare ending but with life.
We must be on our guard, must watch and pray,
Each day renew the fight of yesterday.
On every side our wily foes assail,
Unaided we 'gainst them can ne'er prevail;
But Jesus help has promised to the last.
Through Him we'll conquer, and, the conflict past,
With the redeemed upon the crystal sea,
We may attune our harps to victory.

—E. J. Johnson.

The Coming Camp-meetings.

By the time this issue of the RECORD reaches its readers, the first of these important meetings will be under way. Camp-meetings, as one of God's instrumentalities to spread a knowledge of His truth to those who know it not, as well as being a means of grace and encouragement to those who are already in the faith, have not been appreciated as they should have been. We believe such meetings are of divine appointment, and when properly conducted can truthfully be said to be "holy convocations." The grounds where they are held are, for the time being, holy ground, because dedicated to the service and worship of God. The Holy Spirit and angels of God are present, not only to assist those who preach the Word, but to do their office work in softening and tendering human hearts and making them susceptible of divine impressions. The following extract from *Testimonies, Vol. 6*, pp. 38-40, so fully express the thought in my mind that I insert it here, that all who do not have the book may have opportunity to know how the Lord regards these meetings:—

It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meetings, and God calls you to number one in the ranks of truth.

Some will say, "It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed." Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being pre-

sent with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithe, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might, through them, have been given to all the nations of the world.

With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

This is a time for everyone to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and our work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels, who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation, will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honor His cause and advance His work.

I trust that all will read and carefully ponder these words. If you have not already planned to attend the camp-meeting in your State, begin at once to make your arrangements to do so. The Lord will not only open up the way, but He will protect your property while you are gone, as He did that of His people in ancient times when they came up to worship in harmony with His command. See Exo. 34: 24. So come along, bringing your children and family, and let them, with you, enjoy the blessing of God which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it.

GEO. A. IRWIN.

God speaks to His people in blessings bestowed; and when these are not appreciated, He speaks to them in blessings removed, that they may be led to see their sins, and return to Him with all the heart.—*Patriarchs and Prophets.*

"As THE glow of the descending sun lights up the mountain peaks long after the sun has sunk behind the hills, so the works of the pure, the holy, and the good, shed light upon the world long after the actors themselves have passed away."

Our Mission Field.



Malaysia Mission.

At our late Union Conference it was recommended that the East India Islands be visited at an early date for the purpose of gathering information preparatory to opening up missions in that field.

Up to the present time we have had but one missionary among the millions of Malaysia. Nine years ago there was one Sabbath-keeper in Pelew Island, a small island between the Philippines and the Carolines; but of late nothing has been heard from him. More than a year and a half ago, Elder R. W. Munson, from America, landed in Sumatra and began work for the Chinese. For a number of years previous to his acceptance of the present truth, Brother Munson had been connected with the Methodist Mission in East India, but was obliged, on account of failing health, to return home.

Soon after accepting the Sabbath truth, and with health in a measure restored, he decided to return to his former field of labor. Locating in Padang, Sumatra, he at once opened a school for Chinese children and youth, and soon had an enrollment of fifty or more. Before the close of the first year he had an income from the students of £10 per month.

In a letter written about the first of the present year, Brother Munson wrote,—

Our work is moving forward. I have baptised the heads of two families (Chinese), and another is asking for baptism. This will bring, or has brought, twenty Chinese people, most of them young, under our influence and instruction.

It seems good at this time, when China is torn with internal strife and threatened with war, that thousands of the natives of this great empire are permitted to hear the news of Christ's second coming, in a place of comparative peace, though just on the borders of China.

May we not reasonably hope that some of these converts will carry the good news to their brethren in the home land?

In the same letter, Brother Munson tells of another fine location on Sumatra for a mission. He says,—

At Medan, in Deli, in north-east Sumatra, there are 8,000 Chinese, and there they use *only* English. There are *many* English there, and an English school and mission would just gloriously flourish if I had a *good* man and wife to start it. I can hardly sleep at night for thinking and praying about this place. It is a rich lode that will pan out heavy and bring us close to Singapore and Penang. Could Australia send us help? They would be self-supporting almost from the start.

We are hopeful that Australia will be able soon to send a teacher to that field. It would seem that we ought not to let such an opportunity slip out of our hands.

At the beginning of this year, Brother Munson decided if we could give him some financial help, that he would print a series of small tracts in the Malay language. Our Polynesian Committee responded by appropriating £60 for that work. The printing of these tracts will be done at Padang.

In a letter, written April 30, Brother Munson says,—

It is a fine field, and unoccupied by any missionary society. We *must* enter it. I am holding on to God for Medan (Deli). I am ordering one hundred *Bible Readings* (Dutch) from Sydney. Am going to sell them here in Sumatra, the Lord helping.

About a week ago I received another letter from Elder Munson under date of July 29, in which he says,—

Your letter brings me the good news that £60 had been voted. My heart was made very glad by this news, and I am working hard on my first tract, and it will soon be ready for the press. I shall rush the tract work along as fast as I can.

Feeling the need of a hymn book for the native converts, Brother Munson is preparing a small collection of hymns in the Malay language, because, as he says,—

Our native Christians, as well as casual hearers, can have present truth *sung* into their hearts more quickly perhaps than it could be preached to them.

Speaking of the present progress of the message, he says,—

On July 6, my birthday, I had the joy of baptising eight adult Chinese, five men and three women. They are all, with one possible exception, the clearest possible cases. They give good evidence of the new birth, and are learning to rely upon God in time of need. They have some very clear, and, in some cases, remarkable answers to prayer. When listening to the Word tears fill their eyes, and their *lives* bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Counting the wives and children of those baptised, all of whom will follow their husbands and fathers, we have already a community of thirty-eight. There are others who are inquiring, and who will surely believe and be baptised. I have ordered some machinery from America, and am going to begin the manufacture of spiral and coiled wire mattresses. There are none here, and I know I can work up a good business in them, and thus furnish employment to our native brethren and their older boys. I am thinking seriously, too, of getting a small printing press. We could use it to good advantage in our work. I am holding on to God for £2,000 and more workers to push the message in Sumatra. Help me pray, Brother Gates. I am very glad your interest in this field is of so lively a nature as to lead you to plan a visit to Sumatra. How glad we shall be to see you, and I feel sure you will agree with me that this is a very interesting, promising, and important field. Don't fail to hurry the tract money along.

For some months we have been trying to get a list of names of people in the East Indies in order that we might furnish them with literature.

In answer to my request, the United States Consul at Batavia, Java, sent a small list of names of men in that place. These are of different nationalities,—Dutch, English, French, and German. To these we have sent health and temperance literature, and publications bearing on the great events of prophecy now fulfilling. As fast as we can obtain names we expect that the secretary of the newly-formed mission committee will send out our precious literature to all parts of that populous but benighted field.

The late *Testimony for the Church* tells us,—

Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries. There is special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there ever was a crisis it is now. . . . While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. *We must bear our message without any delay.*

If the Lord is willing, I expect soon to take a trip to the East Indies, for the purpose of studying the field, circulating literature, and securing names for missionary purposes. The route selected will enable me to stop at New Britain, different points on New Guinea, Amboina, the Celebes, Java, Singapore, Sumatra, and the Philippines. On the return trip I will be able to stop at the Caroline Island group.

May the Lord guide in these matters to His own glory.

E. H. GATES.

THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH.

"For I will restore health unto thee, saith the Lord."

Digestion.

ABSTRACT of a lecture given by Dr. Lauretta Kress at the late Union Conference.

IF we view the matter of diet from God's standpoint, we will not eat food that we know we cannot possibly digest, and will feel that we have no right to do so. When we have knowledge, we add to it temperance and patience. How many have patience? We all long for more patience. Many women say, I am not patient with my husband and children. God wants us to understand ourselves. This is the reason why the Spirit of the Lord has told us to study physiology. When we get to know ourselves, we begin to understand why we need be temperate. We will suppose that a mother knows nothing about the body. Her child comes in and asks for something to eat. She gives it food. Very soon it comes again for more, and keeps on eating all day long. By and by the child is taken very ill, and then the mother begins to get hold of some of these facts.

The stomach cannot carry food in this way. When the stomach is in a natural condition, it only digests food at certain times. The normal stomach will empty itself in about five hours. But how many of us have natural stomachs? I have found just one since I have been in Australia. Out of one hundred nurses that applied to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, only three had stomachs in the right position. There are very few who have stomachs in the right place. It is because we have abused the stomach. There is sometimes food there when we think it is empty. We often have a craving for food, not because we are hungry, but because the stomach is irritated. That feeling of appetite is not hunger. When a person feels that gnawing sensation, it is better not to eat than to eat. Wait until the hungry feeling passes, and then sit down to the table, and you will enjoy your food. This feeling usually comes when the stomach is emptying itself. The mucus membrane is getting ready to expel the food. In the muscular effort to throw out the food, the walls of the stomach rub together, and cause this feeling. I have had a good many come to me and say they could not sleep at night unless they had a biscuit. The difficulty with such persons is that they have an irritated stomach, and it is only by keeping the stomach working all the time that the walls are kept apart. When a person lies down and goes to sleep, all the muscles of the body relax and are at rest. That is what God gives us rest for. But if we lie down with the stomach at work, we do not rest, and the nerve which supplies the muscular activity causes the brain to work also. There is no great increase of blood to the stomach when we sleep, and therefore the muscles and nerves work harder than they are accustomed to work, and when we get up in the morning we feel tired and worn out, wretched, cross, and depressed. This is not natural at all. We should feel fresh because the rest has done us good. When the stomach works like that, it takes down vitality very fast.

In England I received a letter from a patient who wanted to consult me about eating. She said she was under the doctor's care, and she was suffering from indigestion. She said that at seven o'clock in the morning she had a breakfast of bread and milk; at nine o'clock, tea and toast; at one o'clock, dinner; at three o'clock, beef tea and two biscuits, and then again at seven and nine. I do not wonder that she had indigestion.

Now when we properly assimilate our food, we do not care to eat so often. We do not need to do so. A person will get along with less food and really gain flesh when he properly combines his food and arranges his meals.

It is very important that we know how to make unfermented breads if we would keep ourselves in the very best possible condition of health. The unfermented breads are much more wholesome than the fermented. We find that conditions subsist in fermented breads, although made from the best yeast, which are not conducive to good health. The yeast is not killed in the baking, unless it is twice baked, that is, zwieback. Then the yeast plant is destroyed, and the process of fermentation does not go on in the stomach. If you keep bread a certain length of time, it will become mouldy. The reason for this is that the growth is not killed. Take a loaf of bread and set it away, and in a few days it will be quite mouldy. But take the loaf as soon as it is baked and cut it into slices and bake it, and you can keep it for three or four years and it will not spoil. The second baking will keep your bread as long as you want to keep it and it will be just as palatable as when first baked. I was holding a school of health in Michigan, and an old lady sat in front of me as I was talking about zwieback, and she said, "I have some zwieback three years old. I will bring you some to taste." I tasted it and found it crisp and fresh and nice. You cannot do that with yeast bread unless it is baked at once.

If we take new yeast bread into the stomach, and we have plenty of gastric juice, it will kill the germs in the bread; but if we are a little below par, we cannot do this. Fermentation sets in and we make alcohol, which begins to go all over the body, causing great drowsiness. But unfermented bread if properly made does not do this. It is simply the meal with some substance to shorten it, and is made sufficiently hard to masticate so that we must chew it before it passes into the stomach. In the process of raising the yeast bread, the flour is deteriorated; for it is from that that the yeast takes sufficient nutriment for its growth, and therefore has taken out of that piece of bread some of the substance we need for our bodies. In this way we are deprived of the nutriment that should be in the bread. But twice baking it adds to its value. When we take the water out it raises the per cent. of nutriment. One step in the process of digestion is completed by twice baking it.

How OFTEN is self-denial to be practised in the Christian life? Some seem to think that an occasional effort in this direction is all that is necessary. But Christ says, "Daily." "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." But this self-denial is not bodily penance or physical torture. It is that renunciation of the world, and consecration to God, which to the sincere Christian brings the highest enjoyment.



Tract and Missionary.

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

Every Christian a Missionary.

EVERY Christian is a missionary—"a sent one." "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Every Christian is a missionary appointed by Christ and for Christ, and to and for the world. We are all ambassadors for God, messengers of the cross. It is the God-given duty and privilege of every one who knows and loves the Saviour to strive to lead others to His love and service. "Go work;" "Go preach;" "Go teach;" "Let him that heareth say, Come;" these are the Christian's commands. Have you heard? Then say, "Come." Is the marching order yours? Then "go."

That motto deep cut upon the sides of the Eddy-stone lighthouse would be a grand one for every Christian to take to himself. The words are these: "To give light and to save life." *To give light and to save life.* Verily this is the God-appointed mission of every Christian. It is not enough for any Christian simply that he is saved; he must in turn be striving also to save others.

Mr. Moody tells us of one day seeing a steel engraving which pleased him very much. He says, "I thought it was the finest thing I had ever seen at the time, and I bought it." It was the picture of a woman coming out of the water and clinging with both hands to the cross of refuge. "But afterward," he goes on to say, "I saw another picture which spoiled this one for me entirely, it was so much more lovely. It was the picture of a person coming out of the dark waters, with one arm clinging to the cross, but with the other she was lifting *some one else* out of the waters."

Saved and saving. Keeping a firm hold upon the cross ourselves, but striving ever to lift other souls from the dark billows of sin that beat upon the dangerous coast of eternity; that is Christianity in its highest type. Christ came to save. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Ours, too, is to be rescue work. First saved, then saving. And poor, weak, and feeble men and women that we are, God will use us if we will. He has sent no angel to make known and offer His gospel. To be sure we cannot convert men, but telling them the gospel and persuading them to accept it is our work; conversion is God's work.

There is a legend of a Roman soldier who had a son with him in the army who was dumb. Once, in the midst of a battle, the son saw one of the enemy with his sword raised over his father ready to strike him to the ground. It is said that in the utter intensity of his desire and effort to warn his father of his danger, his voice came to him, and he cried out in time to save his life. It does seem that if we could realise the danger our unsaved friends are in, many of us would get our voices. Instead, I sometimes think we give our dearest friends reason to say, "No man careth for my soul." We are all so silent, so unmoved, so slow. It is not an

uncommon lament to hear from awakened sinners, "No one ever spoke to me about my soul." Many of them could say to Christian friends, "I think you were a long time coming to me with the help and encouragement and sympathy you might have given toward leading me to Christ."

A recent incident of pastoral experience will give point to this thought. A lady in the congregation of the writer became impressed with the desire to speak with her neighbor, a very dear personal friend, and a woman of wealth, refinement, and most excellent character, but not a Christian. One morning she felt that she must go to her friend and frankly tell her about her long-cherished interest in her soul, but so often had she yielded to delay that she could not seem to get the courage. At length, she knelt and prayed for strength, and then, without waiting a moment to lose her resolution, she went and told her at her very door just what was in her heart. Think how that message, brought in such fear and trembling, was received! The answer was, "O I have wondered this long time why you never spoke to me. I have longed for your help, and I am so glad you have come. Will you not, please, come right into the room here, and pray with me?" That woman, her husband, and two daughters, soon came into the church, and I know no better members in God's household to-day.

That is practical soul-winning work. We need more of it. What our churches need to-day is more of that life-giving, vitalising fire of God's Holy Spirit which will arouse every individual Christian to earnest, consecrated, personal work.

"Every Church a Band of Missionaries" is the title of a tract. We have never read the tract, but the title is very suggestive. A good deal has been said lately about the importance of having able ministers in our pulpits, and no doubt it is important. But would it not be well to call the attention of the members of our churches to the fact that it is even more important that they should be able workers than that they should have able pastors, especially such as fill the popular idea of men unusually gifted as public speakers and sermonisers?

Only as our churches become "bands of missionaries;" only as they become bands of "able workers;" in fact, only as the rank and file of our Christian membership become enlisted in active service for Christ, will His kingdom advance as it ought.

"Give me," exclaimed Wesley, "one hundred men who fear nothing but God, hate nothing but sin, and are determined to know nothing among men but Christ and Him crucified, and I will set the world on fire." This at least we know, that in the existing churches of to-day, if every hundred members were a hundred such workers, burning with the fire of a zeal kindled with Christ's love, we might exclaim, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" Let us be up and doing. It is God's most urgent command, "Go work to-day in my vineyard." God will use us. Men are the messengers. The reward is sure, present, and eternal. "He that winneth souls is wise." Wise! It is the greatest, grandest, wisest work in the world; "for they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."—*Observer.*

"We are to leave with God the work of judging and condemning."



The Field.

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them."

The Waiting Hour.

THE Master's glorious banner goes before
The conquering army of the Lord. Press on
In faith that soon their warfare will be o'er,
The last cross lifted, and the victory won.

The crown of gold is waiting for the brow
Of every soldier strong who wars in love;
And bright, immortal garlands even now
Are weaving for the saints in courts above.

O, press the battle to the gates! And sin—
Let its vile sceptre fall into the dust!
Forget all hate and envy, and begin
To learn the song of triumph of the just.

All heaven awaits your glad, triumphant song;
And angels long to hear the glorious strain
Of millions ransomed from earth's sin and wrong—
Of blood-bought sinners, cleansed from every stain.

—Albert Carey.

Report of Labor.

SINCE the close of the Union Conference I have spent my time quite largely in company with Elder Farnsworth, attending the various State Conferences, whose meetings followed each other in quite close succession. The first of these meetings was held in the Stanmore church, Sydney. The duration of the meeting was not long, but the interest and attendance was quite good. Various matters pertaining to the interests of the State were quite fully considered, as well as those that were of a general character. The report showed somewhat of a decrease in the indebtedness of the Conference and Tract Society, although there still remains quite a considerable debt to be provided for. The proposed plan for the management and sale of the book, *Christ's Object Lessons*, in the interests of the Avondale School, received careful consideration and quite hearty support, something over £50 being pledged on the material fund. This was very good, considering the number that was present, many of whom had already subscribed to the fund at the Union Conference.

The proposition to pay a second tithe for the building and equipment of the Wahroonga Sanitarium also met with a hearty endorsement, one or two testimonies being borne in the meeting as to the wonderful manner in which the Lord had blessed the individuals who had already begun its payment.

As Elder Colcord had been recommended by the Union Conference to connect with the work in Queensland, Elder G. A. Snyder was elected to the position made vacant by the removal of Elder Colcord, Elder Tenney being associated with him as Vice-president. Plans were laid, looking to the opening up of new territory the coming season, as well as strengthening the work already established.

From New South Wales we went to Victoria to take part in the Conference that was called to convene at North Fitzroy church, August 18. The opening meeting of the Conference proper was held in the afternoon of August 17, with quite a good representation from each of

the churches composing the Conference. The day meetings were devoted to the consideration of the business, while the evening meetings, except Friday and Sunday nights, were devoted to the reports of the various organisations and institutions operating within the bounds of the Conference. The financial reports showed the Conference and Tract Society to be quite heavily in debt. This was accounted for, in a measure, by the fact that Victoria was the first, and consequently the mother, so to speak, of all the other Conferences. The Conference embraced at first a large area of territory; but as the believers multiplied in New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, separate conferences were organised in these fields, and while the new conferences took a small portion of the indebtedness, the parent Conference continued to carry the larger share.

Notwithstanding the large indebtedness of the Conference, the delegates responded quite cheerfully to the appeal for the material fund for *Christ's Object Lessons*, something over £73 being pledged. This does not include time that was pledged by the workers in the Echo Publishing House, which, if computed at the regular rate, would amount to nearly £100 more. Quite a large proportion of those present also voted to pay the second tithe for the support of the Wahroonga Sanitarium.

One very important feature of the Conference was the annual statement of the Echo Publishing Company. In the general summing up of the business of the year, it was found that there was a deficit of something over £700. This was a matter of very deep regret to the managers, as it was the first time there had been a deficit for a long time. A careful *résumé* of the business of the year developed several reasons for this unusual loss. One was a commendable effort that had been made on the part of the managers to obtain a better class of outside work. Hitherto their largest jobs had been patent medicine circulars and advertisement leaflets. This class of work did not require such skilled labor or careful preparation; hence, as good prices were obtained, there was a large profit on the work. When they secured a better class of work, it was necessary to be more careful in the preparation of the matter. This required more time and labor. Then, on the other hand, for this class of work there is quite a sharp competition, so that while the expense of producing the work was greater, the profits were less than on the former class of work.

Another considerable item was the travelling expenses of the manager in his trip around the world, also the transportation of a skilled man from America to take charge of one of the principal departments of the institution. While this expense would all come out of the present year, the benefits derived from it by the institution will be seen and felt in the years to come. Hence it would seem hardly just to charge it all to the institution at one time.

Another item that contributed to the deficit was the loss of over £300 on the *Bible Echo*. The columns of the *Echo* for the past years have been filled exclusively with matter upon present truth, with an occasional advertisement of our own literature, advertisements of all other character having been excluded. This was done by the action of the Union Conference in 1899, they believing that the people would appreciate the paper so much more that the subscriptions would increase sufficiently to make up for all that had been previously received from these outside advertisements. But the reports show that the hope of the managers has not been realised; hence, one

of two things will have to be done in future; either take up a portion of the paper with advertisements to help pay expenses, or for the brethren in general to rally to its support by taking subscriptions or selling a sufficient number of papers to meet the expenses. The latter course would be very much more pleasing to the Lord, I am sure, and very much more preferable to the managers of the Echo Publishing Company. So I trust that all who read this will feel burdened along this line and do what they can to extend the circulation of the *Echo*.

Another thing I noticed in the report was that the capital stock of the company was 10,000 shares at £1 per share. Of this amount only a little over 2,000 shares have been sold. Hence, in order to carry on the business money has had to be borrowed, and as a result the interest account of their institution is no small amount. If the balance of this stock, or some considerable portion of it, could be taken by our brethren throughout the field, it would relieve the institution quite considerably. From one to five shares of this stock would not be a heavy amount for each individual, yet in the aggregate it would make a large sum which would enable the institution to free itself entirely from obligation to the banks, which certainly would be a very desirable thing to do; for then we would be entirely safe in a time of financial crisis, which is liable to come at almost any time. Had the institution in Christiana been free from the banks at the time of the crash in Norway two years ago, it would not have been compelled to go into temporary bankruptcy, as it did. I trust that the brethren will consider this matter seriously, and see if they have not obligations in this direction. The institution belongs to the cause of the Lord in this field, and hence is just as much the property of the whole cause as any other institution, or society, or organisation that goes to make up the general work. Several of the brethren at the time of the Victorian Conference took all the way from one to five shares of this unsold stock. Should anyone feel disposed to respond to this, they can address, N. D. Faulkhead, 16 Best Street, North Fitzroy, Victoria, treasurer of the Echo Publishing Company, who is authorised to issue certificates of the stock.

I trust no one will get the impression from what I have said that the Echo Publishing Company is at all shaky in its financial standing, for it is not. It stands A1 as a business enterprise in the city of Melbourne. I simply speak of it that we may act like wise men and fortify ourselves against any possible contingency that might arise.

As will be noticed by the Secretary's report of the Victorian Conference, Elder W. A. Hennig was elected President for the ensuing year. The distribution of the various laborers was made with a view to aggressive work. There seemed to be quite a disposition on the part of most of the churches and companies to look after their own affairs, and allow their ministers and workers to go out after the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

From Victoria, we went on to Adelaide, South Australia, where the South Australian Conference was held. The delegate portion of the meeting was small, as the Conference is not large. There was quite a good attendance, however, from the Adelaide church, which contains a large proportion of the membership of the Conference. There was a more general interest in the meetings, and a fuller regular attendance than at any former meeting, the brethren all seeming anxious to learn all

they could. An excellent spirit characterised the meeting from beginning to end.

The report showed that both the Conference and Tract Society were out of debt, although they had no money in hand or in sight to use in aggressive work.

The *Christ's Object Lesson* enterprise, and also the payment of the second tithe for the Wahroonga Sanitarium, met with a hearty endorsement. Cash and pledges to the amount of £36 were received toward the material fund. Elder Woods was unanimously re-elected President of the Conference. A new constitution was adopted, reducing the Executive Committee from seven members to five. The committee to solicit funds and to secure location for a church in Adelaide was enlarged by the addition of several new members, and measures were taken to carry forward this enterprise as rapidly as possible. One needs only to be on the ground for a little time to appreciate the great need of a church in this the principal city and stronghold of our work in South Australia. During the short time of our Conference we were shifted from one building and room to another, and thus it has been for some time, the church having no permanent abiding place. All the working force of the Conference will go out from this meeting into new territory, with the hope and expectation of adding new ones to the constituency of the Conference.

On our return from Adelaide, we stopped at Ballarat for two days and nights, and held four meetings with the little company there. While they are very hard pressed to pay the large indebtedness on their church—£350—they contributed three or four pounds to the material fund on *Christ's Object Lessons*. An effort was made in the Victorian Conference, and something over £25 was raised in cash to help the Ballarat brethren to liquidate their church debt. Elder Starr was assigned to labor in the city, and I understand he has plans matured to put in operation, which, if entered heartily upon by the brethren, will gradually wipe off the debt and leave them free. In the meantime he will labor for the conversion of other souls, so that the company there may be built up and strengthened.

At Ballarat we separated, Brother Farnsworth going to Bendigo and I going to Geelong. At Geelong I met with Elders Hennig and Starr, who had been there for some days laboring with the church. Some difficulty had arisen in the little company, which was instigated and carried on by a disaffected worker of the Conference. At first it seemed as if it would quite seriously divide and affect the church, but when Elders Hennig and Starr set the matter out in its true light before the brethren they gladly returned to the fold. While this was a new experience to the church in Geelong, I feel sure that the Lord will overrule it to their good, as it resulted in binding them closer together, and binding them more securely to the work of the Third Angel's Message. It was my privilege to speak to the church four times during my stay.

Brother Farnsworth and I came together again at Melbourne, spending only a short time for a little counsel with the brethren of the Echo Publishing Company. We then returned to Sydney, where we held a short board meeting with the members of the Wahroonga Sanitarium. From there we came on to Coorabong, where we will spend a few days in general correspondence, and getting ready to attend the Queensland camp-meeting.

Taken as a whole, my trip was one of pleasure and interest to myself, and, I trust, of some profit to the

churches and companies we visited. While there are heavy loads to lift in all directions, the brethren in the main are of good heart and courage, and seem willing to do all they possibly can to build up the Lord's work in this large and needy field.

GEO. A. IRWIN.

New South Wales Conference.

THE sixth annual session was held in the Stanmore Church, Petersham, August 8-11. The ten churches of the Conference were represented by forty-seven delegates, and there was a good attendance of other members in addition. During the year one camp-meeting and one Sabbath-school Convention have been held. The church membership is now 640, and isolated Sabbath-keepers number fifty-five, an increase of ninety-six for the year. The tithe amounted to £1418, including £108 paid to the Union Conference out of the Avondale tithe. The report of the Tract Society showed the sale of 9,582 books bearing on present truth, and 89,941 periodicals. The introduction of the cash system has proved a great blessing to the Society. The indebtedness to the Echo Company had been reduced by £404. The business of the year shewed a loss of £242, but the balance of profit and loss shows a credit of £131 on past business. The use of the paper, *Children's Friend*, has superseded that of the *Little Friend* in the Sabbath-schools. The membership of the Sabbath-schools is 834, a gain of 141 during the year. Seven new schools have been formed, and the donations to missions have largely increased. It was resolved to devote out of the surplus Sabbath-school tithe on hand, £5 to the workers in Norfolk Island, and £4 to the Material Fund for *Christ's Object Lessons*.

Perhaps the most important business of the meeting was the passing of the resolution to co-operate with the Union Conference in the publication and sale of *Christ's Object Lessons*. Liberal responses were made to the call for donations to the material fund. Another sign of the liberal spirit which is being manifested by our people, was the resolution to raise a second or sanitarium tithe, for the completion of the new Sanitarium building.

The missionary spirit was shown in the resolution to co-operate heartily in the publication and distribution of the *Joyful Tidings*.

The control of the Norfolk Island church was handed over to the Union Conference for the better working of that field.

The Constitution of the Conference was amended as follows:—

Article 2, Section 5: It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a committee of four, who shall not have been in the employ of the Conference during any part of the year, who, with the Executive Committee, shall constitute an auditing committee to examine and settle at any time all accounts of laborers which are presented to the Conference.

This alteration will enable the committee to settle laborers' accounts at any time during the year, and it will make it possible to present to the annual meeting a balance-sheet properly audited. Under previous conditions it was quite impossible to do this.

The report and balance-sheet for the year was read as follows:—

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONFERENCE, JUNE 30, 1901.

Assets.			Liabilities.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stanmore Church ...	£138	0 5	Loans ...	£654	1 5
Avondale School ...	4	7 5	N. S. W. Tract Society ...	30	1 2
Tents and fixtures ...	170	10 4	Sundry accounts ...	28	7 9
Other property ...	106	0 2	Workers' audited accounts... 205	2 10	
Stable ...	14	12 6			
Sundry accounts ...	21	1 5			
Outstanding tithe ...	21	12 0			
A. J. S. Bank ...	7	16 8			
Cash in hand ...	12	8 11			
Balance ...	421	3 4			
Total ...	£917	13 2	Total ...	£917	13 2
PROFIT AND LOSS.					
Dr.			Cr.		
Loss to June 30, 1900 ...	£478	4 5	Tithe for year ...	£1310	3 6
Tithe to Union Conference ...	131	7 10	Donations ...	15	2 5
Interest ...	17	12 3	Wallsend School ...	31	3 3
Wages ...	1134	6 3	Hamilton School ...	17	6 6
Stable ...	23	1 1	Tent Fund ...	52	5 11
Expense ...	55	4 0	Sundries ...	1	9 5
Depreciation ...	8	12 4	Camp expenses Lambton...	2	7 2
Sundry expenses ...	2	13 4	Balance ...	421	3 4
Total ...	£1851	1 6			
			Loss to June 30, 1900 ...	478	4 5
			Gain to June 30, 1901 ...	57	1 1
			Present deficit ...	421	3 4

E. A. D. GOODHART, *Treasurer*.

Audited and found correct, E. M. Graham, Auditor.

Credentials were granted to Pastors W. A. Colcord, G. A. Snyder, G. C. Tenney, and W. Woodford. Licenses were granted to F. W. Paap, G. W. Tadich, and W. J. McGowan. Missionary licenses were granted to J. Hindson, G. G. James, A. E. Pearce, and E. A. D. Goodhart.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. A. Snyder; Vice-president, Pastor G. C. Tenney; Field Agent, W. M. Crothers; Executive Committee, G. A. Snyder, G. C. Tenney, J. A. Burden, J. Hindson, and J. J. Paap.

During the year that has passed, there has been steady progress in every line of work in the Conference, and we believe that the coming year will show more energy than ever in the spread of the last warning message to prepare the world to meet the soon coming Saviour.

W. A. COLCORD, *President*.

E. A. D. GOODHART, *Secretary*.

Victorian Conference.

THE fourteenth annual session of the Victorian Conference was held in the S. D. Adventist Church, North Fitzroy, August 18-25. There were twelve meetings. Delegates were present from Ballarat, Bendigo, Brighton, Hawthorn, Geelong, North Fitzroy, Williamstown, and Windsor. Elders G. A. Irwin and E. W. Farnsworth; also Miss E. M. Graham, were present on behalf of the Union Conference.

The following committees were appointed by the President:—

ON PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—J. Johanson, J. Gillespie, C. Hallam, E. Watson, W. D. Salisbury, S. McCullagh, W. A. Hennig, G. Hubbard, C. Steele, G. A. Irwin, E. W. Farnsworth, G. B. Starr, and C. P. Michaels.

ON NOMINATIONS.—N. D. Faulkhead, C. Prismall, T. Farrant, G. Burgess, W. H. James.

ON CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES.—A. W. Anderson, W. R. Carswell, E. Watson, R. Hare, and C. Lewington.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE.—W. A. Hennig, E. W. Farnsworth, G. A. Irwin.

In his opening address the President referred briefly to the work in the field during the past year.

Eighty-seven names had been added to the church lists. Five short series of tent-meetings had been held and one camp-meeting. The last quarter's returns showed the largest tithe yet paid into the Conference. The Lord had specially blessed in the work of the Helping Hand Mission and Tract Society, each showing fair returns for the year's work.

The balance sheets of the Conference, Tract Society, Sabbath-school Department, and Helping Hand Mission, were presented by the Treasurer and adopted.

N. D. Faulkhead, field secretary of the Sabbath-school department, presented an interesting report from his department. £55 3s 1½d had been donated to missions, and £16 17s for special collections. The average amount given per member had risen in every school.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:—

FOR PRESIDENT: W. A. Hennig.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: J. Johanson.

FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER: J. Gillespie.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: W. A. Hennig, J. Johanson, J. Gillespie, W. D. Salisbury, E. Watson, C. Hallam, G. Petherbridge.

The Executive Committee appointed the following department officers:—

TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY: Miss L. Gregg.

TRACT SOCIETY TREASURER: J. Gillespie.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY: Mrs. W. A. Hennig.

HELPING HAND MISSION MANAGING BOARD: E. Watson, G. Petherbridge, C. Prismatic, C. Hallam, H. E. Simkin, J. Gillespie.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented the following report, which was also adopted:—

CREDENTIALS: W. A. Hennig, G. B. Starr, S. McCullagh.

LICENTIATE: N. A. Davis.

MISSIONARY LICENTIATES: J. Johanson, W. R. Carswell, W. H. Warren, Mrs. G. B. Starr, Mrs. Hennig, Mrs. Boyd, Miss M. Schowe, and Miss L. Gregg.

SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY WORKERS: C. P. Michaels, A. W. Anderson, A. Ballingall, N. D. Faulkhead, W. D. Salisbury, G. Hubbard, A. T. Jessop, J. Wallace, A. Chelberg, G. Burgess, J. A. Bown, C. H. Pretyman, W. J. R. Bowes.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented the following report, which was adopted:—

1. That we express our appreciation of the effort of the Echo Brass Band in opening up the work in Brunswick, and we hope the result of their work there will encourage them to continue in this good work.

2. That a series of tent-meetings be conducted at Brunswick as early as possible.

3. That we favor holding a camp-meeting at Moonee Ponds or district from October 24 to November 4.

4. In addition to our annual Conference and camp-meeting, we recommend that at least two union meetings of members of all the churches be held on a Sunday in a central hall in the city of Melbourne.

5. That the Conference Committee appoint the regular standing committees prior to the annual Conference to enable them to do as much work as possible before the meeting.

6. That W. R. Carswell and wife unite with the work at Ballarat at such time as arrangements can be made properly to carry on the work he has already begun at Bendigo.

7. That this Conference heartily co-operate in the plan for the circulation of the book "*Christ's Object Lessons*," as outlined at the recent Union Conference, and presented in the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD.

8. That W. A. Hennig and S. McCullagh unite in labor at Brunswick.

9. That we correspond with the Australasian Medical Board with a view to securing two competent nurses to open up the medical work in Bendigo.

10. That G. B. Starr and W. H. Warren make Ballarat their field of labor.

11. That we encourage our churches to open church schools, but only in counsel with the Conference Executive Committee.

12. That this Conference extend a cordial invitation to Elder G. A. Irwin to locate in Victoria.

13. That we advise that our President, Canvassing Agent, and Tract Society Secretary be responsible for collecting reports from the field for publication in the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD.

14. That the superintendents of our Sabbath-schools be invited to counsel with the Conference Committee in regard to the proper use of Sabbath-school donations.

15. That the importance and advantages of resident canvassing be prominently brought, and continually kept, before our churches.

16. That each church encourage one or more of its number to engage in canvassing for our large books, under the direction of the State agent.

17. That these agents furnish their churches with the names and addresses of their societies, and that their churches follow up the work by correspondence, periodicals, and tracts.

18. That canvassing institutes be held.

19. That time be given to the consideration of the canvassing work before the general assemblies at our camp-meetings and conferences.

20. That the Sabbath-school Department of the Union Conference be consulted with reference to the preparation of more suitable lessons for the primary divisions than are at present being published.

21. That it shall be the duty of all conference laborers to furnish to the committee a monthly statement of their work, receipts, and expenditure, and that blanks for that purpose be furnished.

22. That classes be held with our churches and companies of Sabbath-keepers to give practical instruction in healthful cooking, healthful dress, simple treatments, and kindred topics.

23. That this conference heartily unite in the plan of paying the second tithe to be devoted for one year to the erection of the new Sydney Sanitarium.

The labors of Elders G. A. Irwin and E. W. Farnsworth were much appreciated. One evening was devoted to the plan for the relief of the Avondale School. As the rich promises of the Lord were read for those who would sacrifice and engage in this work, many hearts responded, and gratitude filled the hearts of those who realized the goodness of the Lord in revealing to us the test for this time.

The last Sabbath was a day to be remembered. As the solemn scenes of the judgment were presented many hearts were touched, and in response to the invitation for those to come forward who desired to seek the Lord for forgiveness of sin, a large number responded, composed chiefly of the young people attending the church school, thus showing the good work being accomplished by the earnest efforts of the teachers. The good spirit of the Lord was present in each meeting, and we feel sure many were encouraged to press forward in the good work and push the battle to the gate.

G. B. STARR, *President*.

J. GILLESPIE, *Secretary*.

South Australian Conference.

THE second annual session of the South Australian Conference was held in Adelaide from August 28 to September 2, 1901. Representatives were present from various parts of the field, and G. A. Irwin and E. W. Farnsworth attended on behalf of the Australasian Union Conference.

The following committees were appointed :—

ON NOMINATIONS.—W. Vercoe, E. W. Farnsworth, G. Wakeham.

ON LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS.—T. Thatcher, C. Davey, A. W. Waight.

ON PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—A. W. Semmens, G. A. Irwin, A. H. Rogers, H. Mitchell, W. Bowhey.

ON CONSTITUTION.—J. H. Camp, J. E. Steed, E. M. Graham.

Two afternoons were devoted to a Tract Society and Sabbath-school Convention, and a number of instructive papers were read and discussed.

The Adelaide Medical Institute presented an encouraging report. The treatments given during the year to paying patients were 3,090, free treatments 1,166. Two thousand seven hundred and fifty copies of the *Herald of Health* had been circulated, and sixty-nine yearly subscriptions taken. Three thousand pages of temperance, and 2,500 pages of religious, tracts had been given away, and sixty-four medical books sold. The net gain over running expenses had been £25, and the present worth of the institution was £15. Health foods had been sold to the value of £212. The facilities added during the year were one complete electric outfit, a hot air cylinder, and manual outfit. Three patients had accepted the truth, and a large number were interested in our principles.

The Tract Society reported a successful year. £2,302 of subscription and £280 of trade books had been sold, and 52,094 periodicals circulated. It had made a gain of £173 during the year.

The Sabbath-school department showed an encouraging increase both in membership and donations.

The financial report of the Conference was presented by the treasurer, and showed a gain during the year of £128. All departments of the Conference stand with a credit balance.

The Committee on Constitution presented the following revised constitution, which was adopted :—

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Conference shall be known as the South Australian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and shall consist of the organised churches of that faith within the boundaries of the State, the Broken Hill district in New South Wales, and such other territory as shall be delegated to it by the Australasian Union Conference.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

Section 1.—The officers of the Conference shall be an Executive Committee of five members, a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, business agent; tract society secretary, treasurer, and general canvassing agent; Sabbath-school secretary and treasurer; and such medical and other boards as may be necessary. The President and Vice-president shall be *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected annually.

Section 2.—The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to the officers named, and such as may be hereinafter specified.

Section 3.—It shall be the duty of the Business Agent to transact the details of such business matters as may be delegated to him by the President or Executive Committee.

Section 4.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of the Conference funds; to pay out the same as may be provided by the Conference; to report to the Conference Secretary each quarter the amount of money received, to furnish at the close of each quarter to the President and Executive Committee a statement of receipts and expenses incurred, showing the financial standing of the Conference; and to make an annual report thereof at the meetings of the Conference.

Section 5.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to

appoint, through the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD or the *Bible Echo*, the time and place to hold the annual conference, and to call special conferences whenever in their judgment it may be needful to do so; to take general supervision of all labor performed within and for the Conference; to take charge of, and care for, all the property belonging to the Conference; and to exercise a general watch-care over all matters pertaining to the interests of the cause within the bounds of this Conference.

Section 6.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee at any time during the term of its office, when accounts of laborers are presented for settlement, to appoint an auditing committee of four members, who shall not have been in the employ of the Conference during any part of the year, who, with the Executive Committee, shall constitute an auditing committee, to examine and settle all accounts of the laborers which are presented to the Conference.

The Executive Committee shall, through its President, also appoint all standing committees required for the business of the annual session.

Section 7.—The Conference, through its Executive Committee, shall appoint such field and corresponding secretaries as are deemed necessary to take the supervision of special lines of work. The Executive Committee shall also have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in any of the offices or boards during its term of office.

ARTICLE III.—FUNDS.

Section 1.—It shall be the duty of the churches belonging to the Conference to adopt the tithing system of the Bible, and the funds so raised shall be paid at least quarterly to the Treasurer of the Conference.

Section 2.—In addition to the tithe the Executive Committee is authorised to call for donations as the wants of the cause, in their judgment, may demand.

Section 3.—All money shall be paid out by the Treasurer, on the written order of the President, or as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4.—All profits arising from the Tract Society, Sabbath-school, medical, and other departments shall be used exclusively in extending the missionary work of the respective departments.

ARTICLE IV.—CHURCH REPORTS.

Section 1.—It shall be the duty of each church, through its clerk, to make a written report each quarter to the Conference Secretary of its standing, its additions and losses, and the amount of its tithes.

Section 2.—Calls for ministerial assistance or labor should be made known to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES.

It shall be the duty of the Conference to determine who are the approved ministers within the bounds thereof; to grant suitable credentials to the same; and to grant licenses to those whom it shall consider suitable to labor in the cause. And in the interval between the annual meetings, the Executive Committee is authorised to perform such duties.

ARTICLE VI.—LABORERS' REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the laborers of the Conference to make a written report quarterly of their labors, expenses incurred, and donations received, during each week of the quarter.

ARTICLE VII.—DELEGATION.

Section 1.—The delegates of the Conference shall be elected according to the following ratio: Each church shall be entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for every ten members.

Section 2.—Members of the Executive Committee shall be members of the Conference *ex officio*, and all ministers holding credentials, accredited physicians of our institutions, secretaries of the Tract Society and Sabbath-school departments, and the General Canvassing Agent shall be considered delegates at large.

Section 3.—Unorganised companies of believers shall be represented in the Conference by the Delegates at Large.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing that such amendment shall not conflict with the Constitution of the Australasian Union Conference.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was accepted :—

FOR PRESIDENT: J. H. Woods.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: A. W. Semmens.

FOR SECRETARY: A. H. Rogers.

FOR TREASURER: G. Wakeham.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: J. H. Woods, A. W. Semmens, G. Wakeham, J. Higgins, W. Bowhey.

FOR TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. J. Higgins.

FOR GENERAL CANVASSING AGENT: J. H. Camp.

FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mrs. A. W. Semmens.

FOR MEDICAL BOARD: A. W. Semmens, J. H. Woods, H. Mitchell, T. Thatcher, W. Bowhey.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses brought in the following report, which was adopted:—

FOR CREDENTIALS: J. H. Woods.

FOR MINISTERIAL LICENSES: A. W. Semmens, A. H. Rogers, R. H. Constandt.

FOR MISSIONARY LICENSES: H. Mitchell, J. E. Steed, Mrs. G. T. Wilson, Mrs. J. Higgins.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented their report, as follows:—

1. *We recommend*, That this Conference endorse the action taken by the Union Conference for the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons*, and that we heartily co-operate in pushing the enterprise.

2. *We recommend*, That this Conference endorse the recommendation passed by the Union Conference to adopt the second tithe, to assist in the erection of the new Sanitarium in Sydney.

3. *Whereas*, God has established in this Conference a health institution for the purpose of teaching the correct principles of healthful living,

We therefore express our gratitude to God for the prosperity that has attended it during the past year, and

We therefore recommend, That our people throughout the Conference co-operate in every possible way to assist it, in recommending the sick to come, and by living and upholding the principles taught by the institution.

4. Seeing that we are in such extreme need of a building in Adelaide, in which to hold church services, a church school, Conference and other business meetings, and Tract Society offices,

We recommend, That prompt and earnest efforts be made by this Conference to carry out and perfect the work to which monetary assistance has already been subscribed.

5. *We recommend*, That all our local tract societies do a cash business with church members, so that they can meet their liabilities to the State Tract Society.

In response to the first recommendation, £36 was pledged to the Material Fund. The second was heartily endorsed by almost all present. In connection with the fourth it was

Voted, That the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Adelaide church officers, devise a plan to raise funds, and procure a suitable plot of ground for the erection of a church building, with Tract Society and Conference offices connected with it.

The Spirit of the Lord was very manifestly present during the meetings, which closed with the singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," as the expression of the feelings of those present.

J. H. WOODS, *President*.

J. HIGGINS, *Secretary*.

"Increase Our Faith."

We walk a dark, uncertain way,
And lest our feet should go astray,
This prayer we ever need to pray,—
"Increase our faith."

Our reason fails to understand
The trials in this weary land,
And we must grasp the unseen Hand,
And live by faith.

Full oft our frail humanity
Cries out for light our steps to see,
From out the darkness fain would flee,
Nor walk by faith.

But we must wait for heaven's light
To give us clear and perfect sight,
And seek through all the gloomy night
For stronger faith.

—E. J. Johnson.

Family Missionary Societies.

NONE of Christ's followers are exempted from doing missionary work. Isolated Sabbath-keepers can form themselves into family missionary societies, elect a librarian, and go to work. Meetings could be held weekly, at which reports could be given of the work done during the week. This would be helpful to both parents and children, by keeping their hearts fixed on God, and their hands busy working for the advancement of His cause in the earth.

The home missionary work is the life of the denomination. Every true-hearted Seventh-day Adventist should take an active part in it. Water must be kept in motion if it is to be kept fresh and sweet, and so must the Christian be heart and hand engaged in working for the Master, if he is to be kept blameless unto the coming of the Lord.

If there are those who cannot afford to pay for papers and tracts, but wish to engage in circulating them, they should write to their State tract society, and we will do all we can on our part to supply them in some way. It is time that every one was engaged in earnest work.—O. A. Olsen.

Is the Community Made Fragrant by Your Presence?

HAVE you not occasionally, in walking through the fields, spied an unknown flower whose appearance was perhaps so unattractive and commonplace that you would have passed it by with scarcely any notice, had it not been for a sweet fragrance, which fairly captivated you?

Paul thanked the Lord that He makes "manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14. The word "savor" here is the same word in the original that is translated "odor" in John 12:3, where Mary broke the box of ointment, and the house was filled with the odor. Although the alabaster box was hidden from their eyes, its fragrance appealed to them in a most gratifying way.

In the same manner, the Lord proposes to make His gospel fragrant in the community where we reside, on account of our living there. Just as the odor of some foods will fairly make the mouth water for the food itself, so every famishing soul who comes within the sphere of our influence will have begotten in his soul a longing for heaven.—David Paulson.

Our Sabbath Schools.

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

CONDUCTED BY MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

What can We Do to Save the Children and Youth in Our Sabbath-schools.

It is the Holy Spirit's influence on the heart that converts, and continues to convert, yet God has agencies with which He co-operates in the saving of souls. Some of these are,—

1. The Sabbath-school.

The Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.—*Test. on S. S. Work, p. 18.*

There should be discipline and order in our Sabbath-schools, and the children should be required to observe these regulations.—*Sabbath-school Work, p. 1.*

The superintendent, whose heart is warm with love for souls, will love his work. Having a willingness to labor in humility, and receiving that spiritual insight to enable him to apprehend the *wants* of those for whom he is laboring, he will awaken a deep interest in both teacher and scholar.

The exercises of the school should be simple and interesting, so that the young can enjoy them. Have attractive singing—children love it. It is good to adapt the second hymn to the children sometimes. Have them select their own hymns. Take five minutes to teach children's hymns, little at a time, the children repeating line after line with the understanding. Call on one or more of the children to repeat or sing the stanza. It is surprising how quickly the young memorise these hymns, and the elevating spiritual influence they exert on the lives as they are sung during the week, well repays the efforts to teach. Call on members to prepare papers or talks on the mission fields and other topics. Invite a class to sing a hymn sometimes instead of the school. Individuals may recite an appropriate piece, and in many ways the exercises can be varied to *attract* all, and influence heavenward.

2. The Teacher.

The successful teachers are men and women who sense sin and hate iniquity; who have spiritual eyesight to discern the *wants* of their scholars; and to work with a devoted, unselfish interest, keeping self ever hid in Jesus; who feel their weakness and imperfections of character, and who will lay

their helpless souls upon Jesus Christ; who improve their moments and ability to obtain a knowledge of God's word; and receive freshness of ideas, fresh, wise plans, life, tact, and spirit, that they may impart truth to their scholars.

It is better to double the classes under God-fearing workers than to multiply teachers whose influence is not in accordance with the character of truth. Their influence is demoralizing.—*Page 26.*

Every teacher, before he stands at the head of his class, should have his plans distinctly laid out in the mind as to what he wants to do for that day on that occasion.—*Page 24.*

True teachers are learners, and the more we obtain of precious knowledge the better we shall work. Pray daily that strength and wisdom may be given for the Sabbath. Meet with your classes. Pray with them, and teach them to pray. *Cause* each scholar to love you. Call each by Christian name. Interest yourself in them. Show them you are interested in them. Another important work is to visit them at their homes. Invite your class to spend an afternoon with you. Make yourself one with them. Treat all alike. Make no distinctions. Have no pets.

3. Parents.

It is very difficult work and very discouraging, both for the scholar and Sabbath-school worker, when the child's home influence hinders instead of helps the good accomplished by the worker.

While it is essential that wise, patient efforts should be made by the teacher, the work must not be left altogether to the Sabbath-school and church worker, but it must find its foundation and support in the work of the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them, and they are called upon to keep their charge, to bear their responsibility in the fear of God, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account.—*Page 35.*

As the superintendent, or teacher, visits the parents and seeks their co-operation, he should suggest how they can help. Parents who love their children, and who desire to see them saved, will check the angry word about to be spoken, and will pray for guidance to train aright the ones God has given for His kingdom, and will inculcate in their minds love and respect for the teacher, and will assist them in preparing the lessons, and in an hundred and one other ways will help as only a parent can. When there is co-operation on the part of parent, and child, and teacher, results will be seen.

4. Church.

The church should not leave the care of the youth entirely to the

Sabbath-school, "and the influence growing out of Sabbath-school work should improve and enlarge the church."

I am interested in Sabbath afternoon young people's testimony meetings, because I received most opportune help in them as a beginner in Christian experience, and believe if the church would conduct such meetings, with a consecrated leader, they would help our young people considerably.

Our youth ought to study the truths of the Third Angel's Message, that from children they may know the holy Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation, that they may continue in the things which they have learned, instead of being led into the world by seducers just at the time they might become workers for God. Many have not a mother like Eunice, nor the home influence or training of Timothy; therefore, it is the duty of the church to instruct their children rather than lose them.

I am pleased that a recommendation was passed by the Union Conference that something effectual be done, and that speedily, to save the youth and children, and develop them as laborers for God. I believe our young people should be encouraged and organised into working bands, under the direction of wise, spiritual leaders that can instruct them thoroughly in the present truth. They should have a part to act in their meetings; and if this organisation would encourage and assist them, and in many ways take a kindly interest in them, we shall not see many now coming to maturity despoiled in the maelstrom of society and quagmire of worldliness.

G. W. TADICH.

Please Remember.

OUR Sabbath-school donations for the last quarter of the present year will be used to help the Maories of New Zealand. In the lesson pamphlets it is stated that they will be used to buy farm implements for use on the Avondale estate. That is a mistake. Do not forget that we are to give to the Maories instead of the School. And please remember, too, that we are in special need of help for this needy people just now, as a mission is starting among them. Let everyone give liberally to help the Maories.

THE

Relief of Our School.

"Through the work for the relief of our school a four-fold blessing will be realised, a blessing to the schools, to the world, to the church, and to the workers."

Canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons."

THERE are, in the divine providence, particular periods when we must arise in response to the call of God, and make use of our means, our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul, and spirit, in fulfilling His requirements to the utmost of our ability. The present is such a time as this. The cause of God is at stake. His institutions are in peril, and, because of the terrible burden of debt under which they are struggling, the work is hindered on every side. Just now, in our great necessity, God has made a way through the difficulty, and invites us to co-operate with Him in accomplishing His purpose. It is His plan that the book, *Christ's Object Lessons*, be given for the relief of our schools, and He calls upon all who love the truth to do their part in placing this book before the world. In this He is testing His people and His institutions, to see if they will work together and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice.

We must become men and women of God's opportunity, for great responsibilities and possibilities are within the reach of all who have enlisted under Christ's banner for life service. It is the design of God that we should all glorify Him by using every capability as His, regarding His service as the chief end of our existence. He desires us to work to the utmost of our knowledge and power to carry out the purpose for which He has given us life. A decided work is to be done just now to accomplish God's plan. Just now every stroke should tell for the Master in the work of selling *Christ's Object Lessons*. God desires His people to be vitalised for the work as they have never been before, both for their own good and for the upbuilding of His cause. The work that He calls them to do He will make a blessing to them. Their hearts will be more tender, their thoughts more spiritual, their service more Christlike; for ministering angels will be round about them.

Those who do not feel the necessity of doing this work promptly, thoroughly, and earnestly, but who express unbelief and criticism, will lose the peace and joy that come from carrying out the purposes of God.

Let all think soberly; for it is a solemn thing to live. Our lives are not our own; we are kept by the power of God, and Jesus desires to live His life in us, perfecting our characters. The present is an opportunity which God's people cannot afford to lose. God calls us to action, that our educational institutions may be freed from debt. Let God's plan be worked out after His own order. Let the very most be made of this, the Lord's opportunity. Let the ministers of our churches and the presidents of our conferences awaken. Let every church arouse and do to the very utmost of its power. Let every family and every individual consecrate themselves to God, putting the leaven of evil out of their hearts, out of their homes, and out of the church. Let children act a part. Let all work together. Just now let not the opportunity be lost. Let us do our best at this time to render to God our offerings, to carry out His specified will, and thus make this an occasion for witnessing for Him and His truth in a world of darkness. Let all make this an opportunity to place themselves where they will be sure to receive the answer to their prayers; for Christ says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The Relief of the School.

It will be gratifying to all to learn that this work is progressing. At the present time £950 have been pledged to the material aid fund, in money and labor. We think this is a good beginning. We are very thankful for it. This is a good work. No other enterprise among us exerts so large an influence as our school. No other enterprise deserves a more liberal and generous support. The school is not a money-making institution. It will do remarkably well if it pays its own way; hence, there is no other way to pay the first cost of the institution and improvements, only to raise the amount by donations and gifts.

We desire to call the attention of our scattered brethren and sisters to this object. We would be glad, if we could, to come and see you, and talk with you personally about this. But we cannot do that, and so we ask you to think the matter over prayerfully and send as large a donation as possible. We desire that all should have a part in this work.

Let the donations come in. Let us complete the raising of this fund at once. Let not the work be hindered. We shall need not less than £1600. If we raise this, it will take a long, hard pull. It is a great load where only a few assist. Read over again the little leaflet that has been sent you, entitled "The Relief of the School," and then ask the Lord to help you to give.

Send your offering to C. W. Irwin, Cooranbong, N. S. W.

E. W. FARNSWORTH.

Find Answers to These Questions in Article Above.

- What will God's providence bring to us?
- When these special occasions come, what must we do?
- What is said of the present time?
- How is the situation described?
- Who has made a way out of the difficulty?
- What is His plan?
- What does He call upon all to do?
- What test comes with this work?
- What is said should be done "just now"?
- What will this work do for the worker?
- In what way?
- What will be the result of unbelief and criticism?
- Who should awake to action?
- How many should consecrate themselves to this service?
- What should be done "at this time"?
- If we bring our offerings and carry out the Lord's will, what occasion will come to us?
- What may we make of this opportunity?
- Will YOU do it?

ONE of the most interesting meetings we have held in the interests of *Christ's Object Lessons*, for the relief of the school, was recently held with the employees of the Echo Publishing Company. While there we spent one evening with them. There were about eighty young people present. After talking the plan all over with them, each enthusiastically voted to give a week's labor in the making of the book. The reader will see that this was no small offering. It was equal to nearly £100, and this will count its full value on the expense of the book. And, best of all, this offering was made most cheerfully and willingly, and the young people all seemed glad for this opportunity.

E. W. FARNSWORTH.



"Let us not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Lifters and Leaners.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean, Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses Are always divided in just these two classes.

And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I wéen, There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

New Zealand.

AUGUST, 1901.

Home Hand Book—	Orders.	Value.
R. L. Irving, Invercargill.....	39	£59 10 0
Mrs. Hamilton, Gisborne.....	29	41 9 0
J. Knox, New Plymouth.....	23	40 15 0
A. E. Rickards, Otago.....	26	42 0 0
J. B. Anderson, Christchurch...	12	19 5 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. Covell, Dunedin.....	22	20 5 0
Miss C. J. Johnson, Dunedin...	22	19 10 0
Heralds of the Morning—		
G. Hansford, Palmerston North	14	5 6 0
Sunshine at Home—		
R. L. Irving, Invercargill.....	6	1 19 0
	193	£249 19 0

Queensland.

AUGUST, 1901.

Bible Readings—	Orders.	Value.
F. Brett, Gatton.....	48	£34 5 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. A. J. Hewitt, Paddington	28	26 8 0
J. H. Hewitt, Kelvin Grove.....	20	19 9 0
Home Hand Book—		
.....	4	5 17 6
Other books.....	—	8 11 6
	100	£94 11 0

South Australia.

AUGUST, 1901.

Bible Readings—	Orders.	Value.
C. Porter.....	15	12 18 6
Great Controversy—		
M. Janeczek.....	29	18 16 0
F. Bottrill.....	3	4 9 6
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
Miss M. Gunther.....	15	13 7 0
Mrs. Arnold.....	13	12 4 6
Home Hand Book—		
A. W. Waight.....	24	39 9 0
C. Ketteringham.....	17	29 9 0
Miscellaneous.....	—	3 18 6
	116	£134 12 0

Victoria.

AUGUST, 1901.

Home Hand Book—	Orders.	Value.
G. Burgess, Ballarat.....	5	£7 6 0
G. Masters, Sale.....	9	12 17 0
D. Deering, Wedderburn.....	2	3 0 0
(Other books)	3	2 12 6
C. P. Michaels, Geelong.....	25	35 15 0
H. Harker, Byaduk.....	17	23 15 0
" " (Other books)	1	1 0 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Mrs. Masters, Sale.....	24	21 0 0
Mrs. Deering, Wedderburn.....	1	1 1 6
Mrs. L. J. Lear, Clunes.....	11	12 12 6
Desire of Ages—		
R. Caldwell, Colac.....	28	40 5 0
(Other books)	12	3 19 0
B. Judge, Colac.....	15	21 2 0
" " (Other books)	6	1 17 0
Coming King—		
W. Ryder, Lillydale.....	24	10 11 0
G. Stewart, Lillydale.....	17	8 12 0
Miscellaneous.....	—	14 17 6
	200	£222 3 0

New South Wales.

AUGUST, 1901.

Ladies' Guide—	Orders.	Value.
Mrs. E. Appleton, Grafton.....	75	£69 9 6
F. C. Davis, Warialda.....	59	57 14 6
E. Appleton, Grafton.....	56	53 14 0
Mrs. F. C. Davis, Warialda.....	26	28 8 6
Desire of Ages—		
C. S. Badger, Bathurst.....	43	51 0 0
E. Appleton, Grafton.....	17	19 0 0
W. E. Prees, Mudgee.....	1	1 10 0
Daniel and Revelation—		
A. E. Hodgkinson, Gunnedah	49	37 16 0
H. J. Cooper, Broadwater.....	34	27 5 0
R. Salton, Gunnedah.....	12	9 18 0
W. R. Lamb, Wollongong.....	12	9 14 6
G. A. Wood, Gunnedah.....	11	9 14 2
M. A. Connell, Wauchope.....	4	2 10 0
Home Hand Book—		
M. A. Connell, Wauchope.....	8	12 4 0
T. Reekie, Jerilderie.....	2	2 15 0
Mrs. F. C. Davis, Warialda.....	1	1 15 0
Man the Masterpiece—		
T. Reekie, Jerilderie.....	2	3 14 0
Patriarchs and Prophets—		
H. J. Cooper, Broadwater.....	21	16 0 0
W. E. Prees, Mudgee.....	14	8 7 6
Bible Readings—		
G. Ryder, Braidwood.....	6	4 12 6
Sunshine at Home—		
W. E. Prees, Mudgee.....	8	2 12 0
G. Ryder, Braidwood.....	4	1 8 0
T. Reekie, Jerilderie.....	3	1 0 6
Coming King—		
G. Ryder, Braidwood.....	5	1 5 0
E. Appleton, Grafton.....	2	0 10 0
House We Live In—		
Miss S. Read, Newcastle.....	11	2 11 6
Other Books.....	...	2 12 9
	486	£439 1 11

Tasmania.

JULY, 1901.

Daniel and Revelation—	Orders.	Value.
John Allen.....	22	£21 5 0
Ladies' Guide—		
Miss E. Adcock.....	17	17 7 6
	39	£38 12 6
Ladies' Guide—		
Miss E. Adcock.....	24	26 0 0
Home Hand Book—		
P. B. Rudge.....	12	19 0 0
W. W. Fletcher.....	9	12 17 6
	45	£57 17 6

Totals for August, 1901.

	Orders.	Value.
Victoria.....	200	£222 3 0
Tasmania (For July and August)....	84	96 10 0
New South Wales.....	486	439 1 11
South Australia.....	116	134 12 0
Queensland.....	100	94 11 0
New Zealand.....	193	249 19 0
West Australia.....	—	—
Grand totals.....	1179	£1236 16 11

Notice.

IN harmony with the recommendation of the Union Conference the subscription price of the *Herald of Health* has been reduced from 3/- to 2/6, to take effect at once. Prices to tract societies and agents will continue as recently arranged by letter.

Other changes and improvements recommended by the Union Conference will be made as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.
W. M. CROTHERS.

WE have not forgotten that "Experience Column" in this department. Now, let us hear from you in time for the next issue of the RECORD. "Who will speak (write) first."

"But what are past or future joys? The present is out own; And he is wise who best employs The passing hour alone."
—Heber.

Agents Please Notice.

Tasmania, Sunday, August 18, 1901.

DEAR SIR,—I received your valuable book, *Desire of Ages*, on Monday, August 12. I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude for the work. I feel I cannot speak too highly of it, in fact, I have never had such a book in my possession before. Should it be my privilege to visit Melbourne soon, I shall call and see you.

Yours very sincerely,

The above is a copy of a note just received at our office. We believe it expresses the sentiments of many who have received this book. Shall we not renew our energies to scatter this book, and thus bring joy and gladness to many hearts who are longing for light and truth? L. GREGG.

"THE appetites and passions must be held in subjection to the higher powers of the mind."

"JESUS carried into His labor cheerfulness and tact."

Personal

THE Sabbath-school donations the last quarter of 1901 will be given to the New Zealand Maories.

THE Queensland, New South Wales, and Victorian camp-meetings will have closed before another issue of the RECORD reaches our readers.

DR. D. H. KRESS has been spending some time visiting the churches in New Zealand. He is expected back about the first of October.

WE have received, too late for this issue, an interesting report of the Melbourne Helping Hand Mission. Probably it will appear in our next number.

THOSE who are employed in the Food Factory report that they work early and late to fill the increasing orders which are coming in for health foods. May increasing prosperity attend this institution.

SISTER JENNIE WILSON and Mrs. G. B. Starr left Cooranbong for Melbourne September 18. Sister Wilson returns to South Australia to labor, and Sister Starr will join her husband in Ballarat, Victoria.

SISTER M. G. PARKER and Sister Southon have recently left Cooranbong for their homes in Tasmania. Sister Parker has been attending the special class at the Retreat, while Sister Southon has been a patient there for several weeks.

PASTOR W. A. COLCORD and wife, while on their way to Queensland, their new field of labor, became quite ill with influenza in Sydney. It is hoped that they will have recovered sufficiently to enable them to attend the camp-meeting in Brisbane.

PASTORS G. A. Irwin and E. H. Gates left Cooranbong, September 17, to attend the Brisbane camp-meeting. Such meetings should call for earnest prayers from our brethren generally, that they may be seasons of great spiritual refreshing.

BROTHER G. W. MORSE and wife sailed from Sydney for San Francisco September 3. Brother Morse has recently been connected with the Echo Publishing Company. The best wishes of many friends follow Brother and Sister Morse as they return to America.

THE September number of *Joyful Tidings* contains special articles on the Sabbath question, and 20,000 copies were printed for circulation. Most of these have already been posted, and it is hoped that they will bring the light of truth to many homes.

THE special health class conducted at the Health Retreat by Mrs. Dr. Kress since the Union Conference, has now closed. Though the class was not large, yet a deep interest was manifested by those who took the course of study, and there was general satisfaction expressed on account of the benefits received.

THE Avondale Press has recently published a book of Bible studies in the Fijian language. The book presents a very neat and creditable appearance, and is the first book bound at this office. It is hoped that it will have a general sale among the people who speak the Fijian language.

NEXT month we drop the health department and again take up the Missionary Reading Circle department. We trust our brethren and sisters generally will get ready for this important study. Ministers and other laborers may encourage companies and churches to engage in it, so helping themselves and others. Please read the article on another page on this subject.

FOUR were recently baptised by Pastor E. H. Gates and united with the Avondale Church. One of these recently began keeping the Sabbath from reading *Great Controversy* which had been loaned him while living out in the country ten miles from Cooranbong. This should be an encouragement to others to loan our good books to their friends and neighbors.

A LETTER from Pastor J. H. Woods brings the cheering news that an allotment has been purchased in Adelaide for the erection of a church building. They have been very fortunate in securing a central location at a reasonable figure. No doubt the brethren in South Australia will push the work of building as rapidly as possible. As there will be considerable expense connected with this enterprise, any who can should feel it a privilege to help the Adelaide brethren to build their church.

BROTHER E. R. PALMER and family left Sydney for Vancouver on their way to the United States in August. Brother and Sister Palmer will be missed by many friends in Australia. Brother Palmer has long been connected with the canvassing work in Australasia, and much of its present prosperity is no doubt due to his faithful efforts. While we would have been glad to have him and his family remain, yet many good wishes will follow them where ever they may labor.

BROTHER FRED REEKIE recently visited Cooranbong to locate his family here while he is canvassing in Queensland. Sister Reekie is enjoying better health than usual, and Brother Reekie returned to Queensland with good courage to canvass in the tropics till Christmas. The prayers of brethren and sisters should ascend for the faithful workers who leave home and friends to carry the light of truth into the regions beyond, where they must meet with many difficulties and privations.

PASTOR A. T. ROBINSON and family report a very rough passage from Sydney to Wellington. They felt thankful indeed to reach "their desired haven." A window in the social hall was broken by the force of the waves, and the door of the smoking room was smashed in. From Wellington they had a pleasant passage. Pastor Robinson spoke to the friends in Christchurch on Sabbath. The last letter received brings word that they had located in Mornington, a pleasant suburb of Dunedin, and no doubt they have begun their appointed work.

OUR departments are somewhat disarranged on account of the lengthy field reports this month. They are all interesting, however, and we think our readers will not complain.

"TO PERFORM every duty as unto the Lord, throws a charm around the humblest employment, and links the workers on earth with the holy beings who do God's will in heaven."

Camp-meeting Appointments.

New South Wales ..	Oct. 10-21.
Victoria	Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.
New Zealand ..	Nov. 21 to Dec. 9.
Tasmania	Feb. 6-17, 1902.

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Testimony for the Church, Vol. 6, is a book that should be in every Seventh-day Adventist family. It contains 500 pages of the most important and timely instruction that has ever been given to our people. It may be obtained in two styles of binding: Cloth, 4/6; library, 5/-. All the Tract Societies are supplied with them, and you should order from the one nearest you.

The New Sanitarium.

SLOWLY but surely the work progresses on the Wahroonga Sanitarium. Every week shows advancement, and for this we all rejoice. Ere the reader peruses these lines, he will receive a little leaflet entitled *The Second Tithe*, issued by the Union Conference committee. This leaflet is made up of extracts from special testimonies sent by Sister White to us in this country. The Committee thought they could do no better than to publish them and send them out in this way.

The Union Conference voted to ask our people to make a systematic offering for one year to this enterprise. And so the recommendation to pay a second tithe was passed.

We are glad to report that the different conferences have endorsed the action of the Union Conference, and many of the brethren and sisters have already begun to pay the second tithe. We believe our people will generally do so. If all would diligently take hold of this plan, the load can be lifted, and no one will feel it a hardship.

If all would pay a tithe for one year, the new sanitarium will be built and furnished. What a grand work this will be.

Blank receipts are being sent out to the church treasurers, and all who pay anything will receive one of these receipts. Let us all lift together in this work. E. W. FARNSWORTH.

New South Wales Camp-Meeting.

AFTER careful consideration and counsel it has been decided to hold our camp-meeting, which has already been appointed for October 10-21, at Singleton, on the line of the Northern railway about thirty miles beyond Maitland. Considerable interest has already been awakened there, and we hope to see a goodly number of our people in attendance at the meeting. From *Testimonies, Volume 6*, pages 38, 39, I quote the following:—

It is important that the members of our churches should attend the camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many, and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. Some will say, "It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed." Do not reason this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

It would be well for all to read the entire chapter from which the above words are quoted, and act accordingly.

We hope to be able to make a slight reduction in the prices of tent rent, though we can make no definite promise to that effect as yet. The prices last year were as follows:—

10 x 12 tent,	10/- ; fly, 5/-.
12 x 15 tent,	12/6 ; fly, 6/6.
12 x 12 tent,	11/6.
15 x 15 tent,	15/-.
18 x 18 tent,	20/-.

Send in your orders at once to J. Hindson, 25 Sloane Street. We would like to know beforehand how many tents to send to the camp-ground, as it will save considerable expense. The prices for tent rent will depend largely on the promptness with which the orders are sent in. It will save extra work if several orders can be sent at once through the church clerk, and at the same time you can send for certificates entitling you to reduced rates on the railway. The prices of stretchers, pillows, wire and capoc mattresses, etc., will be about the same as heretofore.

Pray for the success of the meeting, and for the Lord to protect the camp from accident and disaster by storm or wind.

GEO. A. SNYDER.
President N. S. W. Conference.

The Missionary Reading Circle.

FROM the proceedings of the Union Conference we quote the following:—

We recommend that lessons treating on present truth be prepared, under the directions of the Union Conference Executive Committee, and printed in the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD for the use of our people. We also recommend that these lessons be made the basis of study for our young people's meetings, and also that these lessons may be used in our missionary societies.

In carrying out this recommendation, it has been decided to use the lessons on the book of Revelation, recently prepared by Brother and Sister Haskell for use in the United States. In order to have these lessons fresh each week, arrangements have been made to have them printed in the *Bible Echo*. It has been thought best for each church and company, as well as individuals, to study the same lesson at the same time; hence it would be necessary to have a definite time for their beginning. In order to give all time to supply themselves with the *Bible Echo*, in which the lessons will be published, and also to secure the necessary help in the way of *Thoughts on Revelation*, it has been thought advisable to begin the study the first week in November.

The Echo Publishing Company have on hand a number of copies of the book *Daniel and Revelation* bound in cloth, which they can furnish at the very low price of 3/- or 3/7 postage paid. This book contains the very same matter as the large subscription book, and this is a rare chance to supply yourself with this valuable book if you do not already have it in your possession. The books of Daniel and Revelation are so intimately related to each other, that in the study of the one very frequent reference will need to be made to the other. So by purchasing this book you will be quite well equipped for the study.

Further directions in regard to these lessons will be sent to you, but we speak of it here so that you may be making your arrangements to begin when the time for the study arrives. Do not delay sending for the book if you need it, as there is a limited supply, and you may be disappointed in getting a copy if you put it off too long.

GEO. A. IRWIN.