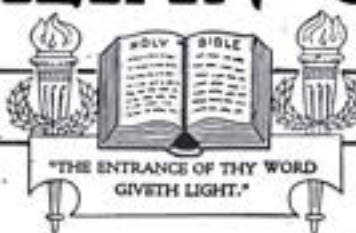


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Pentecost and the Lord's Supper.

IN churches of Christ throughout the world an endeavor is being made to make Christians realise the importance of the Lord's Supper. The duty, privilege and helpfulness of regular communion is being taught, and, particularly, it is urged that every member, who is not prevented by illness or other quite necessary cause, be present at "the breaking of bread" on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

It is very fitting that the place of the Lord's Supper in the church of Jesus Christ should now be stressed, for in the Scripture which tells of the wonderful blessings which came on Pentecost we have it stated that the thousands who were won to the Lord "continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." It is as necessary and desirable for the church of to-day to be as stedfast in the practice of these things as in its proclamation of the message and instruction given to those who would become disciples. Acts 2: 42 as well as 2: 38 should receive greater attention in the modern religious world. It may be that in churches of Christ familiar with a plea to return to the faith and order of the mother church there has been a tendency to underestimate the value of the things in which the apostolic church "continued stedfastly." Not all our obedience to the divine order is secured when we obey the initial requirements of the Gospel.

It is almost universally agreed that in the church of the apostolic age the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the first day of every week. So the New Testament example (Acts 20: 7) leads us to believe. There are some who think that at Jerusalem there was a primitive daily communion (we do not agree that Acts 2: 46 implies this); but even such persons will recognise that a weekly communion in the supper is scriptural. When we go to the church of the early second century, we find the practice of weekly communion continued. Irenæus, of Gaul, born about 130, writes of the institution of the supper by Christ, and gives valuable witness to the existing practice of the church. Justin Martyr in his great Apology (written about 150) gives a graphic descrip-

tion of the Christians' worship meeting on the Sunday. Ignatius, bishop at Antioch from 110 to 117, writes of the Christians' "breaking of bread." Pliny the governor of Bithynia wrote to the Emperor Trajan somewhere between 111 and 113, and asked his advice as to the persecution of Christians. In his letter he told of the Christians' meeting on "a stated day" (doubtless the first day of the week) and "meeting together for the purpose of taking food." The oldest manual of church order which we have, the Didache, or Teaching of the Twelve Apostles (dating probably somewhere from 100 to 130) has a notable chapter dealing with the breaking of bread on "the Lord's day." No person need have any doubt regarding the practice of weekly celebration.

We may note that the New Testament warrants regular, not merely frequent, communion. Worship—and worship at the Lord's Table—should be a habit, and not a spasmodic. While churches of Christ have rightly pleaded for the restoration of the New Testament practice of weekly observance of the Supper, it is sadly true that we have come far short of the ideal. We have the table regularly laid, so that all Christians can have the privilege. In this

we set a good example to other believers. We are not dependent upon the presence of a "minister" who is supposed to have special right to "administer" the ordinance. In this again we set a worthy example. We say that we plead for weekly communion—and the plea is most certainly good, and scriptural. The one weakness is that a very large percentage of the membership does not practise that for which we plead! In some places, not fifty per cent. of the enrolled membership would regularly meet. Is this scriptural? Can we not do something better than theoretically "stand for" the primitive order? Let us all endeavor to practise it.

In some places, as part of the Pentecostal celebration, great united communion services are being organised. Those who have had the privilege of being in a gathering where many thousands of Christians unite their voices in praise and thanksgiving and then partake of the Lord's Supper together recall the event as one of the greatest experiences of their lives; the thrill and uplift of the occasion remain. There have been some wonderful gatherings. In 1419 at Tabor, in Bohemia, 42,000 persons, determined to have a more scriptural order than that of the Church of Rome, joined in a great communion service. In 1909 at the Centennial Meeting at Pittsburg, U.S.A., no less than 50,000 disciples had communion together. At Pentecost, 1930, there will be great gatherings and rich seasons of fellowship. Yet we think there could be something better than the largest united service can possibly be. Not all can possibly journey miles to sit at one table. If we could get every Christian to appreciate the high privilege the Lord Jesus confers when he gives an invitation to remember him in the breaking of the bread, it would be a great advance and a very great gain. We should much like to see as nearly as possible a hundred per cent. attendance on June 8. We should be more gratified if the disciples at large were to come to a realisation both of the privilege and the duty (the expressed wish of our Lord involves this) of attendance each Lord's day at the Lord's Table.

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even urban districts small groups of disciples who might give to the world a powerful witness for Christ and for the New Testament order if they would set up the table in a private house or hall. Many of our churches owe their existence to the

faithfulness of disciples, who, when isolated, thus acted in bygone days. The Lord's presence is not confined to or chiefly experienced in the large assemblies. Where two or three faithful believers gather, he is in the midst.

tached to each other as they accompanied with each other all the time that Jesus went in and out among them. In almost every epistle Paul wrote he expressed the greatest delight at the wonderful companionship of the men and women with whom he was associated in the work of the gospel. Everywhere he went he found in the churches a spirit of comradeship that was profound in its tenderness, and encouraging in its sincerity. Edward Rowland Hill, writing to a friend, said, "For my part, I long to 'fall in' with somebody. This picket duty is monotonous. I hanker after a shoulder on this side and on the other."

The Value of Church Membership.

Ethelbert Davis.

One of the outgrowths of modern materialism is the growing depreciation of the value and the privilege of church membership. How frequently we hear statements like these: "One can be just as good out of the church as in it." As a matter of fact one cannot and is not. Or, "My religion is between God and myself alone." Such a statement is not true, because a man's religion is between himself and God and the other man. Or we hear it said, "I can worship God at the beach, or on the hillside, or in the garden just as well as I can in the church." So he may, but as a matter of fact he does not.

A deal of nonsense is talked, too, about belonging to the invisible church. The church is a very real, a very substantial, and very visible thing. It is Christ's body. It is made up of very real men and women, and occupies a very conspicuous and important place in the world. While we are on earth we cannot be a member of the invisible church. When a man says that he is a member of the church invisible, he is usually excusing himself for not uniting with the church, and for shirking all the responsibilities and duties of church membership and fellowship.

There is no greater privilege than membership in the church. Dr. Dale, of Birmingham, once said: "Than the church, there is no other assembly in this world so august. The parliaments of mighty nations, conferences of statesmen, emperors and kings, who have met to discuss the affairs and to determine the fortunes of half a continent, are inferior in dignity, and they illustrate less impressively the awful greatness of man. Here we stand on the heights that pierce the very heavens. Here we know that we are children of the eternal, and shall outlive the stars."

While church membership is an honor, there is something in the Christian life which cannot be supplied save as we take our place in the church as a vital part of its constitution. We need that which membership in the church can give. We need the urge of a definite commitment. We are only just now beginning to understand some of the reasons of the things Jesus commanded, and the necessity for them. The open confession of faith in Christ, our public obedience in baptism, come to have a new meaning to us when, in the light of psychology, we learn that the human will and the human life have won half the battle when they have

a strong and definite commitment to their purpose.

To join the church is to dedicate one's life to everything for which the church so grandly stands. There is a wonderful inspiration in the knowledge that in the church we are standing by the side of Christ, and that together we are pulling the world toward heaven.

What magnificent enthusiasm would be kindled in us if we were to realize that when we united with the church it was in order to identify ourselves with Christ in an attempt to attain the ideals, and achieve the objects of the kingdom of God. Paul says that we are laborers together with God. Co-laborers with God! What sacred enthusiasm must fill the heart of the one who consciously links himself to the purpose of God. Membership in the church means just that, because it is enlisting our lives in that institution by means of which Christ is evangelizing and saving the world.

Its comradeships.

We need to be members of the church for the sake of its divine fellowships and its human comradeships. The author of that hymn we often sing, "I love thy Kingdom, Lord," has aptly expressed this in the fourth verse:

"Beyond my highest joys
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise."

Christian men and women cannot afford to miss that divine fellowship to be found in the church. Christ is in his church. In that extraordinary revelation which John received on the Isle of Patmos, he saw the Son of man in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. It was explained to John that the candlesticks were churches. The Son of man was seen standing in the midst of the churches. Christ is the manifestation of God. On the cross he was in the midst of men as the Saviour of sinners. On the throne he is in the midst of heaven as mediator and intercessor. In the church he is in the midst of his people as the Presence. Therefore membership in the church implies divine fellowship.

There is also human comradeship. When we turn to the New Testament we read of those women who were associated in happy companionship with each other as they ministered to Jesus during his earthly ministry. We read of those men who were at-

tached to each other as they accompanied with each other all the time that Jesus went in and out among them. In almost every epistle Paul wrote he expressed the greatest delight at the wonderful companionship of the men and women with whom he was associated in the work of the gospel. Everywhere he went he found in the churches a spirit of comradeship that was profound in its tenderness, and encouraging in its sincerity. Edward Rowland Hill, writing to a friend, said, "For my part, I long to 'fall in' with somebody. This picket duty is monotonous. I hanker after a shoulder on this side and on the other."

Partners in its colossal adventures.

In the church we are heirs to all its championships and partners in all its colossal adventures. It is no mean honor to stand by the side of the champions of the kingdom of God. It is a distinction to feel that the mantle of Moses, and Elijah, and Daniel, and Paul, and John, and Wycliffe, and Luther, and Moody, and Drummond, and Campbell, and all the martyrs and confessors of the heroic epochs of the church should fall upon our shoulders.

In membership with the church we are participators in all its colossal adventures. No matter what other concern a man may be in, if he is not in the church he stands outside the greatest movement of history. The church is engaged in the great adventures of moral and spiritual enterprises. We would sooner be linked with the church in her great missionary enterprises; with the church in her grand educational tasks; with the church in her magnificent work of social reform; than be seated upon the throne of the most far-flung empire the world has ever known. Membership in the church links us to all those mighty redemptive forces which combine to bring about the overthrow of Satan's dominion.

Consciously abiding in the body of Christ.

Membership in the church makes us conscious that we are part of the body of Christ, that we are abiding in him, and that we are drawing our spiritual life from him. The fellowship and communion of the church is one of the sources from which we constantly draw our nourishment and our strength.

The unattached Christian is like the wandering stars referred to by Jude. Astronomers tell us that there are unattached stars drifting through space; dead suns floating uselessly and purposelessly among the upper worlds. Out on the ocean there are derelicts tossing on the waves, half hidden be-

neath the surface, useless in themselves and a menace to shipping. Any farmer knows when he sees one of the sheep persistently isolating itself from the flock or one of the cattle wandering away on its own from the herd that something is wrong. Something is wrong with the Christian who refuses to link up with the church, who remains out

of its fellowship, and who persistently keeps away from its worship. For, to reiterate, membership in the church connects us with the really great things of life; it places us where the highest ideals are; it unites us with Christ in the work of the kingdom; and gives us opportunities that can be found nowhere else.

Prayer Corner.

"Continuing steadfastly in prayer."—Rom. 12: 12.

Prayer to God regular and earnest, never intermittent for any reason, never hurried over for any weariness or any coldness; this is one chief means of keeping our spiritual growth healthy and alive. If we would live in any degree by that ideal which our better selves sometimes set before us, we must steadily maintain the habit of regular prayer. For whether or not we are conscious of it at the time, there is a calm and unceasing strength which can be thus engrafted on our souls, and thus only.—Frederick Temple.

No one can believe what power and efficacy there is in prayer unless he has learnt it by experience. It is a great thing when a soul feels a mighty need, and betakes itself to prayer. This I do know, that as often as I have prayed earnestly—that is, with real pleading earnestness—I have certainly been heard in rich abundance, and have obtained more than I asked or sought. Our Lord has sometimes delayed, but yet at last he heard me.—Martin Luther.

A PRAYER.

All things lovely, all things good,
All my pleasures and my food,

Come from God, and so I pray,
"Thank you, God, for this good day;
And in the morning help me see
How kind and generous I can be.
And then at night I'll gladly say,
"Thank you for a better day!"

—"The Mayflower."

We beseech thee, O Lord, remember all for good; have mercy upon all, O God. Remember every soul who, being in any affliction, trouble, or agony, stands in need of thy mercy and help; all who are in necessity or distress; all who love, or hate us. Thou, O Lord, art the Helper of the helpless; the Hope of the hopeless, the Saviour of them who are tossed with tempests; the Haven of them who sail; be thou All to all. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; oh, prosper thou our handiwork. Lord, be thou within me, to strengthen me; without me, to keep me; above me, to protect me; beneath me, to uphold me; before me, to direct me; behind me, to keep me from straying; round me, to defend me. Blessed be thou, O Lord, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.—Launcelot Andrews (1555-1626).



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Federal Pentecost Conference.

The Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia is to be held at Brisbane from August 16 to 22, 1930.

The secretary of Conference and publicity agent call attention to the following.

In answer to some inquiries, it is announced that the statement regarding reduced railway fares previously published referred to return tickets, not single. A later announcement will be made regarding availability of tickets.

Owing to the 1930 Conference meeting earlier in the year than usual, all committees reporting to Conference are requested to have their reports ready by the first week in July (not second week).

Some have written re hospitality, etc. Others hoping to attend are asked to write at once to H. H. Bassard, Arthur-ter, Red Hill, Brisbane, Q.

For preachers: It will help the programme committee much if you will write and say you intend coming. Help us; let it be now, not tomorrow.

To church secretaries: The big poster is coming, and we are depending upon you to display it. Thank you.

To one and all: We have not passed this year before. You can help us by prompt enrolment as intending delegates. Do not delay; write now.

DETAILS OF PROGRAMME.

(Subject to alteration.)

- Aug. 15.—Arrive Brisbane.
 - Aug. 16.—10.30 a.m., Civic reception.
2.30 p.m., Preachers' session.
Queensland sisters' welcome to visiting sisters at Ann-st.
7.45 p.m., Big public welcome.
 - Aug. 17.—11 a.m., New Town Hall, Great united communion service.
2.30 p.m., New Town Hall, Conference sermon.
7.30 p.m., Gospel services, city and suburban churches.
 - Aug. 18.—Morning Free.
12 noon, Dinner.
1 p.m., Business session, Ann-st.
6 p.m., Tea, Ann-st.
7.45 p.m., Great public meeting, Ann-st.
 - Aug. 19.—9.30 a.m., Trip to Mt. Coot-tha.
Noon, Dinner, Ann-st.
1 p.m., Business session, Ann-st.
6 p.m., Tea, Ann-st.
7.45 p.m., Public meeting.
 - Aug. 20.—10 a.m., Business session.
Noon, Dinner.
1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Business session.
7.45 p.m., Public rally.
 - Aug. 21.—9.30 a.m., River trip to Lone Pine.
Noon, Dinner.
1 p.m., Business Session.
6 p.m., Tea.
7.45 p.m., Public meeting.
 - Aug. 22.—Picnic. Day of delightful fellowship.
- N.B.—Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will be held at the Ann-st. chapel.

—Charles Young.

WORDS.

You drop a pebble in a pond,
The ripples radiate
In widening circles far beyond
All human estimate.

You drop a few words in a heart,
Whether of foe or friend,
And none can tell, when once they start,
Where those few words may end.

Then let thy tongue be governed well,
Truly the Preacher saith,
Upon the tongue hang heaven and hell,
The power of life or death.

—C.F. in "Christian World."

Queensland Conference.

A year of service, far surpassing any previous year, was reported at Queensland forty-seventh annual Conference, at Easter. The Conference itself, associated in the night sessions with the Vawter mission in the Exhibition Hall, was the largest ever held. The most prominent feature of the work reviewed was the increase in membership due to special evangelistic missions, chiefly those arranged by the Home Mission Committee.

Approximately 700 new members were added to the churches of the State in the year. Heavy revisions of rolls, aggregating 206, and other losses left the actual increase at 413 members for the year. The membership of 2,968, in 28 churches, was served by 17 preachers, and 2 more were coming to the State. It was shown in the reports of the various departments that many of the aims set for the year had been attained or surpassed. Higher objectives were set for the opening year, and plans were laid for their attainment.

Mr. Stuart Stevens, preacher of Ipswich church, who came to Queensland in February from Canberra, was elected President of the Conference.

Home Missions.

Reports of the Executive and Home Mission Committees indicated greater progress than had been made in previous years, and the Conference, discussing the opening year's programme, decided upon the continuance and extension of aggressive mission work. The number of preachers in the State had increased to 17, and two others were expected to arrive shortly. Messrs. H. D. Priestley and A. N. Hinrichsen had gone to southern States, and Messrs. S. Stevens, S. C. Jenner and G. O. Tease had come to the churches at Ipswich, Roma and Kingaroy respectively. At the close of Maryborough mission, Mr. E. Arnold took up work there. Mr. W. Rothery took charge of the work at Sunnybank as a half-time preacher at the close of the Hinrichsen-Morris mission there. Mr. J. Toshach, who was in the Congregational ministry before his baptism at the Toowoomba mission, had undertaken the service of the church at Kedron. Mr. L. Johnston had come to the Toowoomba church.

The churches at Rockhampton, it was reported, had celebrated their first anniversary with great enthusiasm. With the leadership of Mr. B. W. Manning the young church had built sound foundations. At Kedron the church started as the result of a special effort by Albion congregation and a mission conducted by Messrs. E. C. Hinrichsen and E. Arnold, and was in a thriving condition. The work at Sunnybank was in a much stronger position since the mission conducted by Messrs. Hinrichsen and V. Morris. The Annerley church was subsidised by the Home Mission Committee until June, at the rate of £2/6 a week. It then became self-supporting. Seventy-two members were added to the roll as a result of the Annerley mission.

Kedron was subsidised at the rate of £1/10/- a week, and Sunnybank at 7/6 a week. Since the previous Conference missions were held at Toowoomba, Kedron, Maryborough, Gympie, Kingaroy, Annerley, Sunnybank, Wynnum and Roma.

Home Mission finance reports showed heavy mission expenditure. The treasurer (Mr. J. J. McConnell) recommended the appointment of a special committee for more effective financial organisation. This was adopted. Offerings from the churches were not as great as had been expected; the committee was compelled to carry on much of its work with the aid of loans by members. The year's receipts (£561) and expenditure (£433) left a credit balance of £131. Last year's balance was £73. In the Hinrichsen mission fund the expenditure was £1,308, leaving a debit balance of £89. Amounts owing to the fund by various churches totalled £214.

Speeches revealing progressive work were made by representatives of the Foreign Missions, youth

department, women's executive and West Moreton conference, at the main business session. Each department reported extending work and the need for increasing support.

Future Mission Work.

Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen reported on an investigation of the prospects of opening a church at Warwick, where Bro. Stephen Cheek, one of the greatest helpers of the early churches of Queensland, was buried. The work would be extremely difficult, he said, as there were no members in Warwick to form a working nucleus. He recommended postponement of the Warwick project until missions had been conducted in other fields where the work was more urgent, and had greater prospects of success. The next two missions were to be in North Queensland, where the church was in a weak condition, at Charters Towers and Townsville, which had no Church of Christ.

The Conference decided to open a special fund for the foundation of new churches.

THE TREE GOD PLANTS.

"The wind that blows can never kill

The tree God plants;

It bloweth east, it bloweth west,

The tender leaves have little rest,

But any wind that blows is best.

The tree God plants

Strikes deeper root, grows higher still,

Spreads wider boughs, for God's good-will

Meets all its wants.

"There is no storm hath power to blast

The tree God knows;

No thunder-bolt, nor heaving rain,

Nor lightning flash, nor hurricane—

When they are spent, it doth remain.

The tree God knows

Through every tempest standeth fast,

And from its first day to its last

Still fairer grows."

"Christian Register."

On the motion of Mr. J. W. Clothier it was resolved to open a testimonial fund for the purpose of sending Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen to the world Pentecost Convention of Churches of Christ at Washington, U.S.A., in October. In the Hinrichsen missions in various parts of Australia, Mr. Clothier said, 7,000 converts had been made. The resolution, he said, would give to churches and individuals, who had been helped in these missions, an opportunity to show their appreciation of his work.

Because of the increasing amount of unemployment and distress, it was decided to inaugurate a social service department, similar to the social service department of the Victorian churches. Messrs. W. Toshach, C. Young, W. Morton, W. A. C. Wendorf and Cane were appointed as the first committee. The action of the Lord Mayor of Brisbane (Alderman W. A. Jolly) in establishing a work planning fund for the relief of unemployment was commended. The practical sympathy of the churches was urged.

Appreciation of "The Australian Christian" was recorded, and all members were urged to become subscribers.

Loyal support was pledged by the Conference in a resolution of admiration of the work of the College of the Bible and its Principal.

It was decided to hold the next Conference at Maryborough.

Youth Department.

At the young people's department session, it was decided to hold annually the leadership training camp for youth workers begun last Christmas. It was decided to open a correspondence

course for Sunday School staffs throughout the State in elementary child psychology, teaching methods and Sunday School organisation. The Conference adopted a committee resolution for a campaign to intensify interest in the department through the Bible Schools' Union.

It was reported that the year's objectives of six new Sunday Schools and 500 new scholars had been surpassed, with nine schools and 539 new scholars. There were now 38 Sunday Schools, with a total enrolment of 1,964 scholars and 267 teachers. During the year 135 scholars had become members of the churches. Other young people's organisations had a membership of 650. Representatives of about 30 Sunday Schools and other youth organisations attended the session. Mr. C. Wolf, retiring president, was chairman.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. K. Gerrard; vice-president, Mr. F. Enchelmaier; secretary, Miss D. Clapham; treasurer, Mr. H. Payne; committee, Messrs. Wolf, P. Rieck, A. Rieck, F. Enchelmaier, O. Potter, J. Larsen and Mrs. K. Gerrard.

The Foreign Mission department report presented by the president (Mr. O. Potter) and secretary (Mr. H. W. Hermann) stated that, owing to the general financial stress and unemployment, Queensland Foreign Mission gifts had fallen from £597 in 1928-29 to £525 in 1929-30, despite an increase of several hundreds in church membership.

Officers and Committees.

The following officers were elected:—

President, Mr. S. Stevens (Ipswich).

Vice-president, Mr. W. J. Campbell (Wynnum).

Secretary, Mr. W. Rothery.

Treasurer, Mr. J. J. McConnell.

Assistant secretary, Mr. J. Larsen.

Home Mission Committee.—Messrs. C. Risson, A. Hinrichsen, D. Quirke, A. Rieck, W. Keeble, A. Bernoth and W. Morton.

Foreign Mission Committee.—Messrs. O. Potter (president), H. W. Hermann (secretary), W. Berlin, H. Collins, A. Davidson, F. Enchelmaier, A. Hinrichsen, G. W. Potter and D. Quirke.

Church Property Trust.—Messrs. G. Colvin, W. Berlin, J. W. Clothier, F. Enchelmaier and W. A. C. Wendorf.

Connexional Fund.—Messrs. G. Colvin, F. Enchelmaier, W. A. C. Wendorf, J. W. Clothier and W. Rothery.

Advisory Board.—Messrs. W. Berlin (president), A. Rieck (secretary), Clothier, Stevens, Risson, Wendorf and H. E. Clvery.

Conference Sermon.

Throughout the Conference great assistance was given by Dr. C. R. L. Vawter and Mrs. Vawter and Mr. Howard House. A big congregation at the Exhibition Hall heard the Conference sermon by Dr. Vawter, on the subject: "What I Believe."

In days in which infidels were occupying many pulpits, he said, it was essential that the churches should have a clear understanding of their beliefs. The church must have complete faith in its message of eternal salvation—a personal God, a divine Christ and the Holy Spirit working through the Bible, the Word of God. "I believe in the unity of the people of God," he said; "but to-day we are divided into warring sects, wearing up to a couple of hundred different names, until the lines of the hymn most churches sing has become farcical:—

"We are not divided; all one body we;

One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

"I believe," he continued, "that all denominational groups should give way to the great prayer of the Master, 'that they all may be one.' The only hope of getting God's people united is to take the one name in which they all believe, and on which alone they must unite."

The hall was crowded on Easter Sunday night for the Vawter mission and a sacred concert given by the mission party, and at the evangelistic rally conducted by the Vawter party on Easter Monday night.

College of the Bible.

The following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1929, was issued prior to the Easter Conferences, and is now published for general information:—

RECEIPTS.

To Contributions, Maintenance Account—	
Churches and Members in—	
Victoria	702 12 8
New South Wales	406 3 4
South Australia	362 19 10
Queensland	284 7 0
Western Australia	99 16 11
New Zealand	31 9 6
Tasmania	20 16 5

Students' Fees, Rents, etc., Rents	£1908 5 8
Cottage	421 4 3
Refunds, Secretary's Services	2 15 0
Women's Mission Bands, Victoria	31 12 0
Federal Foreign Mission Board	100 0 0
Requests, Victoria	100 0 0

Specific Purposes—	£2563 16 11
Endowment Fund—	
New South Wales	25 0 0
Scholarships—	
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rofe Settlement, N.S.W.	153 6 0
Old Boys' Club	10 10 0

Students' Education Fund—	
South Australia	50 0 0
Furnishing Fund—	
Victoria	12 1 6
Piano Fund—	
Victoria	17 6 0
Radiator Fund—	
Victoria	0 10 6
Loans Repaid	61 5 0
Interest, as per Contra	55 16 0

Total Receipts	£2950 11 11
To Debt Balance, 31/12/29	£2220 1 4
	£5170 13 3

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Maintenance Account—	
Salaries	1876 12 2
Rates, Insurance, Taxes	183 3 6
Interest, Exchange (Including £55/16/- Interest on Scholarships, as per Contra)	88 3 2
Printing, Stationery, Advertising (Including Special Number "Australian Christian")	158 4 6
Repairs, Renovations, Alterations	28 6 1
Postages, Telephones, Travelling Expenses	176 18 11
Furniture	82 17 4
Electric Light and Gas	154 15 4
Cleaning, Caretaking, Gardening	194 13 2
Roadmaking	112 17 11
Women's Hostel, Sundries	4 18 4

By Specific Purposes—	
Scholarships—	
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rofe	£100 0 0
Morton Noble Memorial	18 0 0
William Grindrod Memorial	9 0 0
F. G. Dunn Memorial	8 8 0
F. M. Ludbrook Memorial	8 8 0
Miss E. F. Winter Memorial	6 0 0
Miss E. C. Hovey Memorial	6 0 0

Old Boys' Club	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Glen Iris Girls' Association Prize	10 10 0	
	2 2 0	
Loans to Students		168 8 0
Library		27 0 0
Victorian Bible Schools Department, Missent A.O.		8 6 4
		1 15 0

By Bank Charges, Interest, etc.	£205 9 4
Total Disbursements	£1829 6 9
By Debt Balance, 31/12/28	£5170 13 3

In an accompanying statement the Board of Management calls the attention of members to a reduction of income and consequent retrenchment. They say: "Our receipts for maintenance accounts are £437 less than the expenditure. This deficiency has caused the Board to reduce expenses, and the Board regrets the necessity for asking members of the Faculty to consent to a reduction in salary. It is hoped, however, that a generous brotherhood will meet the needs of the College in the near future."

The members of the Board—and, in no less degree, the members of the Faculty concerned—regret the necessity for the reported action. All are desirous of maintaining the work in this time of special stress, and will do their best to do so.

While we all deeply regret the present industrial depression with its unemployment and poverty, we should not become pessimistic or relax our efforts to further the work of God. Times of great prosperity have not been the best times for religious work. Cloud and sunshine—cold, rain, and warmth—are necessary for the production of the harvests of earth; and they seem to be needed for the production of the finest spiritual harvests. It is not when everything seems to be going well that the hearts of men are most inclined to God. In this present season of distress we may all be led to recognise more fully our dependence upon Him. Christian people may be urged not to let the work of God be the first thing to suffer when economies have to be exercised. With those who through lack of employment the ability to give for the furtherance of the gospel is temporarily lacking, we have the deepest sympathy. Their brethren should not forget to help such. The more fortunate ones—all of us, as ability and opportunity allow—should endeavor, by economy in luxuries and personal expenditure generally, to carry on the brotherhood work in which we have engaged for the glory of God and the furtherance of his kingdom.

For all past assistance, generously given, to the College, the Board of Management is grateful. It would earnestly appeal to brethren throughout the Commonwealth to support the work of the College, so that there may be no deficiency in the maintenance account, and so that the heavy overdraft may be removed. The need is very great, and the call for increased support is urgent. The work of the College is vitally related to and stands behind the whole missionary activity of the brotherhood. In their brief statement members of the Board of Management state that "the preparation of preachers to assist the churches in carrying on their work in the years to come is of paramount importance to all concerned." Either it is, or it isn't. If not, we need not worry. But if it is the case that the work of preparing preachers is of paramount importance, then we trust that the Australian brotherhood, which called the College into being for the furtherance of its work, will rally to its support and free it from a crippling disadvantage.

WORLD CONVENTION CHURCHES OF CHRIST. WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

A beautiful folder just received from Bro. Jesse Bader is available to all who contemplate attending the convention. It has been sent to all enquirers; a number are still on hand. A cable received May 7 from Mr. Holloway, transportation secretary, states "reduced rate of one hundred fifty-five dollars round trip from San Francisco return limit November fifteen writing." This will effect a saving of about £9 on "Open Jaw" ticket suggested in circular issued May 5. Delegates who contemplate returning on "Aorangi" leaving Vancouver on November 12, will be able to avail themselves of this saving. It would be wise to await the arrival of Mr. Holloway's letter before purchasing "Open Jaw" ticket. The "Open Jaw" ticket is good for eleven months, and permits travel over any alternative route through the United States and Canada, with unlimited stop-over privileges. Returning through Canada will permit a visit to be paid to the wonderful Banff tourist resort, which is open throughout the year. By making night stop-overs at Banff and Sicomous, the trip over the Rockies can be made in daylight. "Makura" leaves Sydney on Sept. 4.

A summary of travel costs is as follows:—

Steamer return, second class	£ s. d.	87 0 0
"Open Jaw" railway ticket		42 2 0
Extra rail charge, to include Grand Canyon (\$9.12)		2 0 0
San Francisco to Washington, sleeper accommodation, as per suggested route (\$40.13)		8 10 0
Rough estimate for sleeper accommodation, as per suggested route, through Canada (\$40.13)		8 10 0
		£148 2 0

Intending delegates should write State secretaries or W. Gale, at the Victorian Home Mission Office, T. & G. Building, 145 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I.

PUSHING THE PENTECOST PROGRAMME AMONG THE PROTESTANT PREACHERS.

All the Protestant churches of America, writes Jesse M. Bader, are interested in the Pentecost Anniversary observance. A definite five-point programme has been adopted by these various religious bodies to be followed simultaneously. Since our brotherhood has been working at the Pentecost Anniversary observance longer than any other communion, our ministers can render a great service by bringing this five-point programme before the other ministers of their community and lead out in its realisation. Let us do away with any false modesty. The advance of the kingdom is in the balance. This 1900th Anniversary of Pentecost is something that all the church bodies have agreed upon. Here is a chance, therefore, for leadership that there may be unity of action and glorious spiritual and numerical results in every community.

FIVE-POINT PROGRAMME. EASTER TO PENTECOST.

A church attendance crusade across America seeking to have every church member in church somewhere during the eight Sundays.

The reading of Luke and Acts—a chapter daily—during the fifty days.

All ministers preaching on the same subjects and texts during the eight Sundays.

Daily prayer meetings held during the ten days preceding Pentecost.

Such aggressive evangelistic efforts during the fifty days as shall make the 1900th Pentecost like the first Pentecost—a day of great ingathering.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

THE PERSONAL CHRIST.

Jesus Christ, my Friend and Brother,
Manly man beyond all other,
Partner of my joy and sorrow,
Yesterday, to-day, to-morrow,
Walks beside me o'er the mountain,
Sits beside me at the fountain.
Never leaves me, though I wander
Here and there, and over yonder,
Patient man beyond all other,
Jesus Christ, my Friend and Brother.

Jesus Christ, my Lord and Master,
Him I'll follow fast and faster,
Mindful of his word to-day,
In my heart of hearts he liveth,
Life and light and joy he giveth
All along my pilgrim way.

—John Dempster Hammond.

ANSWERS TO PRAYERS.

Jacob wrestles and prevails, Gen. 32: 24-32.
Moses cries—the sea divides, Ex. 14: 15, 21, 22.
Joshua prays—Achan is discovered, Josh. 7: 6-9, 19.
Hannah prays—Samuel is born, 1 Sam. 1: 11-20.
Asa prays—a victory is gained, 2 Chron. 14: 11-13.
Jehoshaphat cries—God turns away his foes, 2 Chron. 20: 6-23.
Isaiah and Hezekiah pray—185,000 Assyrians are dead in twelve hours, Isa. 37: 3-36.
Daniel prays—dream is revealed, Dan. 2: 19, 31-45; lions are muzzled, Dan. 6: 10-22; seventy weeks revealed, Dan. 9: 24-27.
Nebemiah prays—king's heart softened.—Neh. 1: 4-11; 2: 1-8.
Elijah prays—rain descends apace, 1 Kings 18: 42.
Elijah prays—drought of three years, 1 Kings 17: 1-7.
Elisha prays—Jordan divided, 2 Kings 2: 4-8.
Elisha prays—a child's soul comes back, 1 Kings 17: 21, 22.
The apostles pray—the Holy Spirit comes down, Acts 2: 1, 2.

MEN ARE FOUR.

The man who knows not that he knows not aught,
He is a fool, no light shall ever reach him.
The man who knows not, and would fain be taught,
He is but simple, go thou to him and teach him.
The man who knowing, knows not that he knows,
He is asleep, go thou to him and wake him.
The truly wise both knows and knows he knows;
Then cleave thou to him and never more forsake him.
—Exchange.

"I WILL LEND YOU A BOOK."

"When I was first anxious about my soul," said a Christian worker to a minister, "I went to the most eminent Christian I knew, and told him some of my doubts, which troubled me. He was very kind, and allowed me to state my case. Then he said, 'Well, it is rather an intricate subject, but I will lend you a book which will set you right.' He did. I read it, but felt as full of doubts as before. So I went to a clergyman and laid my difficulty before him. 'Well,' he said, 'I quite see your points, and I think they can be cleared up. I will lend you a book or two.' I read them, but I was still unsettled. I went to another adviser. He was in a hurry; said he could not go into the subject then—but would lend me a book. That nearly ended my inquiries. Happily, I found in a neighbor one who was ready to hear all, discuss all, and tell me, not so

much what wise men had said, but what he himself had believed and had lived on. To him, under God, I owe my decision."

TO THINK ABOUT.

Kindness, courtesy and truthfulness breed popularity.

There is little to be gained or given by brooding over your own unhappiness.

The more generously we give to worthy causes, the richer we feel ourselves.

Make a habit of talking to folks in a way that convinces them you are interested in their interests.

Our riches in this world mean very little if they are measured only by money.

Daily communication with God fits us to meet our difficulties better, to treat others better, and inspires us to make the most of every opportunity.

Something is wrong in the life of any individual who constantly sees wrong in others.

If we would live a beautiful life, we must think beautiful thoughts, see beauty and act beauty.

The condition of the heart is usually the reflection of the mind.—"Girlhood Days."

A GOOD REASON.

An infidel judge in America had a negro servant who was a Christian. They often talked about religion, and the servant told his master that Satan often troubled him. His master expressed his surprise that the devil (if there is one, which he did not believe) should trouble a good man like his servant. Sambo could not, at the time, give the reason why this should be so. A few days afterwards, the judge was shooting wild ducks beside a stream. "Now, massa," said the negro, "I can tell now why the devil troubles me, and he does not trouble you. I have seen you run after the wounded ducks with a stick lest they should get away, but the dead ducks you let them lie. Now I am like one of the wounded ducks, the devil is after me; but you are like a dead duck, the devil can get you at any time."

DAY OF COMPLAINTS.

Malthie D. Babcock suggests "that instead of having one day set apart for thanksgiving, it would be better to set apart one day for complaining, and cram into it all our worries, leaving the rest of the year clear for gratitude."

"Helpful hands
And willing feet
Make life's pathway
Mighty sweet."

HIS INTERPRETATION.

The young man was being instructed in his duties as usher at a wedding. "You understand," said the best man; "when the people arrive you ask them if they're friends of the bride or of the groom. You show the bride's friends to seats on one side of the church and the groom's to seats on the other." "Lot of fuss!" said the usher. "Won't they take sides soon enough?"

LABOR DAY.

Inquisitive Young Daughter—"Papa, what do you do all day long at the office?"

Father (not paying much attention to the question, as he is busy reading the evening paper)—"Oh, nothing."

Daughter (not easily discouraged)—"Well, how do you know when you are through?"

The Family Altar.

—J.C.F.P.—

Monday.

Light shall shine out of darkness . . . to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.—2 Cor. 4: 6.

Many, in Paul's day, as in ours, were "blinded by the god of this world." They groped amid Satan's great kingdom of darkness. It was the work of him who is the "light of the world" to defeat the arch-enemy in his efforts to blind and blast humanity by causing the light of the gospel to illumine the hearts and minds of men.

Reading—2 Cor. 4.

Tuesday.

Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.—2 Cor. 5: 9.

Like Enoch, Paul "had witness borne to him that he had been well-pleasing unto God." Whilst it is well, if consistent with Christian principles, to do or say those things which please our fellows, the primary aim, wherever we are, should be to please the Lord.

Reading—2 Cor. 5.

Wednesday.

Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers.—2 Cor. 6: 14.

Incalculable harm would be prevented if this injunction was always heeded. What bitter regrets often follow the unequal yoke of marriages between believers and unbelievers! God's plan is always the best; it can never be improved upon.

Reading—2 Cor. 6.

Thursday.

For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, a repentance which bringeth no regret.—2 Cor. 7: 10.

In the margin of the revised version we read—"or, unto a salvation which bringeth no regret." Repentance naturally includes regret, but salvation brings life, peace, happiness and everything to satisfy, and nothing to regret.

Reading—2 Cor. 7.

Friday.

In much affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.—2 Cor. 8: 2.

The churches of Macedonia well stood the test of affliction and poverty. It is small sacrifice to give from full coffers; these disciples liberally gave whilst the treasury was almost empty, and even found joy in sacrifice.

Reading—2 Cor. 8.

Saturday.

Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9: 7.

Christian giving is a matter for individual treatment. No hard and fast rules can generally be applied, except that laid down here; we must give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, remembering always that God loveth a cheerful giver.

Reading—2 Cor. 9.

Sunday.

The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh.—2 Cor. 10: 4.

Hence the comparative slowness of the Christian conflict. A tyrant can move swiftly, for he can with the sword cut down the enemy. Our great Captain uses the "sword of the spirit," and so moves slowly, for he must convince ere he can convert. Yet experience always shows that love is mightier than the sword.

Reading—2 Cor. 10.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

May 21.

COMMISSIONED BY THE KING.

(Matt. 28: 16-20.)

W. Waterman.

During that first Easter and the forty days that followed, what was the question most pressing to the wondering disciples? It was certainly—Israel, and how should she be saved? Cleophas said, "We hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel." On the eve of the Ascension the disciples asked Jesus, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus' answer to their problem was for forty days to speak to them "the things concerning the kingdom of God."

What things? And searching the "forty days" we find that "the things" Christ spoke were what we call "the Great Commission," with its explanations and promises. This Commission, though formally given in Galilee, was the burden of all Christ's teaching during the forty days. We shall therefore collate all this teaching.

In the teaching we find first some preliminary explanations; then the Command, with its method, its purpose, its conditions, and its promises.

Christ in preparation explained his recent sufferings and his imminent exaltation. His death, he said, had been God's counsel for him from the beginning of time. Referring to "Moses and the prophets" he shewed that "it behoved Christ to suffer," "for thus it was written." Far from being degrading and defeated, he would even now "ascend to his God and their God." "All authority in heaven and on earth was given unto him," "therefore go ye."

Christ's Great Command was simple: "Going into all the world, make disciples of all nations." The essential command was to enlist men of all nations as disciples (i.e., learners) in the school of Christ. The "go" "into all the world" is, in the Greek of either Matthew and Mark, merely accessory to "preach" and "make disciples of all nations."

By what means scholars shall be enlisted in himself, Christ has specified, in these words: "Going into all the world, preach the good news to every creature." What good news? "Ye shall be witnesses of me"; "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have told you." This is the appointed "power of God unto salvation."

The purpose of this commission is salvation—salvation not of Israel alone, however, but of all Gentile nations besides. "Preach the gospel: he that believeth shall be saved." "Whosoever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven; whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." "Thus shall remission of sins be preached in my name among all nations." Christ hereby taught that Israel is forthwith to receive her true blessing: "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

Such universal blessing, the Lord next instructed, should not be unconditional. He required a change of mind, of will, of state and of subsequent conduct. Of mind, in that he said, "He that believeth shall be saved." Of will: for he taught, "Repentance must be preached in my name among all nations." Of state, in open enlistment to Christ in baptism: "Make disciples, baptising them"; "he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved." Of conduct; and to this end, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." "Except a man be born again" in this fourfold way, "he shall not see the kingdom of God."

For poor fishermen, and taxgatherers to act as ambassadors of God to "all the nations" called for divine aid. This Jesus promised. "Behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be clothed with power from on high." Thus "am I with you away, even unto the end of the world."

TOPIC FOR MAY 28.—"THE THEME OF THE UNIVERSE."—Acts 1: 9-12.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

Organisation of the Junior Department.

Emily C. GILL.

(a) The Staff.

The ideal Junior Department will meet in its own room, and will be organised with its superintendent, secretary, treasurer, pianist and teachers. If, on account of lack of accommodation, the department must meet with the rest of the school, it should still have its superintendent, who will have the oversight of his or her own department. Of course it must be remembered that the Junior Department, like any other department, is but one section of the school. The superintendent of the school is the chief officer, and all plans should be submitted for his approval.

(b) Class Organisation.

The pupils should be classified according to years, boys and girls being in separate classes. The ideal plan would be to have one class for each year. But as eight classes would be too many for the average-sized room, and as frequently sufficient teachers could not be obtained, it would be better to combine boys of 8 and 9, and those of 10 and 11, doing the same with the girls, thus making four classes. Classes of Juniors should not, if possible, exceed six in number, at most not more than eight.

Pupils should be promoted on an established basis each year, in a regular promotion service.

(c) Duties of Leaders.

The leader or superintendent of the Junior Department may be either a man or a woman—preferably a young person; at least, one who has not forgotten his or her youthful days. The person for this office needs to be carefully chosen. It should be one with a gift for leadership; one who will be a friend to teachers and children alike; also one who has had at least one year's experience in the Kindergarten or Primary Department.

The leader's duties will be to lead the teachers in their weekly preparation class, and to lead the teachers and children in worship on Sunday. A deputy may be appointed to take the place of the leader during her absence. This officer may at other times act as a teacher, and help the leader in as many ways as possible.

The teachers—one for each class—should be young, energetic, willing helpers, ready to follow the lead of the superintendent; having a sympathetic understanding of boys and girls; joining reverently and heartily with them in the service, and in every way being an example to those they are endeavoring to train for the service of the Master.

As far as possible, a man should be chosen as the teacher of the boys, and a woman for the girls. These young teachers, too, will benefit by having had some previous experience in a Kindergarten or Primary Department.

The officers of secretary and treasurer are usually combined, and if the department should be fortunate enough to possess a library, the secretary may also fill the position of librarian. The secretary keeps a record of all attendances, ages, addresses, birthdays, and gets teachers to visit absent scholars, and report to him the reason of absence. He, in turn, reports to the leader. He does all necessary correspondence, marks the roll, takes charge of the money, keeps accounts, keeps records of honor markings and other details that are particularly class interests. The pianist should be one who is quick to follow the leader's ideas, and sympathetic to interpret them. He (or she) will be of great assistance to the leader in giving the right atmosphere of reverence and worship.

The music should be such as will appeal to the Juniors, and will inspire them to form high ideals, and to a love of service to God and fellow-men.

A wise teacher interests himself in his pupils during the week. Sometimes just common interest on his part between Sundays means compound interest on their part on Sundays.

BLIND GIRL TO HER MOTHER.

Mother, they say the stars are bright,
And the broad heavens are blue—
I dream of them by day and night,
And think them all like you.
I know not why, but oft I dream
Of the fair land of bliss;
And when I hear thy voice I dream,
That heaven is like to this.
O mother, will the God above
Forgive my faults like thee?
Will he bestow such care and love
On a blind thing like me?

RECORD AT ORMOND (VIC.) BIBLE SCHOOL.

On May 4, Bible School and Young People's Day, the school at Ormond reported a record attendance of 138. This exceeds the previous record by twelve. The Bible School was specially featured in the evening gospel service. The superintendent conducted the service, the secretary made a roll-call of teachers, who responded with a text. During the service the kinders rendered special songs. Anniversary hymns were

sung by the scholars. Mr. S. R. Baker, the resident preacher, delivered the address. This is especially cheering to Home Mission supporters, as the field was commenced and has been conducted ever since under the auspices of the Home Missionary Committee.

MOTHERS—AND OTHERS.

Others weary of the noise,
Mothers play with girls and boys.
Others work with patient will,
Mothers labor later still.
Others' love is more or less,
Mothers love with steadiness.
Others pardon, hating yet;
Mothers pardon and forget.
Others keep the ancient score,
Mothers never shut the door.
Others grow incredulous,
Mothers still believe in us.
Others throw their faith away,
Mothers pray, and pray, and pray.

—Amos R. Wells.

Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. T. WALDEN, M.A.

THE JULY OFFERING.

On July 6 we receive our one great offering of the year for Foreign Missions from the churches in Australia. It is the great day of the year for Foreign Missions. Upon the results of the offering depends the continuance of our Foreign Missionary work. Last year the amount contributed on the first Sunday in July was £4,947/4/11. Most of this was absorbed in paying our overdraft. This year we are handicapped by our financial depression, the lack of employment, and a heavy overdraft to a greater extent than last year, but it often proves that the handicapped man in a race wins by powers that neutralise the influence of the handicap imposed upon him. We trust that this may be true of our Foreign Mission forces on July 6 of this year. We are told of the churches of Macedonia:—

"How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing, themselves praying us, with much entreaty, that we would receive the gift and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints."

There are some of our members with large powers of giving, and we rejoice to say that from most of these brethren we receive liberal responses to our Foreign Mission Day offering. Last year we had twenty churches in Australia which gave over a hundred pounds each. There are others of our members from whom we can expect to receive very little—old age pensioners, widows without the usual bread-winner, young people with small resources—and yet we have girls giving a week's salary as their offering, and an old age widow pensioner sending a pound as her offering; a sister doing without a new dress that she may send a substantial sum to the offering; an old brother, who brings some gold jewellery that he had treasured for years; a young engaged couple spending their holiday at the gardens instead of taking a much longer trip, as they had purposed, and giving the difference to the offering. These are modern instances of deep poverty abounding unto the riches of their liberality. Weymouth translates the expression, 2 Cor. 8: 2, 3:—

"While passing through great trouble, their boundless joy, even amid their deep poverty, has overflowed to increase their generous liberality. For I can testify that to the utmost of their power, and even beyond their power, they have, of their own free will, given help."

Thus, we shall on July 6 receive offerings like unto that given by Barnabas, Acts 4: 36, 37, and we shall have offerings like unto that of the widow's mite, small and insignificant in the eyes of the world, but multiplied unto a great offering by the One to whom it was given. Or like the resources of the little lad with his five loaves and two fishes, and given for the use of Jesus, it fed the thousands.

We trust that this appeal for an offering to the work of our Lord in foreign lands may be responded to cheerfully and liberally by our 30,000 church members in Australia.

"HER FOREIGN MISSIONARY PURSE."

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. McCullough, of Warrnambool. She was one of our faithful sisters of Victoria. She gave a lifetime of devotion and service to Jesus Christ. She and her husband were pillars in the church at Warrnambool. Theirs was a delightful home in which to sojourn. It was the happy experience of the Federal Secretary to enjoy the hospitality of their home. She was greatly interested in our Foreign Mission work, and was a generous contributor to its funds.

One of her parting messages to her daughter

was, "Do not forget my Foreign Mission money." There was four pounds in her Foreign Mission purse. This four pounds was sent to Bro. A. G. Saunders with this message:—

"By coincidence we noticed in the 'Christian' of April 17 that that sum, four pounds, buys two beds and two small ward lockers in one of the new rooms in the Gwyn Grace Edwards' Block at the Dhond Hospital. We should like the money used for that purpose, for having been, herself, a semi-invalid for a number of years, it seems fitting that her last earthly contribution should be used in assisting to provide means for the alleviation of suffering."

"Her Foreign Missionary purse." I wonder how many of us have a Foreign Missionary purse in which we are able to put our small savings from time to time to have fellowship with our missionaries in their work. I wonder how many of us will leave such a legacy of Foreign Missionary interest. When we think of our sister as the "Lady with the Foreign Missionary Purse" it reminds us of the "Lady of the Lamp," Florence Nightingale, and this purse is a lamp illuminating the life of our dear sister, showing her secret thoughts of the work in the far-off countries; a lamp that will reflect the Light of Love in one of the rooms of the Gwyn Grace Edwards' ward of the Ashwood Memorial Hospital.

JOTTINGS.

Miss Florence Cameron leaves this month for Coomoor on her vacation. Miss Vawser will be in charge of the Girls' Home.

Matron Caldicott, of the Dhond Hospital, is going to Kashmir.

Our Bible Schools who received a copy of the large picture of our Shanghai School children are very pleased with it, and several have had them framed to hang up in the schoolrooms. We have a few copies left of this picture, 36 ins. x 8 ins., which we are selling at cost price, 2/- post free. A smaller picture, 18 ins. x 4 ins., can be obtained from the Austral Company, post free, sixpence.

Children's Day will be observed this year on various dates. Some States are holding it in the month of July, and South Australia the first Sunday in November. The exercises and boxes will be ready for sending out next week.

Mrs. MacKie writes that the doctor is much encouraged at the progress Melville is making. To be near the hospital Mrs. MacKie is purposing removing to the Frankston district.

News in the press, May 12, speaks of serious rioting in the Sholapur District. For fear that some may be anxious concerning our own station, we think it wise to state that Sholapur is over 100 miles from our Australian station, Ahmednagar, mentioned in the report, is near our Australian stations, but as troops were sent from Ahmednagar to assist in quelling the riot in Sholapur, it is assumed that things are quiet in the Ahmednagar District or they would not remove troops from there. Under these circumstances we can rest assured that our own missionaries are not in the zone of the disturbance, and no fears may be felt concerning their safety at present.



Gwyn Grace Edwards' Ward, Dhond Hospital, India.

ADDRESS.

W. J. Buckley (secretary Dumbleton church, N.S.W.)—337 Forrest-rd., Hurstville, N.S.W.

COMING EVENTS.

MAY 18 and 21.—The 73rd anniversary of Cheltenham Church of Christ will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18. Speakers: 11 a.m., Principal A. R. Main, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. T. R. Morris. Wednesday, May 21, 7.45 p.m., speaker, Mr. A. J. Ingham. Special anthems by the choir; Miss Iris Forbes (violinist); Miss Blanche Knight (elocutionist); Mr. Val. Woff (soloist). Coffee supper. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends.

MAY 18 and 25.—Moreland Church 21st Anniversary Services. Speaker, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Bro. W. Gale. All past members invited.

MAY 18, 25 & 26.—Pahran (High-st.) Bible School Anniversary. Speakers, May 18, 11 a.m., Dr. W. A. Kemp; 3 p.m., G. J. Mackay, well-known leader of community singing; 7 p.m., A. W. Connor. May 25, 11 a.m., R. Sparks; 3 p.m., presentation of prizes; 7 p.m., A. W. Connor. Music by school and orchestra. May 26, children's concert, Old Town Hall, Chapel-st., 7.45 p.m. Admission, 1/-.

MAY 25.—"Back to Fitzroy" (Gore-st.), Sunday, May 25. Come back to the field of your past labors for a day. Special meetings and speakers throughout month. We will be glad to see you, and you will enjoy yourself at these meetings.

MAY 25, JUNE 1 and 8.—Bell-st., Coburg, Bible School Anniversary. May 25, 3 p.m., Bro. A. G. Saunders; 7 p.m., Dr. W. A. Kemp. June 1, 3 p.m., Bro. J. E. Shipway; 7 p.m., Bro. L. R. H. Beaumont. Eighth annual demonstration and distribution of prizes. Excellent singing. Interesting speakers. Come, see and hear. All welcome.

FOR SALE.

Well-established greengrocer's business, close to city, will stand any investigation, owner selling on account of illness. Will accept any reasonable offer. For further particulars apply this office.

Tent, suitable for holding missions, or as a refreshment booth, 45 x 27 ft., walls 6 ft., side props, iron pegs, ropes and pulleys, two large centre poles, accommodate 150 people. £10/10/- J. Houghton, secretary, Church of Christ, Yarrawonga, Vic.

IN MEMORIAM.

CARR.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed from this life on May 15, 1926.

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

—Inserted by her loving son Dick, daughter-in-law Treasa, and grandchildren Philip, Thelma, Dorothy, Andrew.

McDONALD.—In memory of my dear husband, Roderick McDonald, called home on May 11, 1923. Ever remembered.

—Inserted by his loving wife, Harriet McDonald.

NEWELL.—In sacred memory of my dear wife and loving mother, who passed away on May 9, 1929.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear, no woe, shall dim the hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

—Inserted by her loving husband, sons and daughters.

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Here and There.

Our next issue will be a special Christian Union Number. On May 29 we hope to have another special number dealing with Pentecost.

The Northern Rivers Churches of Christ Conference, N.S.W., and the forty-sixth anniversary of Lismore church, will be held at Lismore on May 24 and 25.

Our work in N.S. Wales shows marked signs of progress. For the year ending Feb. 28, an increase in membership of 644 is reported, the membership being 5,006.

The monthly council meeting of the Victorian Department of Christian Endeavor will be held at Lygon-st. on Tuesday, May 20, at 8 p.m. The executive will meet at 7.30.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Charters Towers, Qld.:—"Hinrichsen-Morris mission had 22 at morning service; tent crowded at night; interest growing; optimism prevailing.—Coward."

The Victorian General Dorcas will hold its usual monthly meeting at Swanston-st. lecture hall on Wednesday next, May 21, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters are welcome. The need is urgent, and the presence and help of sisters is appealed for.

Once more we express our regret at being unable to include announcements of coming events in church reports. Our news columns are generally crowded, and we must content ourselves with news rather than prophecies. Will our correspondents kindly note?

Bountiful rains have brought great cheer to thousands of hearts. It is impossible to estimate the greatness of the blessing thus received. Let Christians not forget to return thanks to Almighty God "who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields."

The Victorian Department of Social Service is requesting Churches of Christ in the State to observe the week from Monday, June 2, to Sunday, June 8, as Benevolent Week, when parcels of clothing or food may be brought to the churches and offerings be taken up at the evening service for the poor of the churches.

As we went to press two telegrams came to hand from Brisbane. The first, dated May 13, reads: "166 confessions to date, 70 last week; 669 have read Acts; incessant rains last two weeks.—Vawter." The second was sent on May 14: "Vawter mission hindered by rain; expecting great results closing week; 111 confessions to date.—Bassard."

Last Sunday week Chatswood church, N.S.W., celebrated its sixteenth anniversary. Bro. Saxby gave the morning message and Bro. Whelan preached at night. The building was taxed to the uttermost, and a baptismal service was held. On May 11 Mothers' Day services were held. In the morning a young man was received into fellowship. The meeting at night was splendid, extra seating accommodation being necessary. Bro. Whelan's theme, "Jesus the Son of Mary," was ably presented. A man and two young girls from the Bible School made the great confession.

During Easter Annerley church, Qld., enjoyed messages from Breen Tease (Kingsaroy) and Lionel Johnston (Toowoomba). An exhortation on the morning of May 4 by Bro. Stow was also appreciated. The Bible School picnic at Yeronga Park on May 5 was an unqualified success, just on 400 adults and children being present. The Vawter mission party visited the school on May 4. The building was packed. 23 young people responded to Bro. Vawter's invitation to confess Christ. The mission party again visited Annerley on the invitation of the Women's Guild on afternoon of May 7. The building was crowded. The meeting was a spiritual uplift to all, and five adults confessed Christ.

Sunday, May 11, marked the opening of a fortnight's mission at Box Hill, Vic., conducted by Bro. Scambler. At the morning meeting Dr. Moore, of Swanston-st., gave a beautiful Mothers' Day message. The chapel was crowded at night, when Bro. Scambler spoke on "The Story of the Cross." Four Bible School boys made the good confession. "Memories of Mother" by a male quartette party was enjoyed.

The Victorian "Clarion Call" for May contains the following paragraph, which will be of special interest to our readers: "When Mr. Reg. Enniss undertook the directorship of the Victorian Prohibition League, he intimated his readiness to serve in that capacity until the close of the 1930 No-Licence campaign. That campaign having closed, it was necessary that action be taken to provide for the future, and a very warm invitation was extended to Mr. Enniss to continue his

RECORDING PENTECOST ATTENDANCE.

Request to Church Secretaries.

It is desired that on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, every church member who is at all able should be present at the Lord's Table. Throughout the world, on the nineteen hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the church, there will probably be a record attendance of disciples meeting to remember the Lord Jesus.

It is desired to secure a summary record of the world attendance on that date. We are writing to all our State Conference Secretaries in Australia asking them to obtain from churches in the State a record of the number breaking bread on that day and then telegraph the Austral Publishing Co. the total for the State. Immediately the State totals are received, the Australian total will be cabled to America, where our brethren are compiling a statement of the world record.

We seek the co-operation of all our State Secretaries, and also request secretaries of churches to be willing without delay to respond to any communication received from the State Secretary.

work as director. At the last meeting of the State Council, Mr. Enniss gave great satisfaction to all concerned by announcing his willingness to remain in the office for at least another year. During the past year or so Mr. Enniss has thrown himself into campaign activities with a fine enthusiasm, and has won the confidence and esteem of an ever-widening circle of friends and supporters of our cause. His decision will give great pleasure to those who have associated with him during the past year."

Splendid meetings have been experienced at Launceston, Tas., lately with good attendances. Conference meetings were held at Margaret-st., and these, with the fellowship of many visitors, have given the work a fresh impetus. On April 20 Bro. F. T. Saunders, Vic., delivered a fine exhortation. Bro. J. K. Martin, of Geelong, delivered the gospel message, and two confessed Christ. The choir rendered special music. Recent interstate visitors were Bro. Bardwell, Northcote, Bro. Milne, Vic., Bro. and Sister Rogers, Montrose, Vic., Sister Mrs. F. T. Saunders, Sister Mrs. Hatty, Newmarket, Bro. N. J. Warmbrunn has taken over the superintendency of the Bible School in place of Bro. H. V. Stevens, who, after some years of efficient service, has resigned owing to other brotherhood duties. On May 4 Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen delivered a fine exhortation, and at night Bro. Collins spoke with power. A baptismal service was held. At morning meeting on May 11 Bro. F. T. Saunders made an impressive

and eloquent appeal for the College. The fellowship with Bro. and Sister Saunders has been greatly enjoyed, and our brother's messages have proved inspiring. At Mothers' Day service at night special music was given by the choir, and Bro. Collins delivered an inspiring message on "A Mother's Intuition." A young sister from the Bible School made the good confession.

At Subiaco, W.A., on April 27 Bro. F. T. Carter delivered farewell addresses. The morning service had a record attendance. In the evening the chapel was overcrowded. Four gave their lives to Christ. Three who had confessed Christ were baptised. On May 1 a farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister Carter. Two were baptised in the early part of the meeting. Special music was enjoyed. Bro. E. Nelson, on behalf of the church, presented Bro. Carter with a gold wristlet watch and wallet. Sister Scott presented Sister Carter with a jewel-case. Bobby and Audrey also received presents. Bro. Samuels, church secretary, spoke of the great work of Bro. Carter during his two years' ministry. Mrs. Schwab, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, made a present to Sister Carter. Bro. Wakefield, for the Ministers' Fraternal, conveyed good wishes, and Bro. Schwab, Conference President, also spoke. On May 3 Bro. and Sister Carter left W.A. by the "Katoomba." The gospel services are being conducted by the various departments of the church. On May 4 Bro. Schwab addressed the church. Welcome was extended to four who had obeyed their Lord in baptism. The evening service was conducted by the men's gospel team. The church rejoices that Bro. A. G. Saunders has accepted its invitation.

Obituary.

McCULLOUGH.—The Warrnambool (Vic.) church has suffered a great loss in the home-going of Sister Mrs. McCullough, who fell asleep in Christ on April 1, at the age of 82. Sister McCullough was one of the pioneer members of the church at Warrnambool, having confessed her faith in Christ under the preaching of Bro. J. A. Hamill, and was baptised by him in the Merri River, the church then meeting in the Temperance Hall. Our late sister was held in high esteem, and was for many years president of the Women's Mission Band at Warrnambool, and was a regular attendant at the Lord's table until laid aside through sickness. In order that our sister could remember her Lord, a table was set up in her own home for the past several months. Of her it could be truthfully said that she was a good woman, and one that feared the Lord. She leaves a family of three daughters and two sons. A beautiful memory of a devoted life remains to comfort the hearts of her loved ones.

MOONEY.—It is with sorrow that we record the death, after a long illness, of Mrs. Edward Mooney (aged 72), of Petty-st., West Hobart (formerly widow of the late W. J. Jarvis, of Hobart). Having over fifty years' active membership in her native city, our late sister was one of the pioneers of the Restoration movement in Southern Tasmania. Formerly a member of Collins-st., she had fellowship at West Hobart church from the time of its formation until her home-call on May 3. An enthusiastic worker for many years in the Collins-st. Dorcas Society, and noted for her unostentatious liberality, with State-wide sympathy she assisted churches other than those of Hobart. The tent in which the mission was held, that resulted in the establishment of the Margaret-st. church at Launceston, was procured at her personal expense. Our sister's remains were laid to rest in Corwellian Bay Cemetery on May 5. Bro. J. Park, of Collins-st., conducted services at the home and graveside, paying tribute to the sterling character of the deceased, Breen, J. C. Woolley and A. E. Heard, secretaries of West Hobart and Collins-st. Churches of Christ, assisting.

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE.

The monthly meeting was held on Friday, May 2, there being a large attendance. Mrs. T. H. Scambler (President) was in the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. Ingham; her topic, "The Bible: Its Precious Promises." Mrs. Scambler thanked the sisters for the honor of being appointed President of Conference. A cordial welcome was extended to new and old delegates, superintendents and committees, and the hope expressed that together we would have a very happy year of service for our Lord.

Correspondence included thanks for letters received and apologies for absence. Conference echoes were given by Mrs. R. Lyall, for which she received our best thanks.

We were pleased to welcome Dr. W. A. Kemp, President of General Conference, who conveyed greetings from the brotherhood.

Prayer Committee visited the sisters of Gardenvale at the home of Mrs. Powell, and held a happy and spiritual meeting. The Benevolent Home, Cheltenham, received a visit from 18 members of Glenferrie church. A generous distribution of home comforts was made to the inmates. Mr. Williams conducted a service, and gave a short address.

General Dorcas met on April 9, and had a busy day, as so many cases needed assistance. Thanks are given for parcels received from Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Oliver, Miss Enniss, and a small donation from an isolated sister. Parcels went to the hospitals, Social Service Department and six private cases. Several reports were given verbally.

Next meeting of Executive is on Friday, June 6. A cordial invitation is extended to all sisters. —Miss Rometch, Secretary, 13 Florence-ave., Kew, E.4.

At the Victorian Women's Conference at Easter, the following were appointed superintendents of Committees:—

Home Missions: Mrs. A. E. Forbes, 12 Carpenter-st., Brighton, S.5.

Foreign Missions: Miss A. Baker, 1 Riversdale-rd., Hawthorn, E.2.

Prayer Meeting: Mrs. Burton, 3 Murray-rd., Elsternwick, S.4.

Women's Mission Band: Mrs. A. R. Main, College of the Bible, York-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6.

General Dorcas: Mrs. Hunter, 10 Peverill-st., Canterbury, E.8.

Social Service: Mrs. C. Gill, Springfield-rd., Blackburn.

Isolated Sisters: Miss P. Ellis, 207 Union-rd., Surrey Hills, E.10.

Hospital Visitation: Mrs. Meyer, Hunter-st., Richmond, E.1.

Benevolent Home: Mrs. Croxford, Garfield-st., Cheltenham, S.22.

—Louise Rometch, Sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SISTERS' AUXILIARY.

The sisters met on Thursday, May 1, in Grote-st. hall, for the monthly meeting, which took the form of a Foreign Mission rally. The devotional session was led by Mrs. T. B. Fisher. 100 sisters were present, 48 being delegates.

A duet was nicely rendered by two sisters from Croydon church (Mrs. Jessop and Mrs. Signet), also a solo by Mrs. Knight, from Cottonville. We were very pleased to have Mr. Roy Coventry, missionary from India, to address the meeting, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The offering taken for Foreign Missions amounted to £3/3/-. Mrs. Rootes, Foreign Mission superintendent, presided over the rally, and Mrs. Green, the president, offered a vote of thanks to all who made the rally a success.—M. Mauger, asst. secretary.

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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Invermay.—On May 4 Bro. Collins, of Launceston, interchanged with Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen, his splendid exhortation being very much appreciated. Bro. Hinrichsen conducted a fine gospel service; subject, "Pentecostal Power." Mrs. E. Smith's solo was appreciated by all.

Western Australia.

Kalgoorlie.—On May 4 Bro. Waterman gave an enjoyable account of Conference gatherings. On Sunday evening Mr. Leader, of Russian Baptist church, preached the gospel, and on Monday evening gave a lantern lecture on Russia. At Friday evening's Endeavour meeting a young lady was baptised. The church regrets the loss of Bro. Will Berridge, who has taken up farming at Southern Cross.

Queensland.

Maryborough.—Good services continue. Attendances at the sisters' guild meetings are large. The Christian Endeavorers participated in a rally in Wesley church.

Brisbane.—Good attendance at meetings last two Sundays, when Dr. Vawter continued his addresses on the "Lord's Supper." On May 4 four sisters and one brother were received into fellowship.

Kingaroy.—Interest in the work still grows. Meetings have been good. A Y.P.S.C.E. has been formed under the presidency of Bro. Lobbeiger. Miss Gladys Perrett is conducting kindergarten during the absence of Mrs. Tease.

Roma.—Since the mission, services have been very encouraging. Attendances were very good at both services on May 4. The Bible School annual picnic was held on May 5. A happy day was spent, about 160 being in attendance.

Bundaberg.—On April 27, 135 broke bread. Meetings were well attended on May 4. At the morning meeting the brethren who attended the State Conference submitted brief reports. In the evening the chapel was well filled, and a girl confessed Christ. On May 4 the Bible School held its annual picnic at New Bundaberg.

Rockhampton.—On May 4 six received the hand of welcome, three were immersed, and one girl made decision for Christ. There were good attendances for the day. Many strangers come to gospel services, and interest is well maintained. Bro. Vanham is due to commence his ministry with the church next Lord's day.

Ma Ma Creek.—All services are well attended, worship meetings especially. About 70 break bread each Sunday morning. On April 20 Bro. Rosenberg exhorted, and Bro. J. S. Metcalf preached at night. On April 27 Bro. Hamann addressed the church on Conference matters. The chapel has been painted, and presents a fine appearance. Altogether the improvements cost nearly £300. This has been met, and the church is out of debt.

Victoria.

Hampton.—Bren. Shean and Jones were the speakers on May 11. At night an enjoyable solo was rendered by Bro. J. Y. Buckley.

Bensalla.—Bro. Cecil Jackel, who is recovering from illness, was at breaking of bread on May 11, also Sister Hillbrick, who has been ill in hospital.

Mitcham.—Good attendances on May 11. Bro. Graham, from Box Hill, gave a fine address in the morning on "Justification." In the evening Bro. Dickens gave a Mothers' Day address.

Borealis.—On the morning of May 4 the message of Bro. Watson, from India, was enjoyed by all. On May 11 Bro. Stanford spoke morning and evening, giving suitable addresses on "Mother." C.E. society, P.H.P. and K.S.P. clubs are going on splendidly.

Moreland.—On May 11 Bro. Webb addressed the church. Bible School anniversary services were continued in the afternoon, and at the evening meeting Bro. Webb gave an illustrated address to the children.

St. Kilda.—On May 11 there were good attendances at both meetings. Bro. Grundy spoke in the morning on "The Widow Mother of Nain," and in the evening on "The Mother of Zebedee's Children." A trio and duet were rendered by sisters of the church.

North Williamstown.—A tent mission, to continue for at least two weeks, commenced on May 14 at the corner of Douglas Parade and John-st. The missioner is H. H. Ball, the song-leader W. Easton. The help of members from sister churches will be welcomed.

Carnegie.—On May 11 a Mothers' Day service was held in the evening. Bro. Shipway spoke on "Mothers Like Hannah." Solos were given by Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Holloway and Miss V. Shipway. The morning service was addressed by Bro. E. F. Ryall upon "The Journey of Life."

Gardiner.—Services were enjoyable and well attended on May 11, the speakers being Bren. Reg. Ennis and H. Gebbie. Miss Morley helped with a solo in the evening. The church is glad to have Mrs. Ludbrook back in fellowship after her six months' sojourn in Auckland, N.Z.

West Preston.—On May 11 Bro. Illingworth, from Northcote, gave a much-appreciated morning address. Bro. Robbins preached in the evening. Miss J. Green has been appointed pianiste. The sisters held a successful "Australian tea" recently, £2/15/- being raised for building fund.

St. Arnaud.—Meetings on May 11 were well attended. Bro. Wallace Jackel took the place of his brother, Bro. Cecil Jackel, who is recuperating after illness. His addresses were splendid, and the church is grateful for his services. At the evening service Sister Codiga rendered a beautiful solo.

Gardenvale.—Bible School anniversary services were held on May 11. Bro. W. Gale spoke to the church, and addressed the children in the afternoon. Bro. Clay preached in the evening. The meetings were well attended, and the special singing under the leadership of Bro. Haddow was much appreciated.

Glenferrie.—Good meetings have been held during the last few weeks. Mr. Williams' sermons have been of a high order. Splendid talks on Mothers' Day, and special music by choir members. The Bible Class has finished a course of church history by Mr. Williams, and is at present studying various religious beliefs.

Balwyn.—In the absence of Bro. Jas. E. Thomas, appreciated assistance has been rendered by Bro. J. McG. Abercrombie, whose addresses during the past six weeks have been enjoyed by good audiences. Bro. A. L. Gibson spoke at both services on May 11, and will continue for the next two months. All auxiliaries are working well.

Middle Park.—On May 7 the prayer meeting enjoyed a visit from Bro. Morgan, of South Melbourne. Mothers' Day was celebrated at both services on May 11. In the absence of Bro. Baker on holidays, Bro. Frank Hunting gave an appreciated address in the morning, and Bro. Crouch spoke at the gospel service on "The Influence of a Mother."

Ascot Vale.—On April 30 a church social was held, with about 100 present. All auxiliaries spoke a word of appreciation to Bro. and Sister Patterson for the work they have done during the past eleven years. Bro. Geo. White, secretary, spoke on behalf of the church, and presented Bro. Patterson with two books to mark the commencement of his twelfth year of service. May 4, good meetings. 210 at Bible School. May 11, Bro. Saunders, of Lygon-st., gave a very nice address in the morning.

Bentleigh.—Good meetings each Lord's day. On May 11 Bro. Campbell was received into fellowship from the church at Blackburn. One new scholar for the school. The ladies' guild are doing all they can to make the work succeed.

Geelong.—Well-attended meetings on May 11. Mothers' Day was celebrated at afternoon and evening services. Bro. Piper rendered the solo, "Tell mother I'll be there," and one lad decided for Christ. Sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Whitworth, who has lost her mother in England. A tennis fete held on May 10 was much enjoyed.

Stawell.—Mothers' Day was celebrated on May 11. Bro. Snow delivered stirring addresses at all meetings, which were well attended. Two good workers of the church, Bro. and Sister Shaw, have been transferred to Ararat. The Mutual Improvement Society is going ahead rapidly, there now being 70 members enrolled.

Wangaratta.—Mothers' Day was celebrated last Lord's day. Bro. Arnold gave splendid addresses, fitting for the occasion. The annual meeting of the church was held on May 6. Reports from various departments showed the work to be in a healthy condition. Bro. T. H. Crawford, secretary, and Bro. G. Jackel, treasurer, were both re-elected.

Oakleigh.—May 11, splendid meetings all day. Bro. Trezise, of Dandenong, spoke in the morning on "Mother." The night service was conducted by the mothers of the church. Solos and duet were rendered. Bro. Mudge made an appeal, and a young man made the good confession. A Sunday scholar, who confessed Christ the previous Sunday, was baptised.

Cheltenham.—Special services were held on May 11, Mothers' Day. Bro. Wakeley's address to a large congregation in the evening was, "The Mother of Jesus." The service was very impressive. A feature was a mothers' choir, and their rendering of the hymn, "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me," was delightful. At the conclusion of the service one young lad was baptised.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Good meeting last Lord's day morning, and many visitors, including Bro. Carter and Bro. and Sister Bladin, of Maylands, S.A. Bro. Carter addressed the church very acceptably. He is en route from Subiaco, W.A., to Auckland, N.Z., where he intends to labor with the churches. Good sermon at night by Bro. Moore on "Vicarious Suffering," relating same to Mothers' Day.

Warrnambool.—On Easter Sunday Bro. Norris commenced his labors with the church, making a good impression. Interest and attendances continue to grow. At a business meeting on Wednesday evening, presided over by Bro. R. F. Petterd, new officers were elected. Bro. Gooday was elected secretary. During College vacation Bro. Norris is visiting members. Special services were conducted on May 11, the topic being "Mother." Sister Mrs. Bryant rendered the solo, "Mother Knows."

Newmarket.—Bible School anniversary services were held on May 11. Bro. Black's morning address was preceded by a talk to the Young Workers' League. In the afternoon Bro. Patterson, from Ascot Vale, brought a message on "Bridge Building," which interested old and young. In the evening Bro. Clark, from Malvern, interested the children with his talk. The children, under the leadership of Bro. Hall, of Richmond, sang sweetly. Tea was provided for visitors.

South Yarra.—The silver jubilee of the occupation of the present chapel, and the Bible School anniversary services, were bright and well-attended. Past members were present at each service on May 11. Bro. Dr. Hinrichsen delivered the morning address. In the afternoon almost a record attendance heard Bro. Watson's stories of Indian missions and personal experiences. The fine singing of the children was conducted by Bro. Chipperfield, of Gardiner. Over 220 were present at night, the scholars occupying the special gallery, and heard from Bro. Ludbrook an address adapted to young and old. A number took lunch and tea provided by the sisters. About 140 broke bread for the day.

Dunstable.—Bible School celebrated its 49th anniversary by special services on May 4. The scholars rendered fine choruses under the leadership of Bro. A. Tully. Bro. J. Plummer gave an instructive and interesting talk to scholars and friends. On the following Wednesday evening the annual entertainment and distribution of prizes was held. A good programme was presented by the scholars to a large audience.

Northcote.—The mission continues. Bro. A. G. Saunders has kindly come to the help of the church, and there have been some good meetings and fine addresses. Preston, Thornbury, Fairfield and other churches have helped with delegations. There were two baptisms on Sunday, 11th. The sympathy of the church goes out to Sisters White and Watson, who have had loved ones taken home during the week.

Yarrowonga.—On May 4 ninety met around the Lord's table. A good attendance at Bible School, and a good gospel service. May 11, special services were held in honor of mother, with appropriate addresses by Bro. Searle. Mulwala Bible School anniversary was held in the school hall in the afternoon. Yarrowonga school journeyed across, and sixty were present. Bro. Searle addressed the children. Sister Mrs. Hodges was welcomed back after long illness.

Sunshine.—Bro. Cook's messages are much enjoyed. On April 27 his sermon on "Remembrance" was especially enjoyed. His theme on Sunday evening, May 4, was "Youth," and on May 11 he preached a fine sermon on "Mother." A prayer meeting is being held every Sunday evening before the gospel service in preparation for Pentecost. Bro. Cook took part in the Anzac service in the local Town Hall on April 25. On Sunday morning, May 4, Bro. Thompson addressed the church. Bible School is doing nicely.

South Melbourne.—"Mothers' Day" was celebrated on Sunday. In the morning Bro. Waterman's talk was on "How to Help and Think of Mother." The gospel service was taken charge of by girls of the Phi Beta Pi. Solo, duet, prayer and reading were enjoyable features. The message of Sister Mrs. Jackson, Chaplain of Brunswick P.B.P., was much appreciated. The women's mission band held its monthly meeting, and reports interest in the work. Sister Miss Thompson has consented to hold an instruction class for the Bible School annual examinations.

Parkdale.—The church annual meeting was held on April 30. Bro. Box, Bradley, Bryce, Brooker, Collings, Pateman and Rees were re-elected as church officers. The church is endeavoring to get every member doing some work, and 29 present at the business meeting signed a "service pledge." On May 4 Bro. Bartlett, from Chelsea, spoke in the morning. There was one confession at the close of Bro. Stephenson's evening address. A special men's meeting was held on May 7 in connection with the Pentecost anniversary. Good meetings on May 11, when Mothers' Day was observed; over 100 present at evening meeting. All auxiliaries report good work.

Brunswick.—On May 4 Bro. C. J. Robinson, of Hartwell, exhorted on "Bearing Our Cross." In the afternoon a conference of the C.E. societies was held to discuss the furtherance of the work. At night Miss E. Morley sang a solo. J. C. F. Pittman's subject was "Joseph." An immersion followed. At the annual meeting of the women's mission band the following were re-elected:—President, Mrs. W. Jackson; vice-president, Mrs. L. Scott; secretary, Mrs. H. Fostineo; treasurer, Mrs. W. Jenkin. This band has initiated many successful efforts to raise funds for the church. On May 5 the Phi Beta Pi was visited by the Coburg club, which conducted the meeting.

South Australia.

Dulwich.—Bro. A. C. Rankine gave a fine message on May 4. Meetings are splendidly maintained, and the spirit is excellent. Bible School work is most encouraging. A special May day service was held on the afternoon of May 4. Dorcas Society has resumed work for the year. Splendid meetings on May 11, when three were received into the church.

Neerwood.—Bro. P. R. Baker is making satisfactory progress after his operation, and hopes shortly to resume his ministry with the church. On May 11 Bro. A. L. Leeder, of the Russian Missionary Society, addressed the morning meeting. Bro. A. C. Rankine had charge of the gospel service.

Queenstown.—On May 11, at 7.30 a.m. prayer meeting, prayers were offered for the success of the mission at Unley conducted by Bro. Brooker. At the morning service Bro. G. Cox exhorted. A special Mothers' Day service was held in the afternoon. The scholars sang anniversary hymns, and Miss T. Mildrum a solo. Bro. G. T. Walden gave an interesting and helpful talk. In the evening a male choir assisted, and Bro. Walden preached the gospel.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—The Sunday School anniversary was held on May 4, services being conducted by Bro. A. R. Manning, T. Turner, D. McNicol and J. Wiltshire. The singing at the three services was splendid, the attendance exceptionally large, and the preaching inspiring. Bro. R. Manning was congratulated upon reaching his twenty-fifth anniversary as superintendent of the school. On April 27 there were two decisions for Christ. Bro. H. R. Coventry delivered a very good address on the evening of May 11 on our work in India.

Unley.—On May 7 a large number of members met and welcomed Bro. W. C. Brooker. On Sunday he commenced his mission. At evening service, which was largely attended, the husband of one of the members went forward. The choir and young folks are doing their best to make mission a success. Recently, during Bro. Taylor's absence, Bro. H. R. Coventry and F. Hollams conducted services. The tennis club finished the season with a successful tea, Bro. P. S. Messent presiding. The club has been in existence for twenty-five years.

Nailsworth.—A good spiritual atmosphere continues. On May 4 there were record attendances at Junior C.E. (56) and Sunday School (198). Church services were fully attended. Bro. Raymond's evening subject was, "The Authority of Christ." On May 6 the church held its business meeting. Reports showed that 24 members had been gained during past six months, seven being Sunday School scholars. £28 was donated to Foreign Missions, £20 to Home Missions, and £113 to the building fund in that period. Bro. Raymond was asked to remain with the church for at least three years longer. The members rejoice that he has consented to remain.

Glenelg.—At evening service on May 4 a girl from the Bible School was baptised, and another made the good confession. On May 5 about 90 members enjoyed a social to wish bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. McGlasson, who left on 8th for London. A varied programme was enjoyed. Messrs. Rogers and Menz, Miss C. Kitts and Miss L. Hart spoke of the good work done by the guests for church and auxiliaries. On May 10 the Y.P.S.C.E. held a social with the object of increasing interest and membership. On May 11 mothers formed the evening choir. A splendid congregation enjoyed an address on "Ruth and Naomi" by Bro. Edwards, and a boy made the good confession. Bro. R. Rogers, an officer of many years' good service, purposes visiting the eastern States to benefit his health.

Kadina.—The final meeting of the Bible School anniversary, on April 14, was most successful. A good programme was submitted to a good congregation. An encouraging statement was made by the secretary; a number of scholars had obtained 100 per cent. for the year's work; new teachers had been added to cope with the demands. On April 26 the Bible School picnic was held on the North Beach at Wallaroo. On April 29 the Y.P.S.C.E. had a beautiful meeting. Three essays and a reading were given on Gethsemane, Trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. To a good gathering on May 7 Bro. H. R. Coventry gave an interesting message on our work in India. Other departments of the work keep up fairly well.

Forestville.—Since the coming of Bro. Garland the work has been going on steadily, with good attendances at all services. On April 30 the J.C.E. Society held a successful annual meeting. Other auxiliaries are doing good work. On May 11 two were received by transfer.

Cottonville.—For May 4 and 11 Bro. Graham gave excellent exhortations on "Unity" and on "Mothers." Bro. Riches has taken the gospel services. On May 4 a married man accepted Christ. At the gospel service on May 11 a young married man and a lad from the school decided for Christ. The new scholar campaign by the school resulted in two more scholars. The ladies' guild has recommenced work. The girls' club has been re-formed under the leadership of Mrs. Shearing, with about 20 members. The following officers were elected at half-yearly business meeting:—Elder, Bro. F. Harding; deacons, Bro. H. L. Bawden and W. A. Leaney; deaconesses, Sisters Mrs. Richards, Shearing and Tansell.

New South Wales.

Canley Vale.—On May 4 Bro. A. V. Stimson addressed the church on "Duty." Sister J. Clydesdale returned home after five weeks' holiday in Victoria. On May 11 Mothers' Day was observed. Bro. J. Clydesdale speaking morning and afternoon to good congregations. At night Bro. E. Christopherson preached on "Mother." Bro. R. Thomas sang a solo.

Barwood.—The ladies' aid society held a "grocery evening" on May 2 in aid of the Social Service Committee. Mothers' Day was celebrated on May 11. Many mothers of the kinders were present in the afternoon. Suitable addresses morning and evening were greatly appreciated. As a result of the mission the meetings have benefited greatly, about 112 breaking bread regularly.

Belmore.—In connection with building fund campaign a sale of work was held from May 8 to 10, a large quantity of gifts being sold. Mrs. T. Hagger performed the opening ceremony. £77 was thus raised for the building fund. Splendid meetings on May 11. Bro. P. E. Thomas, B.A., spoke on "Be of good courage" at morning meeting and on "The Betrayal of Christ" in the evening.

Lismore.—Flood weather threatened services on May 4. Bro. Keith Gerrard, of Queensland, exhorted in the morning on "Courage," and also gave talks to the J.S.C.E. and to the Bible School. His addresses were much appreciated. Bro. Noble's Bible Class now includes young ladies. The preacher's evening subject was "Christ's Unanswered Prayer." Bro. R. P. Volkman sang an appropriate solo.

Grafton.—All departments are healthy, with excellent gospel services. Prayer meetings are well attended. Special consecration services are being held in May, leading to Pentecost. Ladies' church aid is working hard for building fund. Excellent progress is reported in Bible School. A rally started on May 4, with twelve new scholars. Previous enrolment was 80; Pentecost aim was 100; with three weeks remaining, the enrolment is now 110, including cradle roll. The school is the largest in Grafton district.

Broken Hill.—On evening of April 27 Bro. E. G. Warren conducted an Anzac service, there being a good congregation. On April 30 a kitchen evening was given to Miss W. Rough and Mr. Ernest Bryant, suitable presentations being made. On May 4 there were good services all day. Bro. E. G. Warren preached on "The Prodigal Son," and sang a solo. On May 8 a drawing room meeting was arranged by the ladies. On May 10 Sister Miss Rough and Bro. E. Bryant were united in marriage. Good meetings continue in Railwaytown. A great work could be done here.

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