

# Union Conference Record

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

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## "Bind up with Christ."

THE powers of Satan are mustering for battle. Stern conflicts are before us. Press together, my brethren and sisters, press together. Bind up with Christ. "Say ye not, A confederacy; . . . neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. And He shall be for a sanctuary to His people; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken."

I am instructed to say to those who know the truth, "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion. And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked,"—without the robe of Christ's righteousness,— "and they see his shame."

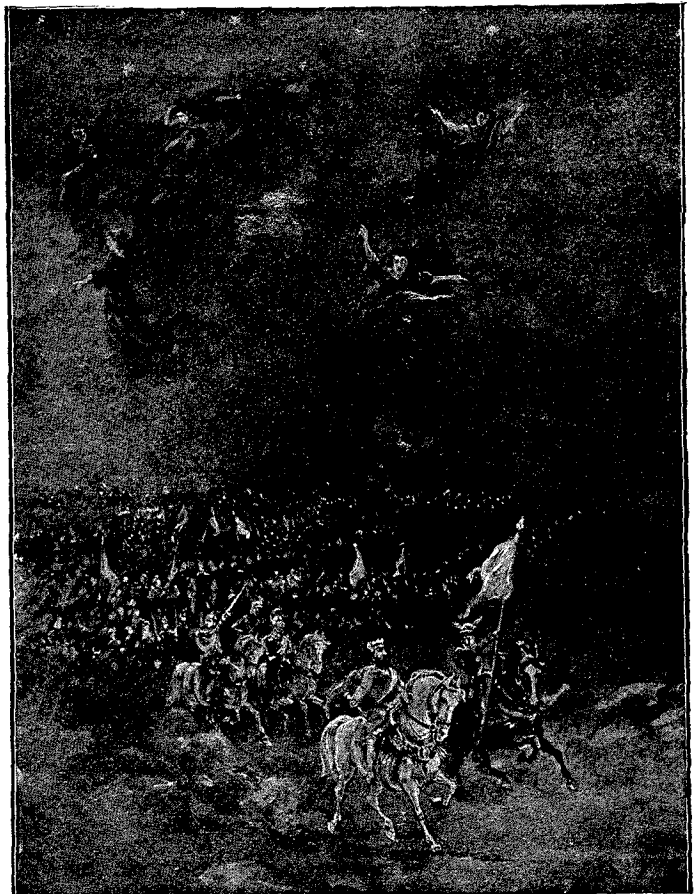
"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

These subjects are of the utmost importance. Urge our people to consider them carefully. When they do this, their minds will be so fully occupied with matters of eternal consequence that they will lose sight of the little differences that once annoyed them. They will realise that prophecy is even now fulfilling. If the minds of the people of God were not occupied with things of minor consequence, they would see that the signs of the times are fast fulfilling, and that events of the greatest consequence to them are taking place in the world and in the churches, pointed out by the words, "Babylon the great is

fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

Let us cease the conversation that is so unprofitable, and spend our time learning lessons from the Word of God. Christ has told us that we are to be united in love. This is the lesson we are to learn. We are to close the door to all disparaging of one another and exalting of self.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



"There's a force unseen impelling all earth's factions to the fray;  
'Tis the warrior host of Satan, hastening Armageddon's day."

## CHRIST IS COMING.

ALL the elements are telling it; the sky is full of signs;  
There's an ominous awakening foreboding God's designs,  
E'en the timorous are telling what the mighty fear to speak,  
And the powerful are cringing with the wicked and the weak.  
It is God's expostulation with the wretched and the rich,  
With the princes in their palaces, the drunkards in the ditch.  
Christ is coming, Christ is coming, all the prophecies proclaim,  
With the mighty hosts of heaven, in His chariot of flame.  
He is coming, He is coming, it is written in the sky;  
Earth is rip'ning for the harvest, and the harvest time is nigh

He has heard the cry of millions in the slavery of sin;  
 He has listened to the pleading of the ones He died to win  
 He is gathering His armies for our liberation day;  
 And that great emancipation human hands can not delay.  
 He is whispering in the whirlwind, He is speaking in the flood,  
 In the perfume-laden zephyr, in the bursting of the bud.  
 All the stars are singing praises to the glory of His name,  
 While the reeling earth is groaning 'mid a load of sin and shame.

Vice parades her gaudy trappings 'mid the pleasure-seeking throng,  
 Tinging with enticing glamor every separate way of wrong,  
 Homes once happy are in ruins through the gay deceiver's wiles;  
 While the throng are singing praises to the drama that beguiles.  
 There's a luring fascination for the slinking libertine  
 In the comedy of passion, for a glimpse behind the scene.  
 Soon his blandishments are followed by the wrecking of a life,  
 And the bonds are snapped asunder 'tween a husband and a wife.  
 There's a plaintive cry ascending in a long, unceasing moan  
 From the *law-made* orphan children to the great Judge on His throne.

You may listen but a moment to the mutterings of woe  
 That are gathering all around you as the seasons come and go;  
 But the words you hear are laden with a draught of bitter dregs—  
 There's a great, gaunt army growing, and the ragged waif who begs  
 At the doorstep of your dwelling is a thorough-drilled recruit  
 In that massive, marching legion moving down destruction's route.  
 Justice heeds the cry but seldom of the innocent oppressed;  
 Where the glittering bribe is lacking, many a wrong is unredressed.  
 Wealth is marshalling its forces; labor's legions are astir;  
 Anarchy, the wild, red-handed, has in this its dowager.

All the nations are a-quiv'er with the threatenings of strife,  
 Pouring out a golden river for new means of taking life;  
 They are furling the ocean with a myriad ships of mail,  
 Ballasted like clouds of fury with a load of iron hail.  
 On the hill the beacon's lighted, every torch is trimmed anew,  
 And the ranks of moving millions gather where the harvest grew.  
 There's a force unseen impelling all earth's factions to the fray;  
 'Tis the warrior host of Satan, hastening Armageddon's day.

You have seen the stars of heaven falling as the King foretold;  
 Seen the moon with bloody visage; seen the sun his light withhold.  
 You have marked the march of knowledge with its swift increasing stride,  
 And the progress of invention, like an irrepresive tide.  
 You have seen the preparation of the armies of the world,  
 Waiting now the order only like swift meteors to be hurled  
 To the seething sea of turmoil, 'gainst the city and the plain,  
 Belching death in iron hailstorm, strewn all the land with slain.  
 God is holding still the bridle of the prancing warrior steed,  
 While there yet is hope in heaven and a Priest to intercede.

When redemption's work is finished in this sin-polluted land,  
 And the seal of God is given to His humble, faithful band,  
 Angel hands will stay no longer earth's impatient armed horde,  
 And the trodden plains will redd'neath the threshing of the sword.  
 Sad will be the billows' burden where the flaming fleets go down,  
 With the bright-eyed sailor laddie, and the captain of renown.

Then the form of the Redeemer in the heavens will be seen,  
 Seated on a cloud of glory, in His hand a sickle keen.  
 By the hand that bled for sinners will the harvesting be done;  
 For salvation's work is finished, and the race of sin is run.

—Charles Miles Snow.

## A Specific Work for All of God's People.

GOD has called His people Israel out from the world to bless them and educate them in the knowledge of Himself and of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to send them back into the world to bless the world through them. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." They were not to be fishers of fish, but "fishers of men," not the merchants of earth, nor its landlords, nor its manufacturers, its jewellers, its bankers, bakers, its drapers, grocers, flour-millers, nor its ship-masters. Rev. 18: 11-19. But they were to be the world's educators in the knowledge of the kingdom of God. Israel is called to be the world's religious teacher. Civil law and arts, sciences, and letters may come through Greece and Rome, but religious knowledge only through the true church, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Through Abraham and his seed all the nations of the earth are to be blessed. Gen. 12: 1-3; 18: 18; 22: 18; 26: 4. "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed," and so channels through which blessings are to flow to the world. Gal. 3: 29. God sent Jesus to bless the world in turning it from its iniquities, Acts 3: 26, and so Jesus has sent His followers into the world. "Even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17: 18.

God's people are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2: 9), called to preach the gospel to

every other people, to carry to them the glad tidings of salvation, of the power to break the bands of sin and to heal its wounds, and to give the knowledge of the way of eternal life.

Why then should we not teach the children from youth that God has especially blessed them and honored them by calling them to be workers together with Him in the redemption of men, and that they are not to enter worldly pursuits, but that they are definitely to plan to give themselves to some branch of God's work, to be ministers in some line of the gospel, colporteurs, canvassers, nurses, doctors, ministers, or teachers?

In this "ye see your calling," brethren, plainly pointed out, in the work of God somewhere. Give yourself to God, and as certainly as the stars in heaven travel their appointed track through space because directed and upheld by Jesus Christ (Heb. 1: 1-3), so will you come into God's work to fill your appointed place. Jesus holds the seven stars in His own right hand. See "Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 6, pp. 413, 414.

"Open new fields, is the word from the Lord, and add to your workers. Educate young men to labor, and tarry not. Educate, educate, educate." "Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 416.

"Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to the harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4: 35, 36.

"And they that be teachers (margin) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12: 3. The world can only offer perishable wages. Here are offered eternal rewards. G. B. STARR.

BECAUSE the devil leads his captives with a loose rope, they imagine they have great freedom; but they are at liberty to go only where the devil wants them to.—Selected.

TO LOVE one soul for its beauty and grace and truth is to open the way to appreciate all beautiful and true and gracious souls, and to recognise spiritual beauty wherever it is seen.—H. Black.

"THERE are none of us who have done all we could for foreign missions. If the future were opened to us, we would be surprised at the shortness of the time before Jesus comes. The Angel of Mercy is folding her wings, ready to depart never to return. Everything in the world is rapidly preparing for the last great conflict. As there is expectancy in the home, when a friend whom we have not seen for some time is soon to come, so there should be intense activity on our part to prepare to meet the soon-coming Saviour."

"THE members of the church of Christ are to be faithful workers in the great harvest field. They are to be diligently working, and earnestly praying, making progress, and diffusing light amid the moral darkness of the world; for are not the angels of heaven imparting to them divine inspiration? They are never to think of, much less speak of, failure in their work."

## The Best Investment.

AN energetic life-insurance man called the other day to inquire the reason why Seventh-day Adventists were so difficult to approach in his business.

He was apparently a Christian man, who acknowledged that it was good to trust in the Lord, who says, "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me."

However, it seemed to him, as a practical man of the world, that the father was wise who invested his surplus in a policy, making provision, say, for his little son, so that, when grown to manhood, the boy would find something laid up with which to establish a business, or take a college course. I asked him what he would think, as a practical business man, of a people who invested their all in the gospel commission, and who taught their children that the best of all investments was to devote life and means and all to carrying the gospel to the world, so that the end might come, and death and misfortune forever cease.

This seemed ideal to my friend, but altogether impossible and impractical. He expected the end to come some time, surely, but not in our day. Pressed to the Scriptures, however, he was forced to admit that if the Christian church would throw itself without reserve into the work of evangelising the world, it might hope to do it within a very few years; and it seemed to him possible that the church did not desire the Lord to come, else the work would be accomplished.

Then I asked him if Seventh-day Adventists, who believe that they are called out to bear a final message to all the world within one generation, might not reasonably be expected, as a practical, business-like people, to invest their all, and their children as well, in the divine commission, rather than in life policies for the next generation. It was strong doctrine for a life-insurance agent, but is it not good doctrine for the believer in the soon coming of Jesus?

The Lord is coming in this generation. Some must now enter in. The very stones would cry out, the angels would carry the message, if Seventh-day Adventists held their peace. The surest and grandest investment in all the world is the Third Angel's Message. Even the mites multiply rapidly in these pressing times if given quickly. As "Testimony," No. 33, says, "One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars will be at some future period." No investment company can offer such high interest as that.

We do not live in a heroic age. Somehow the world expects to hear the church talk about the coming of the Lord and about going to heaven, and then to see it planning as though to live indefinitely in the world. But nothing so arrests the attention of practical men as the spectacle of believers actually investing life and family and all in the promise of the Lord's second advent in our time, just as the man of the world invests his surplus in securities to make provision for the future.

W. A. SPICER.

THE present unparalleled period of drouth, desolation, and trouble furnishes an opportune time to call the people's attention to "What do These Things Mean?" Order of your tract society, and circulate the tract everywhere; 3d per doz.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### A VOICE FROM HONAN, CHINA.

DURING the last four months we have been able to sell nearly thirty thousand Bibles, New Testaments, and portions of Scripture in Honan. I have not made any long trips into the interior for some time, but have been working at home. I go out early in the morning in order to meet farmers from the country, who are coming into town on business, and hand them portions of the Holy Book. These humble farmers are very thankful for the Word, and often sit down in the road and begin to read, and invite me to sit by them and teach them, which I gladly do.

We have rented a good house in this place, and could easily accommodate two families, and they are needed. We have started a Bible class—a real Bible class; for we read only the Bible. We have a good teacher in our employ, who has opened his heart to the truth as far as I have been able to explain it to him. He not only sees the Sabbath of the Lord plainly, but also keeps it with gladness. He takes great delight in the Bible truth. He is a child of God, and I hope that he may remain firm as the first fruits of our work here. He could engage in evangelistic work, as he is a highly educated man.

The time will soon come when I shall be free to give my entire time to teaching present truth, which is my delight. A few days ago I had a letter from my superior officer in Shanghai, warning me not to tell the missionaries or the Chinese that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and not to tell the people that pork is unsuitable for food. I replied, "When you intrusted me to be a distributor of your society's Scripture, I promised on my part to do my best to let the people of all classes know what is in the Book you intrusted to me." The truth must be known, even if we suffer for bringing it to the front. John lost his head for preaching the truth to a certain king, and the time may come when we must seal our faith by our blood. But let us be loyal to our God, firm in the wildest tempest. I know that the Lord will stand by me while I proclaim His Word.

E. PILQUIST.

### "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" IN QUEENSLAND.

THE promise to those who take up the work of "Christ's Object Lessons" is, "To all who take hold of this work in a cheerful and willing spirit, God will give success." The fulfillment of this precious promise has been the experience of some of our dear isolated members.

One writes, "It was with pleasure I read your letter regarding the work of 'Christ's Object Lessons.' I have been thinking seriously of it since the campaign for its sale started in United States of America, but have never been approached personally on the subject until now. I want to do what I am able for the Lord's sake and the people's. I will be glad if you will equip me with its canvass. There are not many people here, and they live far apart. I will have to canvass them at night."

We knew the Lord would bless the self-sacrificing efforts of this brother, and our belief was soon verified by receiving the following reply:—

"I intended answering your letter straight away, but procrastination came in until my canvassing was finished. I succeeded fairly well with the book. I was

well received everywhere, and would be pleased to canvass 'Christ's Object Lessons' in another community were I so situated. My wife received an order from a travelling draper. I have ten orders for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' Kindly forward me the ten books. One young woman wants her book very much, and helped me to get an order. We intend canvassing the school teacher, a Roman Catholic. Enclosed please find a donation to missions."

Much as we delight to hear from the brethren and sisters, we wish procrastination would set in with many more, if it were from such a good source as the above.

Another writes, "I have found that the Lord aids the canvasser in this work. He has prospered me, and I intend to show my gratitude by increasing my efforts to spread the message, hence hope shortly to send for my second quota."

A sister writes, "First of all I want to tell you how the Lord has helped me in my first attempt at canvassing. The morning after receiving your letter I started out to canvass my neighbor, who gave me an order. I am so thankful the Lord has blessed my first attempt at the work, so you can send me two books, and as soon as my husband can take me to —, by God's help and blessing I may get some orders there."

When one who has had to teach herself to speak, read, and write the English language is blessed so richly in this work, should it not encourage others more favorably situated to avail themselves of a like blessing?

EMMA HILL.

#### THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONFERENCE.

WE give below a half yearly balance sheet and a profit and loss statement, showing the financial standing of the conference at the close of the year 1902.

##### BALANCE SHEET.

Assets		Liabilities	
Stanmore Church debt	£138 0 5	Loans	£519 6 4
Tents & Fixtures	172 17 0	Hamilton Church Fund	8 1 8
Other Property	118 12 0	Maitland Church Fund	10 0 0
Sundry accounts	3 7 6	Workers' Audited Accts.	68 18 8
N. S. W. Bank	159 2 3	Second Tithe	18 6 4
Cash in hand	83 14 0	N.S.W. Tract Society	13 5 0
		Union Conference	1 18 3
		Balance	35 16 11
	£675 13 2		£675 13 2

(It will be observed that the bank account and cash in hand are large. This is due to the fact that the tithe for the quarter had just been received. Most of this will be paid out to the laborers before this statement is sent out.)

##### PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

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Deficit, June 30, 1902	£256 3 3	Tithe for 6 months	£1091 17 6
Tithe to Union Conference	347 3 8	Donations	125 8 7
Interest on Loans	3 19 7	Burwood Camp-meeting	2 19 4
Wages	566 17 6	Wallsend Church School	11 5 10
General Expense	21 10 4		
Balance	35 16 11		
	£1231 11 3		£1231 11 3
Liabilities over assets, June 30, 1902	£256 3 3		
Assets over liabilities, Dec. 31, 1902	35 16 11		
Gain to December 31, 1902	£292 0 2		

We have great reason to be thankful that with God's help a deficit of over £400 has been wiped out in the past two years. We desire to express our thanks to all the dear brethren and sisters for their co-operation in bringing about this good result. During the past six months one or two quite large amounts have been paid in, which have materially aided in placing our finances on a solvent basis. We cannot expect such large

amounts to come in very often from single individuals, but if each member of each church will faithfully render to the Lord His dues, we hope to be able to maintain our work on a solvent basis in the future. "Debt is demoralising."

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." He is the great Landed Proprietor, and we are His tenants. He owns all the land and everything else, and allows us to occupy His land, and use all His blessings for only one-tenth of the proceeds. The Egyptians after a seven years' famine, during which they had mortgaged their lands and themselves to the crown, were only too glad to give Pharaoh a double tithe of their entire income in recognition of his ownership. The Lord has a far better claim on us than Pharaoh had on the Egyptians. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, and all we have and are is His by right of creation and redemption. How glad we ought to be to return a tenth of all in recognition of His ownership.

We would hardly expect to live year after year on another man's property, and give him only a tenth of what we had left above all expenses. We would not think it too bad to give him a fifth of the entire crop, and pay all expenses besides. The Israelites used to round up their sheep after they had been to the expense of raising them, and drive them along a narrow passage, marking every tenth sheep for the Lord. This is the true principle of an honest tithe, and if we are solid on the principle, the Lord will help us to adjust all minor details with a clear conscience.

By the time this reaches you, my wife and I will probably be on the broad Pacific. We are sorry to leave so suddenly, but a recent examination revealed what I already suspected,—a return of my old lung trouble. It seemed best to those of the brethren with whom we have counselled, that we should return while there is some hope of recovery from a change of climate. We are sorry to leave the work so soon, and just at a time when the prospects for the future are beginning to brighten; but the success of this work does not depend on any one man or committee. It depends upon our individual co-operation with God and each other. We shall not cease to labor and pray for the Lord's blessing to rest upon His cause in this field, and we believe we shall also have an interest in your prayers.

I will close by briefly calling attention to a few important matters which ought to receive the earnest active support of every member of the church.

We ought to push the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" to the point of selling our quota of ten copies per member, on an average, before winter sets in. The Lord is testing His people in this matter. It is His plan for "rolling back the reproach" from His people, and when the reproach rolls off it will fall heaviest on those who have been content to let others do the pushing.

We have started a religious liberty fund for the circulation of "Rights of Man," and other similar literature. The donations thus far have about covered the cost of supplying each member of parliament with the book. The fund ought to be swelled to ten times the present amount, so that we might send copies to editors, lawyers, ministers, doctors, etc. This is the very heart and soul of our message, so let us do all we can to give it a "loud voice."

Our good papers, the *Australasian Signs of the Times* and *Good Health*, ought to be sold by thousands everywhere by all our people. Even the children can do a

grand work by selling these papers. This is a noble work that we have scarcely touched with the ends of our fingers. Let every church begin to plan at once for an active campaign, in which every member should be a volunteer. I might add much more, but I leave the rest with you and the Lord. Address all communications to J. Hindson, 56 George Street West, Sydney.

"Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Yours in the Master's service,  
GEO. A. SNYDER.

### THE CHRISTCHURCH TRACT SOCIETY.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Christchurch tract society, the librarian read the yearly report of the workings of the society. Others will be interested in the amount of work that this one society has done:—

"Throughout the past year we have much to be thankful for. God has blessed our efforts in many ways, and our literature has been freely scattered abroad. At the commencement of the year there were a few tracts on hand and the society was taking a club of four dozen *Echoes*, which after a few months was stopped. In August it started again with a club of *Echoes*, one dozen, which has since been increased to one and a half dozen. Besides this, several church members have each taken one dozen *Echoes* to sell on the streets Saturday evenings. During the year there have been sold or given away 102½ dozen *Echoes*.

"In addition to the tracts on hand at the beginning of the year, others have been given away to the value of £1 4s 11d, and besides this number 1950 copies of the tract, entitled 'Religion in the State Schools,' have been received and either sold or given away.

"For several months a club of *Joyful Tidings* was taken and all given away or posted, and were very much appreciated.

"At the beginning of the year several in the church pledged themselves to give a certain amount each week to help the tract society. These amounts were from 1d to 1/- each per week. From this source £5 13s have been received to help in God's work of distributing literature.

"The account for *Echoes*, tracts, and books during the year amounts to £20 15s, and the amount received in cash was £18 0s 4d. Paid to the Wellington office, £16 15s 11½d. Cash in hand, £1 4s 4½d. Including a debit balance at the beginning of the year, there is still owing to the Wellington society £5 9s 11½d. The indebtedness of the members to the local society is £6 1s 9½d, leaving a credit balance of 11s 10d."

MRS. ALICE HALSEY,  
Librarian.

### GIVE THE BOOKS AWAY? NO.

It is not in the plan of God for us to unite in giving copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" away. This would not bring us the blessing that God desires we should receive from the effort to sell the book. It is in pointing out to others the beautiful truths that the book contains, and impressing upon them the importance of their possessing a copy, that we receive the blessing. We are to labor personally for individuals; this was Christ's

method of work. The difficulties we would meet were not unknown to God. They were provided for in the plan. Difficulties are permitted as a means of developing strong men and women. Every difficulty overcome is a step toward the formation of a strong Christian character. The question we are called upon to decide is "whether we are willing to go to those outside of our faith and plant in their hearts the seeds of truth."

The experiences of the many who have already sold their quota show what might be accomplished. The readiness with which the people respond, notwithstanding the bad times, is encouraging. "I am glad to help such a worthy enterprise," said one gentleman. "I can see the purpose for which the book is being sold. You can put me down for two copies," said another. "Of course I will take a copy; you can bring it as soon as you like," said a lady. "You are doing a good work in circulating that book. Do not be afraid to ask the people to buy it," said a lady to one of our trembling sisters. "You could not do a grander work or for a more worthy object."

Why should we hesitate to invite the best people to buy when they respond so readily and willingly to our appeals? God has promised success if we carry forward the work hopefully, cheerfully, and in the right manner. Shall we not make 1903 a record year, and quickly finish the sale of the remaining 10,000 copies and thus have this work off our hands? Now is the time, while the days are long and the evenings light, to call upon our neighbors and talk "Object Lessons" to them. If all would only now do their share, the remainder of the books could be easily sold during the next few months. Let us all plan to unite in singing the jubilee song of freedom before the end of the financial year, June 30, 1903.

C. P. MICHAELS.

### THE CANVASSER'S CAPITAL.

Most of our canvassers when starting out in the field are possessed of but little more than their canvassing outfit and a firm conviction that the mission before them is worthy of the best efforts and the greatest sacrifice that man can make in order that perishing souls may hear God's message of mercy and love.

To all who thus go forth God says, "I know thy poverty, but thou art rich," and to every man, however poor he may appear, God has committed a treasure that, if rightly used as a talent of which he must some day give account, will prove an almost inexhaustible source whence may be drawn in abundance, means, knowledge, and true happiness; while if allowed to lie idle, or if used carelessly, it will be certain to bring disappointment, weariness, and discontent, utterly unfitting the holder of this, the greatest of all treasures, for the place of usefulness God would have him fill. The name of this treasure is TIME.

A few statistics of one month's work in the canvassing field will illustrate how important it is that we should recognise that, as we are not our own, our time belongs to God, and how the right or wrong use of our stewardship affects the cause in which we labor and possibly the salvation of souls as well as our own best interests:—

Number of agents working, 64.

Average time reported for each agent, 10½ days.

Amount of business for each agent, 26 orders.

Value of orders for each agent, £21 16s 2d.

Profit on orders for each agent, £10 18s 1d.

Earnings per day for each agent, £1 0s 8d.

This report is encouraging, inasmuch that it shows that God always pays His workmen well for the time they work, and therefore no one need hesitate in responding to the call for active service in the great harvest field; but it also shows that "much more efficient work can be done in the canvassing field than has yet been done," and that if every worker would make up his mind to put in five full days every week, we could almost double our present output of books, thus sowing a seed that would speedily strengthen the cause and bring prosperity to our agents and tract societies.

Many of our workers are putting in excellent time and make the most of every opportunity, and their reports are always filled with precious experiences that speak of a courage and hope ensuring the success of their efforts and bringing courage and hope to the hearts of the people they meet.

"Success is not the result of chance or destiny; it is the outworking of God's own providence, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and persevering effort," and while it is true that there are difficulties and obstacles all along the way, it is equally true that to the one who, with faith in God makes the most of time and opportunities, every difficulty, instead of being a stumbling-block and a cause of discouragement, becomes a source of strength and a means of a richer and deeper experience in God's power to give us the victory and success in our work.

J. M. J.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF THE TASMANIAN CONFERENCE.

THE following resolutions were adopted at the recent camp-meeting. They should have appeared in an earlier issue, but were crowded out of the issue of January 15.

1. *We recommend*, That in view of the present prosperity of the North-west Coast, tent-meetings be held in some town of that district immediately after this conference, preferably Devonport.

2. *We further recommend*, That this Conference endeavor to complete the sale of its quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" before next April.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the persistent efforts in other States to unite church and State, we anticipate a similar effort in this State by systematically distributing the tract, "Religion in the State Schools," and the pamphlet, "Rights of Man," and thus educate the people on right principles before the seeds of error are sown.

4. *Whereas*, It is stated in the Spirit of Prophecy that one reason why we do not enjoy more of the blessings of the Lord is that we do not heed the light God has been pleased to give us in regard to the laws of life and health, and that much of the prejudice that prevents the truth of the Third Angel's Message from reaching the hearts of the people might be removed if more attention were given to health reform,—in view of this,

*We recommend*, That all our people be encouraged to study carefully our health publications, especially the health journal, thus acquiring the knowledge so much needed by them, that they may be able to impart the principles of health to their neighbors and friends.

5. *We further recommend*, That all our people put forth earnest efforts to forward the cause of Christian education by encouraging and assisting all suitable young persons above fifteen years of age to enter the Avondale School for the purpose of fitting themselves for work in the Lord's vineyard.

6. *Whereas*, The Spirit of Prophecy has said that a fund should be raised in each conference to loan to worthy poor students who desire to give themselves to the missionary work, therefore—

*Resolved*, That we raise such a fund in this Conference.

7. *Whereas*, We recognise the value of early Christian training, we would urge upon all parents the importance of beginning this through the agency of home training and the church school.

8. *Whereas*, A proper education of our children being a duty highly incumbent upon us,

*We recommend*, That this Conference appoint an educational secretary whose duty it will be to labor for the establishment and upbuilding of this important branch of the Lord's work, and that the work of this secretary be carried on under the advice of the Conference Committee and the Avondale School.

9. *Resolved*, That the members of churches and companies be urged to take upon themselves the responsibility of circulating the *Bible Echo* and the *Australasian Good Health* in their vicinity.

10. *Resolved*, That the Conference Committee subsidize agents to the amount of fifteen dozen *Echoes* and two dozen *Good Healths* per week to act as pioneers, and that these agents be appointed by the Executive Committee and be under the direction of the State canvassing agent.

11. *Resolved*, That every church member be urged to become a reader of the UNION CONFERENCE RECORD.

12. *Resolved*, That the work of each church be so organized that every church member will have some definite line of missionary work assigned to him.

13. *Resolved*, That we set apart the last Sabbath in January of each year for a collection in the churches to go to the Tasmanian Tract Society for missionary work.

14. *We recommend*, That each church encourage one or more of its members to engage in canvassing for our large books under the direction of the State canvassing agent, and that these agents furnish their churches with the names and addresses of their subscribers, and that the churches follow up the work by correspondence, periodicals, and tracts.

15. *We recommend*, That as far as consistent, canvassers' institutes be held in every church.

16. *Resolved*, That we urge the importance of faithful daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons in the home, and that we suggest that such study occupy a prominent place in family worship.

17. *We recommend*, That earnest efforts be made by Sabbath-school officers, teachers, and members to secure the regular attendance at Sabbath-school of all church members, and that we unite in laboring to get all whom we can influence to join the school and share its blessings.

18. *We recommend*, That the practice of holding Sabbath-school conventions once each six months in each school be continued.

19. *Resolved*, That Pastor G. B. Starr be invited to connect with the Tasmanian Conference, and that we request the Victorian Conference to release him from their employ.

20. *We recommend*, That all our people adopt the plan of setting apart the second tithe as a regular systematic free-will offering to form a fund from which to make continual gifts to the various enterprises that are continually arising in the rapidly advancing work of God. And further—

21. *We suggest*, That each individual after paying the second tithe for one year to the Wairoonga Sanitarium, adopt the plan of paying one-third of the second tithe to the Union Conference, one-third to the Tasmanian Conference for the advancement of special enterprises, and to use one-third for personal donations to local educational, tract and missionary, or church funds.

22. *We recommend*, That plans be made to increase the sale of health foods in Tasmania as soon as possible, and that suitable young people be sent to Sydney to be trained for this work.

E. HILLIARD, *President*.

T. HOUSE, *Secretary*.

#### FROM NYASSALAND.

AN encouraging report has been received by our brethren in America from our mission station recently opened in British Central Africa. Brother Joseph Booth writes that "among our workers and students there are at the mission station representatives of each of the following tribes: Yao, Manganga, Chikunda, Chipeta, Angoni, Makololo, Swahili, and Alolo. We have four brethren from the Swahili tribe who have come to stay a long time, they say. Their home is six weeks' journey away to the northeast." The Spirit of the Lord is moving upon hearts in the darkest portions of the dark continent, and soon we will see the coming King in His beauty.



# Sabbath School Quarterly Reports.

For the Quarter Ending December 31, 1902.

## New Zealand.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Work in Queens-land.
Aratapu	12	£1 14 11	£ 1 3 5
Cambridge	3	1 1 6	19 4
Christchurch	65	5 17 0	2 15 3
Dunedin	12	2 16 0	2 10 1
Epsom	21	15 7 0	10 2
Gisborne	22	3 0 7	1 13 5
Hastings	20	1 4 0	7 7
Kaero	31	2 18 8	
Kaikoura	10	6 0 0	5 5
Napier	72	3 4 9	2 18 3
Norsewood	4	9 7 0	
Ormondville	11	1 5 1	1 5 0
Palmerston N	31	1 18 0	1 5 8
Parkhurst	15	15 8 0	12 3
Petone	14	12 4 0	8 5
Ponsonby	46	1 19 8	1 7 8
Pungare	10	9 6 0	11
Raglan	6	12 9 0	11 6
Tokonui	11		
Tolaga Bay	25	5 6 0	3 6
Wanganui	18	2 11 10	1 15 10
Wellington	30	2 18 6	2 8 3
Westport			2 6
Family Sch.	44	4 9 7	3 4 4
State Class	46	2 8 9	1 12 9
Total	579	£43 15 9	£28 10 6

Special Donations for Sydney Ship Mission Work, £7 0 6.

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

## South Australia.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Work in Queens-land.
Adelaide	108	£5 6 3	£2 0 0
Kangarilla	18	1 6 1	
Prospect	37	1 7 3	7 6
Parneroo	22	1 9 4	1 4 0
Gawler	13	2 6 0	1 17 0
Queen's Own Town	33	8 9 0	7 4
Mt. Gambier	33	1 12 0	14 10
Broken Hill	19	1 13 3	18 5
Kensington	40	2 18 7	1 5 2
Pt. Augusta	10	2 0 0	
Wallaroo	8	9 2 5	5 1
Kadina	9	9 7 3	3 11
Alldate			
State Class	3	2 6 1	1 0
Campmeeting		2 7 6	2 2 9
Total	350	£21 18 0	£11 2 0

Special Donations for Sydney Ship Mission Work, £2 13 0.

Tithes paid by schools, £2 3 2.  
MRS. E. SEMMENS, Sec.

## Tasmania.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Work in Queens-land.
Hobart	71	£4 11 6	£2 2 9
Launceston	30	1 8 1	15 3
Lillydale	6	1 1 10	16 11
Devonport	9	1 12 3	11 9
St. Marys	27	16 3	13 8
Upper Huon	26	1 5 9	8 1
Bismarck	58	2 4 11	18 4
Latrobe	14	11 6	2 4
Little Hamp'n	7	3 2 4	2 10 0
State Class	13	1 0 0	13 6
Conference	1	17 9	1 13 11
Total	261	£19 12 2	£11 6 6

Special Donations for Sydney Ship Mission Work, £1 18 9.

Tithes paid by schools, £1 19 3/2.  
MRS. EMILY ALLEN, Sec.

## New South Wales.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Work in Queens-land.
Ashfield	44	£ 1 10 10	£ 12 1
Auburn	55	2 2 7	
Avondale	137	10 9 11	8 11 0
Corndale	21	1 10 0	1 1 8
Cranebrook	4	10 0	8 0 0
Epping	31	1 6 8	8 6 6
Eugowra	20	16 6	8 6 6
Goulburn	4	5 0	5 0 0
Hamilton	48	3 7 7	1 9 3
Kellyville	16	9 6	2 7 7
Martinsville	10	3 9 3	3 9 9
Nullawa	3	1 5 6	1 0 8
Parramatta	35	1 11 2	1 0 0
Prospect	17	9 2	4 9 9
Singleton	9	6 8	2 9 9
Stanmore	86	3 18 3	11 1
Wallsend	40	2 0 9	18 10
W. Maitland	25	1 18 8	11 1
Woollahra	14	13 8	5 0 0
Wahroonga	47	2 8 2	2 2 9
State Class	49		2 11 6
Campmeeting			5 16 8
Totals	707	£37 3 7	£29 6 9

Special Donations to Sydney Ship Mission Work, £4 3 11.

Tithes paid by schools, £3 7 11.

ANNA L. HINDSON, Sec.

## Queensland.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Work in Queens-land.
S. Brisbane	85	£3 2 6	£1 15 0
N. Brisbane	39	1 10 7	1 7 6
Rockhampton	33	2 15 4	2 7 0
Toowoomba	28	14 0	3 2
Bundaberg	9	1 9 0	1 3 2
Grantham	9	7 0	5 3
Maryborough	8	7 2	6 6
State Class	7	17 6	13 9
Total	218	£11 3 1	£8 1 4

Special Donations for Sydney Ship Mission Work, £0 16 9.

Tithes paid by schools, £1 1 10.

LOUISE TUXEN, Sec.

## Victoria.

Name of School.	Membership.	Total Contributions.	Donations to Work in Queens-land.
Campmeeting		£5 17 8	£5 5 11
Ballarat	68	2 3 10	1 6 1
Bendigo	33	3 14 3	2 1 11
Beechworth	9	1 0 8	2 8 0
Brunswick	76	4 0 6	2 0 5
Brighton	7	1 13 6	1 15 0
North Fitzroy	170	6 6 0	3 11 10
Footscray	28	1 7 10	19 3
Geelong	22	2 0 4	18 0
Hawthorn	28	1 16 8	13 0
Lara	10	6 6	2 9
Williamstown	40	2 0 3	1 3 1
Wychitella	15	3 3	2 3 0
Yambuk	15	2 12 10	2 1 10
Isolated	17	1 10 6	1 1 8
Canvassers	2	1 6	1 7
Kingston	5	1 6	
Windsor	75	3 7 1	1 7 4
Totals	610	£40 6 1	£24 0 8

Special Donations for Sydney Ship Mission Work, £4 2 6.

Tithes paid by schools, £3 12 3/2.  
MRS. W. A. HENNIG, Sec.

## Total Summary.

Name of Colony.	Present Membership.	Total Contributions.	Tithes from Schools.	Donations to Sydney Ship Work.	Donations to Queens-land.
N. S. Wales	707	£37 3 7	£3 7 11	£4 3 11	£29 6 9
N. Zealand	579	43 15 9	4 5 4	7 0 6	28 10 6
Queensland	218	11 3 1	1 1 10	0 16 9	8 1 4
S. Australia	350	21 18 0	2 3 2	2 13 0	11 2 0
Tasmania	261	19 12 2	1 19 3	1 18 9	11 6 6
Victoria	610	40 6 1	3 12 3	4 2 6	24 0 8
W. Australia					
Cook Island	60	1 2 10			1 2 10
Grand Total	2785	£175 1 6	£16 19 9	£20 15 5	£113 10 7

MRS. C. W. IRWIN, Sec.

## Monthly Summary of Australasian Canvassing Work.

### New South Wales.

JANUARY, 1903.

*Daniel & Revelation*—Orders. Value.  
A. Hodgkinson, Inverell..... 9 10 17 6  
R. Salton, Inverell..... 7 4 17 6  
G. Wood, Moree..... 3 2 10 6

*Desire of Ages*—

Mrs. G. Chapman, Jesmond..... 1 1 9 0  
C. S. Badger, Moruya..... 36 41 0 0

*Coming King*—

M. Lackey, Mortlake..... 9 2 10 6  
G. Ryder, Tumut..... 28 8 8 0  
W. Harrison, Mudgee..... 28 19 11 0  
L. Mobbs, Mudgee..... 17 9 16 6  
C. Harlow, Cobargo..... 75 24 5 6  
E. B. Rudge, Albion Park..... 3 2 5 6  
C. Wheat, Albion Park..... 1 9 0  
Miss M. Reekie, Pitt Town..... 9 3 19 6  
Miss C. Allum, Guildford..... 19 7 2 6  
Miss E. Atkins, Guildford..... 17 6 14 6  
J. Mitchell-May, Quirindi..... 14 1 6  
T. W. Palmer, Quirindi..... 5 2 16 6  
(other books)..... 2 15 0

*Home Hand Book*—

M. A. Connell, Cooma..... 6 11 5 0  
(other books)..... 1 1 0 0

*Ladies' Guide*—

Mrs. Rudge, Picton..... 13 15 10 0  
Mrs. A. Wheat, Picton..... 19 20 18 0  
E. Appleton, Harwood..... 6 6 6 0  
H. J. Cooper, Broadwater..... 74 79 11 0  
(other books)..... 8 9 0 0

420 £309 0 0

### South Australia.

JANUARY, 1903.

*Patriarchs and Prophets*—  
M. Gunther, Minlaton..... 28 23 17 0  
A. Davey, Minlaton..... 27 22 15 6

*Great Controversy*—

C. Ellsley, Kangaroo Is..... 49 50 8 6

*Desire of Ages*—

Mrs. Arnold, Penola..... 22 29 12 6  
E. Mosedale, Penola..... 10 13 18 6  
A. H. White, Balaklava..... 17 24 17 0  
H. E. Hughes, Balaklava..... 11 17 9 0

*Home Hand Book*—

A. W. Waight, Mt. Barker..... 5 7 10 0

*House We Live In*—

J. M. Young, Kensington..... 25 6 3 6  
Various Canvassers..... 10 2 5 0  
Miscellaneous..... 15 9 14 0

219 £208 10 6

Total for December not previously reported, 148 orders; value, £121 19 0.

### West Australia.

JANUARY, 1903.

*Ladies' Guide*—Orders. Value.  
Mrs. E. Cleal, E. Perth..... 23 £24 0 0  
(other books)..... 1 10 6

*Desire of Ages*—

F. Masters, Boulder..... 29 32 17 6  
(Other books)..... 34 10 5 6  
R. A. Caldwell, S. Railway..... 63 79 7 6  
(other books)..... 13 4 6 0  
R. S. Bell, Boulder..... 10 12 0 0

173 £163 7 0

### Tasmania.

JANUARY, 1903.

*Ladies' Guide*—Orders. Value.  
Miss F. Horne, Penguin..... 9 £10 2 6  
Mr. J. Allen, Wynyard..... 27 36 15 0

*Daniel & Revelation*—

Mr. J. Allen, Wynyard..... 3 2 3 0  
(other books)..... 6 10 10 0

45 £59 10 6

### Victoria.

JANUARY, 1903.

*Home Hand Book*—Orders. Value.

L. Currow, S. Gippsland..... 22 £34 0 0  
(Other books)..... 2 2 0 0  
H. C. Harker, Yea..... 39 59 0 0  
(other books)..... 1 1 0 0

N. Harker, Yea..... 18 28 0 0  
G. Burgess, Lancefield..... 25 38 0 0  
J. Anderson, Dandenong..... 10 15 10 0

*Desire of Ages*—

J. F. Ward, Yarragon..... 37 47 5 0  
N. Tadic, Warragul..... 27 33 15 0  
B. Jude, Warragul..... 11 12 15 0  
W. Ryder, Traralgon..... 6 6 10 0

*Bible Readings*—

Mrs. Arthur, N. Carlton..... 27 20 2 6

*Miscellaneous*—

Moonsee Ponds..... 27 26 17 6

262 £324 15 0

## Totals for December, 1902.

	Orders. Value.
New South Wales.....	420 £309 0 0
Victoria.....	262 324 15 0
Tasmania.....	45 59 10 6
New Zealand.....	
West Australia.....	173 163 7 0
Queensland.....	
South Australia.....	219 208 10 6
Grand Totals, 1119	£1065 3 0

An interesting report of the proceedings of the New Zealand Conference will appear in our next issue. As our space is so limited, correspondents will please study brevity so that none will be crowded out.

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## Items of General Interest.

SUCH stirring reports as come to us of late from the faithful missionaries at the front we have never listened to before. God is doing a great work among the heathen of China, of Africa, and of papal lands. We can see but little of all God is actually doing, still we see enough to know that the end hasteneth greatly.

THE missionary spirit is plainly manifest among the students at Avondale, which is bringing bright experiences into the lives of our young people. Some of the boys are chopping wood during spare moments, while others are planning a missionary garden. The proceeds from this work are to be devoted to supporting a native worker in the island mission field.

OUR hearts are made sad to lose from our already depleted force of workers the helpful presence and cheering admonitions of Pastor Geo. A. Snyder and wife. The reasons for their departure to another clime are no doubt good, but they will be missed none the less keenly. Will we not as churches and individuals make every possible effort to carry forward the work which others have laid down? By so doing experienced workers will be developed in our midst.

**The Venezuelan Difficulty.**—Christians can indeed be thankful that an unseen power has held back the elements of strife and brought about a peaceable solution of the Venezuelan difficulty, which a few weeks ago seriously threatened the world with war. While each of the great nations are determined to maintain their dignity and gain all possible advantage over rival powers, it is wonderful how they are restrained from getting at one another's throats in deadly combat. The reason is given in Rev. 7 : 1-3.

**Preparing for the Battle.**—Professor Carl E. Myers' electrical aerial torpedo, recently on exhibition at Madison Square Garden, New York, is a dirigible air-ship, perfectly controlled by an electrician on the earth. It is thirty-five feet in length, and is designed for use in warfare. It may be sent a long distance, and when the desired position is reached, a torpedo is released to carry destruction wherever it may strike and explode. Fearful indeed will be the last great war. "Every battle of the warrior" will be indeed "with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood."—*Selected.*

**The Financial Outlook.**—Our various institutions and conferences of Australasia have, with scarcely an exception, been clearing themselves of indebtedness during the past two years. For this we cannot but praise God and take courage, as the outlook is cheering. On the other hand, when we consider the institutions of the world,

there are ominous signs of a soon coming financial crisis throughout these States. The drought and the wholesale borrowing policy of politicians have produced a strained condition in financial circles which forebodes disaster and confusion. The only safe place to deposit surplus money now is in the banks of heaven. Matt 16 : 24-27 ; 6 : 19-21.

**The Eastern Question.**—All readers of the daily press cannot fail to note the fact that trouble is brewing about the "sick man of the East," Turkey, and that the end of the Ottoman Empire in Europe will not be long deferred. Since the time of Peter the Great, Russia has desired to possess Constantinople, and has been planning with that end in view. Students of prophecy know that the downfall of the Ottoman Empire is one of the very last events in this world's history before the coming of the Lord ; and over the Eastern Question, which is now a live issue, will come the great smash up of nations in the battle of Armageddon.

## NOTES FROM TASMANIA.

OUR little chapel at Launceston is now completed, and we held our first meeting in it, Sabbath, February 7. Every one seemed well pleased with the building. We have seated it with chairs instead of forms. We were able to purchase them at about wholesale price, which cost no more than forms. They are fastened together with a narrow strip of board, which is screwed on underneath the seats. We have a small debt to pay before the church can be dedicated to God ; but we trust that this will be a matter of but a few weeks before it will stand clear.

For some weeks we have had but two canvassing agents in the field and part of the time none. Our field agent, W. W. Fletcher, was called from his post of duty to work in the Echo Publishing office, and for over four months we have been without a general agent. Our work has suffered for lack of proper attention. Brother Harold Harker has recently arrived, and will take charge of the canvassing work. We trust that we shall see a revival of the work in this line. The prospects look cheering. There are several who are getting a burden for this work, and are offering themselves for service. Sisters Ella Hawkins and Annie Higgins, and T. House, and N. Harker will soon, we expect, be in the field, placing the pages of present truth in the homes of the people. These, with Brother J. Allen, Sisters Flora Horn and Edith Adcock, will make a good force of workers. A few others may enter the field a little later on.

Brother G. B. Starr, with his wife and mother (Sister Sisley), has been with us about three weeks. They spent one Sabbath in Launceston, and then Brother and Sister Starr joined Brother Teasdale and family to labor with them in Devonport. Sister Robertson is also laboring with them in the Bible work. At first there seemed to be but little interest, but by visiting from house to house and holding Bible readings the interest has increased, and a few have already accepted the truth. We believe that God is blessing the efforts being put forth on the North-west Coast. E. HILLIARD.

OUR work is onward in this State (West Australia), for which we thank God, as also for the earnestness manifested by our workers. May their efforts be crowned with sheaves for the Master. SUSIE GURNER.