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LABOURERS WANTED.

"LABOURERS wanted." The ripening grain
Waits to welcome the reaper's cry;
The Lord of the harvest calls again;
Who among us will first reply,
"Who is wanted, Lord? Is it I?"
The Master calls, but the servants wait;
Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky;
Will none seize sickle before too late,
Ere the winter's winds come sweeping by?
Who is delaying? Is it I?

—*Christian Work.*

THEY USED HELPS.

THE Bible is a remarkable book. It fits all sorts and conditions of life, especially those engaged in the work of God. We find that there is an expression there which is a very familiar one to the canvasser engaged in the work of the third angel's message. Hear it is: "They used helps." Acts 27:17. What a familiar term that is with those who are circulating broadcast those sharp, little arrows of truth which find their way into so many homes!

See what follows: "They used helps, undergirding the ship; and fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands." Yes, how many a canvasser's frail bark has been driven into the quicksands of despair, and stopped seemingly altogether through his inability to meet the vicissitudes and storms during his earthly career! If he had only "used helps," a different tale might have been told. On the other hand, how many through using them, and so undergirding their poor, strained vessel, have sailed along on the voyage of life in the Master's cause, triumphantly! They have prevented many a canvasser's frail bark from falling into treacherous places. Though they are of such benefit to him, that is not the chief end to be kept in view. Let us think of what life-giving power and encouragement these "helps" may bring to many a hungry and discouraged soul; and what beams of light they shed about them in the darkness of this world.

P. L. HILL, in the "Home Missionary."

Gunnedah, New South Wales.

WHO SOLD THAT "GREAT CONTROVERSY?"

THE following interesting letters were placed in our hands during the late camp-meeting by Bro. Rogers, who is one of the elders of the Adelaide church. It seems that the writer of the letter thought that the headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists was in Adelaide, and so he addressed his letter there.

The first letter reads as follows:—

To the Pastor, Seventh-day Adventists,
Adelaide, South Australia.

DEAR SIR,—I desire to keep the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) instead of the false Sabbath (Sunday). I have read a book called "The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan" which teaches a lot about the seventh-day Sabbath. Are there any books published by the Adventists referring to the Sabbath and prophecies of the Bible? If so, what are the prices?
Yours truly,

The above letter fell into Bro. Rogers' hands, and he replied to it. The following letter was soon received in answer to his:—

MR. A. H. ROGERS,

DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter of May 3rd, and I am well pleased with the information you sent me concerning the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday).

You asked how I came to write to Adelaide, and how I came by the book "Great Controversy." There was an agent travelling around selling these books, and a neighbour of ours bought one from him, and lent it to me. So this is how I came by the book, "Great Controversy." After reading it I took a desire to observe the seventh day (Saturday).

One day I was reading a newspaper named the *Australian Star*, and I noticed in it a little about the Seventh-day Adventists at the Ashfield camp, so I wrote to the editor of the *Town and Country Journal*, asking about the Seventh-day Adventists, and he wrote up and told me that he understood that the camp had broken up long ago, and that the leaders had returned to Adelaide, and this is how I came to write to Adelaide.

I am sorry that I cannot observe the seventh day

yet, but I trust I shall be able soon by the help of God. I am at present helping my father plough, and if I were to observe the Sabbath now, he would, I think prevent me, and perhaps think me mad. Of course he is a man that takes no interest in the Bible.

I live over 200 miles from Sydney in a westerly direction on the Lachlan River. I am nearly twenty-two years of age. Have you any prayer books and hymn books? I wish you to tell me the price of the church prayer book, a hymn book, and also a church catechism of the Old and New Testaments." Could you supply me with the book, "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation?" My brothers and sisters would like to keep the Sabbath. By my doing so first it would set them an example, and not only them, but many others.

I shall write to you as often as I can, as I have many things to write, and I trust by the next time you get a letter from me, I shall be observing the seventh-day Sabbath. Before reading the book "Great Controversy," I was a faithful attendant of the Church of England at Canowindra, where I had to walk a distance of four miles and back nearly every Sunday. Of course I have since left the church.

I shall now finish my letter by asking you to pray for me that I may keep the Sabbath, and that I may teach others to do the same.

I remain yours truly,

FROM TOWNSVILLE.

THROUGH the work of our agents, and the influence of our publications, several in Townsville, Queensland, are walking in the light. Mr. L. Anderson sent in his order for six copies of the *Echo* weekly, and has recently increased the order to eleven copies. We wrote him a letter, and have received the following reply from his daughter:—

"I may state that I am L. Anderson's daughter, and am writing for him, as he cannot write English. My father, mother, sister, and myself are Sabbath-keepers. The *Echoes*, which we get weekly, we sell to acquaintances around us. They are always well received. We have good hope of several families who are very much interested in the *Bible Echo*. I am going out this coming week to try to get more orders for the paper.

"We know of but one Sabbath-keeper in Townsville besides ourselves, but we feel sure that a number would come into the truth if they could hear one of our ministers. We are longing for the time ourselves. We heard through the *Echo* of the camp-meeting, and regretted that we lived so far away, but as it is, we have to content ourselves until we have a meeting here. I have often talked of going to the school near Newcastle to fit myself for God's work, but so far our means will not allow it."

We pray that this dear family may be richly blessed in their efforts to sow the seed in Townsville, and that the ambition of the writer of this letter to attend our school may one day be realised.

TOOWOOMBA.

I WAS pleased to hear from you, as we had been watching eagerly for reports from the camp-meeting. Although no meetings of that kind have ever been held here, we believe that much good results from them.

Some time back I canvassed a lady for "Sunshine." She could not order at that time, but asked me to call when I was delivering. She then bought a "Gospel Primer." I called again later, and she bought two more. There was another family living with them, and during my visit I had quite a long talk on religious topics. I found they had studied their Bible, and desired to know more of it. I afterwards held Bible readings with them, and gave them some tracts and *Bible Echoes*. Both ladies are now keeping the Sabbath, and have ordered a copy of "Bible Readings," and some tracts to circulate around their homes, to which they expect to return shortly. They live about seven hundred miles west of here. We had a good time together last Sabbath studying the word of God.

ANNIE OLSEN.

BATHURST.

I RECEIVED your letter conveying the good news from the camp-meeting. I am so glad that it has been a success, and that the Lord has given the victory. I believe that the Lord is going to work, and we may be the agents through whom the work is to be accomplished. There are a few in this city who are interested in the second coming of Christ, but the majority of the people are "asleep." I met an old gentleman who has been reading "Great Controversy." He has reached the Sabbath question, and says it is right. He gave me an order for "Bible Readings." I hope that when our books are delivered, these people who are interested will accept all the commandments of God.

J. L. DEAN.

LAST week I visited a lady who is looked upon by a great many here as a religious crank. She told me she had thought over the Sabbath question for thirteen years, but had not come to any decision. She is a Bible student and conducts Bible readings with a number of people. She asked me what the mark of the beast was. I told her all I could on the subject, and she told me that she would most certainly escape the mark, and said she intended to keep the next Sabbath, which I believe she did.

R. DEAN.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

October, 1896.

AGENTS AND TERRITORY.	DAYS.	HOURS.	Can.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS.	TOTAL VALUE.
BIBLE READINGS,—											
Craddock, T. H., ... Nowra, N. S. W. ...	—	144	—	19	1	1	3	6	8	£0 14 6	£9 9 0
Walker, Miss G., ... S. Brisbane, Q. ...	12	48½	78	20	4	2	3	9	2	0 17 0	12 6 6
Farrant, T., ... Port Pirie, S. A. ...	5	37	37	16	1	9	1	3	2	1 1 0	10 6 6
Diverall, J. C., ... Port Pirie, S. A. ...	5	38	35	14	1	—	3	7	3	1 6 0	7 1 0
Chapman, T. A., ... Dungog, N. S. W. ...	5	30	74	16	—	1	—	13	2	0 8 0	7 14 0
Fisher, W. F., ... N. W. Coast, Tas. ...	10	94½	69	18	1	1	2	14	—	0 10 0	10 0 0
Bell, R. S., ... Singleton, N. S. W. ...	—	—	—	20	2	2	2	13	1	—	11 8 6
Reekie, P., ... Allora, Q. ...	15	125	140	37	5	—	11	19	2	4 0 0	21 16 6
Dean, J. L., ... Bathurst, N. S. W. ...	—	129	109	40	8	12	13	7	—	—	28 2 6
Dean, Mrs. R., ... Bathurst, N. S. W. ...	—	128	220	51	6	11	10	24	—	1 0 0	32 5 6
Adcock, Miss E., ... S. Brisbane, Q. ...	13	71½	86	15	2	6	3	4	—	1 7 6	10 7 6
Turnbull, J. I., ... Longreach, Q. ...	7	48	110	36	6	11	17	2	—	0 10 0	25 17 6
Henderson, J. F., ... Townsville, Q. ...	—	151	343	80	36	10	29	5	—	6 18 0	61 8 6
Whittle, T., ... Townsville, Q. ...	—	143	285	108	53	19	26	10	—	6 6 0	88 10 0
Johanson, Mrs. F., ... Perth, W. A. ...	—	—	—	16	11	1	3	—	—	—	14 2 6
LADIES' GUIDE,—											
Johanson, Mrs. F., ... Perth, W. A. ...	—	—	—	32	16	10	—	6	—	1 6 0	37 15 0
Johanson, J., ... Bunbury Line, W. A. ...	—	100	81	53	14	34	—	5	—	—	59 6 6
Gooding, Mrs. C., ... Magill, S. A. ...	9	68	57	17	1	8	—	8	—	0 3 0	16 15 6
Ackary, Miss A., ... Mackay, Q. ...	25	127	112	55	28	7	—	20	—	3 4 0	63 7 0
Hewitt, Mrs. A. J., ... Oxley, Q. ...	8	40	—	35	3	6	—	26	—	1 16 0	33 3 6
H. H. BOOK,—											
Cutrow, A., ... Narrandera, N. S. W. ...	4	34	17	11	3	4	—	4	—	—	18 13 6
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS,—											
Hill, P. L., ... Moree, N. S. W. ...	13	97½	125	14	4	3	6	1	—	3 2 6	10 10 0
Downs, J. B., ... Narrabri, N. S. W. ...	5	30	49	15	4	9	1	1	—	0 13 0	9 2 6
GREAT CONTROVERSY,—											
Masters, F., ... Albany, W. A. ...	15	—	—	78	17	9	38	14	—	—	54 10
MASTERPIECE,—											
Masters, F., ... Albany, W. A. ...	—	—	—	57	11	21	—	25	—	—	56 11 0
SUNSHINE AT HOME,—											
Hughes, C. H., ... Brisbane, Q. ...	18	103½	219	48	—	—	33	15	—	3 19 0	17 4 0
Zeibig, Miss E., ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	—	61	91	17	—	—	13	4	—	0 11 0	6 3 6
Sumpter, Miss M., ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	—	40	132	20	—	—	19	1	—	0 9 0	7 9 0
Olsen, Miss A., ... Toowoomba, Q. ...	—	38	58	9	—	—	4	5	—	1 0 0	3 2 6
SUNBEAMS,—											
Stoate, R. J., ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	8	52	139	22	—	—	7	15	—	2 11 0	11 17 6
Totals	177	1968½	2666	995	238	200	247	291	20	£43 13 0	£766 2 0

BIBLE ECHO SALES during October, 1896.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide	121	1,702	Brought forward	9,690
Ashfield	66	360	Bendigo	432
Ballarat	50	312	Brisbane	48
Bismarck	24	60	Broken Hill	432
Brighton	24	144	Geelong	80
Cooranbong	50	224	Ipswich	48
Hawthorn	50	228	Kangarilla	24
Hobart	90	520	Launceston	128
Kellyville	16	96	New Zealand	5,138
Latrobe	6	156	Miscellaneous	1,524
Melbourne	210	796		
Malvern	76	144		
Parramatta	70	184		
Perth	29	888		
Prahran	53	976		
Prospect	12	32		
Rockhampton	63	400		
Sydney	84	1,876		
Toowoomba	28	256		
Williamstown	57	336		
Carried forward		9,690	Total	17,544

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NOTES.

PASTOR A. G. DANIELLS, after spending two weeks in Melbourne, returned to Adelaide on the 18th inst.

THE tent meetings in Adelaide are progressing with good results. Twelve persons have already taken their stand for the truth.

THE New South Wales Conference has been in session during the past week, but it is too early for us to receive reports of the meeting for this number of the GLEANER. We hope to receive items of interest for the next number.

PASTOR E. W. FARNSWORTH and wife, and Pastor S. N. Haskell left Sydney on the 18th inst. for Auckland, New Zealand, where they will attend a general meeting. From there they expect to go to Napier to attend a session of the New Zealand Conference.

A SERIES of Sunday evening meetings is in progress in the North Fitzroy church. Last Sunday evening Pastor Daniells spoke on the Eastern Question to a large and very attentive congregation. We trust that many will esteem it a privilege to pray for these meetings.

PASTOR WILSON writes from Adelaide, November 10, in a private letter: "Our attendance averages each night from sixty-five to seventy-five, and on Sunday night the tent was packed, with fifty or more outside, while Pastor McCullagh talked on the Mark of the Beast. He had a free time, and the Lord blessed the word spoken. I spoke in the afternoon on the Early Fathers and the Lord's Day. Pastor Hawkins gave a very telling discourse on Sabbath morning on being filled with the Spirit. We had a good missionary meeting in the afternoon at three o'clock, with a good attendance, and the congregation voted to hold another next Sabbath afternoon."

PASTOR DANIELLS has kindly furnished us with an extract from a private letter received from Pastor Starr, in which he gives some information with reference to the interest in Brisbane. He says: "You will be glad to learn that four of Bro. Pallant's readers have begun to observe the Sabbath. They are most excellent people. One has held the office of superintendent in the Wesleyan Sunday-school for fifteen years. His wife and family are of the real godly sort. Mrs. — and her daughter are very nice people, and members of the same church as the gentleman previously mentioned. They are quite an addition to our meetings which are held at Sister Hughes' home. Last Sabbath we numbered twenty-seven. Many more are convinced,

and we have reason to hope that some will obey. In social meeting one said, 'For over twenty years I supposed I was serving God and keeping His Sabbath holy. But the fact is, I have only kept two. I bless God for sending me the light, and can say I experienced a scripture often read, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet into Thy testimonies. I made haste and delayed not to keep Thy commandments," and my first Sabbath was one of the happiest and most blessed days of my life.'"

IN our last GLEANER we gave a report of the annual session of the Tract Society. But our space was too limited to give much that we would like to have embodied in it. To us these meetings were of the deepest interest. As the past year's work was reviewed, we could see that the hand of the Lord has directed, and His blessing attended the work in this field.

In every meeting held there were those in the audience that arose to their feet, and, with glad hearts, testified to having received the truth through the *Bible Echo* placed in their hands by some missionary worker, or through reading our subscription books sold by the canvasser. We wish all our workers could have seen these living witnesses to the good our publications are doing.

GENERAL CONFERENCE "BULLETIN."

IN the last number of the *Home Missionary* there is a notice for all who desire the *Bulletin* to send in their names at once. This applies with special emphasis to us who are so far away. No doubt this meeting will be the most important one in our history. Full proceedings will be printed daily in the *Bulletin*.

Send 2s. 6d. with your address to the Australian Tract Society, 16 Best Street, North Fitzroy, Vic., and we will secure for you, not only the *Bulletins* which are issued during the Conference, but also the numbers which will be issued for the next two years.

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