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

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## Courage and Perseverance in the Ministry.

(Concluded.)

WHAT we need now is untiring energy and perseverance, so that we will not be broken off from the work by difficulties and home perplexities. If we do allow our interest to be thus separated, the enemy will understand it, and he will make trouble right in our families to draw us away from the work. But if we firmly take our stand as God's workmen, saying, "The Lord has given us a message, and we cannot be faithful watchmen unless we stand at our post of duty; we will carry the work through at all hazards," then we shall find that angels of God will minister to our households at home, and will say to the enemy, "Stand back." It is a great and solemn work in which we are engaged, and God will help us to carry it forward, if we learn to rely wholly upon Him.

Oh, my brethren, put on the whole armor of God, and move with wisdom and intelligence. Do not work weeks and months to bring around a condition of things that will bind you hand and foot so that you cannot engage in the warfare as bold soldiers of Jesus Christ, and then mourn and complain because your circumstances are such that you cannot give yourselves wholly to the work. It is not God who lays upon you this burden. He has given you reason, and He wants you to use it. He would not have you arrange things at home so that when you go out to labor your minds will be continually upon your families. Before you make any move with reference to your families, He would have you consider carefully whether you are piling up burdens that will hinder you from engaging in His work. I have felt sad as I have heard different individuals tell how difficult it was for them to give themselves to the work of God. They do not like to consider the steps that they have taken to place themselves in this position. If God should work a miracle to bring them out of this position, they would go right to work to bring about another similar state of things. Such do not feel the necessity of counselling with God; they prefer to follow their own inclination and judgment.

Some have made it a point never to let temporal matters come between them and the work of God, and they have lost much in consequence of this. But what of that? What are temporal things when compared with the eternal? We have enlisted in the army of the Lord, and now let none of us create such a condition of things that we shall have to desert it.

I appeal to you, my brethren in the ministry. Connect yourselves more closely with the work of God.

Many souls that might be saved, will be lost, unless you strive more earnestly to make your work as perfect as possible. There is a great work to be done in Australia. It may seem to move slowly and hard, but God will work mightily through you if you will only make an entire surrender to Him. Much of the time you will have to walk by faith, not by feeling.

All may have infirmities of some kind upon them. If so, do not gratify the enemy by standing in the desk and telling of those infirmities; but talk of the mighty power of Christ to bless all who come unto Him. Jesus lives. Move out by faith, and claim the promises of God. Do you not remember the woman that came behind Jesus and touched the hem of His garment, and was made whole? Hers is the kind of faith that you need. Many have the casual touch, but there are few who are closely connected with Christ by living faith.

Wherever you are, however trying your circumstances, do not talk discouragement. The Bible is full of rich promises. Can you not believe them? When we go out to labor for souls, God does not want us to go a warfare at our own charges. What does this mean? It means that we need not go in our own strength, for God has pledged His word that He will go with us.

As workers, let us seek the Lord together. Of our own selves we can do nothing; but through Christ we can do all things. God intends that we shall be a help and blessing to one another, and that we shall be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. In the hour of our deepest trial, Jesus will be our "bright and morning star." There is in life much sorrow of our own creating. Satan works up distrust and discouragement. But God lives and reigns; and He will give us all the help we need. It is our privilege at all times to draw strength and encouragement from His blessed promise, "My grace is sufficient for you."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

BEFORE the Lord comes, every man, woman, and child in your neighborhood must receive the warning from some one. God does not expect to send angels down from heaven to do this work; but He has entrusted it to human beings. Some person inspired with the Spirit of the Lord will go to our next-door neighbor, whom you feel is unapproachable, and present the simple truths of the message to them. Why can you not do it in the fear of the Lord? God will bless you in it!

WHENEVER Conscience calls a halt, it is no place for Reason to debate the question. The way ahead is no thoroughfare.—Charles Egbert Craddock.

## Wills and Donations.

In the plan of salvation, God in love and mercy to fallen humanity has so arranged it that man may cooperate with Him in the salvation of his fellow man. In no way is this co-operation more clearly shown to the world and recognised by our heavenly Father, than by a cheerful and liberal giving of the means with which He has blessed us, to carry forward His work in the earth. If our hearts are right toward God in this matter, we receive a double blessing at His hands: first, in the obtaining, "for it is He who gives us power to get wealth;" and, second, in giving it back to Him to be used in spreading a knowledge of His truth in the earth.

But while this is true, on the other hand, a wrong use or careless handling of the means entrusted to us, is a great sin. In our Saviour's teachings, He kept this thought prominently before His disciples: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness;" and in His warnings for the last days, He makes it quite clear that covetousness will be one of the prominent sins that His people must be careful to avoid. Luke 21:34. Satan knows humanity's weakness in this direction, so he says to his angels,—

"Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with cares. If you can make them place their affections upon these things, we will have them yet. . . We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can gain control. The more means the followers of Christ devote to His service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects."—"Early Writings," p. 128.

In order to save us from ignorantly falling into Satan's trap, the Lord has revealed to us His plan, and forewarned us of the danger; yet notwithstanding all this the following statement is made in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 1, p. 199:—

"I was shown the awful fact that Satan and his angels have more to do with the management of the property of God's professed people than the Lord has."

In searching further to see how this is accomplished, I find the following: "Going security for unbelievers;" "loaning money to dishonest borrowers;" "holding on to our property, intending before we die to make a will, but are suddenly taken away, leaving our affairs in a tangled condition, to be consumed in a course of law;" "to save a little expense and trouble, have wills drawn up by incompetent parties, so that after death they are easily broken."

These are some of the ways by which the devil accomplishes his purpose; but it is more particularly to the last that I wish to call attention at this time.

It would be too strong a statement to make, as some do, that "a will is not worth the paper that it is written on," for there are a few instances where children regard the good name and wishes of their parents more than a few paltry pounds; but it is a fact that a large majority of the wills that are made in these days can be, and are, broken. Especially is this so when the bequests go to a religious organisation. "Not competent," "mentally incapacitated," "unduly influenced," "overpersuaded," etc., etc., are the reasons usually adduced why the will should be set aside. In addition to this, technical questions of law arise because the legator has failed to give the exact corporate name by which the society is known and can be identified.

In cases where it seems clear that no other manner of securing means to the cause should be adopted, no

pains should be spared to obtain legal advice, and have wills drawn up in a manner to stand the test. When contemplating making a will, the first and most important thing is to find out the exact legal name of the society or organisation, and State, county, and city where its headquarters are and its principal business transacted, that you wish to assist. The names by which we know and speak of our organisations and institutions are, in only a few cases, the names by which they are known in the eyes of the law. It is the duty of the minister to call attention to these matters, and instruct the people. I quote a few lines from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, pp. 478, 479:—

"Many manifest a needless delicacy on this point. They feel that they are stepping upon forbidden ground when they introduce the subject of property to the aged or to invalids in order to learn what disposition they design to make of it. But this duty is just as sacred as the duty to preach the Word to save souls." "There are aged ones among us who are nearing the close of their probation; but for the want of wide-awake men to secure to the cause of God the means in their possession, it passes into the hands of those who are serving Satan."

But how much safer and better it would be for every one to act as executor of the means entrusted to him as steward. I quote again from the same article:—

"Dying legacies are a miserable substitute for living benevolence. The servants of God should be making their wills every day, in good works and liberal offerings to God."—*Idem*, p. 481.

"The Lord would have His followers dispense their means while they can do it themselves. Some may inquire, 'Must we actually dispossess ourselves of everything which we call our own?' We may not be required to do this now; but we must be willing to do so for Christ's sake. We must acknowledge that our possessions are absolutely His, by using of them freely whenever means is needed to advance His cause. Some close their ears to the calls made for money to be used in sending missionaries to foreign countries, and in publishing the truth and scattering it like autumn leaves all over the world. Such excuse their covetousness by informing you that they have made arrangements to be charitable at death. They have considered the cause of God in their wills. Therefore they live a life of avarice, robbing God in tithes and offerings, and in their wills return to God but a small portion of that which He has lent them, while a very large proportion is appropriated to relatives who have no interest in the truth. This is the worst kind of robbery. They rob God of His just dues, not only all through life, but also at death.

"It is utter folly to defer to make a preparation for the future life until nearly the last hour of the present life. It is also a great mistake to defer to answer the claims of God for liberality to His cause until the time comes when you are to shift your stewardship upon others. Those to whom you intrust your talents of means may not do as well with them as you have done. How dare rich men run so great risks! Those who wait till death before they make a disposition of their property, surrender it to death rather than to God. In so doing, many are acting directly contrary to the plan of God plainly stated in His Word. If they would do good, they must seize the present golden moments, and labor with all their might, as if fearful that they may lose the favorable opportunity.

"Those who neglect known duty by not answering

to God's claims upon them in this life, and who soothe their consciences by calculating on making their bequests at death, will receive no words of commendation from the Master, nor will they receive a reward. They practised no self-denial, but selfishly retained their means as long as they could, yielding it up only when death claimed them. That which many propose to defer until they are about to die, if they were Christians indeed they would do while they have a strong hold on life. They would devote themselves and their property to God, and, while acting as His stewards, they would have the satisfaction of doing their duty. By becoming their own executors, they could meet the claims of God themselves, instead of shifting the responsibility upon others."—*Idem*, pp. 479, 480.

"The call for means to advance the cause of truth will never be more urgent than now. Our money will never do a greater amount of good than at the present time. Every day of delay in rightly appropriating it, is limiting the period in which it will do good in saving souls."—*Idem*, p. 81.

G. A. IRWIN.

### Take Heed How You See.

"AND He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town, and when He had put His hands upon him, He asked him if he saw aught. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees walking. After that He put His hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up, and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

What we see depends upon how we see. Some are constantly seeing difficulties and trials as insurmountable obstacles. They see only the giants and high walls; they see men as trees walking. The cry is, We are not able to overcome these great obstacles, not able to go up and possess the land. Others see differently. Of them it is said, "The mountains [the same mountains] break forth before them into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Anciently, while some saw only the red sea and complained and fainted for fear, Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible. They both saw, but did not see alike. One saw the Red Sea, and the other saw God. One sees a lion in the way, but does not see the divine hand that has shut the lion's mouth. It was not until the Saviour had placed His hand upon the blind man the *second* time that he was able to see clearly, or able to see things as they really were. Many of us have had but one anointing of the eyes; but one touch. We see, and find fault with God's work, workers, and institutions. We see and criticise every little defect. We see, but see only in part. We need a second touch in order to be able to see clearly, and to see things as they really are. What we see depends upon how we see, and how we see depends upon what we are. "Happy [not wretched or miserable] are the pure in heart, for *they shall see God*." They see God where others see the devil. They see success where others see defeat, roses where others see thorns, the stars where others see mud.

At one time in reply to the taunt, "Doth Job fear God for naught?" the Lord said to Satan, "All that he hath is in thy power." Satan at once went from the presence of the Lord on his work of destruction. Job's sons, daughters, and property were destroyed in one day. But Job said, "The Lord gave, and *the Lord* [not the devil] hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the

Lord. In all this Job sinned not." Joseph, after he was sold by his brothers, carried to Egypt, and thrown into prison, afterward was placed next to Pharaoh on the throne. When his brothers came to Egypt for food, he said to them, "Be not grieved and angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither, for *God did send me* before you to preserve life. So now *it was not you that sent me hither, but God*. Ye meant evil, but God meant it for good." Has not the time fully come for every believer in present truth to have the second touch that he may see aright, that he may see no man save "Jesus only?" For it is said, "Thy watchmen shall lift up their voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for *they shall see eye to eye* when the Lord returneth to Zion." The time has come when we should no longer see through a glass darkly, but face to face, when we should behold the king in His beauty, and see the land afar off. "*They shall be like Him*, for they shall see Him as He is." When they see Him as He is, they will see Him everywhere, in every human being. The heavens will declare Him, and they will see Him in every experience in life. Christ will be to them *all* and in *all*. They will endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

D. H. KRESS.

### Our Message.

JOHN the Baptist came as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, saying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." His message was definite, and the messenger well knew the importance of his work. When questioned concerning his identity, he immediately repeated the prediction made by the prophet respecting the forerunner of the Messiah. Without ostentation, arrogance, or any boastful assumption whatever, he declared simply and earnestly, "*I am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness . . . as said the prophet Isaiah."

John went forth in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the first advent of the Messiah (Luke 1: 17), but a second proclamation is to be given in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare a people for the second coming of Christ. Malachi 4: 5, 6. The people by whom this second advent message is to be given must know their work and their message just as Elijah and John knew their work and their message.

Christendom to-day has a great number of teachers, exhorters, and pulpit orators. Voices that speak in many tongues tell of many doctrines, but there is only the imagination of human thought behind them. You will search in vain amid all this Babel of voices to find messengers who proclaim the message of Revelation 14.

In that Scripture we have the second coming of Christ pictured in plain and positive language. But before this great event takes place, angels fly through the midst of heaven with a gospel that tells of judgment "come," of Babylon being weighed and found wanting, and of Satan's final effort to enforce the mark of apostasy on the inhabitants of the earth.

Do you understand these things? If you do not, then you cannot join with the angels in carrying a message that must prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. If you do understand these things, and yet fail to make them known, then God will have to reveal them to humbler minds, so that they may become His messengers, but you will lose your crown.

John realised that his message was the all-important question for that time. He made it his life work, and this devotion to his message gave him a place second to

none among those born of women. With a very few of his followers John was found watching for the Messiah, and when He appeared, they received the divine approbation.

Thus it may be with those who now take part in the message concerning Christ's second coming. But so it will be only with those who regard the message as the most important of all considerations.

God has designed that this message shall carry the Sabbath to all parts of the earth. It quotes from the fourth commandment, Worship Him who "made heaven and earth and the sea." Ex. 20:11; Rev. 14:7. It warns against all false forms of worship received through the Babylon of confusion, and also against the character obtained through obedience to earthly powers who set forth the counterfeit Sabbath. It means, "Jehovah against the world of modern idolatry," and those who carry this message must stand against all that is false, just as Elijah stood for Jehovah against the world of ancient idolatry.

The Seventh-day Adventists are the only body of people in the world who profess to carry this message. As a result of this work there will be a people gathered out, of whom it will be said, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

Jehovah has first committed this work to angel hands so that the human may join with the divine in carrying out God's great design. Have you joined with the angels who carry this message? If not, you must hasten, for the time is short and the King is at hand. Seek now for a place among the servants of the living God.

R. HARE.

### Rising Early.

We are to seek the Lord early. Prov. 8:17.

When we awake, God will talk with us. Prov. 6:20-23.

God awakes us and gives us the tongue of the learned. Isa. 50:4.

God rises early daily. Jer. 7:25. To speak to His people. Jer. 25:3; 7:13; 35:14. To teach His people. Jer. 32:33. To send messages to His people. Jer. 25:4; 35:15; 44:4; 29:19. To protest against them. Jer. 11:7.

Christ rose early to pray. Mark 1:35.

Angels rose early. Gen. 19:2.

The prophet Elisha rose early. 2 Kings 6:15.

God told Moses to rise early. Ex. 8:20; 9:13.

Moses rose early to build an altar. Ex. 24:4.

Abraham rose early in the morning. Gen. 21:14; 22:3.

Moses rose early to go to Mount Sinai. Ex. 34:4.

Isaac rose early to make a covenant with Abimelech.

Gen. 26:31.

Jacob rose early in the morning. Gen. 28:18.

Laban rose early in the morning. Gen. 31:55.

Aaron and the people rose early to worship. Ex.

32:5, 6.

Israel rose early to build an altar. Judges 21:4.

Joshua rose early at dawn of day to go round Jericho. Joshua 6:12-15.

Israel rose early to go to battle. 2 Kings 3:22;

2 Chron. 20:20.

Joshua went to battle early. Joshua 8:10, 14.

Gideon rose up early. Judges 6:38; 7:1.

Hannah and her husband rose early and worshipped.

1 Sam. 1:19.

Samuel rose early to meet Saul. 1 Sam. 15:12.

David rose early to start on a journey. 1 Sam. 17:20.

David rose early to leave Achish's army. 1 Sam. 29:11.

Absalom rose early to meet the people. 2 Sam. 15:2.

Hezekiah rose early. 2 Chron. 29:20.

Job rose early for morning worship. Job 1:5.

The disciples came early to the sepulchre. Mark 16:2; Matt. 28:1.

We should praise God in the morning on an instrument. Ps. 92:1-3.

### Effective Missionary Work.

At the New South Wales and Queensland conferences, resolutions were passed with reference to the need of circulating the *Bible Echo* and the *Australasian Good Health*. We believe this is as it should be. What God hath joined together let not man put asunder. When Christ sent forth the seventy, He gave them the double commission, "Heal the sick, and say the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

It is difficult to improve upon the divine plan. Those who go out to-day should carry a complete gospel—health to the body and health to the soul.

Such a work God will bless. It will be found that in many cases where the *Echo* is taken, the *Good Health* will be welcomed. And often we find honest families who have well-founded prejudices against so-called Christianity. These will not look at a religious periodical. Many of these will take a health journal and appreciate the health principles. This will establish confidence, and will open up the way for the sale of the *Bible Echo* and other literature. Some one says, I cannot go out on account of my family. Why not make your children your helping hand (instead of hindrances), as God designed they should be.

The church should be composed of working members. When we give ourselves to Christ, we pledge ourselves to become workers together with Him. One reason why we unite in church organisation is to carry forward our work in an organised way to prevent confusion. We meet together to plan, to lay out, and to assign territory to the different members. Then we meet together again to relate our experiences, to ask God's blessing upon the work done, to pray for interested ones and those who treated us despitefully. Where such a work is carried forward, not in a pompous way, but in a meek and quiet spirit on the part of the workers, with the sole desire to be a blessing, the church will be blessed, for "in blessing, I will bless thee" is the promise. Each one should go about this work, not with a gloomy, sad countenance, but with cheerfulness and pleasantness, letting all the goodness and sweetness God has placed within shine forth to brighten the lives of others. He that would have friends must show himself friendly. "Make to yourself friends." Do not rest satisfied until you have a power with you that will draw and attract men instead of repelling them. "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." "The joy of the Lord shall be your strength." D. H. KRESS.

# Sabbath School Quarterly Reports.

For the Quarter Ending September 30, 1902.

## New Zealand.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
Arapu	12	£1 16 10	£ 17 0
Auckland	48	3 8 1	1 6 9
Cambridge	3	1 4 0	1 0 7
Christchurch	65	7 6 7	3 16 0
Dunedin	10		
Epsom	19	1 4 1	17 2
Gisborne	23	3 4 6	1 12 8
Hastings	16	16 1	14 6
Kao	39	3 2 5	1 3 11
Kaikoura	9	7 8	6 0 0
Napier			2 9 0
Norsewood	4	10 0	9 0 0
Ormondville	9	12 9	1 6 6
Palmerston N.	40	2 12 3	1 10 1
Parkhurst	15	15 8	12 6
Petone	15	11 2	8 9
Pungare	12	4 6	3 6
Raglan	6	1 0 0	11 3
Tokomai	11		
Tologa Bay	11	7 0	3 6
Wanganui	18	2 4 4	1 11 2
Wellington	26	3 5 5	2 9 11
Westport	7	13 0	7 8
Family Sch.	44		2 9 3
State Class	46		1 16 6
Total	525	£35 6 4	£27 8 2

Special Donations for Church Building in Rarotonga, £10 17 3.

Tithes paid by schools, £4 5 11.  
MRS. J. BAKER, Sec.

## South Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
Adelaide	87	£6 13 11	£2 0 0
Wallaroo	16	12 8	6 11
Prospect	43	1 8 3	5 0
Queen's Own Town	30	10 2	5 3
Gawler	13	2 15 0	9 6
Kadina	13	1 2 1	9 11
Mt. Gambier	35	2 1 10	18 0
Pt. Augusta	11	16 8	12 2
Broken Hill	14	18 0	3 3
Pareroo	22	1 5 6	19 10
Kangarilla	18	1 5 5	11 9
Aldgate	7	3 3	1 6
State Class	2	2 6	1 3
Total	311	£19 15 3	£7 4 4

Special Donations to Church Building in Rarotonga, £3 2 6.

Tithes paid by schools, £1 18 4.  
MRS. E. SEMMENS, Sec.

## Queensland.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
S. Brisbane	93	£2 12 6	£1 4 3
N. Brisbane	34	1 5 11	1 3 4
Rockhampton	36	2 8 2	5 4
Toowoomba	27	14 4	3 6
Bundaberg	12	1 15 2	1 0 9
Grantham	9	1 11 6	1 1 7
Maryborough	15	1 4	16 9
State Class	12	2 4 7	1 14 8
Total	238	£13 13 6	£7 10 2

Special Donations to Church Building in Rarotonga, £2 6 7.

Tithes paid by schools, £1 2 10.  
LOUISE TUXEN, Sec.

## Victoria.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
Ballarat	79	£3 0 2	£ 15 10
Bendigo	42	6 9 5	4 6 0
Beechworth	9	12 6	8 5
Brunswick	71	5 18 8	2 6 8
Brighton	9	2 0 2	15 0
Dandenong	30		
North Fitzroy	170		4 6 7
Geelong	28	2 10 2	17 6
Hawthorn	27	2 2 11	13 8
Kingston	5	3 10	
Lara	10	3 0	2 8
Windsor	81	5 10 0	2 7 8
Williamstown	43	3 10 1	1 12 4
Wychitella	8	4 0	3 7
Canvassers	2	2 6	2 3
Isolated	1	4 0	3 7
Yambuk	15	1 0 10	18 9
Totals	630	£33 3 1	£20 0 6

Special Donations to Church Building in Rarotonga, £6 3 1.

Tithes paid by schools, £4 8 4½.  
MRS. W. A. HENNIG, Sec.

## West Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
Bunbury	23	£2 15 1	£1 18 0
Bokara	29	18 7	8 0
Cookernup	14	1 13 11	1 0 7
Collie	9	18 6	12 7
Capel	22	3 10 8	2 2 5
Harvey	5	1 13 4	1 0 11
Perth	53	4 2 1	2 9 1
Plympton	17	1 19 9	1 2 0
Preston	12	5 7 6	4 8 9
Spring Valley	4	17 0	12 4
Total	188	£23 16 5	£16 4 5

Special Donations to Church Building in Rarotonga, £2 2 5½.

Tithes paid by schools, £2 7 6½.  
MRS. L. V. FINSTER, Sec.

## New South Wales.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
Ashfield	45	£2 11 0	£1 12 9
Auburn	40	2 12 2	12 0
Avondale	168	25 5 1	20 3 11
Cranebrook	5	10 0	7 0
Cordale	28	3 8 0	2 4 10
Epping	26	1 3 0	19 0
Hamilton	47	3 4 11	1 8 6
Kellyville	13	13 0	3 2
Lisnore	11	12 0	10 10
Nullawa	3	1 0 0	8 0
Orchard Hill	38	10 2 9	2 1
Parramatta	30	1 18 3	16 1
Prospect	15	13 5	8 9
Singleton	18	16 6	9 1
Stanmore	94	3 16 5	1 7 2
Wallsend	26	2 12 4	15 1
W. Maitland	24	1 14 6	4 6
Wollongong	26	14 5	6 0
Woollahra	13	1 1 0	8 6
State Class	40	4 7 4	3 9 4
Totals	699	£68 15 1	£45 16 7

Special Donations to Church Building in Rarotonga, £7 12 9½.

Tithes paid by schools, £6 3 3.  
ANNA L. HINDSON, Sec.

## Tasmania.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
Launceston	24	£2 14 4	£1 10 3
Hobart	70	5 12 6	3 10 3
Little Hampton	7	3 5 8	2 10 11
Latrobe	14	9 3	5 0
Upper Huon	27	1 3 7	9 1
Lillydale	7	1 5 3	1 0 3
St. Marys	27	15 7	13 1
Devonport	9	19 9	6 9
Bisnarek	70	2 19 10	14 0
State Class	12	1 2 4	18 0
Total	267	£20 8 1	£11 17 7

Special Donations for Church Building in Rarotonga, £1 16 4.

Tithes paid by schools, £1 16 2½.

MRS. EMILY ALLEN, Sec.

## Total Summary.

Name of Colony.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Church in Rarotonga.	Donations to Sydney Sanitarium.
N. S. Wales	699	£68 15 1	£6 3 3	£7 12 9	£45 16 7
N. Zealand	525	35 6 4	4 5 11	10 17 3	27 8 2
Queensland	238	13 13 6	1 2 10	2 6 7	7 10 2
S. Australia	311	19 15 3	1 18 4	3 2 6	7 4 4
Tasmania	267	20 8 1	1 16 3	1 16 4	11 17 8
Victoria	630	33 3 1	4 8 4	6 3 1	20 0 6
W. Australia	188	23 16 5	2 7 6	2 2 6	16 4 6
Cook Island	57	1 6 11			1 6 11
Grand Total	2915	£216 4 8	£22 2 5	£34 1 0	£137 8 10

MRS. C. W. IRWIN, Sec.

## SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS FOR THE PRESENT QUARTER.

THE members of our Sabbath-schools throughout Australasia, who are giving their weekly donations this quarter for the work in Queensland, will be pleased to learn that notwithstanding the still unbroken drought, we are planning more aggressive work than ever before, as will be seen by a perusal of the reports of our recent annual conference, which appear in the RECORD.

We are pleased to note a spirit of faithfulness and devotion on the part of our people generally, manifested in the payment of the Lord's tithe, and also in the purchase and circulation of our tracts and papers among their neighbors and acquaintances. This is seen not only on the part of churches and organized companies, but of isolated members as well. We append herewith extracts of a few of the letters received from persons living where they do not have the privilege of meeting with those of like faith:—

I send 1/6 and stamps for three months' subscription of the *Bible Echo* to be sent to—(name and address given). I wish that I was able to get the *Echo* sent to all the people in this place, but times are bad, but I will try to do what I can. It is but little that I am doing, yet I would wish to do more for my Lord and Saviour. Blessed be His holy name.

I enclose postal note for 3/- for another twelve months' subscription for the *Children's Friend*. . . I and my children enjoy the lessons very much. I thank God for them, as they are the only teachers we have. Bless the Lord for all.

I herewith enclose one pound note, tithes. I am very sorry that it is such a little amount, but there is little income now. I hope to be able to order more *Bible Echoes* before long, God willing.

We who enjoy the blessings of attending church and Sabbath-school regularly, should give the lonely and scattered ones a very warm place in our prayers. May the dear Lord bless and keep every one faithful until the glad message is heard, "Child, thy Father calls, come home."  
A. T. ROBINSON.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### NEW ZEALAND CAMP-MEETING.

JANUARY 15-26 is the time appointed for the New Zealand camp-meeting and conference. Dunedin has been chosen as the place of encampment. A most beautiful ground has been obtained, which is well located and presents about all the advantages that could be desired.

Considerable effort has been put forth in this city to sow the seed of truth, long and patiently has the work gone forward, but at present the visible results are not great. However, on part of a large class of people of all grades, a favorable impression has apparently been made. It is hoped that an earnest camp-meeting may result in an ingathering of souls and a permanent establishment of the work in this city.

The brethren of all the churches are invited to participate in this movement by providing a large delegation to the camp-meeting. Great blessings are in store for those who seek, but the greatest blessings come by imparting rather than by receiving, so it is earnestly hoped that those who attend may do so for the purpose of extending to others both there and elsewhere the benefits obtained.

It is expected that efficient and experienced laborers will be present from the Union Conference to give us their best efforts in public address and in counsel.

On this occasion the election of conference, tract society, and Sabbath-school officers will take place, as also the election of a medical board and the transaction of usual conference business.

Remember the time, January 15 to 26, and all come.  
NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

### ECHOES FROM WEST AUSTRALIA.

THE church at Perth is growing in numbers, and most of its members have their faces Zionward.

Last Sabbath week we had some special meetings, when a baptismal service was held, and eight souls were baptised with their Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Truly we had a precious time. There are ten more waiting for baptism. During these meetings another decided for Christ. Praise the Lord. JESSE PALLANT.

I HAVE engaged in a systematic canvass of the Newcastle district, W. A., urging the claims of the Avondale School upon those I have met. The settlements of the people here being so widely scattered, in the nature of the case much time has been occupied, and long distances of travel covered; but I have succeeded in disposing of seventy-four copies of the book. This I regard as most gratifying, and I recognise the abundance of divine help given to accomplish so good a result. The people everywhere have been invariably kind and hospitable; while at the same time they have been readily attentive to my description of the book, and the institution for which it is sold. The result of my labor is also apparent in obtaining an acquaintance with the people, which I am endeavoring to turn to good account in carrying to them the precious message for these last days. I thank God for the experience I have enjoyed throughout my canvassing campaign. W. KNIGHT.

VICTORY or defeat: which shall it be? The Lord *Himself* has planned the campaign for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." He has sent a call to ALL His people for service. Will we deny to our dearest

Friend our whole being which He has redeemed for Himself? May we not say,—

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only *all* for Thee.

I believe all our companies have begun the work. But brethren, let us not stop with a few feeble efforts, but labor till every book is sold. God has promised that angels will be with the workers. Let us not go in our own strength, but remember that our efficiency is *in Him*. As you go from house to house, you will find hungry souls that you can bless with the light God has given you.

The Lord has sent us word that He is testing His people on this point as to our love to Him. And this work cannot be done by proxy. We read in Lev. 7:30, "*His own hands shall bring the offering of the Lord.*" We hope no one will say, "Lord, have me excused." There was once a young man who thought he had consecrated all, but when the test came "to sell" and follow, he fell short. May our consecration be so deep that we may be willing "to sell" ("Object Lessons"), and follow Him. L. V. FINSTER.

"A BROTHER, seventy-three years old, who is suffering with paralysis, and who could scarcely be expected to take any books, as he was poor and afflicted, felt that he must try to do something in this good work. He went out, and the first afternoon, in about three hours, sold four books,—one to a banker, another to a timber dealer, another to an implement dealer, another to a merchant. He received cash for three of them, and felt so happy over his success that he went out again the next morning, and sold two more copies, sent in the money, and ordered six more books."

"A BROTHER who is a painter and paper hanger, and is very busy all the time, became responsible for ten books. For two or three weeks after taking the books, he kept looking forward to a time when he would have a little leisure, when he could "dress up," as he said, "and go out canvassing." He finally decided that if the books were sold, he would have to make the opportunity instead of waiting for it; so one morning as he started to work, he put one of the books in his tool chest, and during the dinner hour took one order. After he stopped work at night, he took the book and went to work, and in a short time secured six more orders."

THE Spirit is the only infallible commentator on the Word of God,—the revealer of mysteries, the expositor of precepts, the remembrancer of promises, the inspirer of prayer.

"IT is not God that puts the blinder before the eyes of men or makes their hearts hard; it is the light which God sends to His people, to correct their errors, to lead them in safe paths, but which they refuse to accept,—it is this that blinds their minds and hardens their hearts."  
—*Review and Herald, October 21, 1890.*

**Monthly Summary of Australasian, Natal, and Cape Colony Canvassing Work.**

**Natal, South Africa.**

**Cape Colony.**

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

AUGUST.

*Ladies' Guide—* Orders. Value.  
 Mrs. T. A. Gally, Durban 14 £14 7 6  
*Home Hand Book—*  
 Mr. Howard, Johannesburg 147 252 10 0  
 J. H. Camp, Durban..... 12 19 0 0  
*Great Controversy—*  
 H. Schmidt, Heidelberg... 169 159 11 6  
 S.S. Barnard, Johannesburg 86 83 0 0  
 Mrs. Strachin, Johannesburg 44 32 15 0  
*Christ Our Saviour—*  
 Miss Grant, Johannesburg 45 10 2 6  
 517 £571 6 6

*Ladies' Guide—* Orders. Value.  
 Mrs. Stapleford, Observatory 7 £7 0 0  
 Miss Bourne, Claremont..... 3 3 0 0  
*Man the Masterpiece—*  
 T. H. Jubber, Capetown ..... 16 16 17 6  
*Home Hand Book—*  
 J. B. Burton, Constantia..... 6 9 0 0  
*Great Controversy—*  
 E. Molen, Woodstock..... 27 23 17 6  
 C. Haupt, Capetown..... 1 1 0 0  
 Sundries ..... 1 14 0 0  
 66 £62 9 0

**Victoria.**

OCTOBER, 1902.

*Home Hand Book—* Orders. Value.  
 G. Burgess, Werrisbee ..... 19 £31 12 0  
 J. Anderson, Bendigo ..... 1 14 0  
 L. Currow, Gippsland ..... 33 53 14 6  
 C. Hoskins, Gippsland ..... 11 17 10 0  
 F. W. Reekie, Port Fairy..... 19 27 8 6  
*Ladies' Guide—*  
 Mrs. Masters, Maldon..... 13 13 0 0  
*Miscellaneous—*  
 ....., Moonee Ponds. 9 9 8 6  
*House We Live In—*  
 Miss C. Rule, M. Brighton 4 1 4 0  
 (Other books)..... 1 5 6  
 Mrs. Lear, M. Brighton..... 21 8 2 3  
 (other books) 5 6 2 0  
*Patriarchs and Prophets—*  
 N A Tadich, Preston..... 6 5 15 6  
 (other books) 3 2 15 0  
*Desire of Ages—*  
 Mrs. Brainerd, N. Fitzroy... 3 3 0 0  
 H. Blunden, Warburton..... 8 11 19 6  
 H. C. Harker, Drysdale..... 7 8 2 0  
 B. Judge, Traralgon..... 10 13 9 9  
 G. Parkin, Walhalla, ..... 2 2 3 0  
 W. Ryder, Moe..... 14 17 10 6  
 J. F. Ward Mirboo..... 34 42 15 3  
*Daniel and Revelation—*  
 W. Codling, Avoca..... 5 4 8 6  
*Bible Readings—*  
 ....., Moonee Ponds 29 24 7 6  
 257 £306 18 9

**New South Wales.**

OCTOBER, 1902.

*Daniel & Revelation—* Orders. Value.  
 A. Hodgkinson, Inverell... 7 £ 6 10 6  
 R. Salton, Glen Innes ..... 7 5 14 6  
 G. Wood, Big River ..... 30 25 16 9  
 W. R. Lamb, Nowra ..... 30 25 18 0  
*Desire of Ages—*  
 T. J. Gibson, Manning R. 20 24 6 0  
 A. G. Baker, Manning R. 5 7 0 0  
 C. S. Badger, Moruya ..... 61 69 0 0  
*Coming King—*  
 Geo. Ryder, Wyalong ..... 65 22 11 6  
 E. Bernoth, Helensburg... 35 21 5 6  
 F. A. Allum, Lithgow ..... 75 29 14 6  
 L. Mobbs, Lithgow ..... 63 26 14 6  
 Miss C. Allum, Lithgow ..... 20 9 19 0  
 C. Vartha, Helensburg ..... 4 2 5 0  
*Home Hand Book—*  
 M. A. Connell, Bocaral..... 7 10 0 0  
 W. Gregg, Yarramaloug... 4 6 9 6  
 Mrs. J. Paap, N. Sydney ..... 9 14 13 0  
*Ladies' Guide—*  
 Mrs. Paap, N. Sydney..... 3 3 0 0  
 Mrs. Gregg, N. Sydney ..... 34 38 3 0  
 F. C. Davis, Hastings ..... 7 9 5 0  
*House We Live In—*  
 Mrs. Chapman, Katoomba 4 18 0  
 490 £359 14 3

**West Australia.**

OCTOBER, 1902.

*Ladies' Guide—* Orders. Value.  
 Mrs. E. Cleal, East Perth 52 £52 15 0  
 (other books) 4 1 12 0  
 A. Anderson, Carnarvon... 1 1 12 0  
 (Other Books) 2 2 10 0  
*Desire of Ages—*  
 F. Masters, Boulder..... 34 41 15 6  
 (other books) 38 4 3 6  
 R. A. Caldwell, Albany..... 80 100 10 0  
 (other books) 20 6 4 6  
 R. S. Bell, Boulder..... 20 26 0 0  
 (other books).... 14 15 17 6  
 265 £291 0 0

**Queensland**

OCTOBER, 1902.

*Bible Readings—* Orders. Value.  
 F. Brett, Chillagoe..... 12 £ 9 1 0  
*Daniel and Revelation—*  
 Miss Laurisen, Bundaberg 13 6 8 6  
*Ladies' Guide—*  
 Q. Tract Society, Taringa 12 12 15 0  
 Mrs. Hewitt, Toowong..... 4 4 11 6  
 41 £32 16 0

**Tasmania.**

OCTOBER, 1902.

*Ladies' Guide—* Orders. Value.  
 Miss Adcock, Moonah..... 1 £ 1 7 6  
 Miss F. Horne, Devonp'n. 7 8 17 6  
 Miss M. Richards, Newt'n 10 11 2 6  
*Great Controversy—*  
 W. Rigby, Strahan, Zeehan 5 3 15 0  
 23 £25 2 6

**Totals for October, 1902.**

Orders. Value.  
 New South Wales..... 490 £359 14 3  
 Victoria ..... 257 306 18 9  
 Tasmania ..... 23 25 2 6  
 New Zealand ..... 377 299 5 0  
 West Australia ..... 265 291 0 0  
 Queensland ..... 41 32 16 0  
 Cape Colony ..... 60 62 9 0  
 Natal ..... 517 571 6 6  
 South Australia..... 106 99 18 6  
 Grand Totals, 2163 £2048 10 6

**New Zealand.**

OCTOBER, 1902.

*Home Hand Book—* Orders. Value.  
 J. Knox, Wanganui ..... 19 £28 10 0  
 A. E. Rickards, Invercarg'1 20 30 15 0  
 Mrs. M. Hamilton, Nelson 13 19 10 0  
 W. J. Redhead, Canterbury 3 5 10 0  
 C. Honnor, Auckland ..... 1 1 10 0  
*Man the Masterpiece—*  
 W. J. Redhead, Canterbury 19 23 5 0  
*Desire of Ages—*  
 W. J. Redhead, Canterbury 60 70 12 6  
*Ladies' Guide—*  
 Mrs. Covell, Taranaki..... 17 17 0 0  
 Mrs. E. Smith, Canterbury 7 7 0 0  
*H. of the Morning—*  
 C. E. Reynolds, Canterb'y 37 13 1 6  
*Coming King—*  
 J. Mackintosh, Foxton..... 36 17 4 0  
 H. Piper, Wellington..... 64 30 6 0  
 F. Scheffer, Hawke's Bay.. 27 14 8 6  
 G. Simpson, Wairarapa..... 25 9 19 6  
 Miss E. Ward, Auckland.. 16 5 1 6  
 G. Smith, Gisborne ..... 13 5 11 6  
 377 £299 5 0  
 Good Health subscriptions..... 271  
 Echo sales, Miss Owen..... 2400  
 " " Miss Williams..... 1080

**South Australia.**

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER.

*Bible Readings—* Orders. Value.  
 T. Whittle, Bowden..... 13 £ 9 12 0  
*Gl. Controversy—*  
 C. Ellsley, Lakes..... 19 18 11 0  
*Patriarchs and Prop.—*  
 Mrs. Arnold, N. Parkside 9 7 5 6  
 Miss Gunther, W. Adelaide 10 7 14 6  
*Daniel and Revelation—*  
 A. P. Roesner, Kapunda... 12 10 10 6  
*Home Hand Book—*  
 A. W. Waight, Mt. Barker 24 37 16 0  
 T. S. Wales, Norwood ... 1 2 6 6  
*House We Live In.....* 16 3 12 0  
 Miscellaneous ..... 2 1 10 6  
 106 £98 18 6

THERE is certainly some inspiration in the following incident told of an African woman who came into possession by some means of an English Bible. She and her people had heard a little of the gospel, and knew something of what the book was, and the woman was filled with delight in its ownership. But it was written in a strange tongue, and those who could interpret it were far away. Still, something must be done with so rare a treasure. After consultation, a day was set, notice was given, and at the appointed hour the Bible was laid on the stump of a tree in an open space. Then the natives began to assemble, took their places in a circle about the spot, and after waiting for a time in reverent silence, quietly dispersed.—*Review and Herald.*

ONE of our canvassers in New Zealand writes,—  
 Last week I met a lady who gave me an order for "Desire of Ages" and then asked what church I represented. I told her at once, and she then informed me that the Sabbath question had troubled her mind for a long time, and that she could get no satisfactory explanation of the change from Sabbath to Sunday from the ministers, that they did not speak in touch with the Bible. I spent an hour with the lady, and showed the importance of obeying the fourth commandment. To-day I am sending her the historical facts of the change.

CONCERNING the pamphlet in the Malay tongue, of which mention was made in a former issue, Pastor E. H. Gates adds the following:—

"A free translation of the title would be, The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven, and the End of the World, with Proofs from the Holy Scriptures, that is, the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel.

"This little publication consists largely of questions and answers, with answers in the very words of the Bible, on the subject of the second advent, the end of the world, and the signs of the times.

"As large numbers of Chinese in the Straits Settlements, Singapore, and in Sumatra speak the Malay language, we hope that this little pamphlet will be instrumental in bringing the knowledge of present truth before many of the millions of the Chinese empire. As I was permitted for several weeks to mingle with the people who speak the Malay language, I have probably a greater interest in this book than if I had not visited the East Indies. And as our Mission Committee furnished £60 from funds donated by the Australasian Sabbath-schools to aid in getting out this pamphlet, our Sabbath-school scholars everywhere will undoubtedly feel a deep interest in the prosperity of the new publication."

BETTER make penitents by gentleness than hypocrites by severity.—*St. Frances De Sales.*



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## Items of General Interest.

A GOOD interest followed the camp-meeting in Adelaide, and over thirty have begun keeping the Sabbath. The interest still continues.

THE Victorian camp-meeting was held according to appointment at Footscray, a suburb of Melbourne. The terrific dust storm of November 12 did considerable damage to the tents and delayed the opening of the meeting one day. During the meeting, however, the weather was very favorable. The large pavilion was filled every night, and sometimes to overflowing. The interest was good throughout, and it is hoped that a good-sized church will be brought into the truth. There was an especial interest developed on the part of our own people in all lines of the message; such as, medical, educational, religious liberty, "Christ's Object Lessons" canvassing, etc. Enough money was pledged to buy a new pavilion for camp-meeting purposes. The same officers were re-elected, and a very encouraging financial report was given, showing a large decrease in conference and tract society indebtedness. Several unfaithful laborers and members have been dropped, and others have been added, showing an increase in the membership. The work in Victoria is in a very encouraging condition, and the camp-meeting was productive of much good.

We expect to be able to give a more extended report of the encouraging features of the meeting in our next issue.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the opening of the Sydney Sanitarium a vigorous effort is being put forth in circulating the *Australasian Good Health*. Sixteen thousand copies have been printed of the December issue, which contains a fine illustration of the new building, besides valuable matter on live topics.

THE large and happy family which have for months past made their home and headquarters at the Avondale Health Retreat have removed to the new and fine institution at Wahroonga, N. S. W. While their sphere of usefulness is enlarged by the move, they will be keenly missed by their many friends at Avondale. May God richly bless the work of the new institution is our prayer.

## "WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS."

CENTURIES ago Joel wrote of them; now mortals are beholding them. The *Daily Telegraph* gives the following account of the meteorological disturbance of Victoria:—

At Boort, great balls of fire fell in the paddocks and in the streets, throwing up showers of sparks as they struck the earth. Wycheproof had a trying experience. The whole air appeared to be on fire. Lanterns had to be used during the day time. Trees

and buildings were blown down in all directions, and boughs of trees were blown about in the air like feathers.

At Langdale a house was set on fire by the fire balls and destroyed. The Sealake Presbyterian Church was so injured by the wind that it will have to be pulled down.

Balls of fire burst on the poppet-heads of the New Barambogie mine, at Chiltern, and the fire which resulted spread to the timber in the shaft, and was with great difficulty extinguished. Bush fires spread in every district. The extent of the damage cannot be learned at present, as nearly all the telegraph lines are down.

Almost every station heard from makes the same report; gales, dust, lightning, balls of fire, and darkness in the day time, so intense that fowls went to roost in the afternoon, while the people were stumbling around trying to find their way by the aid of lanterns.

People thought the world had come to an end.

The people were not altogether wrong in thinking as they did. God is merciful and is doing all He can to save us. Let us heed the warning, and be ready for the appearing of our Lord.

## PILING UP MONEY.

JAMES (chapter five) calls it heaping up treasure. As an instance of this, take the United States Steel Corporation. When the companies that form it were merged, it was felt necessary to guarantee it by a syndicate, and J. P. Morgan & Co. formed the syndicate of guarantors, some 200 bankers and capitalists. The guarantors agreed to advance to these merged interests any sum not to exceed £40,000,000 within fifteen months. They only advanced £5,000,000 for eight months. "For this service," the *New York World* tells us, "the syndicate's profits up to this time have been £6,000,000, and its ultimate total profits can not be less than £11,300,000. This is at the rate of 220 per cent. on the actual money invested. Morgan & Co's own share of the total profits will be £2,260,000—a very modest sum indeed, considering that Mr. Morgan was the chief engineer of the whole enterprise. Never before in the history of the world has money been made so fast and in such vast sums in any country as in ours to-day. The anti-trust laws plainly say, 'Thou shalt not combine in a trust, or in any other way, to control production and prices.' But the merger-makers, coining money by the millions, blithely say, 'We care not who makes the laws of a nation, if we can underwrite its monopolies.' The sad end predicted by the apostle will surely come to pass. James 5: 1.—*Signs of the Times*.

## THINK OF IT.

YOU can have the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD at the cost of 1½d per issue. For the sum of 2½d per month you can keep fully informed of all that is transpiring in the Seventh-day Adventist world of Australasia. Do you value such information that much? If so, send along your subscription at once, so as not to lose another copy. If not, what value do you place upon the greatest and most important religious reformation ever carried forward in this world? A. T. ROBINSON.

"WITHIN the past century more languages have been reduced to writing, more grammars, lexicons, and translations have been made into strange tongues by a handful of Christian missionaries, than by all the learned world, besides."

"THE first work on the Sabbath question issued by Adventists was a little pamphlet of 100 pages, published by Joseph Bates, a retired sea captain, of New Bedford, Mass., in 1846. The denomination known as Seventh-day Adventists was organised in 1862."