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The Church and Public Affairs.

THE church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual institution. It is in the world, but not of it. Considerable harm has been wrought because of forgetfulness of this primary truth.

Everyone will recognise that it is the church's task to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, to bring men to faith and repentance, and to enunciate to the world the great principles of holy living which should operate in every department—moral, social, political and religious. There is thus no part of life which is not, in a true sense, within the scope of the church's activity. But the church, as such, should not seek to meddle with the secular aspects of life or to interfere in questions of party politics.

Truth lies between extremes. At one extreme we have the example of the Roman Catholic church which through the ages has obtruded itself into political life. In our own land we have seen the willingness of the Roman Catholic church to ally itself with a political party and to depart from the exercise of spiritual functions. At the other extreme we have a body of believers who so interpret the statements that the church is not of this world, and that their citizenship is in heaven, that the individual Christians will not exercise the rights and duties of earthly citizenship. So if ever they themselves or their fellows are to be freed from the evil results of gambling, drink, or impurity, it must be by the votes of others! They will not interfere with politics.

Readers of the "Christian" will not doubt the right of Christians or gatherings of Christians to deal with questions relating to religion and morals. When such subjects as social morality, gambling, and the drink evil are concerned, we do not withhold a pronouncement merely because there are political as well as moral aspects of these questions. We have supported the campaign for no-license, and have joined with other believers in opposing the introduction of the totalisator, which, alas, seems to be about to be adopted by our Victorian legislators.

Again, we all agree that Christians have their duties and privileges as citizens. As

a citizen, any Christian has the right to take his part in the discussion and settlement of questions of the day. A Christian will naturally be interested in public, even party, questions; he will vote for and advocate a labor government or for nationalism, or for country party, or for any other party, as he decides to be good; and his advocacy does not in the least affect his church standing. The church, as a church, however, does not deal with such questions.

We are aware that occasionally there will be legitimate difference of opinion as to the true position to occupy between the extremes mentioned. Good Christian men can differ as to when a question comes within or falls without the class of subjects regarding which the church as such should speak.

During the past week we have had two remarkable instances of how not to do it, extraordinary examples of a willingness to obtain church interference in matters outside of its legitimate sphere. One of the instances was found in Melbourne. At the Anglican Synod a number of important public questions were discussed. Some members wished to add to the list, and a motion protesting against the proposal to

appoint an Australian as Governor-General was actually tabled and debated. The majority, fortunately, took the view that a matter of this kind should not have been introduced. An amendment that the motion be disregarded, synod being no place to discuss the matter, was agreed to by 74 votes to 25. So commonsense won.

The second, and more remarkable, of the cases is reported from Malta, where there has been much ecclesiastical ferment for some time. The governor (a Roman Catholic) has displeased the hierarchy. The government and Constitutional Party has thus come under the priestly ban. It was announced last week that those voting for the Constitutional Party will be deemed to have committed a mortal sin! We have before this been amazed and amused by the manufacture of new sins, but this last one is more than usually interesting. One might well say, The farce of it all! But there is a serious side to the matter. We can see what the domination of Rome in any country might produce. The pretensions of the Romish church are bad enough in our own land; how little freedom we should possess if she had a power harmonious with her claims and desires!

The use of ecclesiastical bogies to scare the simple-minded into a desired course of conduct is not new. Rome boasts that she changes not. Students of the Reformation history may recall the incident recorded by Prof. T. M. Lindsay. It was the enormity of the Romish indulgence, with its licensed sale of pardon tickets, which roused Luther to action. There were, however, some sins beyond the power of an indulgence to remove. These included crimes against the person of the pope, murder of bishops, forging of apostolic letters, and the importation of alum from heathen countries into Europe! The reason was that alum had been found in the papal dominions—an effective tariff or anti-dumping law would fill the sacred coffers! So to import alum was a sin beyond the reach of the indulgence. Is the thing too foolish for credit? Are such follies but relics of the past? Ere we reply, let us consider the present making in Malta of the casting of an honest vote a mortal

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sin. There is great need for vigilance, and for an appreciation of our heritage and of the freedom which we have in Christ Jesus. Let us not be entangled in any yoke of ecclesiastical bondage. Nor let us imitate the actions of any who would bring down the church from the high level of a spiritual institution or turn it aside from its legitimate business.

Woman the Natural Guardian of Youth.

Mrs. T. H. Scambler,

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In recent years women have entered many fields where their right has been at first disputed. Medicine, law, politics and business have all been invaded by women.

One sphere, from time immemorial, has been peculiarly her own. As bearers of the race woman has been recognised as the natural guardian of the physical welfare of the young. Even the civil law, which has not always been just to woman, acknowledges that young children should be under the care of the mother unless she proves herself unfit for such responsibility.

And woman has freely accepted the task. The physical weakness and helplessness of very young children appeal to her sympathy and protecting care.

Responsibility for the moral welfare of children, even her own, has not always been so keenly felt. Yet there has been no more potent force in the development of character than the love and helpful influence of mothers. The debt which good men owe to their mothers was strikingly expressed by Paul to Timothy when he said, "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice." Paul apparently looked on the unfeigned faith which he commended in Timothy as a kind of heirloom of his family, and it was one that might well be treasured.

Abraham Lincoln said: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother." Edison, the great inventor, testified: "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt I had something to live for, someone I must not disappoint." Artists, poets, dramatists, orators, rulers, vie with one another in paying glowing tributes to mothers. From an old English drama we cull the following lines:

"The mother, in her office, holds the key
Of the soul, and she it is who stamps the coin
Of character, and makes the being who would
be a savage

But for her gentle cares, a Christian man—
Then crown her queen of the world."

George MacDonald said that a woman who is a mother only to her own children is not a mother, but only a woman who has borne children. One of the great needs of the hour is that mothers should have what someone terms the vicarious mother-heart, and care how it fares with all other children as well as her own. Many childless wives and unmarried women are true mothers at heart. We see illustrations of this in the

way they devote themselves to such children's welfare enterprises as a pure milk supply, free kindergartens, hospitals, creches and holiday homes.

But there is a wider and even more important influence that women exert, and it has to do with moral and social standards. Many people to-day deplore the laxity of manners and morals among certain types of young people. If we trace causes and effects we must realise that women are largely responsible for the standards that are accepted. Ruskin said: "The soul's armour is never well set to the heart unless a woman's hand has braced it; and it is only when she braces it loosely that the honor of

manhood fails." No doubt fashions change in manners as in other things, but the fundamental principles of good conduct must not be lowered.

Tennyson, speaking of woman, says it is hers to

"Teach high thoughts and amiable words,
And courtliness and the desire of fame,
And love of truth and all that makes a man."

It is not for woman to "cheapen Paradise." It is for her to reconstruct Paradise here—to make a better world for men and women to live in, and a lovelier and more sympathetic environment for the young, whose developing natures call for her unselfish and enlightened care.

The Ideal Life.

The Late Joseph Pittman.

Eighteen years of silence.

Yet we have a sure guide as to what happened. At least as to what is most important to know. Luke tells us that "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." That is all. But what a depth of meaning is in these words. Elsewhere we learn that he followed the humble but honorable trade of a carpenter. He grew up to manhood as other boys grow, but as he grew in stature it became more and more evident that his character was pure, noble and blameless. As a workman he was thorough and conscientious; as a brother he was kind and considerate; as a son he was dutiful and helpful. Here surely is an example which all young Christian men and women would do well to follow.

Three years of public ministry.

Only three years, yet what a life! We possess, of course, the barest outline of it, yet we are all impressed with its wonderful completeness and perfection. We are repeatedly told that that life was lived for our example. Said Jesus, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me"; "Follow me"; "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me"; "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Peter said, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps"; "Forasmuch as Christ hath suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind."

These scriptures show clearly, in a more or less general way, that the life of Jesus was intended to be an example for his disciples to follow. But we all know there were features in that life which we cannot follow or imitate. Among these are his super-human works and teachings. These we can adoringly admire and heed, but we cannot do likewise. So that we need to understand clearly in what manner, and to what extent, we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus. I think this can be best explained

There is only one ideal life. Of all the numberless faiths and religions of the world, only one has set forth an ideal life as a perfect model for man's imitation. The Christian religion is that exception. The life of Christ is that model. The Bible story of that life has all the marks of inspiration. No merely human writer would have attempted to write such a wonderful life in so brief a space or in such simple and unadorned a style. It is wonderfully brief, so that any ordinary mind can soon commit its main features to memory; it is simply written, so that the ordinary mind can understand it; it is full of startling facts, so that the ordinary mind may be arrested by it.

The imitable life of Jesus began at twelve years of age.

He said, when his parents found him in the temple, and mildly reproved him, "Why did you look for me? Did you not know I had to be at my Father's house?" (Moffatt). They had looked everywhere but where they ought to have looked, and would have looked if they had known, as he did, his love for the temple of God. He was just at the age when the child-mind is opening to its responsibility; when numbers of boys and girls, under Christian teaching, incline towards the Christian life, and receive Christ as their Saviour. What more beautiful example could they have than this of the boy Jesus? His delight was in the house of God. What the temple was to Jesus the meeting for worship should be to young Christians. It is there the young life is nurtured and built up. Jesus set an example that all such should gladly follow.

Let this example of the boy Jesus find a warm place in young hearts and lives. It evidently began there for that purpose. The next thing we are told of the boy Jesus is that he went home with his parents to Nazareth, and was "subject to them." It was a part of his life to "honor his father and his mother." It was a willing subjection. Here again his example should be followed by young Christians. How often we see the reverse of this! Then follow

by regarding the beautiful life of Jesus as a picturing forth of

Great principles of thought and action.

In this way I have studied the life of Jesus, and it has been very helpful to me. In the space at my disposal I can only briefly refer to a few of them, and indicate the way they should be applied.

1. *We should begin, I think, with his absolute and willing submission to God, his heavenly Father.* Every Christian should begin here, and the example of Jesus is a wonderful stimulus to its accomplishment. Jesus said in prophecy, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God." He said also, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his works." When in a state of mental anguish he prayed for the bitter cup to be removed, but added, "Nevertheless, if it be thy will that I should drink it, thy will be done."

We may not always be quite sure what the will of God is, but we can have the "mind" of Christ, and be ever ready and willing to do God's will as far as we know it.

2. *Christ as a servant.* He said: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." "I am among you as he that serveth." His whole life and painful death were given up to serve mankind. The Son of God, the Servant of man; he stooped to service of the most menial kind; even to the washing of his disciples' feet. He said on that occasion: "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you." What an example! The master washing the servants' feet! How many Christian masters do anything like that? Pride asserts itself. One's dignity cannot be lowered to that, yet Christ said it was an example for his disciples, not the twelve only, but for all—for us. We can all do it. It just means self wholly absorbed in loving service in any way needful to help the needy. What would result if all Christians followed Christ in this?

3. *Christ's sympathy.* He spent his life in helping and relieving the suffering. In that work, though he could work miracles, we must never forget that in healing others "virtue went out of himself." We have the poor and the sick always with us, and they cry pitifully for our sympathy. How many of us seek out the suffering as Christ did, that we may help them with kind words and generous deeds?

4. *The warm, tender love of Jesus.* Little children were pressed to his heart. He wept with the sisters at the grave of their brother. He raised the little girl and the widow's boy to life. He was "moved with compassion" towards the bereaved ones. Do we follow Jesus in this? Do we "weep with those that weep?" Are we as considerate for the little ones, and are our hearts moved with compassion over the weak and the suffering?

5. *His self-control.* "When he was reviled, he reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not." How soon we lose our temper when crossed! How we hit back

quickly, if not with deeds, with words. The "old man" in us is not dead, but very much alive. When provoked we should remember our blessed Lord in his calm reasoning with those who sought his death.

6. *His resistance of temptation.* He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." We are all subject to temptation to sin in flesh and spirit, but seldom as Jesus was. For example, after fasting forty days, and far from means of supply, and having the power to turn stones into bread, who of us could have put from us the suggestion?

7. *His courage.* He knew all he had to suffer, but instead of avoiding it he deliberately walked into it. He knew the spot where Judas would betray him, and all the horrors that followed, yet he went forth from the seclusion of the upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane. When we need courage in the path of duty, we would do well to think of the courage of our Master.

8. *His patient endurance.* Here we enter the region of the sublime. Picture him under trial, under the scourging and mocking, and under the cross! "He is led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." What an example of meek submission and non-resistance!

9. *A Man of prayer.* He spent whole nights in prayer after the strenuous labors of the day. Why did he need to pray? The answer is in the words, "he emptied himself" for our sakes. True, he did not need to pray for forgiveness, but he needed God and his Holy Spirit and power. Hence he needed to pray, and he did pray; and received all he needed. And herein lies the source of all power to live the Christian life, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

O thou by whom we come to God,
The life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer thyself hath trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

Prayer Corner.

PRAYING MOTHERS.

Augustine was the greatest church leader between the days of the Apostle Paul and the Reformation. Probably every reader has heard of the influence of the prayers of Augustine's mother, Monica, one of the greatest of Christian mothers. Her heart was rent with anguish when her beloved son fell into sin; but her prayers were constant in his behalf, and were at length answered when, under the preaching of Ambrose of Milan, Augustine became a Christian. In his famous "Confessions," one of the great classics of the Christian literature of devotion, Augustine describes his mother's prayers. He speaks to God of her "twice a day, morning and evening without any intermission, coming to thy church, not for idle tattling and old wives' fables, but that she might hear thee in thy discourses, and thou her in her prayers. Couldst thou despise and reject from thy aid the tears of such an one, wherewith she begged of thee not gold or silver, nor any mutable or passing good, but the salvation of her son's soul? Thou, by whose gift she was such? Never, Lord. Yea, thou wert at hand, and went hearing and doing, in that order wherein thou hadst determined before, that it should be done."

Again, with reference to his wandering away into the Manichean heresy, Augustine writes: "For almost nine years passed, during which I wallowed in that deep mire, amid the darkness of error, and all my efforts to rise seemed only to sink me the more deeply in it, though all the while that chaste widow ceased not at every time of praying to bemoan me before thee. And her prayers came before thy face, and yet thou didst suffer me still to be involved and enveloped in that blackness of darkness."

Miss Jane T. Stoddart finds a parallel case in the life of the saintly Bishop Hand-

ley Moule, of Durham. "Times without number," he wrote, "my child-eyes watched my mother, morning and night, kneeling in long communion with her Lord in prayer, while I wondered how she could find so much to say in silence to her invisible Friend, and insensibly drew deep into my soul the thought as a primary fact of existence, that prayer was a work, most real, most momentous."

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer for the mothers of our land. For the old mothers, who have surrendered their children, either to life or to death, and now live on memories: Comfort their hearts.

For mothers of growing boys and girls, who, approaching maturity, are burdened with the choice of a life purpose: May they guide aright. For young mothers, called to make unwelcome sacrifices and facing unfamiliar duties: May they find happiness in their sacred life work.

For mothers struggling in poverty, working in the industries and daily separated from their children: May they find friends to aid them in fulfilling their duty to their families.

For mothers bereft of their husbands, facing their problems alone; for mothers in lonely out-of-the-way places, cut off from the helps of church and schools; for mothers handicapped by illiteracy; for mothers unwed, but striving to rebuild their lives in the life of a child: May these find help and strength in thee.

Dear Father, grant to all mothers of all people thy presence and thy benediction.

In the name of him whose tender regard for his mother was expressed even on the cross.—Amen.

Woman's Place

In the Work of the World's Redemption.

Mrs. C. R. L. Vawter.

The work of woman in the redemption of the world began before the scheme of redemption was revealed by our Saviour and his apostles. From Eden to Calvary God was working out his plans. Much had to be done by the Lord and by mankind. A people must be chosen and developed. Prophets must make announcement. In that age woman was little more than a slave, a chattel, to be bought and sold; considered inferior mentally as well as physically. Yet it was God's good pleasure that woman have a part in the great programme. She did her part, and did it well.

Notable Women of the Old Testament.

Men in their near blindness do not always see the obvious. With heads full of memories of the great deeds of men, they forget the very important deeds of women. They remember and refuse to allow us to forget that Eve yielded to the tempter and led Adam astray, but not often do they refer to the wisdom and greatness of Queen Esther. They are able to remember Delilah and her treachery in betraying Samson, but the unsurpassed fidelity of Ruth is sometimes forgotten.

In those old days there were had women, and there were women who were good. There were some who helped to lead the people of God into forbidden ways, but there were others who were links in the chain that drew them back to God. Take, for instance, Abigail, who saved David from a great sin, and to whom David said, "Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who sent thee this day to meet me; and blessed be thy discretion, and blessed be thou that hast kept me this day from blood-guiltiness and from avenging myself with mine own hand. For in very deed, as Jehovah, the God of Israel, liveth who hath withholden me from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nahal by morning light, so much as one man-child."

It was a woman who judged Israel at the time of the defeat of Sisera, and this woman, the prophetess Deborah, went with Barak and counselled him. By her advice he marshalled his forces and overthrew the hosts of Sisera. And when Sisera was about to escape, it was another woman, Jael, who frustrated his plan and closed his vicious career.

A Woman's Great Message.

Huldah, the prophetess, must not be forgotten either. When Josiah had repaired the temple and Hilkiah had found the lost and forgotten book of the Law, then it was that the loyal king was troubled over Israel's defection, and sent to ask advice and counsel of Huldah. She sent him this message: "Thus saith Jehovah, 'Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah, because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore is my wrath poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched.' But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, thus shall ye say to him: Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, 'As touching the words which thou hast heard, because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God when thou hearest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes and wept before me, I also have heard thee,' saith Jehovah. 'Behold I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace. Neither shall thy eyes see all the evil that I

will bring upon this place and upon the inhabitants thereof.' And they brought back word to the king. It was a great message, and it was beautifully worded. It was the utterance of a woman.

The limitations of time forbid dwelling with the other great women of Old Testament times: of the mother of Moses, of Miriam, of Sarah, of Rachel.

The Three Marys.

When we come to the New Testament we have a host of women whose work was most important, without mention of whom, in fact, the story could not be told. There was Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, in whose home the Master loved to be. Near the cross, when Jesus was dying, stood at least three Marys: the mother of Jesus, the wife of Clopas and Mary of Magdala. It was a woman who first found the tomb empty. It was a woman who first carried to others the message of a risen Lord. It was to a woman Jesus first appeared, and to whom he first spoke.

In the 19th of Acts we read, when Paul left Corinth and sailed to Ephesus, he took with him

HELPING LAME DOGS.

Do the work that's nearest,
Though it's dull at whiles,
Helping when we meet them
Lame dogs over stiles;
See in every hedgerow
Marks of angels' feet,
Epics in each pebble
Underneath our feet.

—Charles Kingsley.

Priscilla and Aquila in whose home he had once dwelt. These two became great leaders. Concerning their work we read in Acts 18: 24-26, "Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John, and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of the Lord more perfectly." Note that in this teaching the way of the Lord more perfectly, Priscilla is mentioned, and in the eighteenth verse she is mentioned before her husband. She was the recognised superior of the duo, a competent and aggressive proponent of the Lord and exponent of his glorious gospel. There are many other outstanding Bible women, among them Dorcas of Joppa, and Lydia of Thyatira, and Chloe of Corinth, and Eunice and Lois, the mother and grandmother of Timothy. I will not call the entire roll. Many of them deserve special mention for their greatness and goodness, and the importance of their work, and they have received that mark of honor at the hand of inspired penmen.

Lois and Eunice.

As a sample of the work that some of these did, and that others can do, we refer to Lois and Eunice. In 2 Timothy 1: 5 Paul says this to and that splendid young Christian man, "Having that splendid young Christian man, 'Having that reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee; which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded in thee also.'" The secret of the success of Timothy's childhood training is revealed in 2 Timothy 3: 14, 15, "But continue thou in the

things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Timothy's character was the result of the right kind of home training. Too many mothers are concerned with the ballroom, and the bridge club, and with the silly emptiness of modern society, to teach their sons the things of God. Of many men it might be said that from their youth up they have been ignorant of the holy Scriptures, but have been fully instructed in the fox trot, the dreamy waltz, the pack of cards, the various brands of cigarettes and the taste of wine. Many can't name the twelve apostles, but can name half a hundred race horses. Who is to blame? Society? Yes. And the times are sometimes to blame, but in all cases we are to blame if we fail to make known to our children the holy Scriptures. Mothers may do their full duty and yet lose their boys, but not so often as when they fail of their duty and do not instruct the children when their minds are plastic and their lives in the formative stage. Then is the time to tell them the old, old story of Jesus and his love. The world will teach them what the world has to teach. From Christians must they learn of Christ, and mother comes first in opportunity.

Women may also help to lead others to the Lord as Priscilla did. I doubt if Priscilla ever called herself a preacher, but she was a very active and successful personal worker. Not all men are reasonable as was Apollos, who humbly listened to the message of Priscilla, and who accepted the fuller truth. But there are many to-day ready to listen, and there should be more women like Priscilla to tell them what the Lord wants them to know.

There are people who will tell us that woman's place is at home. I say so too. She has the greatest responsibility there. But I don't believe the Lord ever meant that she should do nothing outside the home. Martha stayed at home, and Mary followed Christ in public life, and Jesus said Mary had chosen the better part. I accept Christ's verdict. It is supported by the previously mentioned work of Priscilla, and by the prophesying or preaching by the daughters of Philip.

A Ministry of Prayer.

And lastly, no matter what other opportunities or privilege may be denied us, we women can pray for the world's redemption. Behind closed doors or as we travel here and yon; when the sun is over us or as the sable curtain of night falls about us, we can pray. Who can estimate the power of the prayer of a Christian woman as she asks God to guide her husband or keep the feet of her children in the straight and narrow way! As we remember the prayers of our gentle mothers, let us resolve to so live that our children can remember us in the same way.

I never can forget the day
I heard my mother kindly say,
"You're leaving now my tender care;
Remember now your mother's prayer."

When e'er I think of her so dear,
I feel her angel spirit near;
A voice comes floating on the air
Reminding me of mother's prayer.

I never can forget the voice
That always made my heart rejoice;
Tho' I have wandered God knows where,
Still I remember mother's prayer.

Tho' years have gone, I can't forget
Those words of love—I hear them yet;
I see her by the old arm chair—
My mother dear in humble prayer.

I never can forget the hour
I felt the Saviour's cleansing power;
My sin and guilt he cancelled there,
Twice when he answered mother's prayer.

O praise the Lord for saving grace!
We'll meet up yonder face to face;
The home above together share,
In answer to my mother's prayer.

May 8, 1930.

Western Australian Conference.

The thirty-third Conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia was most successful. Attendances were excellent throughout. A spirit of brotherhood and optimism prevailed, which helped us all face the new and serious problems which confronted us in a spirit of conquest. We record our thanks to our heavenly Father for the sense we had of his presence at all our gatherings.

At the commencement of the business session on Good Friday, the President, Bro. R. W. Ewers, welcomed Bro. Geo. Wright, of S.A., brother of our own Hy. Wright, past treasurer of Conference. Welcomes were also extended to Bro. and Sister W. Waterman, who have charge of the Kalgoorlie church.

The statistical returns from the churches showed the following figures:—23 churches with a total membership of 2,815, 547 of whom are isolated, and a further 28 comprising 3 isolated groups which meet for communion; 185 baptisms reported by 17 churches; 30 additions by re-ordination; 268 lost by revision of roll and discipline, 14 by death. In the Bible Schools, there are 2,288 scholars, taught by 336 teachers; 59 of the scholars became members of the church. Other departments show 22 C.E. Societies with a total membership of 568, 23 Chapters K.S.P. and P.E.P. with a total membership of 428, and 3 other young people's clubs with 35 members.

The financial report showed that £2,793/10/10 had been received for Conference work. A "Month of Sacrifice" was launched in place of the annual Home Mission offering, which realised £41/8/8. This splendid response enabled the Executive to close the books on December 31 with a total debit of £547/0/9, including a loan of £90 from the literature department, and there are no unpaid accounts.

The above returns are for ten months only, the new reckoning of Conference year from January instead of March making this necessary.

Considerable attention was given to the session of the Executive committee's report dealing with the newly-adopted budget system. It was resolved, "That the distribution of money on the basis of the budget will not apply to special gifts for specific purposes."

Midland Junction church was admitted to Conference. This church is an offshoot from the Bassendean church. It purchased a building from the Baptist Union, the Church Building Extension Committee assisting with a loan. There are 22 members in Midland Junction.

Conference received three deputations, viz., from the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Prohibition League and the Band of Hope Union. At Foreign Mission session Pastor W. J. Eddy, Australian secretary of the Mission to the Lepers, gave a most helpful address.

An address on "The Art of Story Telling" was delivered by Miss F. E. Johnson during the Bible Schools and Young People's Department's session. Mr. Geo. Wright also gave a short message at that session.

On Good Friday afternoon time was taken to recognise the long and faithful service of Bro. Hy. Wright, who for 31 years held the position of Conference treasurer. He was presented by the brotherhood with a grandfather clock, with wishes. Many brethren spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Wright's character and services.

An appeal for a special offering in either cash or promises was made by Bro. C. H. Hunt, secretary of Conference, under the title, "A Conference Fund for Conference Work." On a special motion it was decided to apply the whole of the amount thus received to the reduction of the overdraft at the bank, and also to pass the appeal on to the churches. When Conference closed the response to the appeal had reached the sum of £244/15/2.

The Conference sermon was preached by Bro. W. Waterman, in the Unity Theatre, to a magnificent audience. The preacher's subject was "The Kingdom of Christ." An offering amount-

ing to £13/15/5 was received for the Preachers' Provident Fund.

The addresses at the various meetings were of a high order. The Conference choir, under the baton of Bro. G. Nelson, rendered beautiful anthems.

The preachers' session was addressed by Brigadier F. W. Ede, of the Salvation Army. The subject was, "Soul Saving—the Chief Factor of a Preacher's Success."

The Conference picnic was held on Claremont Oval. A programme of sports was provided, being enjoyed by both participants and spectators.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

The election of officers and committees resulted as follows:—

Executive.—Past president, R. W. Ewers; president, C. Schwab; vice-president, E. R. Berry; secretary, C. H. Hunt; asst. secretary, A. Lucraft; treasurer, W. S. Bown; together with one member from each committee directing departments of Conference.

Home Mission Committee.—D. M. Wilson, W. Lang, S. H. Rodier, Albany Bell, S. Matthews, R. L. Wolfenden, W. J. Yeomans, Hy. Wright, D. McEwen, D. R. Stirling, W. O. Osborne, Edmund Samuels.



Bro. Chas. Schwab, T.D., L.L.C.M.,
Newly-elected President of W.A. Conference.

Foreign Mission Committee.—H. J. Yelland, A. M. Bell, J. W. B. Robinson, Mrs. Yelland, Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. J. W. B. Robinson, F. W. Dean, H. Louey, E. Nelson, J. K. Robinson, H. A. Vercoe, W. J. Samuels.

Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee.—J. A. Ewers, A. Hutson, J. K. Robinson, A. M. Bell, W. Smith, A. B. Povey, Mrs. A. Hutson, Miss E. Johnson, E. Black, J. Rhodes, Miss Stapleton, Mrs. Stirling.

Social Service Committee.—F. Merideth, C. Jones, W. Smith, Mrs. H. Louey, J. Pearce, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Rattray.

Church Building Extension Committee.—R. L. Wolfenden, Hy. Wright, J. C. Garland, J. P. Anderson, W. H. White, F. W. Dean.

Literature Committee.—Director, D. M. Wilson and W. Brown, A. Lucraft, L. C. Peacock.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed:—
Conference expresses its heartiest goodwill and wishes to the Band of Hope Union, and suggests that every church be urged to organise a Band of Hope in connection with their young people's work.

Conference thanks the president and secretary of the Prohibition League for their addresses. Conference is sympathetic with the aims of the league, and commends them to the members of the churches of the Conference, and urges their practical application.

Conference, approving of the splendid work done by the British and Foreign Bible Society, commends it to the churches, and wishes for the society the abundant blessing of God.

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Monday.

Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men.—1 Cor. 14: 20.
If the context is considered the meaning is made plainer. It has been shown that when prayers are offered the spirit and understanding should be in harmony, the mind expressing in utterance the spirit's feelings and desires. Now the apostle tells the Corinthians that they must not, intellectually, remain babes and children, but must be "of full age."
Reading—1 Cor. 14: 20-40.

Tuesday.

But by the grace of God I am what I am.—1 Cor. 15: 10.
Like many other utterances of Paul, this is a striking evidence of humility. The apostle frequently alluded to his unceasing labors and constant sufferings for Christ, yet never failed to ascribe all praise for everything accomplished or endured to his heavenly Father, and the divine grace so bountifully bestowed.
Reading—1 Cor. 15: 1-28.

Wednesday.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.—1 Cor. 15: 58.

To be "always abounding in the work of the Lord" is our chief need. It is easy to be zealous in service during the progress of a mission or under extraordinary circumstances, but to work steadily always is not so easy. Yet this is the better and more acceptable service. After all, a steadily shining star is better than a comet which flashes its light for a moment and then smoulders into invisibility.
Reading—1 Cor. 15: 29-58.

Thursday.

Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.—1 Cor. 16: 19.

These two godly souls died as martyrs to the faith (see Rom. 16: 4). On this occasion, whilst settled for a short period at Ephesus, they sent cordial greetings to old friends. Wherever we are there is cause for rejoicing because we are bound together in the bonds of Christian affection, and are all of the household of faith.
Reading—1 Cor. 15.

Friday.

Who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort.—2 Cor. 1: 4.

Again Paul alludes to his sorrows and sufferings. The first part of this chapter is largely occupied with a recital of griefs and afflictions, yet grace and comfort are shown to abound still more. Being comforted by God, Paul comforts his brethren.
Reading—2 Cor. 1.

Saturday.

Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ.—2 Cor. 2: 14.

God leads his ambassadors in triumph, somewhat as captives were led in triumphal processions. Remember, there is no such thing as defeat for preachers of the everlasting gospel. God always leads them in triumph through Christ.
Reading—2 Cor. 2.

Sunday.

Ministers of a new covenant.—2 Cor. 3: 6.

It is frequently asserted that in the first epistle there is nothing quite like the Christian theology contained in this and the surrounding verses. What a depth of meaning is in this text. The apostle is a minister of a new and more glorious covenant; well might he glory in this.
Reading—2 Cor. 3.

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scription, speeding over hundreds of miles, came, and the captain was saved. There is no such uncertainty in the prayers of the Christian. He knows just where his God is, and he also knows that when he prays aright his prayer will be answered."

LAD'S NEED OF SYMPATHY.

F. H. Borcham tells the following story: I read the other day of a little fellow who one Saturday morning burst into his father's study and showed a blister on his hand. He had burned his finger. "Run away, sonnie," the minister said, rather abruptly; "you see I'm busy; it's Saturday, and I can't help you." "Well, daddy," the little fellow painfully remonstrated, "you might have said 'Oh, anyhow!'" A little sympathy is sweet. Every Christian should pray for

"A heart at leisure from itself
To soothe and sympathise."

PASSING IT ON.

A friend reminds us of a personal story which Mark Guy Pearse used to tell. It is this:

Part of Mark Guy Pearse's journey home from school was by sea, and having paid his fare, he thought it included a good meal on board. So he had one. But farther out to sea he fell ill, like many others. Before he was better the steward handed to him a bill for the meal he had had and lost, and he had not enough money left to pay for it.

"I shall have to keep your bag. What is your name?" said the steward.
As soon as the boy told him, the steward said: "Shake hands; I'll let you off!" Then he told how, years before, Mark's father had been kind to his mother.

When he reached home the boy told his father what had happened. "Yes," said his father, "I was kind to his mother, and he has passed it on to you; you can pass it on to somebody else." Mark Guy Pearse did pass it on many times, and he often passed on the story with his kindness. We pass it on again.—"Children's Newspaper."

GOD'S NIGHT.

The day was long and fever-bright,
Sore vexed with many a petty ill,
It held no song, no laughter light;
Its weary hours dragged on, until
There came God's night, with mist that veiled
And hid the ugly things of day;
With cooling clouds that softly trailed
And soothed the day's sore hurts away.
With dusky stillness, heavenly peace,
Bringing sweet balm to spirits sore,
I bade the day's stern urge to cease,
And evil trouble men no more.

Bring hearts in touch with him again;
By dusk is strewn with heavenly flowers,
And weary feet forget their pain.
Strength for the day to come you give;
Courage each day aright to live.
—"East and West."

Said a minister, beaming upon one of his arishioners, "I'm very pleased, Mrs. R——, to see you so regular in your place on the Lord's day." "Deed, sir," replied the good lady, "I'm gled tae come, for its no every day I get sic a comfortable seat, and sae little tae think about."

Exasperated Angler: Ten minutes that fish has been nibbling at this bait!
F: Wife (placidly): What an example to us, dear the way we hurry over our meals!

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

May 14.

APPRAISING THE BATTLE.

(Luke 24: 13-35; 44-48.)

W. Waterman.

"And behold two were going that very day to Emmaus. And Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were holden that they might not know him. And he said, What are you talking about?"

"And they stood still, looking sad." For, truth to tell, they were suffering bitter disappointment. We commune, they said, "concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty before God and all the people." "We had hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel: but the chief priests and our rulers have crucified him—yea, and beside all this, it is now the third day since these things." These disciples, it is plain, feared that Jesus was defeated by death.

"And Jesus (still unrecognised) said, O foolish men! These things spell not defeat but victory. Your trouble is that ye are "slow to believe in all that the prophets have spoken." "And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself"—i.e., the prophetic "notes" of the Messiah.

What prophetic notes, let us ask, did Jesus adduce for his fulfilling?

(a) "Behoved it not the Christ—to suffer these very things?" "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer." Indeed, all the Old Testament sacrifices testified that Christ should die.

(b) "Behoved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and (then) to enter into his glory"—"to assume his majesty?" "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day"—rise in "his own glorious body," later to ascend to his Father's right hand, there to exercise "all authority in heaven and on earth."

(c) To the ten disciples Jesus proclaimed yet another note: "Thus it is written . . . that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem." The universal church is a Messianic mark. God had through Isaiah promised, "I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayst be my salvation to the end of the earth."

(d) To complete the Messianic programme, let me add a final note, one which Jesus left two angels to proclaim: "This Jesus shall so come as ye have seen him go into heaven." Thus the cross was a victory to be perfected in power. Daniel had foreseen "thrones placed, the judgment set," and the "everlasting kingdom" given "unto a Son of man."

Thus did the risen Christ show that his death, his church with her conflict, and his final coming, were all exactly what the prophets expected of him.

But Jesus claimed that before his death he had himself taught as much: "These are my words which I spake while I was yet with you." And indeed, commenting on Peter's "Good Confession," Christ had directly foretold his death, his church, her conflict, and his coming. All his parables illustrated this programme or parts of it. For example, in the "Marriage of the King's Son," the "Wicked Husbandmen" and the "Tares," Christ taught his rejection, his church, her ministry and conflict, and his coming and judgment.

These Messianic notes of the prophets and their fulfilment in Jesus, the apostles in their gospel consistently proclaimed; as John (John 12: 37-41), Paul (Acts 17: 2, 3), and Peter (Acts 3: 18, 24; 1 Pet. 1: 10, 11). We preach with Paul a victorious gospel, when we "say none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: that the Christ should suffer, be the first to rise from the dead, and show light unto the people and the Gentiles."

TOPIC FOR MAY 21.—COMMISSIONED BY THE KING.—Matt. 28: 16-20.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

A Separate Junior Department.

Emily C. Gill.

[We are pleased to announce a series of articles on the "Junior Department" from the pen of Miss Emily C. Gill, who is a teacher by profession, and who has made a study of the problems of the junior scholar.—W.G.]

Need for a Separate Department.

The importance of Sunday School work needs little stressing in these times, for the churches generally have come to realise how much the training of children in Christian service will mean to the church of the future. Seeing this work is so important, it needs to be done under the most suitable conditions, and in the very best way.

Unsuitable Conditions.

The kindergarten and primary departments are in the main well-equipped and efficiently organised, but in many cases when the child leaves the primary department and is promoted to the main school, he finds himself where the conditions are anything but conducive to bringing out the best that is in him. The child passes from a room where he was treated rationally to one where, for his age, the methods are unscientific, and therefore unsuitable.

Characteristics of the Junior Scholar.

We must deal with these children of from 8 to 12 years in a separate room and under suitable conditions if we are not to lose much of what has been gained in the preparatory stages. These four years stand out from the preceding years, and from those which follow. At this stage the child becomes a reader. He will memorise better than at any other period of his life. The middle and end of the junior period is the golden age of memory, and the opportunity

should not be missed. The junior should be encouraged to memorise the books of the Bible, several of the Psalms, and suitable passages from the New Testament. It is not absolutely essential that he should understand all he memorises, but he should have some idea of its meaning, and should be interested enough to have a desire to memorise it.

It is during these years that the tendencies that have shown themselves during the first eight years of life begin to crystallise into habits, and if the religious habits of prayer, Bible reading, church attendance have been formed, the child will not so readily depart from them as he grows older.

The junior now demands facts, and the story that is not true makes no appeal to him. The reasoning powers are now developing, and he loves to think things out for himself. He will not accept everything that is told him, as he did when a primary child.

One of the most important characteristics of the junior child is his love for heroes. It is the period of hero-worship. The Bible stories of men such as Joseph, David, Daniel, and above all the inimitable stories of Jesus, appeal to the junior boy. This is the age, too, when rivalries are to be taken into account; when competitions, emulations, honor rolls come to have value. Above all, it is the time of swift responsiveness when with scarcely any argument the junior boy and girl will say "Yes" to the teacher's appeals to follow Jesus.

"As salt is to meat, so is the workers' council to the officers and teachers. But a barrel of salt in the attic will not save a pound of meat in the cellar."

—Marion Lawrence.

"PUTTING GRANDPA TO SLEEP."

A Jewish friend tells the following delightful story. He said: "I married a good Presbyterian young lady, and looking ahead before marriage, we decided that if there were any children, they should be brought up in the mother's faith. My parents were orthodox and conservative Hebrews, and I did not tell them of this arrangement. When our first little girl was 2½ years old, we went on a visit to my parents. The grandfather and the little girl took to each other at once. On the first afternoon of the visit, the grandfather said to her, "I cannot play with you now, because I always have a sleep in the afternoon." "Then I'll put you to bed," said the little one. She tucked him in, on the couch, and told him to put his hands together, and close his eyes, and say his prayers, before he went to sleep. I felt that I would like the floor to open and swallow me up, for I knew what was coming. But it was the greatest moment of my life when my father obediently and reverently repeated after her:

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child.
Pity my simplicity;
Suffer me to come to thee.
Pain I would to thee be brought,

Gracious God, forbid it not.
In the kingdom of thy grace,
Give a little child a place.

My father would not have taken that prayer from any living man, but he took it from that little child, then and afterwards, in their great game of "putting grandpa to sleep." "But what did he say to you in private?" I enquired. "Only this," he replied. "I was glad to hear your little girl say her prayer. It showed me that you were not neglecting her spiritual education."

PENTECOST.

What a word! It means fiftieth. There are fifty days between Easter Sunday and the day of Pentecost, which this year falls on June 8. Some of these days have already gone. Our special aims will never be achieved unless we become very much alive. Scholars as well as teachers, Endeavorers as well as conveners, kappas as well as chancellors, have each a task to perform. To celebrate the 1500th Anniversary of Pentecost is an event and an opportunity that will come to us only once in our lifetime. We ought to count it a privilege to have a share in this anniversary of the birthday of the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here and There.

The Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia will be held in Brisbane from August 16 to 22.

The following telegram reached us on Monday morning:—"Hinrichsen-Morris mission opened Charters Towers Sunday; big audience at night.—Morris."

During the College vacation, Bro. T. H. Scambler will conduct mission services at Box Hill, Vic. The meetings will be held every night except Saturdays, from May 11 to May 25.

The church at Bamba-rd., Vic., is having a time of reaping. During April one adult, two young men, one young woman and six Bible School scholars decided for Christ, Bro. F. A. Youens preaching.

We learn that Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., preacher of Lygon-st. church, Vic., has accepted an invitation to labor with the church at Subiaco, W.A., in succession to Bro. F. Carter, M.A., LL.B., who will shortly undertake evangelistic work in New Zealand.

The Victorian Women's Mission Band committee has planned a series of group meetings to be held in four centres. Miss Vera Blake, the band's living link, will be the chief speaker at each meeting. The first meeting will be held at Preston on May 28. Others will follow at North Melbourne, Malvern and Box Hill.

We regret to report the illness of two of our Victorian preachers. Bro. Cecil Jackel, preacher of St. Arnaud church, was unable to be present at the opening of the new chapel, owing to his illness in Melbourne. Bro. A. E. Forbes, of Brighton, was to begin a mission at Northcote last Sunday, but was unable to do so.

On Thursday last, at the College of the Bible, Dr. A. J. Saunders, of Madura, India, closed his series of lectures on "The Evolution and Teaching of Hinduism" with a splendid and informative lecture on "Hinduism and Christianity: A Contrast and a Criticism." It was an able, helpful and optimistic address, which exalted Christ as "the crown of India." The lecturer was thanked by faculty, students and visitors, who had enjoyed and profited by the series.

Queensland reports a very successful Conference, with "a year of service far surpassing any previous year." It has been a year of aggressive evangelistic work. Amongst the resolutions carried at the Conference was one to open a testimonial fund for the purpose of sending Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, who has been conducting most successful missions in the State, to the World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held at Washington, D.C., U.S.A., in October next.

The men's training class, conducted under the auspices of the College of the Bible, is announced to commence study for 1930 on Tuesday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock, in the Swanston-st. lecture hall. Lectures will be delivered on Old Testament, church history and the preparation and delivery of addresses. Any men of our churches desiring to take such a course would be welcomed. A certificate is available at the end of the year to all students attending the lectures and successfully passing the examination.

In this issue appears an article from the pen of our late brother, Joseph Pittman. It was doubtless the last he wrote. Our brother was planned to speak at Hampton church on Sunday, April 27, and had chosen as his theme "The Ideal Life." As he thought of the subject, it appears that he decided to put his treatment into the form of an article so that readers of the "Christian" might also be benefited. As readers know, before the date planned for the address, Bro. Pittman had been called to his heavenly home. Our readers will have a special interest in perusing his article on page 274.

There was a good representative gathering at Swanston-st., Melbourne, last Sunday afternoon at the In Memoriam service in honor of Bro. Joseph Pittman. The vice-president of Conference (Bro. Ralph Gebbie) was in the chair. Bren. Craigie and Lyall read the Scriptures; Mrs. F. L. Mitchell rendered a beautiful and appropriate solo, and Bren. Geo. E. Moore, A. W. Connor and W. Gale delivered brief and impressive addresses. The whole service was beautiful and helpful, and was a fitting tribute to the worth of a brother much beloved.

At St. Arnaud, Vic., on April 28, a tea meeting, followed by a public meeting, was held in the new chapel. Both were most successful. At the public meeting, presided over by Bren. Gale and Lyall, interesting speeches were made by local ministers and Bren. Hughes, Hurren and Randall. Musical and elocutionary items were given. A presentation was made to Bro. and Sister McDermott in appreciation of their kindness since the fire. Members are glad to know that Bro. Cecil Jackel is slowly progressing. On May 4 the services were capably conducted by Bro. Randall, of Port Pirie, S.A. The church is grateful for his valuable assistance.

We received the following telegram from Brisbane, Queensland, on Tuesday morning:—"Mission grows slowly. Only two churches, Ann-st. and Albion, dismissed Sunday nights for mission until last Sunday, when Annerley joined in 25 confessions Sunday; total to date, 64. Hoping and praying for fuller co-operation. Worst difficulty has been acoustics of Exhibition Hall. Removal of great pipe organ made echo gallery of hall. Much work has helped, but almost impossible to get all any speaker says. 23 of converts Sunday were at Annerley in afternoon, when Bro. Young had full house for us, and where we could be understood. About 400 have read Acts.—Vawter."

In view of the 1900th Anniversary of Pentecost members of churches of Christ in Victoria are asked to reserve the dates, June 9 to 12, when a series of brotherhood meetings will be held in Lygon-st. chapel. A special united Pentecost choir, under the direction of Bro. E. Tippett, will sing at each service. Addresses and speakers are to be as follows:—Monday, June 9, "The Permanent at Pentecost," A. R. Main; Tuesday, June 10, "The Geographical Limits of Pentecost," A. W. Connor; Wednesday, June 11, "Pentecost and Youth," Ralph Gebbie; Thursday, June 12, "What the Christ of Pentecost would Say to the World of To-day," J. McGregor Abercrombie. These gatherings should prove inspirational and a source of power in the life of all who attend. Brethren are invited to help in preparation by continual prayer. The secretary of the Pentecost celebrations committee is Bro. H. J. Patterson.

On May 4 Bro. W. C. Brooker exhorted Queens-town church, S.A. The service was a memorial to our late Bro. Charles Edward Lawton, who was called home on April 29. For 37 years he had been an elder in the church, and had held many important positions, including those of trustee, building fund director, president of men's Bible School, Bible School superintendent, agent for "Australian Christian" and member of Home Mission Committee. Baptised at Grote-st. church during the ministry of the late T. J. Gore, he was transferred to Hindmarsh in 1877 and to Queenstown 50 years ago. He was loved by all, and sympathy is extended to the family, all of whom were present at the service with the exception of one daughter, who was unable to be present through illness. In the evening Bro. Brooker's subject was "Abundant Evidence." On April 28 the monthly meeting of the Band of Hope was held. A good programme was arranged, and Sister Stacy was the speaker.

At the annual business meeting of Norwood church, S.A., on April 30, the resignation of Bro. P. R. Baker as preacher was received, to take effect in three months. Bro. Baker had not been in good health for some time, and the day following he went into a private hospital to undergo an operation. This has so far been successful, and it is hoped that he will make a complete recovery. Bro. G. T. Walden conducted morning and evening services on May 4, his messages being much appreciated. In the afternoon, when Bible School Day was observed, the Junior Endeavor gave the programme.

During past weeks meetings at Thornbury, Vic., have been splendidly attended, a monthly average of 75 per cent. of church members being present. Messages have been helpful. The Bible School maintains its high attendance, on April 27 468 being present. On May 4 the Bible School celebrated its ninth anniversary. At the morning service school officials took a prominent part. Bro. Swain spoke to a large gathering upon "The Value of Bible School Work." In the afternoon "Miss Kookaburra" gave an interesting talk to the children, who excelled in singing, under the leadership of Bro. Swain. In the evening "Billy Bunny" spoke on "How to Pray." It is estimated that 800 persons were at the meeting, including the scholars on the galleries.

At Lake-st., Perth, there was a splendid Easter Sunday worship meeting, when Bro. Waterman, of Kalgoorlie, addressed the congregation. Bro. Platt was back after his visit to the East. At evening service a girl from the Bible School made the good confession. On April 26 a large number of members gathered to celebrate the silver weddings of Bro. and Sister Yelland and Bro. and Sister E. R. Berry. The meeting, under the leadership of Bro. R. W. Ewers, was a most delightful experience. Presentations were made to both the "young couples" by Bro. Schwab on behalf of the people gathered, and much appreciation was expressed by many speakers of their splendid service, both in church and in city life.

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Benevolent Week.—Monday, May 26, to Sunday, June 1. The department asks the co-operation of the churches of the State in the observance of Benevolent Week, beginning on Monday, May 26, and ending on Sunday, June 1. Churches are requested to give benevolence special emphasis at the prayer meeting, and at both meetings on Sunday. C.E., K.S.P. and P.B.P. societies, Bible Schools and Mission Bands are asked to assist. Let all make the week one of self-denial. Labels will be sent to any address on application to Will H. Clay, Prince's Garden Tea Rooms, 2 City-rd., S.C.A. Telephone, M 3083.

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Tasmanian Conference.

The thirty-fourth annual Conference was held in Margaret-st. chapel, Launceston, from April 17 to 21, commencing with the sisters' session on Thursday, when Mrs. W. Libby presided over a fine delegation representative of all portions of the State. Reports showed keen interest in Home and Foreign Missions had been maintained with desire to extend Christ's influence in all fields of labor. Bro. F. T. Saunders and F. Collins addressed the gathering, respective subjects being, "Woman Re-crowned" and "Witnessing for Christ."

The following were elected to office.—President, Mrs. W. Libby; vice-presidents, Mesdames Collins and Wallace; secretary, Mrs. E. Stevens; minute secretary, Mrs. T. Wilmot; treasurer, Mrs. E. Nicholls; supt. Home Missions, Mrs. W. Peters; supt. Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. Woolley; supt. temperance mission, Mrs. N. Warmbrunn.

Musical items were contributed by Mesdames H. Stevens, E. Smith, E. Stevens, W. Wallace and T. Wilmot.

Social Service and C.E. Demonstration.

At night Social Service and Christian Endeavor Departments held a combined demonstration. Bro. P. C. Prichard, president of the C.E. Union, occupied the chair. A programme, musical and elocutionary, was rendered by combined choirs of Invermay, Prospect and Margaret-st. churches, Sisters Nicholls and Hay, Bro. T. Wilmot and Junior Endeavorers.

Mr. J. F. Ockerby, M.H.A., spoke on "Who shall Rule Tasmania—the Public or the Publican?" The ballot-box, said the speaker, would tell. The gratitude of rising generations would be earned if votes were cast to eliminate the drink traffic. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Lord Roseberry, as Prime Ministers of England, stated that the traffic was a menace, corrupting politics, and that it must be controlled or it would control England. The president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Great Britain boasted that "they constituted in every country of the world its strongest political machine." Tasmanians would decide by ballot who should rule Tasmania. Licensing laws effected nothing if not enforced. Since prohibition, American wage-earners had gained 20 per cent, living cost decreased 18 per cent, and bank deposits increased 60 per cent. In Australia last year £25,000,000 had been produced in wheat, £9,000,000 in coal, whilst £34,200,000 had been wasted in drink—more than the total of these great commodities, wheat and coal.

Bro. H. W. Street spoke on Christian Endeavor, summing this movement up in two words—consecrated service. Laying the whole life at Jesus' feet first, and then consecrating its energies to the service of God and man.

General Conference.

This commenced on Good Friday, each session being opened with devotional exercises. Bro. F. Collins presided impartially over well-attended meetings comprising delegates and visitors from all associated churches. Bro. H. Stevens read greetings from "The Australian Christian," College of the Bible, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australian Conferences, secretary of Australian Foreign Mission Board, Australian Incorporated F.M. Board of India, Tasmanian Endeavor Union, Australian Federal Executive, Hobart Temperance Alliance, and interested members in other States. The Conference President welcomed delegates and friends, responses being made on behalf of interstate, Southern and North-western visitors by Bro. F. T. Saunders, Purvis and Reynolds respectively. A moving address, "The Suffering Saviour," was delivered by Bro. F. T. Saunders.

Statistics.—Reports from 15 churches showed that for the fifth time the church had suffered a decrease, last year's membership being 830 and this 823. Gains by faith and obedience 50, by letter 20, formerly immersed 5, restoration 5. Losses by letter 18, by death 5, roll revision 63—several having left the State. Bible Schools have

gained 5 teachers and 10 scholars, totals being 38 teachers and 649 scholars, 22 of whom have been added to the church.

Finance.—Nine churches raised £1,472 during the year. Home Mission Committee received £424, wiped out an overdraft, and finished the session with a credit balance of £92. Penny-per-week methods realised over £48. Annual offerings almost doubled those of last year. The Foreign Mission quota was exceeded by £18, over £268 being total receipts. Contributions on Children's Day amounted to nearly £27.

As presidential address, Bro. Collins gave a thoughtful exhortation on "Essentials to Progress."

Bible Schools' Union annual offerings showed over £4 loss. Two examinations were held during the year. 60 candidates sat for the federal, of these 24 secured honors, only 4 failed. Three special prizes were awarded to Bro. J. Park, 97 per cent., division 10, teachers; Joan Morton, 96 per cent. (West Hobart); and Elsie Taylor, 95 per cent. (Sulphur Creek). The State test was a record, 7 schools competing. The large number of certificates gained exceeded expectations. Special awards were made to Nehrida Olding (Invermay), 1st in Tasmania, 99 per cent.; Ruth Maguire (Hobart), 97 per cent., 2nd; Charles Street (Hobart), 96 per cent., 3rd; Nellie Crowe for missing Bible School only twice in 11 years; Doris Cruise, 95 per cent.; Grace Dixon, 94 per cent.; Esme Green, 93 per cent.; Vonca Hay, 91 per cent. (Hobart); Gwen and Elsie Taylor, 95 per cent. each; Laura Dunham, 93 per cent.; Lyle Taylor, 91 per cent. (Sulphur Creek); Harold Stevens, 92 per cent.; Valma Olding, 90 per cent. (Invermay); Dorothy Singleton, 90 per cent. (Ulverstone).

Next year's Conference is to be in Hobart. Home Missions, Bible School Union, C.E., "Evangel" and Act of Incorporation Committees are to be located in Launceston, and Foreign Missions and Social Service Committees in Hobart.

Officers and Committees.

Home Mission Executive.—Conference President, Bro. F. Collins (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. N. Warmbrunn; secretary, Bro. H. Stevens; assistant secretary, Bro. H. Nicholls; treasurer, Bro. H. Sulzberger; committee, Bro. C. Nicholls, J. Foot, E. Stevens and A. Hinrichsen.

Foreign Missions.—President, Bro. J. Woolley; vice-president, Bro. A. Heard; secretary, Sister

L. Riley; treasurer, Bro. H. Woolley; committee, Mrs. J. Woolley, Miss Swinton, Bro. T. Libby, A. Clarke, B. Golder.

Temperance and Social.—President, Bro. W. Jarvis; vice-president, Bro. N. Cooper; secretary, Bro. J. Park; treasurer, Miss G. Eaton; committee (incomplete), Mrs. J. Park, Bro. A. Heard.

Bible School Union.—President, Bro. N. Warmbrunn; vice-president, Bro. E. Stevens; secretary, Bro. R. Edmunds; treasurer, Mrs. N. Warmbrunn; committee, Bro. T. Wilmot, J. Hodgson, P. Clark.

C.E. Union.—President, Bro. H. Sulzberger; vice-president, Bro. A. Keats; secretary, Miss F. Green; treasurer, Miss K. Daniels; committee, Mesdames H. Brown and W. Peters, Bro. W. Peters and J. Gibson.

Nominating Committee.—Bro. P. Duff, A. Heard, N. Warmbrunn.

Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen was appointed editor of the "Evangel." Bro. F. Collins sub-editor, and Bro. J. Foot secretary.

Auditors.—Home Missions: Bro. F. Butler and C. Thornycroft. Foreign Missions: Bro. T. G. Prior and J. Park.

Delegates to State Council of Churches.—Bro. T. Prior, W. Jarvis, A. Heard and J. Park.

The Home Mission demonstration was well attended. Combined choirs, under the baton of Bro. N. Halliday, rendered several anthems, A solo, "Rock of Ages," was beautifully rendered by Miss Merle Stevens. The Home Mission shield was presented to the Devonport church. Bro. J. K. Martin and F. T. Saunders spoke on "Open and Closed Doors" and "The Ideal Patriot" respectively, both being enthusiastically received. The offering exceeded £100, and constituted a record for the State.

On Saturday Bro. Saunders, secretary-organiser of the Australian College of the Bible, spoke to the report on its work, pointing out that the institution was not a Victorian but rather a Commonwealth necessity. The Conference carried a special motion of appreciation of services rendered by Bro. Main in educational and editorial capacities.

Temperance, social service and flood relief reports were presented by Bro. J. Park and F. Collins, who spoke of the liberality of the Australian brotherhood in contributing over £1,027 for flood relief purposes in Tasmania. A special vote of thanks to Bro. Collins, Park and Australian secretaries of committees for their co-operation in this respect was carried unanimously, Bro. Thornycroft pointing out that the

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cost of administration of this fund had been only 25.

It was decided that the literature department should be discontinued, delegates being advised to recommend purchasing requirements direct from the Austral Publishing Co.

The Foreign Mission session was presided over by Bro. J. Woolley. A stirring appeal, "Shall We Keep Faith?" was delivered by Bro. Saunders. Bro. Collins presented the "Tyson" shield to West Hobart Bible School, winners for the third time in succession. Special mention was made of the forty years' self-sacrificial, consecrated service of Sister Miss Mary Thompson, Harla, India, on behalf of the native Christians. The offering amounted to over £25.

Reports on achievements and possibilities in Peninsula and Huon districts, and at Invermay, were presented by Bro. H. Street, J. K. Martin and A. H. Hinrichsen (Home Missionaries). Plans were discussed whereby new fields might be captured and present work more effectively sustained.

On the Lord's day Bro. Saunders, Martin and Street spoke in the Launceston churches, three confessions being reported.

Bro. E. Stevens presided at the Bible Schools' demonstration. The shield for increase and attendance banner was won by West Hobart. Results in State examinations placed Hobart 1st, Sulphur Creek 2nd, Invermay 3rd, and Ulverstone 4th. Items were rendered by scholars and a combined Bible Schools' choir. Awards and certificates were distributed by Bro. Warmbrunn, who made eulogistic reference to the services of the examiner, Bro. S. J. Southgate. A forcible address by Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen was a feature of this session.

On Monday delegates decided that the Act of Incorporation should be finalised this year.

On adoption of the obituary report members stood whilst Bro. Byard led in prayer.

Notices of motion, suggesting withdrawal from State Council of Churches, from Ministers' Praterials, interdenominational Christian Endeavor Unions, and relative to sport, were keenly debated—all being defeated.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Conference deplores the extent to which the Lord's day is being used for pastime."

Conference passed special votes of thanks to Women's Auxiliary; Conference preachers, president and secretary (Bren. Collins and Stevens); F.M. secretary (Sister L. Riley); choir leaders (Bren. Halliday and Wilmot); examiner (Bro. S. J. Southgate); press reporters (Bren. Nicholls and Park); minute secretary (Bro. J. Foot), and the press of Launceston and Hobart.

An enjoyable picnic at the Cliff Grounds and a farewell meeting in Margaret-st. chapel terminated one of the best Conferences ever held in Tasmania.—Josiah Park.


MARRIAGES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Government Statist (Mr. W. L. Johnston) reports that for the year 1929 there were 719 ministers of religion enrolled as officiating ministers under the marriage laws of the State.

The Methodist ministers celebrated 29.3 per cent. of the marriages and the Church of England clergymen 23.8 per cent.

Following are the particulars for each church.

	Ministers Enrolled	Marriages Celebrated No.	% to Total
Methodist	198	1088	29.3
Church of England	135	886	23.8
Roman Catholic	88	456	12.2
Congregational	59	223	6.0
Church of Christ	46	182	4.9
Lutheran	69	181	4.9
Presbyterian	32	180	4.8
Baptist	59	163	4.4
Other	33	97	2.6
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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Invermay.—Splendid meetings were experienced on April 20. Conference delegates from Hobart, Caveseide, Ulverstone and West Hobart were present, and a most uplifting day was experienced. Bro. J. K. Martin, from Geeveston, spoke in the morning, and the gospel was proclaimed by Bro. F. T. Saunders, from Victoria. On April 27, Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen preached night and morning. A young married man made the good confession. The work is being well maintained, and prospects are very bright.

Queensland.

Brisbane.—Meetings were well attended on April 20 and 27, when Dr. Vawter exhorted. Over 200 broke bread on the 20th. A sister was received into fellowship on April 27.

Rockhampton.—On April 30 Bro. Hinrichsen and Morris held a service in the chapel on the way to Charters Towers. The chapel was packed, and in addition 100 young people sat on the anniversary platform. Scores stood outside listening. The missionaries received a wonderful reception. Bro. Morris delighted with his singing, and at the close of a forceful gospel address three ladies and two girls stepped out to accept Christ. On April 27 five received the hand of welcome and one girl confessed her Lord.

Kedron.—Services were well attended on April 20; 62 broke bread. Bro. Franklyn, Boonah, exhorted. At night Bro. Toshach preached to a large congregation. Both services were well attended on April 27. Bro. Young, of Annerley, gave an appreciated morning address. In the evening service Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen gave his farewell sermon before leaving for Charters Towers. The building was packed, and extra seating accommodation had to be procured. The singing was led by Bro. Morris, of the mission party, ably assisted by church orchestra, under leadership of Bro. I. Kirk.

Western Australia.

Kalgoorlie.—On April 27 Bro. F. Pollard, B.A., B.Sc., delivered inspiring addresses at both morning and evening services. At the gospel meeting a young lady made the good confession. During the week Miss Jennie Street, international representative of Christian Endeavor, gave a delightful message to Endeavorers and friends.

Bassendean.—On April 13 Bro. Peacock spoke morning and evening. On April 20 Bro. Hutson exhorted at breaking of bread, and at night Bro. Peacock's theme was "The Lord's Supper." On April 27 Bro. Wakefield gave a talk on "The Joy of Christ," and in the evening Bro. Peacock gave an address on "The Sabbath Day." The S.C. Endeavor held a meeting at Sister Turtle's, who has moved to Maylands, as she is still sick. Recently Mrs. Powell, missionary from China, gave a talk at the Band of Hope. Sister Floyd, in the Perth Hospital, is progressing favorably after operation. Bro. Jaques has been called to the East owing to a death in the family.

Subiaco.—On April 25 (Anzac Day) a united all-day prayer convention commenced at 10 a.m. with a memorial service. There were new leaders every half-hour. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed. On 27th Bro. Carter delivered farewell messages. He spoke on "The Unfinished Task" in the morning, the chapel being crowded. The gospel service was a record for the church, every available seat being used while a number had to stand. Bro. Carter's subject was "Scattering the Mist." Special music was given by the musical department. Bro. Carter's message will long be remembered. One baptised believer stepped out to link up with the church, while four others made the good confession. The church regrets losing Bro. Carter, and prays that God will richly bless him and his family.

Northam.—Bro. Roediger exhorted on April 6, young lady, a baptised believer, decided to link up with the church.

Northam.—Bro. Roediger exhorted on April 6, and Bro. Nightingale spoke to a large gathering in the evening. The church recently met in conference with York brethren, and it was decided that Northam brethren should conduct gospel services at the latter centre for three months. A start was made on April 6, when Bro. Lockyer, assisted by Bro. Martin and Sister Slade, commenced the series. On April 13 Bro. Eddy addressed the church in the morning, and gave a lantern lecture on leper work after the gospel service. About 250 persons attended.

South Australia.

Port Pirie.—Good meetings on May 4. Bro. Bottrall addressed the church in the morning. Bro. Bridgeman, of Crystal Brook, gave an inspiring address in the evening. Miss Arnold sang a solo.

Hindmarsh.—Bro. Allen Brooke conducted both services on May 4, which were very helpful and largely attended. His subject for the communion service was "Generous Discipleship." A young people's service was conducted in the evening. Several young people took part in the service, and Bro. Brooke's message was on "Youth and Age."

Semaphore.—On May 4 ten were welcomed into fellowship, having been baptised the previous Lord's day evening. Bro. Beller exhorted on "Prayer as a Preparation for Pentecost." Mr. Anstey, secretary of Minda Home, addressed the Bible School, when the annual offering for the Children's Hospital and kindred institutions was given. At night Bro. Beller's theme was "Authority in Religion." One young lady confessed Christ. Sympathy was expressed with Sister Mrs. Roberts in the loss of her father, Bro. C. E. Lawton, for many years an honored elder of the church at Queenstown.

Victor Harbor.—The church held its first anniversary on April 27. Attendances at all services were very encouraging, 40 being present at Lord's table and 102 at gospel service. Bro. H. R. Taylor, President of Conference, gave two very fine addresses. Miss Fullston, of Kersbrook, and Miss Rodda, of Adelaide, provided musical items at both services. On April 28 a public meeting was held, 90 attending. The secretary (A. H. Parker) gave an encouraging report. The outlook is very bright. Bro. E. W. Pittman, of Mt. Compass, gave an address on "Encouragement," and Bro. H. R. Taylor spoke on "The Successful Church." Musical and elocutionary items were rendered. The service was most enjoyable.

Prospect.—It has been decided to have young people's services the first Lord's day in each month. The first was held on May 4. Bro. Jessup, State Chaplain of K.S.P. societies in S.A., addressed the Endeavorers and was the speaker at the meeting for worship. He also preached the gospel at night. His messages were much appreciated. The members of the K.S.P. club were on the platform and took part in the service. They also formed a male choir, and under the leadership of Bro. Mauger, helped with the singing. Their rendering of the anthem, "King of Kings" was very fine. An offering was taken to relieve distress existing in the district through unemployment. Bro. Russell spent the week-end at Strathalbyn, and conducted anniversary services of the C.E. Society there.

Victoria.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Good attendance at morning service, and an appreciated address from Bro. J. E. Webb, of Moreland. Several visitors present. Offering was taken for Bible School work. Bro. Moore delivered an interesting sermon at the evening meeting.

Carnegie.—On May 1 Lygon-st. choir presented, before a good audience, the cantata "Under the Palms," and other solos and duets. On May 4 Bro. Shipway spoke morning and evening, his evening subject being, "Is Death Extinction?"

Fitzroy.—On Sunday morning, May 4, Bro. Rough spoke on "The Church of To-morrow." In the evening the Junior Christian Endeavor held anniversary celebrations. Bright singing was rendered by the scholars. Bro. Rough's topic was, "The Christian Endeavor."

Blackburn.—After a baptismal service on April 20, two ladies made the good confession. Bro. Hargreaves addressed the church on 27th, and in the evening a harvest thanksgiving service was conducted. All goods received are being handed to the Social Service Department.

St. Kilda.—Good meetings on May 4. Bro. Dyyster was the morning speaker. In the evening Bro. Grundy and Dyyster rendered a duet, after which Bro. Grundy gave a fine address. On May 1, the Bible School cricket team were given a social. An excellent programme was enjoyed.

Dramcoona.—Splendid meetings on May 4. Bro. R. A. Banks spoke on "The House of Many Mansions." Sister Enid McKay rendered a solo. The monthly Bible Class and teachers' tea was held. Bro. Frank Payne read a paper to the largest number of young people present for some time.

Castlemaine.—Very good attendances continue. On April 20 Bro. Deed's morning and evening messages were much appreciated. On April 27 Bro. Earle gave a splendid account of the Conference; 102 broke bread. In the evening he gave a very stirring address on "He is able to save to the uttermost."

Box Hill.—Great interest is being taken in Bro. Scambler's addresses. Extra seating was needed on May 4, when he gave an address on "The Lord's Supper." The special singing by the choir was much appreciated. At the close a young lady was baptised. Dr. and Mrs. Kemp were received into fellowship.

Hampton.—Bro. W. Hendry, of Blackburn, gave a very helpful address on the morning of May 4. At night a memorial service to Bro. J. Pittman was held. Bro. K. A. Jones conducted. He was assisted by Bro. J. Y. Buckley and A. E. Gray; and Bro. T. R. Morris, of Brighton, spoke impressively on "Our Beautiful Home."

Mount Clear.—May Geddes, one of the scholars, has completed ten years' attendance, unbroken excepting for one Sunday. The Bible School Department gave a special silver medal as an award, Mr. Fitzgerald making the presentation. Another scholar is approaching eight years' unbroken attendance. The work proceeds quietly.

Chelsea.—A record anniversary was held in the chapel on April 27, and fine addresses were given by Bro. Bartlett, Ross Manning and Reg. Clarke. Over 160 were present in the evening. A most enjoyable day was spent. A fine programme by the Sunday School committee at the concert on May 1 brought the anniversary to a splendid climax.

Ormond.—On April 27 there were nice meetings and splendid messages from Bro. Baker. 124 at Bible School. May 4, record meetings all day. 65 broke bread; 138 were at Bible School. At night the school children sang, and teachers took part in the service. Bro. Baker emphasised the work among the young people; subject, "The Voice of the Lad."

North Richmond.—Last Sunday morning Bro. Dow, from Burnley, gave a fine exhortation. Bro. Sparks in the evening spoke to boys and girls from the gymnasiums, it being the finish of Boys' and Girls' Week. An appropriate address was enjoyed by all. Attendance of Bible School was very satisfactory last Sunday. The school is engaged in an efficiency campaign.

Collingwood.—Last Sunday both meetings were well attended. Bro. Clay spoke in the morning; Bro. A. D. McNeilly preached on "The World Without the Church." The J.C.E. had a visitors' day, when Bro. McNeilly presented each child with a copy of a gospel and a colored booklet. The church extends to Bro. Edney deepest sympathy in the death of his mother.

Hersham.—During Bro. Payne's absence on vacation services during the last three weeks were taken by Bren. Jas. Butler, J. A. Millar and G. Miller, whose addresses were enjoyed by large gatherings. Sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of our late Sister Mrs. Butler, senior, who passed away on May 3 at the age of 85.

Ivanhoe.—Attendances keep up well. The messages of Bro. Chivell are well received. On May 4 Bro. Withers, of Maryborough, addressed the church. The ladies' guild has handed to the church treasurer a further £50 to reduce building debt. The boys' club had a successful reopening with Bro. W. Manning, Carnegie, as instructor.

Drummond.—The work is in a healthy condition. Meetings are good, particularly the Bible Class. The church had Bro. Macnaughtan, from Kyneton, all day on May 4, he having changed platforms with Bro. Baker. The morning address on "Peace" was much enjoyed. The sympathy of the church is extended to Sisters Dixon, Trickey and Tonkes in the loss of their mother.

Bellarat (Dawson-st.).—Attendances at all meetings have been well maintained during the past month. Last Sunday morning and evening meetings were above the average. A young people's Bible Class has been formed under the leadership of Bren. Wilkie and Fitzgerald. The literary and social guild opened its winter session on April 28 with an attendance of about 60.

Kyneton.—Good attendances on April 20, excellent addresses being given by Bro. Macnaughtan. An instrumental duet and trio were enjoyed at night. On April 21 the marriage of Miss Lydia Stirling to Mr. Arthur Dodge, of Gippsland, was celebrated by Mr. A. D. Shaw, of Auburn Baptist church. The messages and solos of Bro. L. Baker, of Drummond, were enjoyed on May 4.

Gardiner.—Bro. Gebbie addressed two fine audiences on Sunday last. There was a splendid morning meeting, at which twelve were received into membership, two recently baptised, and the others by letter of transfer. The church sympathises with members recently bereaved of loved ones, the mother of Mrs. Jos. Adams and the brother of Mrs. Ley both having passed away last week.

Brighton.—The service held on April 13 as a memorial service to our late Bro. J. Sharp was most impressive. Many past members were present. Bro. A. E. Forbes exhorted. In the evening Bro. J. Plummer had charge of the gospel service. Speakers for Easter Sunday were Bro. Benn, and Bro. Cameron of Red Cliffs, and for April 27 Bro. Clay. A young man made the good confession.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—Meetings lately have been large, all available seating being used. Since last report there have been eight confessions and baptisms. Bible School anniversary services yielded £25 for the work amongst the young. The sermons of Bro. Youens are powerful and well received. Many strangers attend. The ladies' social circle held a successful "Australian tea" last week. The chapel has been repainted.

Prahran.—During the past month the church has honored some of her faithful workers in view of their marriage. Some of these will be moving elsewhere—Miss Edna Thornton, who has married Mr. J. J. English and gone to Tasmania; Mr. Cliff Kent and Miss Jean Roberts, Mr. Les. Klux and Miss Doris Taylor. Presentations were made, and good wishes expressed for all these splendid workers. They will be greatly missed, both in school and church life.

Echuca.—On April 20, Bro. Wigney being at Conference, W. B. Payne conducted the morning service and C. Mason (Methodist church) the evening service. Good attendances, and interesting and impressive addresses. On Easter Monday a successful church and school picnic was held. April 27, Bro. Wigney took both services. In the morning he gave an interesting account of the Conference. Fair attendances all day. May 3, Bro. Wigney spoke morning and evening. Evening address, "The Pearl of Great Price." Very large attendance.

Preston.—Excellent meetings continue, and interest is maintained. On April 20 Bro. Payne exhorted. In the evening two lads made the good confession. Bro. Fisher's addresses are appreciated. On May 4 the evening service was excellent. There was one confession, and two were baptised. The Bible School is increasing, several attendance records being created. The chapel is uncomfortably taxed on Sunday afternoons. All other auxiliaries report good work and attendances.

Cheltenham.—There were good attendances on May 4. In the morning Bro. J. Lewis gave an earnest exhortation on 2 Cor. 6: 17. The Bible School scholars had a special service in the evening and repeated some of their anniversary hymns. At the close of Bro. Wakeley's address a son of one of the church officers made the good confession. The church extends deepest sympathy to the relatives of one of the pioneer members, Mrs. James Fisher, who was called home on April 22.

Doncaster.—On Sunday evening, April 27, the service was conducted by the young people of the church. Bro. Hargreaves spoke, and the young people's choir rendered a musical item. On the 29th the triangle club held its second annual banquet. There was a fine gathering of young people. Bro. Kemp, Conference President, gave a splendid address. Bro. J. J. Tully (president of the Shire), Bro. Hargreaves and Bro. John Tully also spoke. Prospects for the winter session of the club are good.

Branswick.—On April 27 Bro. A. J. Fisher exhorted on "Likeness of His Resurrection." The resignation of Bro. James Roberts, superintendent of the Bible School for over seven years, has been received. Bro. William Jenkin is the new superintendent with Bro. F. Lydiard assistant. At night Bro. Pittman began a series of sermons on Biblical characters, the first being Enoch. On April 28 Bro. J. Roberts gave a lecture to the Phi Beta Pi club on "Causes of Diseases." A young men's club has been started.

South Melbourne.—Meetings have been well sustained for the last two weeks. Last Lord's day morning Bro. Waterman presided, and delivered an instructive address on "The Emblems." The theme of his gospel address was, "The Cross of Christ." Splendid rally of Kappas, and a host of visitors. Every effort is being made to reach the standard for Pentecost celebrations. The Junior Christian Endeavor continues with interest and good attendances. Sister Mrs. Newman, church organist, has been ill as the result of a fall, but is progressing satisfactorily.

Moreland.—At the worship meeting on May 4 two young ladies were received into fellowship. Bro. Combridge, of Surrey Hills, was the speaker. In the afternoon the Bible School anniversary was commenced with special singing by the scholars under the leadership of Bro. Cecil Watson. Bro. A. L. Gibson gave an interesting talk to the scholars. The evening meeting was very largely attended, many being unable to gain admittance. The members of the Bible School, assisted by visiting friends and orchestra, rendered the cantata, "Cloud and Sunshine." On May 3 the members and friends of the cricket and tennis teams held a combined banquet. The A grade cricket team was presented with the three years' premiership silver cup.

Essendon.—During April attendances were well maintained, Bro. Whelan speaking at all services. The annual meeting was successful. Bren. Flood and McGregor were re-elected. Bro. Jackson was re-elected secretary, with Bro. Lindsay as treasurer. Healthy reports from all branches of the work were received. At the Sunday School anniversary on May 4 the building was crowded at all services. Bro. Dr. W. A. Kemp delivered an impressive message in the afternoon. Bro. Whelan spoke morning and evening. The children, under the baton of Bro. Col. Ferguson, sang splendidly, and there were several solos and duets. The orchestra rendered fine service. The children received rewards for their year's work. Two special prizes were given to Edna Green and Harry Moss for good work in the annual examination.

Geelong.—Fair meeting on May 4. Bro. Clipstone gave a stirring morning exhortation. We are pleased to report that Sister Clipstone has recovered from her operation. The wives of Bren. Pulland and Thomas are very ill, and sympathy goes out to them. Ladies' aid society held a sisters' rally last Wednesday. All auxiliaries are in good working order. Miss Trigg rendered a nice solo on Sunday night.

Hartwell.—Splendid meetings continue. Each Lord's day evening the building is filled to capacity. On April 27 a young man confessed his Lord at the close of the gospel address. Last Lord's day Bro. J. C. F. Pittman addressed a good gathering in the morning, and at night Bro. C. J. Robinson preached to a packed audience, and at the close three adults confessed Christ. Owing to the need for extra accommodation a month of self-denial is being held during May, proceeds to help the liquidation of the building fund. All auxiliaries are happy and healthy.

Malvern-Caulfield.—During the past three weeks addresses have been enjoyed from the following visiting speakers: Bren. R. G. Cameron, H. G. Harward, Dr. Kemp, A. R. Main and H. Watson. The church is grateful to these and other brethren who are assisting in the absence of a regular preacher. Bro. J. Holloway has also ably assisted on several occasions. Before many weeks have passed it is expected Bro. Graham, from Adelaide, will take up the work. On April 28 Bro. H. Campbell entertained the K.S.P. club and some interested friends with a talk on his visit to America. Last Sunday Bro. H. Gilbert acceptably rendered a solo at the evening service.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On April 27 there were good meetings. Bro. A. E. Illingworth spoke in the morning, and Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., gave a special Anzac Day message in the evening. The choir rendered an expressive memorial anthem. The Young People's Department offering was taken on May 4, when Bro. A. G. Saunders spoke at both services. In the evening the prizes in connection with the school's good response to the Children's Day appeal were distributed, and the address emphasised the joy of service. The choir sang a cantata at Carnegie church on May 1. A Christian Endeavor social was held on May 7. The inauguration of an Intermediate C.E. department has met with pronounced success.

New South Wales.

Enmore.—There has been one confession since last report. Meetings have been good. Bro. Paternoster has been preaching on "Sayings from the Cross." Sunday night was question night, and there was a good audience. A P.B.P. club has been formed, Ashfield club coming to go the initiating.

South Kensington.—A record number broke bread on April 27. By request Bro. Southgate spoke on "There go the Ships." Good meetings on May 4, with one confession. Interest and attendances continue to grow at all services. Men's Fellowship has been distributing advertising matter weekly. Mrs. and Miss Philpott, of Bambra-rd., Vic., were welcome visitors.

Lismore.—Y.P.S.C.E. held two successful social functions recently. The two societies are doing good work. A young man was restored on April 27. Bro. J. G. Snow, of Bangalow, opened a successful sale of work on April 29. Recent visitors include Bro. Keith Gerrand, of Brisbane. Bren. N. G. Noble and R. R. Wotherspoon delivered "Queensland Conference Echoes" at men's brotherhood on April 27. Mrs. Cyril Byrnes, of Sydney, and baby son, are now improving in a Lismore hospital.

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- W. J. Campbell (preacher Wynnum church, Qld.).—"Kingaroy Villa," Bridge-st., Wynnum Stn.
E. A. Jackson (secretary Essendon church, Vic.).—117 McPherson-st., Essendon.
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C. Young (preacher Annerley church).—Delvillave, Clifton Hill, Yerrongpilly, Qld.

Obituary.

BURDON.—Much sorrow has been felt in the Prospect church, S.A., through the sudden home-call of the late Bro. John Burdon (father of our State F.M. secretary), at his residence, on April 24, in his 68th year. Bro. Burdon was a foundation member of Prospect church, and for many years held the position as deacon. He loved the Lord's house, and until lately, when his health became impaired, his delight was to meet and remember Jesus. His fine Christian character, genial companionship and wise counsel will be sadly missed. The young people have lost a true friend, and the church a faithful disciple. The funeral was conducted by the writer on April 25, in the presence of a very large circle of relatives and friends. He leaves a widow and three children (one son and two daughters) to mourn their loss. "We sorrow not as others who have no hope."—W.A.R.

BURNHAM.—Thursday afternoon, April 3, the body of Sister Mrs. P. Burnham was laid to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery. Sister Burnham had reached her 65th birthday a day before she died. For some weeks past she had been sick. She became a member at Lygon-st. during the Hinrichsen mission in 1924, and has been a faithful member to the end. She usually had time for the mid-week prayer meeting. When appeals were made, she never waited to be approached. She always came forward to give her share. She has left a large family. One son is secretary of the church at Footscray. Another son is in membership at Lygon-st. She was a beautiful character and a beloved mother. We sympathise with her dear ones, and commend them to him who alone is able to draw the sting of death.—A.G.S.

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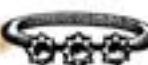
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