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

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## VICTORY OVER DIFFICULTIES.

AWAY, my unbelieving fear !  
Fear shall in me no more have place :  
My Saviour doth not yet appear,  
He hides the brightness of His face ;  
But shall I therefore let Him go,  
And basely to the tempter yield ?  
No, in the strength of Jesus, no ;  
I never will give up my shield.

Although the vine its fruit deny,  
Although the olive yield no oil,  
The withering fig trees droop and die,  
The fields elude the tiller's toil,  
The empty stall no herd afford,  
And perish all the bleating race,  
Yet I will triumph in the Lord,  
The God of my salvation praise.

—Charles Wesley.

## How to Meet Temptation.

CHRIST saw that it was not possible for man to overcome in his own strength ; therefore He came in person from the throne of glory, and bore the test that Adam failed to bear. In man's behalf, He resisted the temptations of the enemy, and made it possible for man, by faith in Him, to overcome in his own behalf. Satan knew that everything depended on the result of his effort to overcome Christ. He knew that if Christ bore the test that Adam failed of bearing, the plan of salvation would be carried out to its fulfillment, and his destruction would be certain. He saw that he must either conquer or be conquered. All the powers of the apostate were rallied against the Son of God. Christ was made the mark of every weapon of hell. Satan bent all his energies to the effort to cause Christ to swerve from His allegiance. From the desert to Calvary, the storm of the enemy's wrath beat upon the Saviour ; but the more mercilessly it fell, the more firmly did the Son of God cling to the hand of His Father, and press on in the blood-stained path. All the efforts of Satan to overcome Him only brought out in a purer light His spotless character.

In our own strength it is impossible for us to conquer in the conflict with sin. But Christ is acquainted with our necessities and weakness. He came to this world as a man, and as a man lived a life of obedience. We shall never be called upon to suffer as He suffered ; for upon Him were laid the sins of the whole world. That we might have eternal life, He endured reproach, mockery, insult, and a death of shame.

We need not expect to gain the victory over sin without enduring suffering, or to win the overcomer's reward by feeble efforts. Think of how much it cost the Saviour, as in the wilderness He battled with temptation. For forty days He fasted and prayed. Weak and emaci-

ated from hunger, worn and haggard with mental agony, "His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men."

The Christian life is a life of constant conflict. It is a battle and a march. Every act of obedience, every deed of self-denial, every trial bravely endured, every temptation resisted, every victory gained, is a step forward in the march to eternal triumph.

There is hope for man. Christ says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." But let us never forget that the efforts we make in our own strength are utterly worthless. Our strength is weakness ; our judgment foolishness. Only in the name and strength of the Conqueror can we conquer. When we are pressed with temptation, when unchristlike desires clamor for the mastery, let us offer fervent, importunate prayer to the heavenly Father, in the name of Christ. This will bring divine aid. In the Redeemer's name we may gain the victory.

As, seeing the sinfulness of sin, we fall helpless before the cross, asking forgiveness and strength, our prayer is heard and answered. Those who present their petitions to God in Christ's name will never be turned away. The Lord says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in nowise cast out." "He will regard the prayer of the destitute." Our help comes from Him who holds all things in His hands. The peace that He sends is the assurance of His love to us.

Nothing can be more helpless and yet more invincible than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly upon the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour. God would send every angel in heaven to the aid of the one who places His whole dependence on Christ, rather than allow him to be overcome.

If we accept Christ as our Guide, He will lead us safely along the narrow way. The road may be rough and thorny, and the ascent steep and dangerous ; there may be pitfalls on the right hand and on the left. When weary and longing for rest, we may have to toil on ; when faint, we may have to fight ; but with Christ as our Guide, we shall not fail of reaching heaven. Christ Himself has trodden the rough path before us, smoothing it for our feet. The way is illuminated by Him who is the light of the world. As we follow in His footsteps, the path grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

A MAN can never be idle with safety and advantage until he has been so trained by work that he makes his freedom more fruitful than his toil.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

## Sowers Wanted.

I HOLD in my hand in this little box a number of seeds of grain and nuts. Here are wheat, barley, rice, maize, and pea-nuts. Now if we always keep them in this box, we shall never have any more. Jesus said, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12 : 25. One grain of wheat kept in a box, or put away in a vessel of gold, will always remain one grain; it can never multiply except by being put right into the ground, into mother earth. Then as it dies, it springs into new life and multiplies, and bears many grains.

In each one of these seeds we have life that God has put there, and though they appear so dry and lifeless, they hold in themselves big promises of what they may become. All folded up in the little seed are the roots, the stalk, the leaves, the flowers, and the fruit it may bear if planted. The seed is the promise. The seed is God's gift to man. No man ever made one seed of any grain or nut or fruit. God made them before they were planted in the earth. Gen. 1 : 29 ; 2 : 4, 5.

So the Word of God is called the seed. Luke 8 : 11. It is the seed from which Christians are to spring, and as trees of righteousness. Isa. 61 : 3. They are to bear fruit to the glory of God.

The promises of the Bible, like seeds of grain, have divine life in them. Sons of God are wrapped up in the exceeding great and precious promises. But like the seeds of grain, these promises appear lifeless as long as they are carefully kept in beautiful bindings in a book. They must be planted in the heart and mind. 2 Peter 1 : 4. And this seed, having the very life of God in it, is incorruptible. It lives and abides forever. You can crush the seed of wheat, or other grain, or nuts, or fruit, so it can not grow, but no man can kill the seed of the Word of God. By the Word of God worlds were created, Heb. 11 : 3 ; Ps. 33 : 6, 9, and are upheld, Heb. 1 : 3. So by the Word of God man is to be born again. 1 Peter 1 : 23-25. And as surely as this new life springs from the seed of the Word of God, so surely will we grow into the beautiful image of the son of God. Jesus was the Word made flesh, and every time the Word is made flesh, it produces a likeness to Jesus; for every seed always produces its own kind, and so the Word of God must produce children of God.

But the Word must be planted in order to grow, for it grows like garden seed. "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Isa. 61 : 11.

So God calls for an army of sowers of the Word. "The Lord gave the Word: great was the company (margin, army) of those that published it." Ps. 68 : 11. The seed must be carried and planted in the minds of the people, or there will be no harvest of souls gathered for the kingdom of heaven. The people living all about us are the garden of God, which we may work. God says that those who go forth with their seed baskets (pockets, or bags, or baskets filled with precious seed,—tracts, books, or papers) filled with seed from God's Word, shall "doubtless," without doubt, "come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them." Ps. 126 : 5, 6. And He tells us when to work and how. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening with-

hold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11 : 1-6.

In this work of sowing God's Word, the promise of a harvest is certain, as certain as when we sow the seed in the garden. We are powerless to make either grow, but God has promised, "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isa. 55 : 10-12. Those who go forth as workers among their neighbors, or as colporteurs, canvassers, Bible workers, tract distributors, or ministers, experience now, while engaged in the work, a foretaste of the blessed, everlasting joy here promised.

Shall we not then arise as a people and carry the truth to our neighbors? Will we not be God's helping hand in seed-sowing, that we may hasten the harvest, and partake of its rewards and joys?

G. B. STARR.

## The Church School.

WHILE there are a legion of influences surrounding our children to lead them away from that which is good, there are three principal agencies, divinely appointed, to lead them to God, and securely attach them to that which is noble and true. These are home training, the day school, and the Sabbath-school. But in order that these may accomplish their appointed purpose, it is absolutely necessary that they should all work harmoniously and unitedly to the same end. When the child receives one set of impressions in the day school, and another altogether different in the Sabbath-school, and perhaps the home life is subversive of both the schools, what is the poor child to do but to become distracted, disgusted, and utterly demoralised?

Upon parents rests the responsibility of securing for their children the proper agencies for their culture in the fear of the Lord. First in importance are the home influences. It is the duty of parents to provide shelter and sustenance for their offspring. But these are not the most important considerations of a home. To maintain wholesome moral and spiritual influences, and exert a loving, Christlike control of a home is of far greater importance than spreading a fine table or furnishing rich apparel.

But I desire to speak of the day school more particularly. It is simply astonishing to witness with what indifference fathers and mothers commit the culture of their tender children to those with whom they are totally unacquainted. These guardians of most sacred interests are the agents of the State, and the parent is powerless to call in question any method, or principles, or feature of the work done to their precious children. They have but little more power, if any, to protest against the wrong teaching that may come to their children than has a prisoner successfully to protest against his bill of fare. The children must take what is given

them, and generally parents are content to ask no questions.

That the State school system is admirable for the purposes of the State there is no doubt. That public school teachers are, as a class, intelligent and devoted, we freely accord. But that the tendency of the public schools is diametrically at variance with the religious and moral training that we as a people desire our children to have, and that they must have in order to be saved when Jesus comes, is an undeniable fact.

Suppose that our home life is what it ought to be, and the angels dwell in our families with delight, but our children are sent forth each day to associate with Godless children, and learn of instructors who have no interest for their souls, but who sneer at the truth and continually insinuate doubts and questions in the minds of our children, how are their young minds likely to fare? It will be a marvel if they do not accept the pleasing temptations of worldly prospects, and depart from the way of truth. If parents manifest no interest in the education of their children, and if those who have charge of this have no interest in their eternal welfare, it is unreasonable to expect them to learn the ways of God. It is a fact that, like other people, the teachers in our public schools have a strong aversion for the unpopular Biblical principles we cherish, and consciously or unconsciously they will not fail to exercise an influence against them.

Then, too, the promiscuous associations of children in the present corrupt state of child life is exceedingly dangerous to purity and innocence. No surer method could be taken to fill our children's minds with every foul and hateful thought than to send them amongst the ordinary crowds of boys and girls that throng our streets and attend the public schools.

What shall be done then? Parents must not rest until they have secured for their children a school that will in every particular work harmoniously with their own wishes and work. Make home a godly place, and have a Christian school where correct principles are taught. Then with a good Sabbath-school and the blessing of God attending these factors, we may expect to see our children saved. Neglect any of these agencies, and we imperil their souls. We can not afford it. Better have a few shillings less for other purposes, and invest them in a church school where the teacher will be a helper to the home, and where parents and teacher can unite in working and praying for the children.

But suffer a word of caution. A good church school is a blessing; a poor one is a curse. A good church school is not a thing to be jumped into at a single bound. Children gathered together from public schools will be found to be like other children, not young angels. Time and patience will be required to subdue the evil and resurrect the good. Questions will arise. The teacher will need help and counsel, and prayers and encouragement; but not criticism. Support will have to be provided, and equipments must be secured. This will take time, and patience, and faith. We do not pick ripe oranges from the little trees we planted yesterday. But there is rich fruit further on. Plant the orchard to-day, then tend it with care; you will be rewarded by and by.

G. C. TENNEY.

It is surely better to pardon too much than to condemn too much.—*Geo. Eliot.*

## John Did No Miracle.

THE testimony of many who came to Christ, and believed on Him, was, "John did no miracle; but all things that John spake of this man were true."

John had a distinct message. He was not a reed shaken by the wind; he was, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain, and then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Because no miracles were performed by John the Baptist was no evidence that he was not giving a message for that time. The time for miracles had not come; there was a work to be done, a message to be given, which, if received by the people, would prepare the way of the Lord for the working of miracles. The defects of God's people had to be revealed, their habits corrected, before the glory of the Lord could be revealed. The crooked had to be made straight, and the rough places plain. The mountains and hills—defects of character which appeared fixed and immovable—had to be made low.

John was a teacher of reforms. He had a message of reform. He came neither eating nor drinking as the people about him. His habits were entirely distinct. He subsisted upon the natural, non-stimulating products of the earth. His dress was neat, but inexpensive and simple. The Saviour in speaking of him said, "But what went ye out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in king's courts." Such was not John the Baptist's attire.

God has given us a message and work similar to that of John the Baptist,—to prepare a people for the coming of Christ. Do not belittle the message, or think it is not genuine because no miracles accompany it.

The Saviour's testimony of John was, "I say unto you, among those that are born of women, there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist," although no miracles accompanied his work. Be sure you receive the message of John the Baptist, the message for this time. If you are blind, Jesus will pass your way, and will see you by the roadside. If you are deaf, when the time comes for ears to be unstopped, depend upon it you will not escape God's notice. "For the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." Do not urge the Lord. Do not become impatient with Him. Wait patiently for that time, for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint."

Those who are unwilling to receive the message of John the Baptist and reform will become impatient, and will be deceived by the "Lo, here is Christ," and "Lo, He is there."

D. H. KRESS.

"THE light of the glory of God shone upon our Representative, and this fact says to us that the glory of God may shine upon us. With His human arm, Jesus encircled the race, and with His divine, He grasped the throne of the Infinite, connecting man with God, and earth with heaven."

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### VICTORIAN CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE.

THE Victorian Conference held its annual meeting during the Footscray camp-meeting, November 14-25.

The conference returns for the year showed a substantial increase both in membership and finance. Over £700 were paid off the conference debt. A new church, organised at Brunswick, was received into the conference.

Seventy-one tents were pitched on the ground, beside the two large tents for meeting, and 310 campers were living on the ground.

Pastor G. A. Irwin and Dr. Kress were present from the Union Conference, and Pastors Hennig, Starr, Hare, and Woods from the Victorian Conference.

On both Sabbaths during the conference special services were held, and quite a number signified their desire to obtain a closer walk with God. A number of the young people made a start in the Christian life. The meetings were all of a spiritual character, and peace and harmony prevailed.

Sister Hennig, assisted by Sister Gillespie, attended to the cooking. In their work, they provided a large number of vegetarian dishes for those camping on the ground. This was no small task, as it entailed a great amount of work.

The interests of the Avondale Bible School were represented by Professor C. W. Irwin, while Brother C. P. Michaels gave his attention to the work on "Christ's Object Lessons."

The attendance at all the meetings was good, especially the evening meetings, sometimes reaching as high as 1,500. The health lectures given by Dr. Kress were profitable to our own people, while they proved of great interest to the public.

A tent fund to secure a large tent and some more small tents for next year was introduced by Pastor Hennig, and £108 were raised.

Hope and courage and peace filled the hearts of all, and there was much rejoicing in the Lord. The Echo Brass Band discoursed sweet music during the meetings.

The locality chosen for the camp was healthful and pleasant. Meetings are still being continued by Pastors Hennig and Woods.

### ECHOES FROM NEW ZEALAND CANVASSERS.

"TO-DAY the snow is falling fast: the ground is white in some places. The weather is unseasonable, and the farmers are crying out about their lambs. I tell them it will be of no importance to them a hundred years from now, and that they should purchase the 'Desire of Ages' and hope for better weather next year."

"You will notice by the report that it is encouraging work to sell 'Desire of Ages.' I feel inclined to say that there is a message contained in the book that all men need. Personally speaking, I know that there is a great blessing to be obtained through selling the work. Many people who cannot afford to purchase the book at the present time will gladly do so in time to come. Some of the worldly rich people say that they cannot afford to buy, but I tell them that they cannot afford to be without the book."

"Enclosed you will find a report of last week's work. I feel very thankful to God that I can send in such a report. The territory in which I canvassed

last week is a territory I have always dreaded. I did not like the class of people at all. However, to do my work thoroughly I knew that it had to be canvassed, so putting my trust in God I went forth. At twelve o'clock that morning I had been over what I thought was the worst part, and the dear Lord gave me five orders. The people seem very eager to receive the truth. Nine people out of ten that I met seemed to realise that the prophecies are being fulfilled all around us, and that the coming King is not far away. So it seems that the Lord is working among the people, making them realise the state of things. With this letter I am sending you an order for my first delivery. Please send sixty-five books, 'Coming King,' forty half morocco and twenty-five presentation."

"I had a good time while I was at work. The Lord helped me on the 'Desire of Ages,' as it was my first time out with that book. I began to think I could not canvass that book, as the orders came so slowly; but people got very interested and praised the work. I asked the Lord to give me one order for that day, and He gave me one, the last canvass but one. I was pleased not only for the order, but to think the Lord answered my prayer so soon. The man that gave me the order told me that he had made up his mind never to take a book at the door, as he had been so deceived with books. But when I had finished my canvass, he said, 'I am very glad I am at home, for I should not like such a book to pass my door and not get one.' Next morning I met him on the street, and he gave me an order for the 'Heralds of the Morning' as well."

"In my work I have met several interesting cases, one woman in particular, who has been thoroughly interested in the book. She and her husband have read it together. It is to reading this book that she attributes her husband's conversion, and his turning from drink. She tells me the book is worth twice what she paid for it, and says, 'It has made such a difference in my home. The only thing is, we have read it through and are now reading it again. When I have the money, I shall buy another of your books.'"

"I met with an interesting case (I might say one or more) during the week. But one, though Roman Catholic, first considering he would take no heed, but urged by his wife to come and see, did come, and the interest that man displayed, the evident softening and subduing influence of the Holy Spirit, and the presence of holy angels to impress hearts, was made a means of joy and blessing to each of us. The wife did not stay long, but went to see to household affairs. He stayed a good while, and seemed to hurry at close to attend to cows, etc., but stated that he had not had such a conversation on religious matters for he did not know how long. He had been grab, grab, grab, after the pounds. His family, a large one, had seemed to demand it of him. The stores had been exorbitant in prices, and it gave him all he could do, etc., etc., but he was glad indeed of that meeting, and the book he would be glad to have and read. He seems a very intelligent and thinking and reasoning man, and a man likely to read."

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and He has so arranged it that the canvassing work itself will bring into the cause the means necessary to sustain it. So we have two incentives to work, both

of which are legitimate: one to place the truth in the hands of the people, and the other to earn money to sustain us in the work, and sustain our publishing institutions."

#### AN INTERESTING TESTIMONY.

DR. W. H. WATHEN, president of the Kentucky School of Medicine, of Louisville, Kentucky, U. S. A., recently bore the following testimony before a company of physicians:—

"Theory is all right as far as it goes, but practical observation is of far more value. I assume that I have had opportunity of observing this question more than all of you combined, having recently spent three weeks among a class of people who use no meat at any time, and it has positively demonstrated to me that meat is unnecessary—that the healthiest people in the world never eat meat; that those who have the most beautiful complexions, who are the most enduring in their work, who are the most amiable in their disposition, who are the least addicted to the use of whisky, wines, opiates, sexual excesses, etc., are those people who do not eat meat. It has been demonstrated that persons who have been addicted to the excesses I have mentioned, while upon a meat diet, have entirely abandoned them while living upon an exclusively vegetable diet, but returned to the excesses when a mixed diet was again resumed.

"No well-trained Seventh-day Adventist eats meat, and you will not find healthier people in the world than these people, nor people more free from excesses of all kinds. I had occasion to observe, at Battle Creek, Michigan, for three weeks, the nurses, the doctors, the medical students; and I have never seen brighter medical students in my life, nor have I ever seen such healthy-looking people as they are, and not one particle of meat do they eat. I lived among them for three weeks, without any meat. I did not want or feel the need of meat, and I gained while there one and one-half pounds per day. Vegetarians are the most enduring people in the world; the laborers on the coast of Spain unloading vessels work longer hours and carry heavier weights than meat eaters, and they never eat any meat.

"The question of vegetarianism is a large one. You must prepare these things properly. Many of the Battle Creek products are already predigested, so that they are readily assimilated."

Such testimony as this, given before a meeting of physicians by one who stands at the head of a leading medical institution, is worthy of note. It shows that right principles concerning diet and health are finding a recognition among a class of thinkers who formerly gave little attention to them. Every one of us who has had the privilege of knowing the principles of hygienic reform for years ought, by walking in the light, to become a living testimony to the truthfulness of Dr. Wathen's remarks. So may it be.—*Ex.*

#### IN DARK MOROCCO.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Pentecost Herald* gives the following sad picture of conditions in heathen Morocco:—

"We have witnessed some awful sights since coming to this land. In their gatherings for heathen worship, I have seen hundreds of people dancing to a tune played on native instruments, which sounded as if

the music were written in hell and composed by some demon.

"While the people danced, men took hatchets and chopped their heads open, until the blood streamed down all over their clothes. Men, women, and children would then come running with bread and soak up the blood and eat the bread.

"At another feast, they brought into the ring where they were dancing, a lamb; and this was torn, limb from limb, by the devotees, even the insides of the lamb were torn out, and all was eaten raw by the people. They looked as if they all were truly devil-possessed. They ate the raw meat of the lamb until nothing but the skin was left.

"With such sights as these our hearts are pierced through; we turn away weeping and praying that God may open their blind eyes and let the Gospel shine in on their hearts.

"We trust the time will soon come when this land shall have a Gospel messenger in every village. There are many places where no messenger from God has ever reached the people. O, that God would stir up more of the young people in Christian homes to become soul-winners for Jesus among the heathen!"

#### FROM IQUIQUE, CHILE.

SINCE we came here, which was less than three months ago, several hundred new subscriptions have been received for our Spanish paper, *Senales*, and several thousand copies have been sold. Our subscription list is now more than enough to pay the entire cost of printing five thousand copies each month. Thus we are enabled to send out a goodly number each month free.

We hope soon to send at least two workers to Bolivia, to introduce our literature, our Spanish paper, *Senales*, especially.

By means of our publications we feel confident that the truth may be carried more successfully in these countries than by any other one means. When people read themselves into the truth, they usually stand firm.

In Bolivia there is now a man of some influence, a lawyer, keeping the Sabbath. He has never seen a Seventh-day Adventist minister. Others in Bolivia and Peru, as well as in different parts of Chile, are keeping the Sabbath, and awaiting baptism at the first opportunity.

Brother Balada, our only worker in Peru, reports some now observing the Sabbath. He asks for one thousand copies of our paper to use in Lima and Callao, two cities of two hundred thousand people.

There are several young men whom we hope to enlist in the work. One of them has already begun canvassing for the paper, and is doing well.

A. R. OGDEN.

"In the morning sow thy seed." Here is the mother's opportunity, in the morning of life to sow the receptive, tender minds of the children with that which alone can make them Christians. Timothy's mother did this, and it resulted in his conversion to Christ, and to his becoming a preacher of the Word thus early sown in his heart. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15. If mothers fail to sow good seed, Satan will sow tares. What is sown grows and appears in the life.

G. B. STARR.

**AVONDALE SCHOOL.**

**WHO SHOULD COME.**—Every young man and young woman in Australasia, over fifteen years of age, who is not already engaged in some branch of the Lord's work. It may be best also for some who are already in some branch of the work to seek further preparation. There are plenty of openings for properly trained and qualified young people. We know of instances where young men and women are wanted in two or more departments of the work because of the training they already have, and these are seeking still further training. We know of practically no openings for those who do not have sufficient energy and push to overcome a few difficulties for the sake of an education. Don't give up. The way will open for *you* if you seek for it with all your heart.

**WHEN TO COME.**—At the opening of the school. The next session will begin January 6, 1903. At that time the principal classes will be organised for the year, and it is very important to be present the first day if possible. However, if circumstances absolutely forbid, come as soon as possible after the opening.

**WHAT OBJECT TO HAVE IN COMING.**—Come to make the most of every opportunity to fit yourself to be a light in this world of sin and darkness. Come with the idea of staying until you are *prepared* to do acceptable work. In other words, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

**WHAT TO EXPECT.**—Expect to find temptations. Expect difficulties the same as elsewhere. Expect also to find the power of God present to bring you off more than conqueror, and thus it will be. We get largely what we seek for. If you come to the school determined to get good that you may be a blessing, you will not be disappointed, and you will have a most pleasant and profitable time, and in due time you will be fitted for the Master's service.

The new illustrated announcement of the school will be posted free to all who ask for it.

C. W. IRWIN.

*Cooranbong, N. S. W.*

**THE INSPIRATION OF A GREAT TASK.**

In the narrative of George Muller's life of faith and great achievement occurs this testimony:—

"I had a secret satisfaction in the greatness of the difficulties which were in the way. So far from being cast down on account of them, they delighted my soul; for I only desired to do the will of God in this matter."

Who that has been fighting the good fight of faith does not recognise this experience of the blessedness of trusting God amidst difficulties? When the task is so great that only by the special power of God can there be any hope of its accomplishment, there is courage and inspiration in the very impossibilities of the situation.

It is where man's efforts are absolutely vain that we may look for the strong arm of the Lord to be revealed. When Israel stood before the Red Sea with no way of escape, God "made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over."

The difficulties are only so many evidences that God will interpose His deliverances. When the believer has learned the happy secret of finding only renewed courage in the greatness of the task or the difficulties of the way, he has indeed entered into the faith that already hath overcome the world.

Facing the tremendous task of carrying God's final message of salvation to all the earth, as we do now, the thought may sometimes come, How can it be accomplished in this generation? "Who is sufficient for these things?"—"Our sufficiency is of God," and by His grace it can be done.

Our workers out amidst the unwarned millions, in the most populous and least worked fields, see, I believe, far more of the evidences that God is cutting short His work than do those who are in the home land. Our hope for the speedy finishing of the work is in the lands abroad. And there we may see God's hand at work. His glorious arm alone can do the great things that must be done. He has opened wide the doors. "The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

W. A. SPICER.

**CANVASSING WORK IN VICTORIA.**

WE are glad to be able to say that the work is going forward, and though this State has been passing through a time of drought, still the work has not languished, and we have recognised the blessing of the Lord, and the help we have received from Him.

During the last month we have had a good time at the camp, which was a veritable "feast of tabernacles" to all who attended, as in every part of the field where our laborers were working, the invitation went forth, "Come rest awhile," and in response, all our canvassers but two were enabled to come and participate in the good things of the Lord. While this accounts for our small summary, still we feel sure that the benefits received will far outweigh any monetary deficiency by strengthening and nerving each worker onward for future labor.

We recognise the fact that as our canvassers thus meet once in the year, it brings a sense of unity one with another, and with God, and so we are trusting to hear of good experiences as they go forth to meet with those who are languishing for truth. We pray that the Spirit of the eternal Father may accompany each worker as he goes forth to do his allotted work in the Master's vineyard, and as a result of their faithful work in the field, there may be cause for "rejoicing" in the presence of the angels.

G. HUBBARD, *State Agent.*

SELF-GOVERNMENT must spring from within. That conduct which has not its motive power and principle within may be a passable counterfeit, but it is not self-government.

TRUTH has a heart, and only heart can find it. There is no truth apart from person—there is no divine truth apart from divine person.—*Parkhurst.*

"IF bitterness has crept into the heart in the friction of the busy day's unguarded moments, be sure it steals away with the setting sun. Twilight is God's interval for peace-making."

As you grow old, guard against the tendency to live more coarsely, to relax in your discipline. Obey your finest instincts. Be fastidious to the extreme of sanity.—*Thoreau.*

"WHEN opposition of any kind is necessary, drop all color of emotion out of it, and let it be seen in the white light of truth."

## NOTES FROM ABROAD.

BRETHREN Daniells and Palmer are busy stirring the nests of the brethren in America. A report from Oakland, California, gives the following account of their meeting, and of their appeal in behalf of the European mission field, which they have recently visited:—

“Brother Palmer spoke Sunday evening and Brother Daniells Monday evening on that great field, fitted for further sowing, and ripe for the harvest, waiting for God’s last great message of warning and preparation for Christ’s coming. Rev. 14 : 6-14. The many millions there waiting and ignorant were contrasted with the fewer millions in this country more enlightened, and the fewer, O, so much fewer laborers and believers there with the many here. The £100,000 in regular funds expended here, much of it on believers, among 80,000,000 people, was set over against £3,200 used there among 500,000,000. Pathetic incidents were noted as showing the great need and soul-hunger of the people there for the truth of the Gospel. Encouraging items and experiences were related of those who were seeking and finding the truth in various lands, especially in Catholic Austria, Hungary, Italy, even in Rome. These were soul-stirring talks; and it is good to note that there has been in California a noble response in laborers and means to the needy Southern field in this country, to England, Africa, Spain, Germany, Italy. Praise God for part and counterpart of the appeals. New life will follow new giving. May God bless these brethren as they go to other fields, bless the great mission fields for which they plead, bless the laborers in those fields and those who are going to those fields, and our whole people with such a burden of the great mission work and unsaved souls as was never felt before.”

FOR many years, Norwegian missionaries have labored in Madagascar. The following from one of their laborers’ reports shows what the gospel has done in this field: “Never since we began our work in Madagascar have our labors had such glad results as now. The people flock to hear the message of God as they never did before. It is not only on Sundays that they gather at the churches, but many times in the week. There are even places where they meet every day for worship in the churches, generally in the morning from six to seven, before they begin their day’s work. It is very encouraging to find the churches so early in the morning often almost filled with attentive worshippers. A pastor said to me one day, ‘A little while ago we were so glad when we had three or four candidates for baptism in each church. Now it looks as though all would become Christians if we only had enough teachers to instruct them.’”—*Review and Herald*.

CHINA has vast unreached masses of population in every one of her eighteen provinces. She still has four-hundred cities with an estimated population of over one hundred million without missionaries. It is estimated that she has over one million unevangelised villages. China has not only the greatest, but the most vigorous unreached masses of people in the world. Surely God has had a purpose in preserving the integrity of this nation for four thousand years. Notwithstanding all that has been said of the evils of China, we have seen no people which has impressed us as possessing such strength. The qualities which have made the Chinese such efficient agents of evil, will, under the transforming,

directing, and energising power of the Holy Spirit, make them one of the mightiest forces for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. Their influence is destined to be increasingly felt far beyond the limits of the Middle Kingdom; for they are the greatest colonisers of the Orient. You will find them hard at work from Japan to the shores of Africa. The more we reflect on the strong traits of this people, the more we are impressed by what Napoleon said, “When China is moved, it will change the face of the globe.”—*China’s Millions*.

THE commissioners of prisons in England report that 17,163 more persons were sentenced to ordinary imprisonment in the year 1901 than in the year previous, and 183 more to penal servitude. And such items as these are found in every day’s news. Truly the apostle and prophet said, “Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,” and “in the last days perilous times shall come.”

THE following items are from a letter recently received by Brother William Meyers from his father, who is one of our workers in India:—

“The work is getting on nicely here, and I think we now have about a dozen Sabbath-keepers in Rangoon, and our Sabbath meetings are looking up. The work is slow but sure, and truth must triumph in the end, so we are of good courage.

“From to-morrow, November 1, we have engaged a place in the Burmese quarter of the town to hold meetings in for the benefit of the Burmans, and Brother Maung Maung, who has accepted the Sabbath, will help in preaching in Burmese. He has given up an appointment of about £16 per month to keep the Sabbath, and intends opening a small dispensary in town to help himself, and at the same time to devote his leisure to the Lord’s work. A friend of the cause here has very kindly contributed £1 per month towards meeting the rent of this new meeting-place opened for the benefit of the Burmese community. We are of good courage here, and feel the Lord is working on every hand to help the work along.”

“THE influence and authority of the religious leaders over the people is growing rapidly, and it will not be long before many of the people will not dare to buy a book if the minister condemns it. But just now is our time to work. Many of the people still think and act for themselves. Every child of God to-day should ask himself, What is my attitude toward the work of God in this great crisis? Am I where I should be? Am I doing all I can—all God requires of me—to advance the Third Angel’s Message? If not, why not? What will be the result to me? Shall I continue as I am? or shall I arouse and devote my time and energy to the cause of Jesus Christ, to ‘spend and be spent for him’?”

THE days come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party; but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them as silently away.—*Emerson*.

“What is the secret of your life?” asked Mrs. Browning of Charles Kingsley: “Tell me, that I may make mine beautiful too.” He replied, “I had a friend.”—*William C. Gannett*.

CHARACTER is not only written in the face, expressed in conduct and language, but it is sent forth as a thought atmosphere.—*Dresser*.

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## Items of General Interest.

PASTOR G. A. Irwin, who was taken sick at the Victorian camp-meeting, is gradually recovering and regaining his strength. He is still at the Wahroonga Sanitarium.

THE outlook for the Avondale School was never more encouraging. The large number of letters of inquiry from various parts bespeaks a good attendance the coming year. The exceptionally good season for farming is developing a fine supply of fruits and vegetables. The Lord is spreading a table for us in the wilderness.

THE great mission field of Brazil, South America, has just been organised into a conference. There are in the conference three ordained ministers, one licentiate, nine church schools, eight canvassers, and fifteen organised churches, with a membership of about 860. There is much to encourage believers in the way God is blessing the workers in foreign lands. A few years ago there were no Sabbath keepers so far as we know in South America. The prospects are now that soon there will be several well organised conferences in that great field.

## THE PILLAR OF CLOUD ADVANCES.

A VERY encouraging wave of missionary zeal continues to move our brethren in America. Resolutions were recently passed by the Iowa Conference favoring sending some of their best workers abroad, and supporting them in needy fields. A call was made at the Nebraska State camp-meeting for young men and women to consecrate themselves for service. One hundred and eighty responded to the call, and signified their intention to go wherever they might be needed. At the Kansas camp-meeting, three of their experienced young workers were recommended by unanimous vote to go and push the conquests of the cross in England. A similar spirit was prevalent at the Minnesota camp, so that unbelievers were quite surprised, and remarked, "You are a peculiar people. We have not seen a meeting like this in our church." The Macedonian call came again to the brethren of the Californian Conference recently with wondrous force. Twenty-one workers have as a result been consecrated to work in the needy fields abroad at this one time from this conference. Of this company, seven are to work in England, others in Italy, Spain, Ireland, France, and China. Among the company sent to England appears the name of J. O. Corliss, formerly of this field. The conference sending out these workers expects to bear their expenses for the first year abroad. They believe it is more blessed to give than to receive. As this spirit, which is catching, continues, the message will rapidly reach all kindreds, tongues, and people, and the King will come to claim His own. Let us arouse and stir ourselves.

## The "Bible Echo" for 1903.

IN response to many requests from all over the States, the publishers of the *Bible Echo* have decided to make the size of page of this paper the same as it was in 1900 and 1901. This seems to be more acceptable than the large size page. We did not feel it was best to change the size before the beginning of a volume, but the time has now come when we can make this change, and we gladly do it, believing that as you wish the smaller size you will support the paper with renewed energy.

Not only are we changing the size of the page, but we are changing the price of the yearly subscription beginning with 1903. You can obtain the *Bible Echo* post paid to any address within the Commonwealth for 4/6 for the year, or we will post anywhere in the Commonwealth five copies to five different addresses or to the one address upon receipt of 20/-, or twelve copies to one or more addresses upon receipt of 40/-. If you cannot send 40/- in advance for twelve copies, send us 10/6 each quarter, and the papers will be posted each week.

Thus you can obtain one copy for 4/6, five or more copies at 4/-, and twelve or more copies at 3/6 each per year post paid. It will be necessary for those in New Zealand to send 2/- per copy in addition to above prices for extra postage.

All subscriptions for foreign countries will require 4/- extra for postage. These prices apply only when cash is sent to the publishers with the order.

There has been no change in the club rate to tract societies, which is 10d per dozen, and to agents appointed and subsidised by the conference, 8d per dozen.

There are many among our people who would like to do missionary work by paying for the *Bible Echo* to be posted direct to their friends, but they could not do so at the old price of 6/6 per year, nor could they find the time to give them away from door to door.

Make a Christmas offering to the Lord by sending five or more copies of our missionary paper, the *Bible Echo*, to your friends during the year 1903. If you take twelve copies, you can change the address once a quarter.

Remember the children, and send them a copy of the *Children's Friend*. The price is only 3/- per year, but it will be sent with the *Bible Echo* for 2/6, making the price of the two papers 7/- per year for a single copy of each paper, or only sixpence more than the *Bible Echo* has been heretofore. At the rate of 2/6, the *Children's Friend* must accompany the *Bible Echo* subscription to the same address.

Remember the club rate 7/- for the two papers, or 2/6 added to each *Bible Echo* subscription at 4/6; 4/- each for five, or 3/6 each for twelve.

With such an offer, every Seventh-day Adventist should send one or more papers to his friends or neighbors.

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"If every missionary in India could reach forty thousand souls, more than two hundred million would still be left without Christian teaching."

WHOEVER can influence men should strive to make them more courageous, more enduring, more hopeful, simpler, more joyful.—*Bishop Spaulding*.