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“Sunnyside: Cooranbong, N.S.W. June 17, '98  
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Dear Brethren: --

Mother has instructed me to send you a copy of this appeal to our ministers, that you may study it, and let you co-laborers study it, and, if you wish, make copies to place in the hands of ministers laboring within your sphere of influence. Mother thinks that she may decide to publish this soon, but as it is a matter of importance, and as some may give more heed to it if they receive it personally a MS copy, we suggest to you the propriety of having the copies made and sent at once to those whom it may benefit. We are sending copies this morning to Brn. G.A. Irwin, C.H. Jones, R.A. Underwood, and J.J. Kellogg.

Please do not allow this to lie idle. Put it to the best possible use, and may the Lord bless its truth to many hearts.

Yours very truly,  
W.C. White

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“Sunnyside,” Cooranbong, N.S.W. June 17, 1898

Dear Brethren, --

Mother has instructed me to send to you the following appeal to our brethren in Battle Creek, and we pray that the Lord will give you wisdom in its study and its use. We are sending copies to the clerk of the Battle Creek church, to Eld. A.T. Jones, to Dr. J.H. Kellogg, and to C.H. Jones, and we suggest that each one who receives it shall make such plans for its use as will make it of the greatest benefit to those within his sphere of influence. Many of the facts and all of the principles apply in a large degree to our larger churches, in Oakland, and other places.

It is possible that mother may decide to publish a portion of this in Testimony 34, which she soon expects to issue, but this will not prevent you from making any present use of it that you may see fit.

Praying that the Lord's blessing may rest upon this appeal, I am,

Yours very truly,

W.C. White

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[4A-WCW024]

“Sunnyside,” Cooranbong, N.S.W. June 17, 1898

To the Clerk of the Battle Creek Church

Dear Brother, --

With this mother is sending to you a letter to the Battle Creek church which she desires that you shall read to them very soon at a suitable meeting. I would suggest that it be read on Sabbath afternoon in the Tabernacle. If there is an opportunity to do so without delaying its presentation to the church, it would be well to read it first at your weekly officer's meeting.

Copies of this letter have been sent to Brn. G.A. Irwin, C.H. Jones, and J.H. Kellogg, and we suggest that they use the truths and the principles brought out in this letter for the best interests of the cause where they are working.

With many prayers that the Lord's blessing may rest upon those who hear this letter, I am,

Yours very truly,  
W.C. White

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Extracts From Letters from Mrs. Burden to Mrs. E.G.W.  
Sydney, Australia, June, 1902

Our vegetarian restaurant in Sydney is more prosperous than we even dared to hope. We could start only in a very small way. The first day of our opening we fed twenty-five people, and in three weeks the number had increased to 105. We were astonished and delighted. Our patronage continued to increase until it reached an average of about 125 daily. We serve dinner and supper but no breakfast. There is not a demand for breakfast, as most of the clerks and business men eat at home in the mornings. We close Friday and do not open again until Monday morning. We shall open on Sunday later on. It is a small beginning, but it has been very encouraging to see how the Lord has blessed our efforts and given us the hearts of the people. People came from all classes, and especially the better classes, to enquire into our work. This is paving the way for the Sanitarium when it shall open. Already we have sent some fifteen patients to the Avondale Health Retreat from our store.

Almost from the first we felt that our quarters were too small. At times there were ten or twelve standing at the counter waiting for chairs to be vacated, and daily people were compelled to go away for lack of room. It had taken all we could rake and scrape to fit up our present quarters, and we dared not think of [several words missing] launching out without further prospects of money.

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In a time of great need financial help came to us from our friends in America. What joy and delight this gave us as we saw the clouds lift! We had a praise meeting out in the kitchen. Cook, waiters, and all joined in it with a will. We can only thank you and the dear Lord who gives us these opportunities for helping in His work.

Next door to us was a room that had been used as a meat restaurant but had recently been closed out. We felt that the Lord was opening the way for us and as soon as the money came we decided to rent it. It is exactly the same size as our first room, and when it is fitted up, we shall be well equipped for our work. The preparation of the building has hindered us greatly, but we hope to be in perfect order by the middle of June. We shall then have a nice double dining room, a large serving room, (made by throwing the rooms of both buildings into one), two fairly comfortable kitchens, -- one for baking, and the other for the rest of the cooking.

On the floor above there will be two sets of bath rooms, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen. The electric bath is situated between two buildings so that it can be used from either set of treatment rooms. We also have sleeping rooms for all the workers except Mr. Burden and myself. We stay at the restaurant during the week, and go home to the Wahroonga Sanitarium on Friday afternoons. For a bed we have a spring hinged to the wall of our little business office. This we fold back in the day time and put a curtain over it so that it does not have the appearance of a bedroom.

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We are putting in a miniature dryer in which we can dry all our table linens, thus saving the expense of putting it out to the laundry. The girls take turns in washing and ironing it.

We shall send you a photo of the restaurant as soon as we can get one after it is fitted up. It would do your heart good to see the people who come to us. Before we got the second room, we could not squeeze through the room with our trays for about an hour every day. Many of the people would not be turned away. Some times the store would be lined with a string of men and women waiting for their turn to get a chair. Some men of business come to us in preference to any other place, even hiring a cab to and from the place because it is so far from their business. "The very cream of the city", every one says who sees the people when the dining room is full.

We are planning to have one of the Drs. Kress give lectures in the dining room once or twice a week. They are working hard to get ready some health pamphlets to hand out before they begin. We are organizing a health association that will open the way for all who love the principles of reform to stand with us. Mr. Burden is also planning to start a cheap eating place for those who are not so high in the ranks of the social world, -- a place neat and clean, where good, wholesome food will be served, but where it can be served from a counter with stools in front. Thus the poor will reap the benefit of our good diet (as well as those who can pay more).

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What the work needs most of all is the help of men and women who will give themselves to such work for the love of the principles. We can find dozens who want a job, and as long as the pay is for those coming at the end of the week, it is very good; but those who will go in and sacrifice in helping to build up the work are not quite so plentiful. If this need could be supplied, it would not be many months before the cities of Australia would be dotted with food stores, vegetarian restaurants, and places where the poor could hear the gospel and get a meal too. The people of the world are all ready for this work, but who to put into such places is a problem that continually confronts us. Still the Lord is not puzzled, and he will open the way. As I count and recount the marvelous things that have occurred in connection with our work here, I am astonished. Ways and means have been given us just at the critical moment. When the day before all seemed an utter impossibility. Thus to see the Lord work ought to make one very humble. I trust that it may ever have that effect upon those of us who are working here.

On account of severe drought, times are very hard. Everything is very expensive. Wheat and feed of all kinds are constantly on the rise. There is a heavy duty on raw nuts. The tariff is most unreasonable. In spite of all these facts, the treatment rooms took in last month about \$65. The restaurant has taken over \$400. We

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should have done well had it not been for the heavy rents. As it is we have just about made all expenses. We feel that this was good to begin with, but most of all we are thankful for the good influence it is having, and our constant opportunity to enlighten the people in reference to the true gospel principles.

The little Retreat at Cooranbong is crowded with patients. It seems to be doing a good work among the people in that vicinity. It is a good omen for our future work. I expect soon to see our large Sanitarium building as full as that one is. Dr. Lauratta Kress

is working hard. I do not see how she keeps up under the continual strain of work. Sister Irwin's help is also greatly appreciated.

The work on the Wahroonga Sanitarium is advancing rapidly since we received the donation on the Foreign Mission Board. The building is all plastered and the verandahs almost finished. By the time you get this letter the floors will be all laid. When we received word that \$5000 was coming from the Foreign Mission Board, we held a council as to how we should use it, and it was unanimously voted to put up our treatment rooms at once and use the rest in finishing the building. The self-sacrificing way in which the workers at Battle Creek are laboring is having a good influence on the brethren here. To make the money go as far as possible, we called for donations of labor. At Avondale the people donated 35

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weeks of labor. We now have 42 weeks in and promised. In this way we hope to make the money stretch a long way. We have made appeals to our sisters throughout the colonies for linen and all sorts to furnish the building. They are responding nobly. I am pleased to see the kindly interest taken in this work. We think the sanitarium will be ready to open by some time in September.

We all keep well, but are worn down with anxiety and hard work. The dear Lord has certainly sustained us. We cannot express our gratitude for the help we have received. It has sent through the workers a thrill of joy and courage which you cannot appreciate. It is like when a team is pulling all they can to start a load and yet it sticks, someone takes hold and lifts. When they begin to feel it move, how they will buckle in anew. Praise the Lord for His goodness. It is good to trust in Him.

[4A-WCW135]

Sanitarium, Nana Co., California  
July 8, 1902

Editor "Pacific Union Recorder"  
1059 Castro St.,  
Oakland, Cal

Dear Brother, --

I am enclosing in this extracts from letters received by Sr. White from Sr. Burden, of Sydney, Australia. These items concerning the work have been of great interest to us, and we thought they would be to many of the readers of the "Recorder". If your columns are already full, so that you will not be able to use this matter soon, kindly return it as Bro. White would like to circulate it among some of the brethren.

Wishing you prosperity and much of the blessing of the Lord in your line of the work, I am,

Yours faithfully,  
Sarah E. Peck

(for W.C. White)

[4A-WCW136]

Extracts from a letter written by G.B. Starr to G.A. Irwin  
Australia  
Ballarat West, Victoria  
May 11, 1902

“In our labors here in Ballarat, it seemed clear to us that we should all work with the church to help them, and at the same time to meet the people with the “Good Health”, and later it seemed clear that we should all take hold of the sale of “Christ’s Object Lessons”. The more I studied the little testimony on the “Relief of the Schools”, the more I saw that this was God’s plan to help the churches, to infuse new life into them, and as they gave themselves to this work, were they preparing the way for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit in a larger measure. So we want to work, and in the face of the most general and persistent cry of “Hard times”, “Mines shut down”, and “No business” that I have ever heard, God has helped us. I knew I must get an experience for myself or I could help no one else. So with feelings just as Sr. Farnsworth so fully explained in the “Record” I plodded down Sturt Street and Bridge street, and though I have felt distrustful and weak, God has never let me go out a single day, even for only two or three hours, without selling from two to three books. I have now a list of over fifty, and only about half through the business portion of these two streets. Have sold to all classes, and have met some of the nicest people I ever saw in my life, and found some very interesting [several words missing] dentists and others.

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A catholic, a manager in one of the large shoe-shops, after listening to the plan and description of the book, asked: “What do you do with Catholics?” “Oh,” I replied, “we treat them just as well as anyone else, and sell them the book at the same price. He laughed and said, “Well, you may bring me one. I like your plan and I like the ring of the book, and expect to enjoy reading it.”

For weeks I have felt anxious to get the book into the hands of one of the merchants on Sturt Street, with whom I had formed a pleasant acquaintance, but we kept postponing canvassing him, until I had more experience, for fear of losing his order; but all the time kept praying the Lord to open the way and let me meet him at just the right time. On Thursday last I stepped into his shop. His son said he was in the back room and that he would call him, but I did not think best to have him do this, so asked the privilege of leaving my black box with four copies of C.O.L. in it, promising to call toward six on my way home; which I did, having worked hard to get two orders in two hours. When I returned the man himself was in the front store, and went at once to get my bag. I thanked him and told I wanted to tell him about a plan we had to raise 5,000 pounds without begging. He listened very attentively to the plan and the canvass for the book, and said, “O, yes, you may bring me one. I like the book.” And his nephew,

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a clerk with him, said, “You may bring me one also.” Of course I was pleased at selling two so quickly, but noticed that the gentleman looked rather pleased about something. So he said, “Mr. Starr, I will have to own right up that I have been reading your book for the last two hours nearly. When I was in the rear room, my son came and set your box down

close to me without any word of explanation. Not knowing what it was or whose I felt sufficiently curious to open it, and seeing it contained only copies of new books, saw that it was nothing private or personal, and so had a look at one, and became very much interested in it, and know that what you say about its being a good book is so, and feel sure we shall like it.” Thus you see how God worked in a manner utterly impossible to have been planned by man.

I am sure God is in the sale of this book, and in the plan to get all our people, ministers, workers and all, to gain in experience in the sale of it. I am sorry I have been so slow to take hold of it. God has blessed me in it. It seems to me that he is intending to teach his people new methods of working, and to teach them a new language with which to come to the people. You know what I mean; each truth has a vocabulary of its own, by means of which it is carried to the people. The Sabbath truth, the coming of Christ, the state of the dead, and righteousness by faith, all have their peculiar wording, argument, and manner with them, and

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it seems to me we need to learn more of the methods and manner and words of Jesus, before we are filled with the Spirit of Power to be sent to the people to witness as we should for Him. But thanks be to God, it seems to me that as our whole denomination read and re-read portions of this blessed book to their neighbors, in order to persuade them to read and purchase the book, and as they re-read it entire many times over to familiarize themselves with its contents, that so we are going to become acquainted with the most precious things in the ministry of Jesus, and so the Spirit of God can inspire us to give to the people who heard Him. In view of this there should be no superficial learning of the canvas for the book, but a steady weaving of the entire book into each person handling it. I see more and more in God’s plan as I try to work it out. The book will remove prejudice, and if in its sale our people gain a new experience so as to be fitted to hold the confidence gained, a blessed ministry must follow.

Another point in the canvas for C.O.L. that is impressing me is that through this God is drilling us in unquestioning and implicit and prompt obedience in all His directions. As He led the children of Israel to camp here and there as the Pillar of cloud or fire moved, by night or by day, and do it without questioning the Wisdom of God. To pitch at this mountain or that plain, or compass Jericho seven times, and do just that one thing and do it all together, and with all their powers. His Kingdom ruleth over all, and when we learn to hearken to the voice of His word, and do His commandments, it seems as if we would be better fitted for [rest of sentence missing].

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Extracts from private letters concerning the Avondale School

Nov. 1, 1901

“We are keeping nearly twenty young people this summer, and are working the farm for all that it is worth. Bro. Hughes and wife have been employed to give their whole time to directing this work during the summer. We are endeavoring to raise nearly everything we shall need to eat during the coming year. Two acres of tomatoes are set out, and we hope not only to be able to can enough for ourselves, but at least for the market near by. The vineyard is receiving special attention, and the prospect is that we shall have quite a crop of grapes this year. Bro. Carr, one of our students, has been devoting his attention to the orchard this spring, and prospects are good for a crop of all kinds of fruit. The boys are putting in good work at clearing, and I hope we shall be able in a few months to begin to clear the land on both sides of the road to the Health Retreat as the Testimonies direct. We are planning with Bro. Chapman to bring students in contact with the “Press” as never before. We expect to give them regular instruction in this line during the coming year.

The Health Food business is thriving, and it will soon need to employ additional help. Students will as far as possible be used in this work. We are planning to teach thoroughly the subject of cooking for the coming year. I have just cabled to America [p.141]

to get a good steel range so that we may have the very best equipment for our dining department in order that Miss Whittenberg may have a liberal share of her time to devote to teaching the principles of cooking. The sewing department will be conducted as usual in order that the young ladies may have an opportunity to learn how to prepare their own clothing. We hope to make this work more educational next year. This past year it was oh too much of a commercial basis, and as a result the teacher did not have much time to devote to teaching, and this had to be turned over to some one else.

Mrs. Dr. Kress will instruct in the school next year as she has done the latter part of this year, in the line of advanced physiology and nursing. In this way there will be the closest harmony among all the institutions located in Avondale. I have never before worked in a place where there seems to be such harmony among the institutions as here, and this is as it should be. All these institutions are presented on the School Board or Faculty in one way or another.

Over 1000 pounds sterling have either been pledged or paid in up to date on the material find of C.O.L. This will pay for 20,000 books at a shilling each, if the Echo will publish them for that. We hope the books will soon be ready for circulation.

C.W. Irwin

[4A-WCW142]

Nov. 3, 1901

“The school farm is in quite good condition now. We have replaced all missing trees in the orchard with apple and pear trees. The apple and pear trees are doing very well indeed. We shall have quite a showing of apples this year if nothing disturbs them. At present the flying foxes are destroying the peaches. If they continue to work much longer, we shall have none left. The plum trees have very little fruit this year.

We have bought a two-horse orchard cultivator; have not paid for it yet, I am sorry to say. At the same time we bought an American lister, double board plough. Our farm looks very well at the present time. This past year there was a gain of over 43 pounds on the farm, about 64 pounds on the apiary, and 58 pounds on the dairy. The school itself had a profit of nearly 200 pounds. We were owing a great many debts at the beginning of the year which took most of this profit, but there will be enough left to help quite appreciably toward the summer's expenses.

(signed) C.B. Hughes

Nov. 24, 1901

Since I last wrote you the weather has been all that could be desired. We have had an abundance of rain, and everything looks nice. Our pasture is unusually good, and the cows are in fine condition. The young heifers that Bro. Palmer saved are looking very beautiful now. Our corn looks better. I think than it did last

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year. We have about three acres more than we planted last year. We have planted about an acre of lima beans, and two of the navy beans. We have about two-thirds of the campus planted in tomatoes, and the rest in sweet potatoes. We are going to can some of the tomatoes in tins by way of experiment. Our new ground, about four acres, is mostly planted in pumpkins and melons. We are making three plantings of melons to have them in succession. We have planted largely of sweet corn this year. We shall plant at four different times so as to have it for a long time. We have an abundance of smaller garden stuff. We had a great deal of difficulty with the potato fly. It attacks not only the potatoes, but greatly injured the rhubarb, and ate up all our first planting of beets, carrots, and parsnips. I think they will let the second planting live. The blackberries are turning red now. They give a promise of a good crop this year. The vineyard has been trellised. There will be some grapes this year, but I think a great many of the vines will have to be replaced with the Isabellas. The coast climate does not suit some of the varieties. The flying foxes are still troubling our orchard. They have begun on the apples. If they continue long they will not leave much fruit. I wish you could see the apple and pear trees now. They have done the best of any trees in the orchard. The fruit expert, Mr. Allen, visited us not long ago, and he advised us to grow them more largely than any other fruit. Some of the pear trees are bearing this year.

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We have already put some six tons of hay in the barn, and have a large number of acres more to cut. We have some hay and a large amount of fodder left over from last

year, and we shall have considerable corn left. We have had very few swarms of bees this spring, and have not taken very much honey.

Bro. Farnsworth and G.A. Irwin have gone to New England to the camp-meeting. They have taken with them the first 500 of Christ's Object lessons, and will begin the sale of the book in New Zealand, taking it up in Australia afterwards. I believe the Echo people expect to publish the book now at the rate of about 500 a week.

I think I have not told you that the hares are getting to be a nuisance now. We cannot grow any carnation pinks in our garden on account of them. Last year they troubled our French beans but did not touch the limas. We had to paint all our young trees with a preparation to keep the hares from annoying them. I presume the school will have to fence them out in time.

(signed) C.B. Hughes

At the opening of the year we organized our Industrial work very carefully, placing the different departments in the hands of teachers and students, holding them responsible. In this way much more can be accomplished than for every one to report for the day to one person. Each foreman and department in this

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way take pride in doing their work well. Bro. Paap has charge of the clearing gang, and you would hardly know the premises. All the stumps and logs and dead trees between the Principal's cottage and the church have been cleared out, and much of the land cleared and ready for cultivation.

Bro. Hughes looks after the apiary, and we have about 5000 pounds of honey on hand, which is selling quite readily now. Bro. Carr, one of our students, looks after the farm and garden, and he is proving to be very efficient. We are endeavoring to raise more of the things that we need in our boarding department, and have been quite successful in this matter. We have raised a great many beans of all kinds, and sweet corn which we have dried to the amount of several bushels. We put up about 500 quarts of tomatoes as a starter and hope to give it much attention next year.

(signed) C.W. Irwin

May 11, 1902

We are still having nice rains. It is a great encouragement to us to have so much rain. The well that we dug near the barn held out during our dry spell, and the water kept sweet.

Our school flower garden furnishes quantities of the finest roses now. Our chrysanthemums are at their best.

Our school expects to spend a week canvassing for Christ's Object Lessons. Bro. Hare is busy building the school launch. It is 27 feet long and 7 feet beam. Engine is 2 ½ horse power.

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I was glad to hear from Bro. Palmer that the school seats had been shipped. What the brethren in America have done lately for the work here has wonderfully encouraged the brethren. They are using it as a means to incite the brethren here to make a supreme effort to aid the work.

Our school is doing excellent work. We have a very nice class of students this year.

(signed) C.B. Hughes

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Sanitarium, Napa Co., California., U.S.A.  
July 10, 1902

W.S. Hyatt  
28 a Rosland St.  
Cape Town, S.A.

Dear Brother Hyatt, --

Bro. W.C. White has requested me to send the enclosures to some one in Africa who will make good use of them, and also write a few lines to accompany them.

The enclosures are letters from those who are having precious experiences in selling the book, Christ's Object Lessons. Hundreds of others are having similar experiences. As we read these letters, we felt sure that they would be an encouragement to others in this work, so have had some copies taken to send out. I do not know who bears the special burden of this work in South Africa, but thought you would feel as deep an interest in it as any one. We trust they may be a help to you in influencing some to consecrate themselves to the work of God, and do their share in lifting the burden of debt from our schools, that they may finally have a part in the great reward.

We always read with deep interest reports of the progress of the cause in South Africa. The enemy has done much to thwart the divine purpose in that field, but God still lives and His truth will triumph soon. We do not forget the work or the workers in that difficult field, and pray that God will sustain them and give them such a measure of success as will glorify Him.

Faithfully yours,  
Sarah E. Peck

This is the last entry in the book.