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THE AVONDALE SCHOOL IN 1903

Beautiful Harvests in Time of Drought

In an appeal for help, A.G. Daniells wrote:

"Eighteen years ago Brethren Haskell, Corliss, and Israel, with their families and a few other workers, pioneered Australasia. They encountered great obstacles, but in the name of the Lord they conquered. They saw many precious souls accept this truth. The work these pioneers began in that country has never moved backward. It is a living, growing movement today. But it still needs help from the home field, and on the fourth of July we shall all have the privilege of extending that help.

Let us remember that Australasia is separated from other continents by thousands of miles of water, which makes it absolutely necessary to have complete organizations and institutions. They must manage and develop the work themselves. This has made it necessary to establish in a few short years in that country what we were many years in developing in America. To my knowledge our brethren in Australasia have paid at least ten thousand dollars in traveling expenses alone, to place their children in our American institutions to give them training for the work they were called to do. But even at this great expense, only a very few of the young people could secure the training required, until we established schools, printing plants, and sanitariums in that country.

Let us remember all their needs as we make our fourth-of-July offering. The Lord's good hand is surely over the work there. During the long, terrible drought that has devastated

Australasia, our school at Avondale has been spared. A letter recently received from Brother E.W. Farnsworth, contains this statement: "Our school is of the Lord. We have bountiful harvests of all kinds right in the midst of the most distressing drought you ever conceived of, a little green oasis in a vast stretch of desert extending for hundreds of miles, the only green spot, in New South Wales, as the Sydney Telegraph said."

Not once since this school has been established have the crops failed. God has shown that He is still able to spread a table in the wilderness. And yet for our good He calls upon His people in America to aid His needy cause there. This will unite our hearts and interests as they could not be united in any other way. Pledges will be received from those who are not able to do all they desire now. These can be redeemed later.

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