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

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WORKING FOR JESUS.

Just working for Jesus that is all
To hasten His glorious appearing;
Working while patiently waiting His call,
And knowing the glad day is nearing.
Our toil through the wearisome day is light
When Jesus our effort is blessing;
Our hearts sing His praises from morning till night,
His love and our shelter confessing.

Just working for Jesus day by day,
Not seeking the way of our pleasure;
But scattering sunshine and joy all the way,
And filling each hour of leisure.
His yoke is so easy, His burden so light,
Whenever the cross we are bearing,
That whether the pathway be sombre or bright,
His love we will always be sharing.

Just working for Jesus every hour,
To cheer up the fainting and weary;
To plant just a seed of a joy-giving flower
In a heart that is cheerless and dreary.
Just working and trusting in Jesus alone,
While others their pleasure are serving;
And hoping at last for a place by the throne,
In the midst of His blood-purchased treasure.

—Mrs. J. E. Gilchrist.

Doing God's Will.

THOSE who submit to the solemn rite of baptism pledge themselves, before the heavenly universe, to come out from the world. They have taken their position under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, to be laborers together with God, and, as such, to make known His will to those who are perishing in sin. They are to search the Scriptures diligently, feeling that it is of the highest importance for them to understand what saith the Lord. Having learned His will, they are to do it heartily, remembering that the truth is the seed they must sow in order to reap a harvest for God. But many of those who claim to believe the truth are not striving as they should for perfection of character.

Christ says, "Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

In these words our work is plainly outlined. Those who represent Christ must obey God's commandments; for Christ obeyed them.

In order to keep God's commandments, we must have an intelligent knowledge of the Scriptures. We can not obey God until we know what His commands are. It was that we might understand His will that

God gave us the Bible. By a study of its teachings, we learn to deny self and to conform our lives to its requirements.

My brethren and sisters, you are without excuse if you fail to obtain a clear understanding of God's will. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." God has kept back nothing that is necessary for the enlightenment of His children. No one can plead an excuse for transgression that he was left in ignorance, that the way to heaven was not clearly marked out. We have not been left to serve God in a vague, uncertain way.

How can you educate your children in the things of God unless you first know for yourselves what is right and what is wrong; unless you realise that obedience means eternal life, and disobedience eternal death? Make it your life-work to gain an understanding of the will of God. Thus only can you train your children aright. Bring your every word and action into harmony with the Word of God, irrespective of the opinions and practices of those who refuse to obey Him.

Had the inhabitants of the old world kept God's law they would have continued to enjoy His favor. But they disobeyed, and their wickedness became unbearable to Him. The words of Jude vividly portray the condition of the world at that time: "These are spots in your feasts of charity: . . . clouds they are without water, carried about of winds, trees whose fruit withereth, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame, wandering stars, to whom is revealed the blackness of darkness forever."

God determined to purify the world by a flood; but in mercy and love He gave the antediluvians a probation of one hundred and twenty years. During this time, while the ark was in building, the voices of Noah, Enoch, and many others were heard in warning and entreaty. And every blow struck on the ark was a warning message.

To-day the past is repeating. God is sending men plain warnings. The recent earthquakes show how quickly the ungodly will perish when the judgments of God fall upon the earth. Already in flood and flame, His judgments are falling upon evil doers. All who refuse to repent will perish.

Those parents who know the truth, but who do not fulfill the obligations resting upon them, must soon meet the result of their neglect. Those who do not perform the duties God gives them, because it is not convenient to be so particular, so different from the world, are training their children to become more and more like the world, and to perish in disobedience.

Parents, be loyal to God. Represent Him in the home life. Look upon the training of your children as a sacred work, entrusted to you by the Most High.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

"Be Not Forgetful."

In his letter to the Hebrews, Paul gives the admonition, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." The man of God must be "given to hospitality." When the hungry multitude waited in the wilderness with Jesus, He called to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat." True, the disciples had not much to give, but the little given multiplied in its division among the many, and there was more left than had first been given.

Hospitality is seemly on the part of the Christian when exercised toward this world, but it is still more becoming, and more helpful, when shown toward the household of faith.

It is frequently the case that Sabbath-keepers have to come from far to attend the Sabbath meetings. This affords a good opportunity for the church members who are in the vicinity to exercise hospitality. Have such brethren and sisters abide at *thy* house. Do not leave one member of the church to do all the entertaining.

As an inducement to the exercise of this Christian courtesy, Paul states that in this way "some entertained angels unawares." When a man, perfumed with tobacco, ragged, uncombed, and dirty, calls to ask for bread, it is but right to satisfy his hunger, though at the same time you may know well that he is not an angel. Angels do not drink and smoke, neither do they appear unkempt and dirty. But when a child of God visits you on the Sabbath, even if he is not an angel, he is one that may soon be "equal unto the angels." So be glad of the opportunity to entertain the friends of Christ.

This matter has been too much neglected in the past among our people. God would have them give it more attention now. Do not leave all the blessing to be obtained in this way to one individual in the church. It is sometimes the case that one member in the church is burdened down with the many calls upon his hospitality, while others, more able financially to help, walk to their homes alone, spend their hours between meetings on Sabbath alone. But there is no blessing in all this. No angel visitor can be met with in this way. Christ was found among the guests at Simon's house, and the angels are found at the homes where strangers are made welcome. Let this stir to remembrance, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." R. HARE.

Give Ye Them to Eat.

For such a command to be given certainly means that there are people who are hungering for bread. In looking at the world in its present state, we see not only famine of the bread that perishes, but also for the Bread of Life, but the command is, "Give ye them to eat," and the greater the famine the greater will the cry be for bread.

When Jesus looked over that sea of five thousand faces, His heart was moved with compassion for them. He knew they were hungry and tired, for they had been with Him all day and had not eaten anything or rested.

The disciples wanted the Lord to send the people away to buy bread for themselves, but the Lord said, "Give ye them to eat."

A lad was found amongst them with five barley loaves and two small fishes. Andrew said, "What will this do in feeding five thousand?" To him it was as good as having nothing at all. Things looked just as dark as ever.

The Lord wanted to test their faith. We who have tasted the Bread of Life and are called upon to deal our bread to the hungry, get no farther than what Andrew got with the five loaves and fishes. We say, What can we do in trying to feed so many, we are so few in number? How many were there to feed the five thousand with the bread that perishes?—Twelve disciples and the Saviour. How many were there that broke the Bread of Life to them?—Jesus only. How many preached the Word of the Lord to Nineveh?—Jonah only. There are many called to break the Bread of Life to the people, but few are chosen to carry the Bread of Life to the people.

Right down through the world's history, few indeed have been the men that have given the Bread of Life to others, and so it will be until the close of time. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few. But the word comes to-day just as strong as ever, "Give ye them to eat." But we cannot give unless we have something to give.

"In Christ the cry of humanity reached the Father of infinite pity. As a man, He supplicated the throne of God, till His humanity was charged with a heavenly current that should connect humanity with divinity. Through continual communion, He received life from God that He might impart life to the world."—"Desire of Ages," page 424.

His experience is to be ours, for just as much as we receive the Word of life, just so much will we be able to give it to others. We are only channels through which the Lord gives the Bread of Life. It is the Lord that multiplies the bread and gives the increase. In this closing scene of the world, there will be a greater famine for the Word of God. But now is the time to deal our bread to the hungry, and our own souls will be made fat. To him that hath shall more be given, but to him that hath not shall be taken away even that he hath. "In blessing [others] I will bless thee." D. H. KRESS, M. D.

A New Tract

ENTITLED "Religion and the State Schools," written by Pastor W. A. Colcord, has just been issued by the Echo Publishing Company. We have read this tract very carefully, and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the clearest presentation of the principles of truth underlying this subject that has as yet been put in print.

The subject treated is one of great importance to every lover of religious liberty, for in it is contained the germ of a church and State union that will develop into religious intolerance and persecution of the worst type.

In the States where an effort is now being made for the enactment of laws to enforce religious instruction in the State Schools, this tract should receive a wide circulation, that the people may be enlightened and be prepared to decide wisely on this subject.

The agitation of this question is one of the opportunities the Lord would have us take advantage of to bring light and truth before the people.

Send for a copy of this tract at once, and after giving it a careful reading and becoming indoctrinated anew with the true principle, spend a few shillings in passing the truth on to others. It will be furnished at three shillings per hundred, and twenty-five shillings per thousand copies. These prices do not include postage.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

GENERAL MEETING IN ROCKHAMPTON.

In planning for the strengthening and extension of the work in Queensland, it was thought best to hold a general tent-meeting in this city.

Rockhampton is situated on the Fitzroy River, forty-four miles inland from Keppel Bay. It is the principal city of Central Queensland, and contains a population of upwards of 20,000.

The first public effort made in this State was in this city, the meetings being conducted by Pastors Starr and Hickox. Quite a number embraced the truth as a result of the effort, and were united in church organisation, but no permanent place of meeting was provided. Since the organisation was formed, ministerial labor has been bestowed upon the church at intervals. Bath and treatment rooms were also established by the Conference and conducted under its auspices. But owing to removals, lack of regular place of meeting, and other causes, the company has been reduced in numbers.

It was thought that a general meeting would not only revive the faith and courage of the few faithful ones, but be the means of adding to their numbers. This hope, we believe, will be quite fully realised. Pastor Robinson and wife and Brother Smart went on in advance to spy out the land and secure a place of meeting. The Lord went before them and raised up a friend in the person of Mr. Horton, a prominent citizen of the place, who not only gave them the use of a block of land for the tent free of cost, but he also gave them timber to pitch and seat it, and assisted in the work.

When Dr. Kress and I arrived, everything was in readiness for the meeting, but before our first hand-bills were put out announcing our meetings, the ministers of the city, in order to prejudice the minds of the people and keep them away from the meetings, got out a bill made up of extracts from Canright's book, and had large numbers of them circulated through the city.

Other individuals, under assumed names, put articles in the paper, denouncing our canvassers and the book "Great Controversy."

To these attacks we paid no attention, but went quietly ahead and preached the message. Our congregations were small at first, but they gradually increased, while those who came first continued to come from night to night. The papers that were shy of us at first and would only print a very short notice, soon became friendly, and would publish nearly a full column each. In this way, we got before the people quite a full synopsis of every discourse and health talk that was given.

The work done by Brother and Sister Robie in the bath rooms has had a good influence, as their work has been with the best class of people. Through their influence, several nice people from the city have come to the Avondale Retreat for treatment, and have returned home greatly benefited, and are warm friends of our work and people, most of whom we believe will sooner or later accept all the truth.

After remaining over three Sabbaths and Sundays, it seemed imperative that Dr. Kress and I return to Sydney, leaving Brother Robinson and company to carry on the work. But several days previous to our leaving, we all seemed impressed that now was the time to make an effort for a church and thus establish the work on a more permanent basis.

The Lord prospered the undertaking by opening the way for us to get a lease for twenty-one years on a portion of the block where the tent now stands for five pounds per year. At the time of our departure about forty pounds had been secured in cash and pledges to purchase material, which amount they expected to increase to a sum sufficient to cover all expense except the labor, which would be done entirely by the brethren. The building is to be twenty by thirty-two feet.

It was Brother Robinson's plan to hold public meetings in the tent three times a week, devoting the rest of the time to holding Bible readings and superintending the erection of the building.

Knowing that considerable time would elapse before they could with safety leave the work in Rockhampton, it was deemed advisable to postpone indefinitely the time of holding the annual camp-meeting and conference.

As time passes and matters develop, it will be made clear what moves should be made next, but anything that affects the brethren and work in general in the Conference will no doubt be made known through the RECORD in due time.

What the full and final result of the effort at Rockhampton will be no one can tell at this writing. Before we left, three nice ladies had signified their intention of keeping the Sabbath, while many more were deeply interested, who, we believe, after personal labor is bestowed upon them, will also obey.

The drought still continues with unabated severity, and times are hard. Prices of provisions are advancing, while the opportunities to earn an honest shilling are becoming less and less.

I trust all who read this will remember Brother Robinson and his company and the work in Rockhampton in their prayers, and if the Lord should put it into your hearts while praying to give something to the support of the work in that needy field, I am sure it will be accepted with thanksgiving.

G. A. IRWIN.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN THE AVONDALE SCHOOL.

THE Wednesday missionary meeting hour forms a very interesting and profitable feature of the school programme. It is just as much regarded as a part of the regular school work as is the study of arithmetic and grammar. In a training school for Christian *workers* it is very fitting that the students be given *work* to do, and be taught how to do it.

The aim being both mental and spiritual culture there has been a combining of literary with missionary work. The society elects its officers every six weeks. These are a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two librarians, and a chorister. A programme committee consisting of three teachers and two students, directs in all the work which requires much time, thought, and energy. Another committee arranges with students for Sunday services held in the villages near by. Several of the young men are thus gaining an experience in meeting the people and presenting the truth to them. A mission Sabbath-school is conducted by some of the girls on Sabbath afternoon. The church and school together post 1000 copies of the *Bible Echo* each month. Many papers and tracts are distributed by the students among the people in the surrounding country, and often the railway trains are met and the carriages supplied with literature.

The reading of letters received, and the reports of

labor form an interesting item in each programme. Letters have been read from Malaysia, Fiji, Rarotonga, South Africa, India, America, and the various Australian States. The "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign is on now, and most of the students have been having their first experience canvassing in Newcastle. Three different companies have gone out for five days each, and have done well. The reports of their work have brought life and good cheer into the society. It is gratifying indeed to listen to youthful voices relating their experiences in the work of their Lord.

The following have been some of the topics considered during the year: Quite an extended study of the Malaysian field, Pastor Gates giving us several talks on his recent tour through those parts; Temperance; the Lives of the Judsons; the Life of Paton; "Christ's Object Lessons," the elocution class having recited most of the chapter on the "Talents"; Kindness to Animals; a sketch of the work in England by Dr. D. H. Kress; a brief history of the organisation of our first missionary societies; and the importance of reading much good literature.

The work is done almost exclusively by the students, a number taking part in each programme. In some instances every student is given something to do in the meeting.

Efforts are also being made to train and develop Sabbath-school workers, most of the offices in our Sabbath-school being held by students. Selections from the "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" are being carefully studied at each teachers' meeting, which is well attended by the students. Thus our society is seeking in every possible way to co-operate with the Master in training laborers for the waiting harvest fields.

HATTIE ANDRE.

THE BRUNSWICK CHURCH.

THE first quarterly meeting of Brunswick Church was held July 5, and was a time of great blessing to the company. This church was organised April 12 with a membership of thirty-seven. About half this number were new Sabbath-keepers, raised up through the camp-meeting held here last season. We believe more will unite with us a little later on.

Much of the spirit and presence of the Master was realised as we partook of the emblems of His death, and followed the example which He left us of serving one another.

The day following, the first business meeting was held, when the senior elder stated that the spiritual thermometer was rising, and he was of good courage as he found all the members willing to work. The Sabbath-school superintendent reported good work being done, and advancement being made in the school. The treasurer's report was accepted, also the financial report, which was considered very satisfactory. The assistant librarian reported missionary work done, and stated that there were many openings for visits, etc., and that much literature had been scattered. Cooking classes had been held and much appreciated, also lectures on rational treatment of common diseases. The society was free from debt, and had a small balance in hand.

We are of good courage, and believe the work will go on and increase till a people has been gathered out and fitted to meet our Lord when He comes for His jewels.

E. E. HOSKINS, Clerk.

THE WORK IN HONOLULU.

THE following letter from Brother J. W. H. Geiss will be of interest to his many friends:—

On our arrival, Brother Howe most kindly met the steamer. He gave us a cordial welcome, and took us to the Anglo-Chinese School. Walking through the streets, we were immediately struck by the extraordinary luxuriance of the vegetation. Flowering trees were especially beautiful. A rich volcanic soil, an abundant rainfall, and a hot-house climate combine to make the plant growth of the place like that of a garden which the Lord has blessed.

The school is placed in the Chinese quarter of Honolulu. The habitations and shops in this part of the city appeared to us to be well-built, neat, and clean. The school buildings struck us as being exactly suitable for their purpose, and at the same time free from anything superfluous. The school has seven teachers, and an attendance of from sixty to one hundred scholars.

Coming to one of the class rooms, we sat and listened while an arithmetic lesson was given. The answering was intelligent, and the discipline excellent. We were much interested in noticing the very great difference in the appearances of the scholars. The diversity seemed far greater than could be seen in any European school. In fact, Brother Colcord told us that students came from all parts of the world, which perhaps partly explains the difference in types of face. One scholar of about eighteen years of age sitting nearly in front of us had such a rounded face and particularly gentle look that I came to the conclusion that he must be a girl. There were several others that had a similar girlish appearance. The dress being not very distinctive to the uninitiated, I was quite puzzled. Afterwards it was made clear that there were only boy students at the school. The thought struck me that here the Lord was preparing laborers for His wide harvest-field in China. Surely before us were gathered those who would grow up into laborers for every kind of work. The Lord wants men of every kind and every capacity, and here they appeared to be gathered. What an opportunity for the Lord's servants, and how we thanked Him as we looked around the band of teachers!

At noon was a gathering for worship. Brother J. E. Caldwell being invited to speak dilated upon the value of riches in heaven in comparison with what can be amassed upon the earth. The writer was able to tell of a Chinaman who, after hearing about the love of God in Christ Jesus, gave up his schemes of money-making just for the sake of carrying the message to his old mother and his kinsfolk and friends in China.

In the afternoon we had a glimpse of "Chinese school." In the old traditional method of teaching, pupils and teacher seem all to call out together in a high tone. The afternoon school is a concession to the feelings of the students. And we thought that perhaps the Lord does not design that His students should be completely weaned from national habits of instruction.

Space forbids us more than to allude to the brotherly kindness we met with from the brethren and sisters. We went back to our ship cheered and refreshed in spirit, and thanking the Lord for what we had seen and heard.

A fellow-passenger, who had been working for two years among Chinese and Japanese lads at Honolulu, gave it as his opinion that the Chinaman is a natural born Christian, showing by nature many Christian virtues. And the Lord has caused many to wander into Christian lands. They are mostly people who respond with simple gratitude to little acts of kindness. Probably there is no race on the earth which has so truly grateful a spirit as the Chinese.

Has not the Lord made opportunities throughout Australia and New Zealand as well as in Honolulu that His laborers may be prepared and sent forth? All China is to receive the message, and it must be through the people of that great country rather than through foreigners.

THIRTY years ago in Japan the Scriptures were printed secretly, and copies were sent out only after dark. Those who were engaged in this work did so at the risk of their lives. Now there is a Christian printing company at Yokohama, issuing the Scriptures not only in Japanese, but also in Chinese, Tibetan, Corean, and two dialects of the Philippine Islands. Last year there were circulated in Japan over one hundred and thirty-eight thousand copies, which is an increase of thirty-nine thousand copies over the previous year.

W. W. PRESCOTT.

ENCOURAGING TO WORKERS.

BROTHER Cooper, one of our canvassers in New South Wales, writes the following interesting experience for the encouragement of other workers. He says,—

While canvassing last week at the Tweed River Heads, which is a small village situated on the borders of New South Wales and Queensland, I had a very interesting experience, which I pen for the benefit of my fellow-workers in the field. It shows how little we realise the good work we are doing in selling our books, and we should never become discouraged if we do not see immediate results.

I was canvassing a lady whose husband is one of the officers in the Pilot Service on the river. It did not take me long to discover that she was a Christian. She believed in the second advent and also many points in common with us. I then began to throw out some feelers to find out where she learned the truth. After talking with her about twenty minutes, her husband came in. He brought me "Bible Readings," and asked me what I thought of it. Knowing that it is not always wisdom to do so, I did not immediately answer the question, but said instead, "Have you read it through, and what do you think of it?" The lady said, "It is a splendid book and full of truth." I then began to discern from where the truth was coming. I then answered their question directly, telling them that I thought a lot of the book and used it a good deal myself.

They asked what I thought of the state of the dead as taught by the book. I told them the teaching of the book was correct, and they said they fully believed this, but wished to ask me some more questions. I told them I was staying in the village, and would like to spend the evening with them. They gave me permission, and before going I asked the Lord to teach me just what to say and what to leave unsaid, and I know He heard.

They knew that "Bible Readings" was written by Seventh-day Adventists, and some people had tried to poison their minds against us by misrepresenting our work and people. I then told them that I was an Adventist, and it would have done your heart good to see how glad that lady was to meet a Seventh-day Adventist. She said, "How glad I am to see you, sir. You are the first of your people I have met to know." Then she told me how annoyed she was when her husband brought out "Bible Readings" for me to see, because she was afraid I would condemn it as everybody else to whom she had shown it had done.

She then told me she had kept the Sabbath for a time on first getting the book some five or six years ago, but on account of other people confusing her mind and misrepresenting our work, she gave it up, but still believed it was right and should be kept. She wanted some one to enlighten her on our work. I then had prayer with them, and gave a Bible reading on the importance of the Word of God. They just drank in the truth, and my own soul was watered. My heart rejoiced for the work the Lord had given me to do.

I had finished my work in that place, and before leaving the next day I called on them. The lady told me that she was going right on to keep the Sabbath again. She asked me about baptism. I invited her to my home in Lismore, and she is coming back with me when I put in my delivery. Then I believe she will be buried with her Lord in baptism. We had another season of prayer together. When we rose from our knees, our eyes were filled with tears, for we felt the power of the Holy Spirit, and that to bless. On shaking my hand she said, "I am so sorry you have to go away so soon." Press on, fellow-worker, the day of God will but reveal our labors of love in warning the people of the second advent and the needy preparation to meet our Lord and Master.

This experience will, we know, rejoice the hearts of all who are engaged in the canvassing work, and with Brother Cooper we say again, "Press on."

A. S. HIGGINS.

"LEARN to entwine with your prayers the small cares, the trifling sorrows, the little wants of daily life. Whatever affects you—be it a changed look, an altered tone, an unkind word, a wrong, a wound, a demand you can not meet, a sorrow you can not disclose—turn it into prayer and send it up to God. Disclosures you may not make to man, you can make to the Lord. Men may be too little for your great matters; God is not too great for your small ones. Only give yourself to prayer, whatever be the occasion that calls for it."

PROSPERITY IN ADVERSITY IN N.S.W.

ALTHOUGH we have recently been through hard times on account of the severe drought, yet we feel much encouraged with the success of our canvassers. Hardly an agent in the colony has been really discouraged; in fact, the letters from week to week are more cheering than they used to be in prosperous times. One worker wrote a short time ago as though he were a little blue, but before the letter was finished he begged us not to take any notice of the former part of it as he was not really blue at all, for he knew that God was able to bless his work and make him successful.

This is the principal theme of all the canvassers' letters of late. They are learning to recognise the important fact that they are to sow the seed, leaving God to lay His hand of blessing upon it, causing it to bring forth fruit to His glory. A short time ago one canvasser began his letter in this way, "Blessed be God who always causeth us to triumph, in hard times as well as in prosperous ones." He has been in one of the most drought-stricken districts. Another worker in the same vicinity has reported an increase of sales nearly every week during this hard season. They both spend much time in prayer, asking that God will incline the hearts of the people to order the book, and then give them the ability to pay for it when it is delivered.

We know it is God's desire that the people should have the truth which the books contain, so we are confident that He will abundantly answer the prayers of each earnest canvasser.

The total value of orders for June was £322. This was increased over £100 during July, bringing it up to £435. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God as we write the fact that this is the highest record for the past twelve months. Let every canvasser take courage. If you have been long in the field, then meditate over past experiences, blessings, and victories, and take courage. If you are just starting out, take Jesus as your co-worker. He will give wisdom for each day's work, and crown it with success.

That God may bless each faithful canvasser, and make up to him in spiritual blessings and financial success for the hardships and privations he is called upon to endure, is our prayer. A. S. HIGGINS.

CANVASSING IN MEXICO.

AS MANY of the brethren in the States were inquiring about a good location to settle in, it was decided that I should take a trip through the southern part of the republic to spy out the land. Accordingly, leaving Mexico City, the trip to Oaxaca was made by train. Here it became necessary to buy a horse, as the railroad went no farther. The journey southward was continued until Tapachula was reached, which is within a few miles of Guatemala, passing through Tehuantepec, Juchitan, Tonala, and many smaller towns. All these towns were canvassed for our Spanish paper, Bibles, and Testaments, and many thousand pages of tracts were given away on the following subjects: Sabbath question, second coming of Christ, importance of studying the Bible, and living by faith; also many leaflets setting forth the benefits to be derived at our sanitarium in Guadalajara were distributed.

I travelled six hundred and thirty-four miles by rail, about fifteen hundred on horseback, and six hundred by water. And from February 1 to May 31 (four months)

I received from sales of books, papers, and subscriptions, £108, Mexican. Of this amount about £98 was received from sales and subscriptions for the paper. In all, I obtained eight hundred and sixteen paid subscriptions for the paper. I obtained some subscriptions from the peons, but the most of my subscriptions are from the leading men of the nation, from judges, secretaries of courts, lawyers, doctors, customhouse officials, chiefs of police, army officials, captains and officers of boats, merchants, mechanics, and ranch owners. My expenses were very high, but I sold enough Bibles and Testaments with what I made in exchange in money above the regular subscription price of the paper, to pay all my travelling expenses, except about £2 10s; so the £108 was all clear except about £2 10s for my expenses. It costs us £20 a month to print our paper. But in four months I turned in more than enough above my expenses to print it for five months.

A. G. BODWELL.

A NEW EPOCH IN OUR WORK IN MEXICO.

AFTER carefully considering the needs of the Mexican field and the openings which the providence of God has brought about, the Pacific Press Publishing Company have sent workers of experience and faith in God to open up a branch publishing house in that great Spanish-speaking field. Other lines of our work have previously obtained a footing, but the publishing work has until now not been represented. This is a move in the right direction, and may we not believe that a flood of light and truth will emanate from this new centre, which will scatter the clouds of ignorance and superstition which now befores the minds of the people of Mexico and South America. Thus one country after another is hearing the glad message which will terminate soon in the coming of the King.

NEW SOUTH WALES CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE.

THE time of this annual gathering will be October 9-19; and as this is less than a month in the future we trust that all will begin at once to plan to attend throughout the entire time of the meeting. The time between now and the beginning of the meeting affords an excellent opportunity for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" before the heat of the summer begins, and we trust that this important work will be well along toward completion before the camp-meeting. If each one will take hold of this blessed work with a glad heart at once, the Lord will give abundant success.

The camp ground will be located about half way between Burwood and Croydon stations, on the north side of the railway line. The situation is all that could be desired in every respect. The ground is well protected from the wind, and shaded from the heat by large trees growing just close enough together to add to the beauty and comfort of the camp, without being in the way or obstructing the view from the passing trains. It is quite natural that we should have to pay a good rental for such a camp-ground, and this fact, in connection with the long haul of all camp equipage from Singleton to Sydney will make our expenses quite heavy. We trust that our brethren will remember that among the many important enterprises claiming our attention and financial aid, the holding of camp-meetings stands in the front rank. We can give liberally of our means toward the

camp-meeting fund with the assurance of quick returns in the work of spreading the everlasting gospel. All donations to this fund should be sent at once, or as soon as possible, to J. Hindson, 56 George Street West, Sydney. Orders for tents, etc., should be sent to the same address.

Notwithstanding the extra expense of this camp-meeting, the price of tents will remain the same as heretofore, and we would kindly urge all to send in their orders as soon as possible. We may find it necessary to rent tents from the city to fill all the orders that come in. We hope so; but all can see how very necessary it is for us to know beforehand how many tents we will need. So send in your orders at once. The prices will range as follows:—

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

We have a limited supply of stretchers, pillows, wire and capoc mattresses, etc. The prices of these will be the same as heretofore. We would urge all to come prepared to provide for their own wants as far as possible by bringing camp requisites along with them. There will be a provision stand on the ground, and also some means of furnishing meals at a reasonable price to those who desire them.

The camp-ground may be reached by about five minutes' walk from either Burwood or Croydon.

Yours in the work,

GEO. A. SNYDER.

EXPERIENCES OF A CONVERTED JEW.

THE following experiences in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" by Pastor F. C. Gilbert of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, U. S. A., are so good, that we take this method of passing them on for the edification and encouragement of others:—

"Some two years ago, soon after the testimony was written with regard to "Christ's Object Lessons," it was read to us at a conference at South Lancaster. It impressed me very much, and I felt that I had a duty to perform in connection with it. I told my wife that the Lord had sent a "test" to His people in this book, and by the grace of God I proposed to stand this test. I kept right on in my work of the ministry, and at the same time sold the books; so that in a short time I had disposed of nearly one hundred copies.

How I do rejoice to see the testimony of God confirmed. I then began to visit some of the churches in the New England Conference with other brethren, and the Spirit of the Lord witnessed to the labors with power, and I saw in the early part of this effort a scene which fulfilled to the very letter that statement which said that the book "Christ's Object Lessons" would unify the churches. One of the older churches in this conference had been broken up for years, in a measure, on account of an old grudge which had been harbored by brethren; even being transmitted to posterity. And I had the pleasure of seeing these brethren and their wives sit down at the same table, eat of the same food, and embrace each other, and offer to loan money to pay for the books, because one of them was too poor to do it. My soul rejoiced and magnified the name of the Lord for His blessed and precious Word, and the means He has by which to accomplish His own work.

Soon after the General Conference last spring I again enlisted in the work, to help finish the quota in our conference, and here again I saw the "testimony" wonderfully fulfilled.

I started to visit and to assist some of our churches again, and especially the Haverhill Church. While here, I was impressed to attend one of the Baptist churches in the place, their prayer meeting. The minister had inquired of me before, as I had once spoken in the place at the laying of the foundation stone of the Jewish Synagogue. Perhaps you may be aware that I was born and brought up a Jew, and lived in that faith till some fifteen years ago, and thirteen years ago the blessed Lord Jesus revealed Himself to me, and saved my soul. Since then the blessedness of salvation and the glories of the Third Angel's Message have filled my soul with joy and gladness. For nine years I have been devoting my energies and strength in preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified, seeking to show to men what a wonderful and most blessed redeemer is Jesus.

So at this time the minister wanted to know of some one if I ever came to the city, and if so, he wanted to see me. Hence I was impressed to go this particular evening to his prayer meeting, and to my surprise received an invitation to speak. The people became so interested in the Word of God that they wanted me to speak the next Sunday, though there were other speakers to take the service. Then a new field opened up to me, and since that time, a little over three months, I have had the privilege of speaking between twenty and thirty times to some twelve to fifteen different churches and denominations, and selling hundreds of copies of "Christ's Object Lessons." At least six ministers of these different denominations have made public announcements from the pulpit concerning this book, and have invited me to finish what they could not say. They have given me the names of some of their best people, and I have visited these people in their homes, and many have become deeply interested in the peculiar points of our faith."



AS STATED in the last issue of the RECORD, the special collection of the Sabbath-schools of Australasia of the last Sabbath of this quarter is to be applied in the erection of a church building in the mission field of Rarotonga. The accompanying illustration is of the temporary hut which is being used by the brethren for want of a better church building. They are of a mind to assist to the extent of their ability in erecting a suitable house of worship.

JAPAN.

THREE years ago we began the publication of the *Owari*, an eight-page monthly, which has ever since been faithfully sounding forth the message for these times. About a year and a half later Brother Wade had "Steps to Christ" translated into Japanese, and published. Now we have added to these "His Glorious Appearing." We hope soon to have a press of our own on which to print other books, tracts, and leaflets.

Another forward step, for which we praise the Lord, is the starting of a colporter waggon. It will elicit inquiry; for the name of our paper is on it, both in English and in Japanese. The two brethren who go with it, Brethren Kuniya and Matsukura, are both devoted laborers, and, though this is somewhat of an experiment, we trust that with God's blessing it may prove a great aid in carrying the truth to the country districts.

W. D. BURDEN.

PHENOMENAL SALES OF "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" IN IOWA, U. S. A.

DURING the first two weeks of May, we sold more of these books than we had sold during the past year, and the work has been prospering since that time. Some one in nearly every church in the State is out selling "Christ's Object Lessons" daily. Many who thought they could do nothing are having grand success. I have been in the front ranks, trying to advance the work. We have had excellent meetings wherever we have gone. Nearly all the people throughout the State are engaging in this work, and we expect to have our full quota sold before camp-meeting. Some of the churches have nearly finished their work.

L. F. STARR.

IN the proceedings of the South Australian Conference published in the last number of the RECORD, it appears that Pastor Hennig was unanimously elected President of the Conference. The nomination was made without the knowledge or the consent of the majority of the Victorian Conference Committee, but in the hope that other arrangements might be made for Victoria that would be satisfactory, and thus both Conferences be well served.

When the matter was presented to the Victorian Committee, they entered a strong protest against the removal of Brother Hennig from the presidency of the Conference in its present condition, believing that it would be detrimental to its best interest. Not wishing to press the matter against the convictions of the Victorian brethren, it was arranged for the Vice-President of the Union Conference to take the oversight of the South Australian Conference until such time as some permanent arrangement could be made that would be satisfactory to all. Hence, all communications relative to the work of the Conference should be addressed to Pastor E. W. Farnsworth, c/o Hydropathic Institute, King William Street, Adelaide, S. A.

G. A. IRWIN.

THE naptha launch of the Avondale School recently brought seven tons of goods from Dora Creek station to the school in one load. The boat is substantially built, and is filling an important place in connection with the institutions of Avondale.

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Items of General Interest.

THE New South Wales camp-meeting will be held October 9-19. The camp-ground will be located between Burwood and Croydon Stations. For further particulars see article on page six.

CONTINUED volcanic disturbances are reported from Martinique, which has already been the scene of destruction upon destruction. The villages of Morne Rogue, Ajoupa, and Buillon have been swept away by a deluge of scalding mud. Another portion of the island sank beneath the sea. Two thousand persons are believed to have perished in the recent convulsion, and the end is not yet.

OUR brethren in the West Indies are circulating widely a leaflet entitled, "The Voice of the Volcano, or God's Call to Repentance." Such is the work God has bidden us to do in such times of peril. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

THE recent rains and warm spring days have quickened into new life the forces of nature, and made the Avondale School farm a scene of unusual activity. The orchard, bees, vineyard, gardens, blackberries, campus, and paddocks are all receiving attention.

ON a recent Sunday our little community of Avondale was visited by a numerous and influential delegation of members of parliament of N. S. W., including Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, Minister for Works, and Mr. John Norton, who represents the district which includes Avondale. Many questions were asked concerning the institutions, their work, aims, methods, and management. They were also curious to know what we believe, and why we maintain such positions. All questions were cheerfully answered, and the visitors were made to feel welcome. None of the politicians were vegetarians either in belief or practice, nor were they easy subjects to convince of the merits of such a system of dietetics. They were out for a good time, and we believe went away with pleasant memories of Avondale. May God guide those in authority, that we may ever lead quiet and peaceable lives.

"MISS KELLOGG, at Chandernagor, India, has all she can do, and is having many interesting experiences. Several Hindus have come, asking her to teach them the Bible. Miss Humphrey and Miss Knight are meeting with encouragement at Simla. They began work by canvassing and giving Bible readings. Now that they are known, they have calls in the medical work that have opened several homes to them."

MISSIONARIES in India bear united testimony to the fact that the country is ripe for evangelistic work of the most aggressive kind, but laborers and the means to keep them in the field are needed to bring about a religious movement that shall have the most marked influence on the whole country.—*Review and Herald*.

CONSIDERABLE excitement prevails among the Jews of Russia over the alleged prophecy of a precocious infant of three months, to the effect that in one year there would be a great war between the nations, and that in three years the millennium would arrive.

FREQUENT quarrels and conflicts are occurring between whites and colored people of the Southern States of America. The gulf of separation is thereby widening between the two classes, which forebodes only further and more serious trouble ahead.

THE perplexity and unrest experienced by those who wear crowns and are esteemed great is shown by the report that the Czar of Russia is utterly disheartened by the internal conditions of his country, and that he has neither the will power nor the strength to meet the situation. It is reported that he seriously considers abdicating in favor of his brother, the Grand Duke Michael. There is certainly no happiness in this world so sweet as that of the Christian in the humble walks of life.

A GIGANTIC gun, the most powerful ever yet made, has just been completed at a U. S. arsenal in the State of New York. It is estimated that the gun will throw a projectile weighing 2,370 pounds a distance of nearly twenty-one miles. The gun weighs nearly one hundred tons. Thus the work goes on of preparing for the last mighty struggle, of which the prophet Joel wrote more than twenty-six centuries ago.

FACING THE WIDE WORLD.

THE treasurer's report of mission offerings for the second quarter ending June 30, is most cheering. The receipts were nearly £6,000, the largest sum ever given in an ordinary quarter. Many are thinking, and praying, and sacrificing, in order that this message may be quickly sent through the whole wide world. Pray that as every pound of this consecrated stream flows out upon the barren fields, it may be a blessing to souls, and bring the ending of this work a little nearer. We want to see as large a proportion as possible of our mission funds used in keeping the living preacher among the great masses in new territory who have never heard that there is a coming Saviour.

THE fields are expecting additional workers this autumn. A number are already under appointment to go. A score, at the very least, should be sent out, and that would represent but a pitiful answer to the Macedonian cry that rings from all the ends of the earth. But the Mission Board can arrange to send workers only as the money comes in. The present work takes about all the present income. If the work is to be enlarged, the offerings must be still further increased. Let us not forget the regular weekly offering. Thousands are forgetting it. And let all pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth these additional laborers, who should by all means reach the fields this fall. Next to going to the fields is the joy of helping to send somebody else.

W. A. SPICER,
Secretary Mission Board.