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PRAYER.

LORD, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parch'd grounds refresh, as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower!
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;
We kneel, how weak!—we rise, how full of power;
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us in prayer,
And joy, and strength, and courage are with Thee.

—*Archbishop Trench.*

THE STUDENTS' AID FUND.

This is the name of a fund which is being raised by the Central Australian Conference, and as the name implies, it is to be used in assisting persons to attend the Avondale School for Christian Workers. There are many who greatly desire to prepare for some branch of the Lord's work, who do not have the necessary means to attend the school, and the object of the fund is to assist such persons.

As the time drew near for opening the school, the prospect for a good attendance was very discouraging. Only a few had given the matter serious thought, and the time for opening was right at hand. Those who have the management of the school felt that a prompt, earnest effort should be made to secure a good attendance, for it could not be in God's order that, after all the sacrifice and earnest labour to build a school, the enterprise should be so crippled from the start for lack of students.

The matter was presented to the Conference Committee, and they decided to create a fund as mentioned above, from which means could be loaned to persons who could not otherwise attend. In order that prompt action might be taken, and many hands be enlisted in the enterprise, the Conference recommended that the Echo Publishing Company, the Australian Tract

Society, and several of the larger churches, select one student each and contribute the means necessary for sending him to the school this year. These organisations adopted the recommendation, and the persons they have assisted are now in Cooranbong. All to whom this plan has been suggested have pushed it with zeal. The brethren have enjoyed the effort, and it has done them good. As the matter was agitated and plans were talked over, some who had not thought of sending their children have decided to do so, and now the prospect is encouraging. In fact there are more students at the school now than were expected, and still they are going. This is very cheering to those who have been working for the school so long, and it will surely be to all those who have contributed to it.

The following are among those who have already gone:—

North Fitzroy.—John Bell, Annie Sommerville, Prissie and Lily Prismall, Louis Jones, and Vergie Blunden.

Williamstown.—Amelia Hubbard, Lizzie White, and Percy Neale.

Armadale.—George Simpson.

Adelaide.—Edward Goodhart, Susie Gurner, Evelyn Gooding, and Hetty Newcombe.

Prahran.—G. W. Tadish.

Hawthorn.—Mr. Christiansen.

Brisbane.—Miss Edith Adcock.

We hear of two more who are going from Hobart; one or two from Adelaide, one at least from Toowoomba, and one we expect from Rockhampton. These, together with several whose names we do not know, are all boarding students, and besides these there are over twenty day students. We hope to be able to give the names of others in the next GLEANER.

The means required for sending a student has been raised in the several churches by members agreeing to give 6d. or 1/- per week during the school term of twenty weeks. At 6d. per week twenty-seven persons would raise enough to send a student. These litters have made up the valuable assistance which has been rendered to the school in its great need, and it has been an interesting and pleasant experience.

There is no doubt but our isolated brethren and sisters, and the small companies who are not able to

send a student alone, will be glad to have a share in this arrangement for assisting some of our young people. If the small companies will take right hold, and with the isolated ones send in what they can, the Conference will act promptly in selecting students who can use it. There may be some who have no children that they can send who would like to furnish the means for some young person who has no parents able to send him. Please think of these suggestions, and we urge you to act as quickly as possible.

Send all donations to the Australian Tract Society, 251 St. George's Road, North Fitzroy, Victoria.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE.

THE AVONDALE SCHOOL.

FROM a private letter just received from Bro. Haskell we are furnished with some interesting information with reference to the school.

"At present we have about forty-seven in the school including the primary division, and it is quite probable that there will be over fifty within a week or two. I think that before the term closes all our accommodation will be full, and there will be a demand before the next term for buildings twice the size. A place for meetings will also be necessary. Last Sabbath the room we met in was full.

"Prof. Lacey is conducting studies in physiology. Bro. Skinner, who has charge of the culinary department, is giving lessons on healthful cookery and kindred topics. Mrs. Haskell alternates with Bro. Skinner, taking up the same subjects from a Bible standpoint, and showing that true science is in harmony with the Scriptures. To give you an idea of the way in which these lessons are conducted, I will refer to this morning's lesson. It was on the honour of domestic work. The different methods of cooking in the Bible were presented; then those mentioned in the Bible who prepared food in this manner; then came other domestic work, and spiritual lessons were drawn from them all. Reference was made to the following texts: Ex. 16:23; Deut. 16:7; Lev. 7:12; John 21:9, 10; 1 Kings 19:6; Eze. 4:9; Gen. 25:29; Hosea 7:6, 8; 2 Kings 4:39; Ex. 19:10; 2 Kings 21:13; Lev. 6:28; Ps. 41:3; 2 Kings 4:8-10."

DURING the General Conference recently held, it was decided that the rapid growth of the work necessitated some changes in the organisation and supervision of the work. The General Conference has been divided into three Union Conferences. The Presidents of these Conferences were elected by the General Conference, and they with the Superintendents of the six American Districts and four other members form the General Conference Committee. The Presidents chosen were G. A. Irwin for the North American Union Conference, O. A. Olsen for the European Union Conference, and A. G. Daniells for the Australasian Union Conference.

OUR ISLAND MISSIONS.

Norfolk.—Sister S. T. Belden writes from Norfolk Island:—

"We are in usual health and of good courage in the Lord. We have very interesting meetings. All the church are pleased with the chapter study of the Bible. We are at present studying Hebrews. I wish I could report more progress in the way of additions to our numbers. The people read our papers. Some tell me they read every word. I hope they may feel the necessity of obedience. We hope before long to be holding our meetings in our new church, and perhaps then more will attend our services."

Fiji.—Bro. Cole of the Fijian mission writes: "We have our new houses almost finished, and it seems so nice to have homes of our own, and not have to pay rent. As we are now situated we are more among the natives, and we are thus able to practise what we are learning of the language. Our new boat will be finished before long, and it will be such a help to us. With it we will be able to visit some who are much interested in our work. Things seem to be opening up here. We are glad that the hot weather for this season is in the past. We are in usual health."

Cook Islands.—Bro. Rice, who is stationed at Rarotonga, one of the Cook Islands, writes that they are teaching in the public schools, with an enrolment of about one hundred. He speaks of a translator from there who has lately taken her stand for the truth, and expects soon to make a visit to New Zealand and perhaps Australia.

Samoa.—Miss Emily McCoy, one of the nurses in the Samoan mission, writes: "I am glad to tell you that we have made a start in learning the Samoan language. Our teacher is a half-caste. He is well educated in the English language, and speaks German and French fluently, besides his own language, the Samoan, so you see he is quite a linguist. He gives two lessons a week free of charge. I trust that the Lord will help us in our endeavour to learn the language, so we can speak to the people of His love. We are now living in our new mission, and although it is still unfinished it is far more comfortable than where we were.

"The doctor's office, pharmacy, treatment rooms, parlours, two bedrooms, and kitchen are on the ground floor. Four bedrooms and a ward for patients upstairs. We have water running from tanks by means of pipes into the bath rooms and kitchen. Across the street we have a little house where the Samoan patients stay. At present we have three surgical patients, and three in native homes near by. One of our patients is the king's brother-in-law. At present there is considerable sickness among the European residents of Apia."

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CANVASSING WORK.

April, 1897.

AGENT AND TERRITORY	DAYS.	HOURS.	Can.	ORD.	M.	L.	C. G.	C. M.	C. P.	HELPS	TOTAL VALUE.
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS—											
Downs, Mr. J. B. Riddells Creek, Vic. ...	6	42	90	13	1	2	8	2	—	£1 11 0	£10 1 0
Mills, Mr P.W. ... Armidale, N. S. W. ...	8	60	58	9	3	—	1	3	—	19 6	7 12 0
Oliver, Miss. L. ... Launceston, Tas. ...	13	93	131	6	—	—	2	4	—	1 16 0	5 1 0
Gill, Miss. M. ... Launceston, Tas. ...	13	93	123	7	—	—	5	2	—	1 11 0	5 13 6
Carswell, Mr. W. R. Toowoomba, Q. ...	9	59	82	10	—	3	7	—	—	2 4 6	8 17 0
BIBLE READINGS.—											
Chapman, Mr. T. A. Tenterfield, N. S. W. ...	6	44	65	19	—	4	1	7	7	—	8 14 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	1 18 6
Adcock Miss E. ... Brisbane, Q. ...	5	27	34	11	1	1	3	5	1	10 6	6 17 6
Reekie, Mr. P. ... Warwick, Q. ...	7	40	44	5	—	2	1	2	—	7 0	3 9 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7	—	2 5 6
GREAT CONTROVERSY—											
Masters, Mr. F. ... Albany, W. A. ...	2	14	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	3 10 0
LADIES' GUIDE.—											
Gooding, Mrs. C., ... Balaclava, S. A. ...	7	41	42	7	—	3	—	4	—	13 6	7 6 6
Gregg, Mrs. M. A., ... Newcastle, N. S. W. ...	18	99	149	45	3	12	—	30	—	3 1 0	46 0 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 15 0
Hewitt, Mrs. A. J. ... Grandchester, Q. ...	12	60	71	47	4	13	—	30	—	4 0 0	49 8 0
Hewitt, Mr. J. ... Grandchester, Q. ...	7	33	24	7	—	4	—	3	—	1 9 0	8 5 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	2 0 0
Mosedale, Mrs. ... Balaclava, S. A. ...	5	27	29	9	1	—	—	8	—	4 0	8 11 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1 7 6
Johanson, Mr. J. ... Donnybrook, W. A. ...	3	18	—	15	2	3	—	10	—	—	14 13 0
Ackary, Miss A. ... Ayr, Q. ...	3	30	15	5	2	—	—	3	—	—	6 5 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	1 10 0
H. H. BOOK.—											
Mackenzie, Mr. A. G., ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	3	20	18	3	—	—	—	3	—	11 0	4 13 6
Davis, Mr. N. A. ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	17	112	—	39	—	1	—	38	—	—	54 0 0
Davis, Mrs. N. A. ... Ballarat, Vic. ...	16	72	—	32	—	2	—	30	—	—	44 15 0
Currow, Mr. A. ... Rockhampton, Q. ...	7	49	36	12	—	7	—	5	—	9 0	19 10 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	7	—	3	—	4	—	—	6 13 6
Hindson, Mr. J. ... Dongarra, W. A. ...	5	49	—	18	6	6	—	6	—	12 0	35 17 0
Other Books ...	—	—	—	10	9	—	—	1	—	—	9 12 6
Diverall, Mr. J. C. ... Beechworth, Vic. ...	16	134	80	11	1	1	—	9	—	1 5 0	18 2 6
Other Books ...	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	2 2 0
SUNBEAMS.—											
Stoate, Mr. R. J. ... Bendigo, Vic. ...	13	102	213	22	—	—	10	12	—	2 10 0	14 15 0
Totals	201	1318	1304	393	33	71	48	226	15	£23 14 0	£421 3 6

BIBLE ECHO SALES during April, 1897.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.	ECHOES.	UNORGANISED COMPANIES	ECHOES.
Adelaide	146	2,695	Brought forward	10,881
Ashfield	66	268	Bendigo	60
Avondale	50	232	Brisbane	548
Ballarat	50	252	Charters Towers	96
Bismarck	56	48	Croydon	120
Brighton	20	96	Geelong	288
Broken Hill	11	624	Goulburn	60
Hawthorn	50	183	Ipswich	60
Hobart	96	579	Kalgoorlie	96
Kellyville	16	60	Kangarilla	36
Latrobe	10	24	Kadina	160
Melbourne	214	836	Launceston	92
Malvern	24	96	Townsville	68
Parramatta	70	1,197	Traralgon	72
Perth	29	620	Zeehan	144
Prahran	52	660	New Zealand	6,753
Prospect	12	48	Miscellaneous	2,374
Rockhampton	63	360		
Sydney	84	1488		
Toowoomba	28	208		
Williamstown	58	309		
Carried forward		10,881		22,408

NOTES.

THE Broken Hill company sends in a donation of £4, with the explanation that it was raised by special effort, and is to be used in the work where it is the most needed.

WE have been pleased to receive an application from Bro. E. A. Hoskins to re-enter the canvassing work. He will commence with "Bible Readings" at Goulburn, N. S. W., early in June.

BROTHER BLUNDEN, of North Fitzroy, has also made application to enter the canvassing field. He will shortly proceed to Colac with medical works. We believe that success will attend his efforts.

PROFESSOR W. W. PRESCOTT was requested by the late General Conference to make Great Britain his field of labour. He and his family sailed from New York for London April 7th.

IN accordance with the decision of the General Conference, Elder O. A. Olsen has left America for England. After staying a short time he will pay a visit to South Africa to assist in the work there.

BROTHER AND SISTER BLUNDEN, of the North Fitzroy Church, have been working with the *Southern Sentinel* among the business men of Melbourne and suburbs. Success has attended their efforts, and they have together sold over 1300 copies.

BRO. T. A. CHAPMAN has now reached Stanthorpe, Queensland, and will soon be joined by Bro. Philip Reekie. Our prayers will follow these brethren in their efforts to place "Bible Readings" among the farmers of Southern Queensland.

AFTER making a successful canvass in and around Bowen, Queensland, for "Ladies' Guide," Sister Ackary has gone to Charters Towers, where she will work for "Sunshine at Home." We wish her much success in her distant field.

AFTER reaching Queensland, Bro. Mackenzie and Brethren Currow were taken down with fever, but we are pleased to learn that they have now recovered and are able to resume work. They have made a good start with "Home Hand-Book" in Mount Morgan.

BRETHREN DANIELLS AND PALMER left Melbourne, Wednesday, the 19th inst., for Sydney. Bro. Baker, President of the New South Wales Conference, arranged for a general meeting to be held in the

Ashfield church on Sunday afternoon, May 23. A hall was secured for a public meeting in the evening of the same day, and it was announced that Pastor Daniells would speak on "The Recognition of God in the Constitution."

IT is expected that Professor Hughes and wife, who are coming from America to connect with the Avondale School, will arrive on the *Monowai* May 24. Brethren Daniells and Palmer will proceed with them to Coorambong and remain there a few days in the interests of the school work.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE have now received all the numbers of the *General Conference Bulletin* that were published during the Conference. Its pages are full of instruction of the deepest interest and of the utmost importance to our people at this time. The addresses on the Spirit of Prophecy, and the Science of Salvation, by A. T. Jones; the Studies on the Book of Hebrews, by Dr. Waggoner; and the sermons by G. E. Fifield, are meat in due season. Professor Prescott's talks on True Education, and the reports from our various schools of the work done and the plans followed during the last two years, are of especial interest to teachers and students. There are interesting reports from the Superintendents of Districts, which relate the progress and development of the work in its various branches in their fields. There are papers containing much useful information on Sabbath-school work and how to deal with the children and youth. And no one can read Dr. Kellogg's talks on God in Nature, God in Man, and Christian Help Work, without having his heart thrilled with a deeper love for God and a greater desire to serve Him.

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