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## Pentecost and Foreign Missions.

Of the vast number of addresses dealing with Pentecost and the celebration of the nineteen hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the church, some few have been planned to give an answer to the question, After Pentecost—What? There would be little or no use in a celebration which was looked upon as an end in itself. Pentecost was a thing to be realised rather than celebrated. In our Australian rallies and plans, the idea was prominently put forward that we were to get a stimulus and inspiration for future service, so that with increased faith and renewed vigor we might prosecute the work of God. We have considered the power, the Gospel and the church of the first Pentecost. We have been urging that the essentials of that great day must be carried forward to the twentieth century and reproduced in modern church life.

It seems to us that churches of Christ in Australia, as they prepare for the July offering for foreign missions, have an admirable opportunity of showing how far they have caught the spirit of Pentecost.

### "To all that are afar off."

The message of the Apostle Peter, who was privileged to proclaim for the first time the full Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ, was for all humanity. It is quite true that it took a miracle later to convince Peter that it was God's will to receive Gentiles into his church on the same terms with Jews; but it is also true that the Holy Spirit inspired Peter to proclaim on Pentecost a Gospel and a promise of world-wide application. The Spirit led Peter to speak more wisely than he knew. It is certain that the words, "The promise is . . . to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," include in their scope every nation and tongue, tribe and individual, and so we to-day have the privilege of pleading for or giving to foreign missions. The Pentecost Gospel knows no provincial or national boundaries. We cannot reproduce the essentials of Pentecost and withhold our thoughts or our care from "all who are afar off." It took Peter a long

time, but it has taken many modern disciples longer, to realise that with God there was no respect of persons.

### The disciples' witness.

"Ye shall be my witnesses" was the announcement which heralded Pentecost. Ere he ascended to heaven, Jesus gave the promise of power and announced that his apostles should give witness of him in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Pentecost was but the beginning of this witness. "Beginning at Jerusalem" had been the Master's word, but repentance and remission of sins was to be proclaimed to "all the nations." We have in recent days been emphasising the thought that there is no genuine return to apostolic Christianity which ignores Jerusalem as the beginning place. Let us also realise that there is no adequate restoration of primitive Christianity which stays there.

Our very celebration of Pentecost logically carries us with the message of witness to all for whom Christ died.

### After Pentecost—retrenchment!

Churches of Christ have been laying plans for two or three years for the proper cele-

bration of "Pentecost, 1930." Our hopes and aims were high. Our enthusiasm was to be aroused—and it was aroused at the great services held.

Were not Australian disciples, who shared the hopes and acclaimed the plans and aims, more than pained when they read our Pentecostal announcement relating to our foreign mission work? What a contrast between aims and achievement; hopes and announcement! The one: Pentecost and advance! The other: After Pentecost—retrenchment and retreat. There is no use in disguising the uncongenial facts. The unpalatable truth must be accepted. Our Federal F.M. Secretary has issued the following statement:—

"The decrease in receipts from most of the States has been so large that the Board has recommended to the States that the amounts sent to our mission stations must be reduced ten per cent."

To many of us these are very sad words, in view of all our recent talk. A ten per cent. reduction in field allowances must hinder the work. Nominally, the meagre allowances to our missionaries are not to be affected. But their work is circumscribed, and we all know that, even ere this, our missionaries have given up part of their allowance for the furthering of plans which should be fully provided for at the home base.

The times are difficult; much distress prevails, and the ability of many to give has been much curtailed. Yet all who love Christ, all who are interested in carrying out his commission, will feel that an earnest effort must be made to maintain the work. Other missionary appeals to our churches have been marked "urgent," but none has gone out with the urgency of this.

A worthy offering from every member is our aim for July 6. That appeal provides for the case of every disciple. Our gifts are to be free-will offerings made from a loving heart, and are accepted according to what we have. But let us each have a share. If ever there was a time for self-denying giving so that the work of the Lord be not hindered, that time is now.

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# Back to the Church of the Christ.

W. L. Ewers.

Two pictures portraying events of tremendous significance are presented to us in the Word. These we may call the first Jewish Pentecost and the first Christian Pentecost.

Scene 1: A nation of people in bondage crying out for deliverance; a God who answers with miracle-working power culminating in the first Jewish Passover and a great salvation.

Scene 2: Fifty days later and the first Jewish Pentecost. God is preparing his people for something of great importance. Two days are given in which all should sanctify themselves. Neither man nor beast should come near to Mount Sinai on penalty of death. On the morning of the third day the heavens speak in thunders and lightning, and a thick cloud covers the camp. The great mountain gives forth smoke and quakes exceedingly, and all in the camp tremble for fear. God was giving his law to the people.

Over one thousand five hundred years pass, and then comes the last Jewish Passover.

Scene 1: A world of people in bondage of sin, needing deliverance. A God who answers with miracle-working power and a great redemption. A darkness over the earth, an earthquake and a raising of the dead. What is the meaning of it all? The Lamb of God is being slain to redeem sinful humanity.

Scene 2: Fifty days later and the first Christian Pentecost. A crowded Jerusalem; Jews from seventeen nations; a rushing, mighty wind (or tornado); tongues of fire; speaking in many languages; an astonished multitude. What is the meaning of it all? What is God going to do? The prophecy of centuries is to be fulfilled; a new covenant is to be given and entered into, a way of salvation for sin is to be revealed and a divine church is to be established.

One thousand nine hundred years ago today these great events were happening, but the passing centuries have brought a great departure from the church established by the Lord. The only solution of a divided Christendom is to get back to the church of the Christ.

We find when we get back that the church of Christ had:—

1. A divine foundation. "I will build my church." A divine institution cannot be erected on a human foundation.

2. It had a divine creed, a creed of one article: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." A divine institution cannot be built up on a human creed.

3. It wore a divine name, the name of Christ, its Head and Founder. Being a

heaven-born institution it cannot wear an earth-born name. The bride must wear the name of the Bridegroom.

4. It proclaimed a divinely authorised message: "Go ye and preach the gospel." The church was the product of gospel preaching, "Christ and him crucified." Each message was proclaimed with a definite purpose, the saving of souls. His disciples have never been authorised to preach any other message or to preach for any other purpose. A humanly authorised message can never extend a divine institution.

5. Its membership was composed only of those who obeyed the divinely appointed terms of pardon. No citizen could be admitted into the kingdom except on the terms laid down by the King: "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved." The apostles dare not alter the terms made known by the Head of the church. Humanly chosen terms can never secure admission into a divine institution.

6. It observed divinely appointed ordinances; believer's immersion bringing the sinner into the Body of Christ and showing forth his death, resurrection and Lordship; the Lord's Supper building him up in the body of Christ and making known the Lord's death "till he come." Human substitutes can never take the place of divine ordinances in a divine institution.

7. It was governed by divinely appointed officers. Elders, deacons and evangelists were chosen to lead the work of the churches. Each church was a self-governing body subject to no human authority. A divine institution cannot possibly be built on any system of human organisation.

8. It was divinely guided. Born in the power of the Holy Spirit, it was also led and controlled by the Spirit. Human wisdom and power are utterly inefficient to lead onward to victory a divine institution.

This church of the Christ needed no alteration, neither was it capable of any improvement. It was established as a finality to meet all the varied conditions of the changing centuries; to meet the needs of all the races of men. It was to continue not for a year or a century but until its divine Founder should come again, and receiving it unto himself, present it faultless with exceeding joy to the Father.

## Three Kinds of Life.

There are three grades of Christian life: There is, first of all, the dissatisfied life, the life that knows there is something it does not have, and that wants it, and that is perpetually discontented, and rightly so, with itself. There is, secondly, the life that is half and half, that now and then rises up to the Mount of Transfiguration and then paces for long seasons over weary wastes of whitened ashes. There is a third life of satisfaction and content and peace and power and rest, the life that has made Jesus Christ its one object, the life that every man lives who is able to say in the fine phrase of Ignatius, "O Christ, thou art my inseparable life." The soul that has made Christ its one object has entered into rest and has entered into power; it has entered into a life of activity which no foe can withstand, and of contentment which no storm can ruffle; for over all the seas where it voyages speaks that voice which quieted the turbulent waves of Gennesaret, "Peace be still." Nothing can overcome or disturb the soul that is hid with Christ in God, and has made Christ the one object of its life, and found the Father in him.—Robert E. Speer.

## Prayer Corner.

"I will tell of the decree:  
Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my Son;  
This day have I begotten thee.  
Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations  
for thine inheritance,  
And the uttermost parts of the earth for  
thy possession."

—Psalm 2: 7, 8.

"The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest."—Jesus.

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy apostles that they should go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every living creature; grant to us, whom thou hast

called into thy church, a ready will to obey thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into thy harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that thy Holy Spirit may prosper their work; and that by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Selected.

# "This Freedom."

Foreign *Le B.A.*

Conducted by G. T. F.

## THE HOME-GOING OF MRS. J. F. ASHWOOD.

We very much regret to announce the death of Mrs. J. F. Ashwood, who, after a long and trying illness, went to be with Christ, Sunday, June 15. She went home on the Lord's day.

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### Religious liberty.

Three hundred years later marks the dawn of religious liberty. For its first three hundred years the church of Christ was practically one, its constitution apostolic and its liberty unlimited. The next three centuries were a time of gathering gloom, followed by six centuries of gross darkness and bondage. From the time of King John till the time of Luther the morning twilight increased in intensity, till the sun of religious liberty burst upon the world. For many centuries the right of churches to exist as separate entities was almost lost. The octopus of Rome spread its tentacles across the world, strangled free religious thought and absorbed the vital strength of the people into its own politico-religious system.

With the coming of the daylight and the study of the Bible, the octopus relaxed its stranglehold and churches came into existence as free institutions.

Unfortunately for the history of Christianity these institutions, with all the liberty to be and to do as they wished, within reasonable lines, did not altogether rise to the occasion. It would appear that the octopus aforesaid, as it loosened its grip, imparted to its victims the virus of emulation, for the denominational churches were led apart by the very men who should have brought them together. Leaders of denominations became petty popes, dictating, legislating and over-ruling. While holding in common the principle of justification by faith in Christ and pleading for the divine revelation in God's word, they added, they amended, they explained, until what should have ultimately become one remained many, and, in fact, increased in number, until the idea of one free church was obliterated.

### Mental liberty.

Three centuries of such discordant struggling had passed, before the secret of

Christian unity was again discovered. Paradoxical as it may seem, the road to unity lay not along the amalgamation of church leaderships and synods but in the direction of mental emancipation—mental liberty. Too long the churches had been held asunder by the dogmas of divines. Mental liberty demanded that the slate should be wiped clean of all such notions, and that the principles of church practice should be re-written from the start. It was left to the Campbells, in the early nineteenth century, to enunciate the dictum "Where the Bible speaks we

### MORE STRANGE.

Impossible, you say, that man survives  
The grave—that there are other lives?  
More strange, O friend, that we should ever rise  
Out of the dark to walk below the skies.  
Once having risen into life and light,  
We need not wonder at our deathless flight.

Life is the unbelievable; but now  
That this Incredible has taught us how,  
We can believe the all-imagining Power  
That breathed the Cosmos forth as golden flower,  
Had potency in his breath  
To plan us new surprises beyond death—  
New spaces and new goals  
For the adventure of ascending souls.

Be brave, O heart, be brave;  
It is not strange man survives the grave.  
'Twould be a stranger thing were he destroyed  
We need not wonder at our deathless flight.

—Edwin Markham.

speak; where it is silent we are silent." Such a declaration as this makes every man a free thinker in the true sense, and throws upon him the responsibility of assuring himself of the truth of what he believes. In a moment it obliterates the traditional teaching of the theological colleges of the past and puts the primitive church in the first and only place of importance. It makes union easy, for there is only one church to unite with, and that is the church of the apostles, which Christ has called his own.

### Spiritual liberty.

However much we may boast of our social liberty, resulting from the struggles of our forefathers and maintained by our political institutions, glory as we may in the religious liberty that has come to us through the reformation of the sixteenth century, happy as we are in the thought that mental liberty in Biblical interpretation has restored the church of the New Testament, we congratulate ourselves in vain if we do not achieve a measure of spiritual liberty.

Freedom from the dominion of sin is the first requisite to a successful Christian life. Ingrained desires and human passions are

the natural source of all sin. They are not wrong in themselves, but when abused they become our masters and we their slaves. Self-respect leads to selfishness and pride, ambition to covetousness and theft, self-defence to lying and violence, natural love to lust, and so on down the black list of crime arising from natural instincts distorted. To every man of moral sense there must come, some time, the knowledge of sinful guilt—his passions have so often become his masters. He has sinned; he knows he has; he cannot much longer carry the load of guilt, and every day its weight increases. What a relief it is when, as Bunyan's dream Christian, he drops the burden at Calvary and becomes a free man. Not only has the old load gone, but the tendency to sin is abated. Not that he is altogether and all at once delivered from "the body of this death," but the passion once his master is now his servant. He and his passion have changed places. He has achieved deliverance from sin through faith in Christ, repentance and obedience. The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit enables him to contend, as he has never done before, against the enslaving temptations of humanity. There are other matters in which the spiritual liberty of the Christian is invaluable. In trial, poverty and sickness, he is, or at least should be, free from the gloom of discontent. It is hard to see one's best-laid schemes bring poverty and disaster, yet Christ was poor, and it is best. It is difficult to see the purpose in months, and perhaps years, of invalidism in the prime of one's life, yet the Christian can bear it without a murmur or complaint. It is well, it will be better soon.

So also in sorrow; the worldling deprived of his loved one gives way to the madness of despair. The Christian sorrows not as those without hope. He is master of his grief.

In the hour of personal death, when the curtains of night close around the frail body of clay, surely the thought of the glory beyond is compensation and comfort for the hour of dissolution.

"O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"—thanks be to God who gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And then the great beyond, when the multitudes out of every nation under heaven through all time shall be gathered round the judgment throne. Millions with bowed heads and quaking hearts, enslaved by dread, shall rightly fear to look upon their Creator, whose will they slighted and whose salvation they despised. On the other hand there will be millions of God's free men who can stand up boldly in the presence of their Lord. "Father, I have sinned," is the cry, "but, Father, I am thy son. Thou hast promised forgiveness through Christ, and on that promise I rely." To such the Father will say, "Come," and for them is the liberty of eternity.

# Pentecost Commemorative Services.

## The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman

### COMMUNICANTS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY.

The following table, compiled from reports kindly forwarded to us by State Conference secretaries, shows the numbers partaking of the Lord's Supper in Australian Churches of Christ on Sunday, June 8:—

Victoria	13,335	7,706
South Australia	8,158	4,667
New South Wales	5,066	3,820
Queensland	2,968	2,200
Western Australia	2,788	1,722
Tasmania	823	586
<b>Australian Totals</b>	<b>33,078</b>	<b>19,901</b>

It will be noted that Queensland reports the highest average attending for breaking of bread, viz. 74.1 per cent. The Australian average in attendance on June 8 was 60 per cent.

A cable message announcing the Australian figures has been forwarded to U.S.A.

### CELEBRATIONS IN ADELAIDE.

A Pentecost Committee was formed over two years ago, with Bro. H. R. Taylor as chairman and Bro. W. L. Ewers, and latterly, Bro. Roy Raymond, as secretary. Churches in the State planned local objectives. Conference departments also set aims to be achieved by June 1, 1930. The opening of a new field on Eyre Peninsula and the appointment of an itinerant evangelist resulted from the plans of the Home Mission department. In fitting recognition of the great anniversary of the church united gatherings were held in Adelaide from May 30 to June 8. A prayer meeting was held at Grote-st. chapel on May 30, Bro. J. Wiltshire being the leader, and another on June 7, with Bro. Hugh Gray as leader. The second meeting was well attended. On Tuesday, June 3, the Young People's Department arranged a varied programme, which was given in the Town Hall in the presence of a large gathering. A children's choir, under the leadership of Bro. Will Watson, rendered choruses, and the Maylands Sunday School presented items. Bro. J. Wiltshire gave an address on "The Progression of the Child through the Christian Era." The Home and Foreign Mission Departments were responsible for the next evening's programme, which opened with an organ recital by Mr. Frederick Finlay, L.A.B. Addresses were given by Bro. James Gordon, "Pentecost: Its Challenge to the Home Church," and the Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., President of the Federal F.M. Board, "Pentecost in Retrospect and Prospect." Tableaux representing the history of evangelism were presented by Unley Literary and Debating Society, assisted by a combined choir under the direction of Bro. P. B. Wood. The Christian Endeavour societies provided the programme for Thursday evening. Bro. T. Edwards addressed a large body of young people on "C.E., an Outgrowth of Pentecost." The series concluded with a service in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 8. Bro. P. R. Baker spoke on "The Coming of the Kingdom," and the Grote-st. choir, under the leadership of Bro. A. J. Gard, provided special music. A record attendance of members at the Lord's table was secured on June 8, total for the State being 4,667.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN RALLIES.

After weeks of preparation the metropolitan schools held a great united commemorative service in the Capitol Theatre on June 8 at 3 p.m. The scholars acted as a choir, Mr. E. H. Berry being the efficient conductor. About 1,600 pupils from the junior and intermediate sections of the schools sang five special pieces. Mr. J. A. Ewers composed a piece known as the "Pentecost Hymn," which was much appreciated. The chair-

man of the Y.P.D., J. A. Ewers, presided. Chas. Schwab, Conference President, gave the address. As a result of the appeal 14 decided for Christ, and about 20 made a rededication of their lives. The building was full; about 2,300 were present. A special orchestra assisted in the service. Mrs. Yocmans, A.T.C.L., was pianiste. Bren. Hutson and Hunt also took part.

The final rallies were held at Fremantle and Perth on June 11 and 12, and were well attended. The subject was "Elements of Pentecost—Local and Temporary, and World-wide and Enduring." Bren. Robinson and Hunt spoke at Fremantle, while Bren. Stirling and Hutson spoke at Perth. Bren. Lucraft and C. Schwab presided. A further decision was made at the Fremantle service, while a baptismal service was conducted at Perth.

The special committee will now cease to function, but it is hoped the men of the churches will decide in some definite way to carry forward the work.—A. Hutson, Sec.

[A telegram in last week's issue reported that at the men's rally at Perth a council of men was organised to pursue a course of aggressive evangelism in conjunction with the Home Missionary Committee.]

### NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATION.

Much was made of the anniversary of Pentecost at Dunedin, N.Z. After preparation in the various churches a combined city and suburban communion service was held on June 8. The St. Andrew-st. building was filled, and the service was a real inspiration. The address was given by Bro. F. Carter, who came recently from Western Australia to conduct a year's mission in the Dominion.

The Carter mission opened at South Dunedin church (where E. P. Ademann is preacher) in the evening. Wide publicity had been given to the effort, and the building was filled. Another large gathering on the Monday. Bro. Carter's messages are just the type we need—fresh, clear and helpful to all as they exalt the Christ and the life he commends.—A. L. Haddon.

An interesting article on "The Church's Nineteenth Centenary" from the pen of Bro. A. L. Haddon, M.A., appeared as a leader in "The Evening Star" (Dunedin) of May 31.

### Federal Conference, Brisbane, Qld.

AUGUST 16-22, 1930.

1. Delegates are enrolling from all the States, but South Australia leads.
2. Intending delegates are asked please to write to H. Bassard, Arthur-terr., Red Hill, Brisbane, Q., at once.
3. Rates for concession railway fares can be gathered from the poster which the church secretary has been asked to place in a conspicuous place, but concession certificates can only be had on direct application to the Federal secretary, Bro. Bassard.
4. The Executive does not promise (although it will do its best) to arrange hospitality for delegates who apply later than July 20.
5. Churches could, with advantage, seek to make it possible for their preachers to attend.—Chas. Young, Publicity Agent.

### THY LIGHT.

"I do not wish to see my sins more plain,  
But this: to know thy life, without a stain.  
I would not see the vileness of my heart,  
But this would know: how pure and true thou art.  
O! teach me not how deep my spirit's night,  
But flood me with thy beams, thou perfect Light!"

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### Three Kinds of Life.

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I will never as long as I live forget a scene which I witnessed several years ago. I left the tent where we were holding meetings down in Paris, Illinois, one night, and among the number who left last was a young man to whom I was especially attracted by his fine looks. I walked down the street with him, and put to him the invariable question, "Are you a Christian?" He said, "No, sir, I am not." Then I used every Scripture and every argument to get him to promise me to give his heart to God, but could not succeed. When about to separate, I said to him, "Are your father and mother alive?" "Both alive," said he. "Is your father a Christian?" "Don't know; he has been a steward in the church for several years." "Is your mother a Christian?" "Don't know; she was superintendent of the Sunday School of the same church for some time." "Have you a sister?" "Yes, sir." "Is she a Christian?" "Don't know; she has the primary department in the Sunday School." "Do your father and mother ever ask the blessing at the table?" "No, sir." "Did your father, mother, or sister ever ask you to be a Christian?" "Mr. Sunday, as long as I can remember, my father, mother, or sister never said a word to me about my soul. Do you believe they think I am lost?" I could not answer such arguments, and I can hear his words still ringing in my ears. "Do you believe they think I am lost?" Could not many of our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends, take up this cry against us to-day: "Do they act as though they think we are lost?"—Billy Sunday.

### A STRAIGHT PATH, NOT A MAZE.

A man who had been an adherent of the Roman Church gave testimony in these words: "The Roman Church seems to me like a maze I once visited at the London Exhibition. You entered, and walked backward and forward, but never seemed to get anywhere, until at last the guide led you out. But the religion of Jesus Christ is a plain path, and with the Bible as a signpost, I can find direct access to God. The road is straight, and my Guide is Jesus."

"When the Bible Society was founded, the Bible was a sealed book to four out of every five of the inhabitants of the earth. To-day the Bible lies open, more or less completely, to seven human beings out of every ten."

"Maggie, these eggs are as hard as ever. I thought I told you I wanted them soft." "Sure, an' I biled them five hours this time, mum, but it don't seem to make no difference."

## Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. T. WALDEN, M.A., Extension Coy. B. 1890.

### THE HOME-GOING OF MRS. J. F. ASHWOOD.

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Our sister not only made gifts but she gave much service to our sisters' work in New South Wales, where she was greatly loved and highly respected. "Her children arise up and call her blessed and her husband praised her."

The Foreign Mission Board join with all who knew her in expressing our sincere sympathy with the family in this bereavement, and we know that this sympathy is shared by our missionaries, whose work she and her daughters so nobly helped.

### OPEN THE GATES.

Gates open, beseeching hands beckon; but as there is revealed the appealing suppliants within and helpers rush forward, the door is closed.

The need is in our F.M. fields, the response is that of our missionaries, but inexorable poverty closes the gates: the poverty of our F.M. Board.

We face the greatest crisis of our mission work. We have never turned our backs, shall we do so now?

Liberal self-denying giving is needed on July 6 that the present work may be continued—this says nothing of expansion.

This is our Pentecost anniversary F.M. offering. The principle of Pentecostal giving is exemplified in Acts 2: 44, 45.—H. G. Payne, President Federal Conference.

### GOOD NEWS!

All who are interested in our work in distant lands will rejoice in the many happy features of our work.

Bro. and Sister Anderson back in China! What good news for the faithful band of Chinese Christians who have been praying for their return.

Bro. and Sister Sandells have arrived at the New Hebrides! How our brethren on Pentecost will rejoice to have them there.

The prospects in India are bright! We have heard the story that Bro. Coventry tells of triumphs there through the power of Christ in all of our mission centres.

We praise God for such good news, and on July 6 will be glad to have a part in continuing such glorious work.—H. P. Manning, Pres. S.A. F.M. Committee.

### SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES.

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ing £2,400 has been loaned to churches through the activities of the company.

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Gratitude was expressed for the progress manifested in our overseas work, particularly for the return of our missionaries to China and the extension of our Island work. A total of £2,195 was raised for Foreign Missions, £935 being contributed on the occasion of the annual offering.

The work of the Bible Schools and Young People's Department shows substantial progress. New schools have been organised. The record number of 625 gained certificates in the annual examination. Many isolated home classes and unattached schools are reported. Training classes are conducted in several centres. The department arranged a holiday camp for young people



### FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING, JULY 6.

Our large overdraft necessitates a liberal offering from every member.

and trained. Language studies have been maintained.

We must revise our question and ask, How has so much been done with so little money?

It must be that the Lord has been blessing the work—his work, the work of our missionaries. OUR WORK.—J. Plummer, Pres. Vic. F.M. Comm.

### GOD'S PLAN.

The plan on which God has laid out the work of redemption is the whole world. In its truest sense there is no Jerusalem gospel. It is a world gospel. The New Testament is a missionary volume. The New Testament church was filled with missionary passion. It is our bounden duty to live up to our glorious name. God used the living voice of the living preacher to proclaim the living message on the day of Pentecost. God still works that way. The story must be told. July 6 is our opportunity to assist in this the greatest and grandest work on earth. The heathen are waiting. God is depending on us. "How can we, Lord, withhold?"—L. Riley, Sec. Tax. F.M. Committee.

### A RECORD.

This is the age of record smashing. No sooner is one established than it is broken, until we cease to marvel. Too often in the attempt lives are sacrificed. Is it out of place to suggest an attempt be made for a record offering? It surely is needed. With retrenchment ahead, shall we not make a special effort to save the front lines? That is where all retrenchment is felt first. £500 a year cut from the India budget is going to handicap the work. Let us establish another record on July 6.—I. A. Paternoster.

### WAITING TO SERVE.

Miss Elsie Leeson, a graduate from the Bible College last year, is now doing teaching work in Western Australia. Her address is, Government School, Grass Patch, via Kalgoorlie, W.A. She is very anxious to be sent out to the field. She is well prepared for the work. Not only has

she graduated from the Bible College, but she is also a qualified State School teacher, and when it was found impossible to send her out to the field on account of the shortage of funds, the W.A. Educational Department were very glad to have her return to her State School work in the West. She still has unbounded interest in our mission work, and is waiting with great eagerness to be sent out to one of our fields, and is preparing her outfit to be ready to leave at short notice. Here is an opportunity for someone to provide a living for one who offers her well-endowed life to help our missionary work.

### MESSAGE FROM DR. KILLMIER.

Dr. Ray Killmier's present address is Market-st., Trentham, Victoria. As we notified some weeks ago, the doctor and his wife were unable to leave with the Andersons for China on account of their little boys' illness. The doctor has purchased a practice at Trentham, and will continue there until he is able to leave for China. He writes, "I would sooner have gone with the Andersons to China." "Broce seems much better since we have been at Trentham. He may perhaps have a slight spasm, but it has gone before we can get to him. At any rate he has had none of those dreadful recurring spasms that he was subject to for two years." For this good news we are very thankful. "All the rest of the family are in perfect health. The climate here is very invigorating."

### MOVEMENTS OF INDIAN MISSIONARIES.

We are glad to announce that at the last Marathi examinations, February 4 and 5, Miss Lynda Foreman passed in all her subjects. Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan are to sit for their examination shortly. Miss Foreman has, by this time, returned to assist Miss Vawser at Shrigonda during Miss Cameron's furlough, while Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan will return to help in the work at Baramati. About the end of June Miss Foreman will return to Baramati, and will be the first one to occupy the Ann Simmons' Bungalow, and she will then assist the work on the Baramati station. She writes, "The Government has taken a firm hold of things here now, with the result that the riots have ceased and things are quieter generally."

### CARRYING ON THE WORK.

It has been a joy to see how some of our young members are trying to fill the places of the older ones who have gone. Some who are still attending school have gone out evenings to help in the evangelistic work. They have also gone to villages with the pastor on school holidays and helped in other ways. The women, too, have helped in child welfare work; so, in spite of greatly decreased numbers, the work of the kingdom is being carried on.—Mary Thompson, Harda, India.

### BRO. C. B. TITUS.

One of our American missionaries, Bro. C. B. Titus, expects to reach Fremantle, W.A., by the steamer "Euripedes" about June 28, Adelaide July 4, Melbourne July 7, and Sydney, we presume, about July 10 or 11, but the exact time and date can be ascertained in each State by reference to the Australian agents, Dalgely & Co. Bro. Titus was for twenty years in China. Then was sent to South Africa to take up work in the Kimberleys as successor to C. E. Payne, who died there in May, 1925. The work in South Africa was started by an educated native Portuguese, and our folks sent out C. E. Payne in response to a need expressed by the Union Government. Bro. Titus expects to visit New Zealand and then go on to America. We are sure that he will be very pleased to meet any of our brethren at the ports of call. Bro. Maston Bell, of W.A., has been in correspondence with him for many weeks past, and has supplied me with the information here given.

## Prayer Meeting Topic.

July 2.

ISHMAEL AND ISAAC.  
(Genesis 17.)

W. Waterman.

In response to the call of God, Abram went out into a land in which he was a stranger. Among the promises God made him was one that he should have a son, through whom his seed would become as the stars of the heavens and the sand of the seashore for multitude. Years passed, however, and still no heir.

So it went on till Abraham was eighty-six years of age, and Sarai only ten years younger. Sarai, who herself had never been named the mother of the promised child, then concluded to give her slave Hagar to Abram to wife, hoping to receive the child through her. In due time Ishmael was born to Hagar and Abram. This did not bring satisfaction to the home, for the slave girl then scorned her mistress, who in turn blamed Abram for deserting her for her rival.

Thirteen years later God appeared again to Abram and Sarai with the old promise, assuring them that in spite of all physical improbabilities, they should have the son who had been promised. Sarai, now about ninety years old, was to be the mother. Three signs were given to support the promise: Abram's name was changed to Abraham, and Sarai's to Sarah; and the rite of circumcision was instituted as a sign to define those within the covenant to be realised in Isaac.

The child Isaac was weaned with scenes of rejoicing. Ishmael, who now felt himself to be eclipsed by the child of promise, scoffed at him. For this, and to appease the wrath of Sarah, the lad and his mother were committed to the care of God and banished the house.

This story has many beautiful lessons written on its face. But Paul, being inspired, saw lessons deeper than these. He writes (Gal. 4: 22): "Abraham had two sons . . . which things are an allegory: for these are two covenants, the one from mount Sinai . . ." We shall trace a few of the lineaments of the allegory or type.

(a) Notice that both boys had a common father—Abraham. Likewise the two covenants, which they represent, equally were gendered of God. The type of reasoning which finds in Judaism a purely natural religion, does violence also to the Christian religion, which rests on the law and the prophets.

(b) But as the father of his son Ishmael Abram was not Abram, the "high father" or father of a clan; while as the father of the child of promise he was Abraham, the "father of multitudes." In Ishmael Abraham was blessed with natural posterity, but in Isaac he received the promise, "In thee shall be blessed—all the nations."

(c) The boys, observe too, had different mothers, "the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar. . . . But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all" who are sons of Abraham by faith in the promises. Hagar was a slave, and the Old Covenant was slavish in its tendency. Sarah was "a princess," and represents the freedom of the gospel of grace.

(d) Ishmael was born according to nature, Isaac according to promise. For Abraham and Sarah were too old by nature to beget Isaac by nature. Only miracle could give him birth. So it is the gospel which is the true child of the promise. The children of the gospel are children born of the Spirit.

(e) Isaac was heir to all the promises of grace. Ishmael was his servant, and needed, to partake of the promises of Isaac, to be circumcised under his covenant. So with gospel and law. The gospel covenant is the heir for whom revelation waits.

(f) For refusing allegiance to Isaac, Ishmael was thrown out. So the Jews by turning from Christ deprive themselves of the gospel.

TOPIC FOR JULY 9.—"THE PASSOVER."—Exod. 12: 1-29.

## Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

is a result of the appeal 14 decided and about 20 made a rededication of their lives. The building was full; about 2,300 were present. A special orchestra assisted in the service. Mrs. Yeomans, A.T.C.L., was pianiste. Bren, Hutson and Hunt also took part.

The final rallies were held at Fremantle and Perth on June 11 and 12, and were well attended. The subject was "Elements of Pentecost—Local and Temporary, and World-wide and Enduring." Bren, Robinson and Hunt spoke at Fremantle, while Bren, Stirling and Hutson spoke at Perth. Bren, Lucraft and C. Schwab presided. A further decision was made at the Fremantle service, while a baptismal service was conducted at Perth.

The special committee will now cease to function, but it is hoped the men of the churches will decide in some definite way to carry forward the work.—A. Hutson, Sec.

[A telegram in last week's issue reported that at the men's rally at Perth a council of men was organised to pursue a course of aggressive evangelism in conjunction with the Home Missionary Committee.]

### NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATION.

Much was made of the anniversary of Pentecost at Dunedin, N.Z. After preparation in the

### "BALLARAT," 1930 C.E. CONVENTION.

Over 900 delegates from all parts of Victoria journeyed to Ballarat for the 1930 C.E. State Convention, from June 7 to 9.

About 80 Endeavorers, representing Churches of Christ societies from various parts of the State, including two from as far north as Melbourne, were present.

The reception given by the people of Ballarat was an outstanding feature of the convention; one could feel the heart-throbs in the welcome. The opening of the homes to the visitors was evidence of genuine C.E. hospitality.

The various meetings inspired one to exclaim, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" The Schools of Methods were helpful to many, affording opportunities to lay in store useful information and practical suggestions for the proper conduct of society meetings.

At Dawson-st., on Lord's day afternoon, the chapel was filled with young people, and under the leadership of Mr. C. J. Robinson, of Hartwell, an inspirational service was held. One realised the possibilities and power of young people whose lives are consecrated to God's service.

The missionary session was a re-echo of the "Great Commission." The answer to the appeal, "If God wants you to go with the message, will you go?" may be recorded in later years, for at "Ballarat, 1930" many said, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

At the close of the consecration meeting all felt that the words of Jesus, "Go and tell," were

a direct personal injunction, and no one who had been saved could keep it a secret, but must be active in the service of his King.—J. H. McKean.

### PRACTICAL YOUNG PEOPLE.

At Drumcondra, North Geelong, Vic., a piano has been presented to the church as a result of the combined efforts of the girls' club, the boys' club, C.E. society, Band of Hope and Bible School. These young people are of the "self-help" variety rather than the "spoon-fed" brand. Congratulations to all the workers!

### VICTORIAN BIBLE SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

#### Acknowledgments.

The following amounts have been gratefully received from March 1 to May 31, 1930:—

Annual offering (from churches).—Ascot Vale, £4/15/9; Ballarat (York-st.), 10/-; Bayswater, £1; Benalla, 10/-; Berwick, £1/14/-; Burnley, 4/-; Camberwell, 6/-; Lygon-st., £9/3/4; Carnegie, £1/10/-; Caulfield, 6/6; Doncaster, £1/15/-; Doncaster East, 10/6; Drumcondra, 9/8; Footscray, £2/8/9; Gardenvale, 11/6; Gardiner, £12/2/2; Harcourt, 17/6; Horsham, £2/5/3; Kyneton, £1/7/-; Lillimur, £1; Maryborough, £1/7/8; Swanston-st., £10/10/11; Miasip, 16/-; Moreland, £5/11/4; Northcote, £1/11/6; North Essendon, 14/6; North Fitzroy, £4/10/-; North Melbourne, £1/2/-; Oakleigh, £1/10/1; Pakenham, 7/6; Port Fairy, 11/-; Preston, 16/-; West Preston, 12/-; Red Hill, 15/-; South Yarra, £2/2/4; Swan Hill, £1/7/6; Warragul, 17/6; Yarrowonga, £1/13/3; Mitcham, 3/-.

Annual offering (from Bible Schools).—Bayswater, 4/-; Camberwell, 10/-; Lygon-st., 12/-; Coburg, 10/6; East Kew, £1/5/1; Fitzroy, 5/6; Glenferrie, £1/6/3; Prahran, 10/-; Warrackabeal, 7/6; Tankerton, 16/-.

Annual offering (from isolated members).—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kemp, £1/10/-; Mr. E. Eastlake, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Orgill, £1/1/-; Mrs. E. Ryland, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, £1; Miss D. Dark, 10/-; Mr. J. Bailey, 10/-; "Portland" Member, 5/-; Mr. P. G. Cook, 5/-; "Kallista" Member, 10/-; Mrs. W. Brewster, 6/-; Miss Mabel Fraser, 5/-; Mr. E. J. King, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stevenson, 6/-; Mr. L. Y. Sanders, £1; Mr. H. Ottaway, 5/-.

Miscellaneous.—"A Brother" (Swanston-st.), £10; Conference Cash Offering, £17/11/6; Use of Epidiascope, £1/1/-; Kyneton (Refund Secretary's Travelling Expenses), 15/-; Kaniva (for "Honor Banner" purchased), £1/10/-.

Bert. J. Kemp, Treasurer.

William Gale, Secty., Room 217, T. & G. Building, 145 Collins-st., Melb., C.I.



### BIBLE SCHOOL AT CROYDON JUNCTION, QUEENSLAND.

At Croydon Junction, near Maryborough, Qld., there is a happy little school. The school lapsed for a while, but last October, under the leadership of Bro. and Sister Alan Price and Sisters Popp and Arnold, it was reopened with 16 scholars. Within a month it had increased 100 per cent. Average attendance is about 30. This is a fine work.

# New South Wales Conference.

S. J. Southgate.

The annual Conference of churches in New South Wales was held at Sydney from June 2 to June 8. Hitherto the Conference meetings were held during the Easter holidays. The change resulted in slightly decreased attendances during the business sessions, although most of the churches were well represented, and the evening sessions were most successful.

Throughout the Conference prominence was given to Pentecost aims planned and prayed for, and the various reports as well as the sessions of Conference were Pentecostal in their spirit and outlook.

Two pre-Conference sessions had given much thought to the recommendations of the committee appointed by the 1929 Conference to amend the Constitution. Co-ordination, efficiency and the conservation of finance were the major points under consideration. Conference unanimously ratified the new Constitution, which provides for an executive committee consisting of the Conference officers and three representatives from each of the Conference committees. The committees will appoint their own officers.

Conference adopted the recommendation of the Canberra committee that the work be supported by the State Conferences, N.S.W. quota to be £75 per annum.

The President, Ira A. Paternoster, in his address from the chair, mentioned the many and difficult problems confronting the church, and pleaded for unity, more Bible study and a fervent and sustained evangelism.

The secretary of the Council of Churches outlined a scheme for procuring a B Class Broadcasting Station for the use of the churches. Churches of Christ are asked to raise £200 for this project. Conference approved the scheme and instructed the Executive to endeavor to make the necessary financial arrangements.

Five new preachers have come to the State during the year:—W. L. Ewers, Newcastle; A. R. Lloyd, Gilgandra; G. H. Newell, Inverell; C. H. Pratt, Albury; H. D. Priestly, Hornsby.

Seven missions were held; four in the metropolitan area, one in Newcastle and two in country centres. The campaign has been of great benefit to the churches. Conference expressed its unbounded appreciation of the services rendered to the State by the missionaries.

The membership of the churches is 5,006, an increase of 644. 822 baptisms were reported. Isolated members number 395. Average number of communicants per week, 2,105. Bible School enrolment is 4,321; teachers, 483; an increase of 140 and 31 respectively. Five new schools have been organised. There are 82 scholars in home classes. Chapels 39, an increase of two. Christian Endeavor members now total 1,200. There are 25 K.S.P. and P.B.P. chapters with a membership of 500.

Home Mission aid was given to 18 churches; 12 in the metropolitan area, Newcastle, and 5 in country centres. During the year 3 churches became self-supporting. Additions by faith and baptism in these fields totalled 450.

Unprecedented financial activity has been shown. The receipts were £5,725. The annual offering, £1,198, constituted a record. Bank overdraft is now £1,275.

The book depot is in a flourishing condition. Distinctive literature has been published. Sales totalled £1,248, the profit being £229.

Proposed future work includes the sending of a second preacher to Newcastle, and the extension of the work on the Bellinger River and the Blue Mountains.

The church at Tempe was loaned £750 for the purpose of erecting a church building. The Seven Hills church was loaned £50 in order to line the chapel, and arrangements were made to advance £450 to the church at Epping. The capi-

tal of the Church Extension Coy. is £800. To date £2,400 has been loaned to churches through the activities of the company.

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Ethelbert Davis,  
Newly-elected President of N.S.W. Conference.

at Easter. 45 went into camp. All who participated greatly enjoyed the experience. Receipts amounted to £540, the annual offering being £265. £37 was raised as a new schools' fund. Murwillumbah school was assisted from this fund.

The chief work of the Temperance and Social Questions Committee has been the maintenance of the children's home at Tempe, which has shown satisfactory progress. The cost of maintaining the home was £215 for the year. 18 children are in residence, 14 having been admitted during the year. The committee has decided to change the location of the home, arrangements having been completed for the purchase of a property at Dundas. The building fund stands at £1,221. 15,165 articles of clothing were distributed, besides £60 worth of new garments and £75 worth of groceries. 3,400 men were provided with free breakfasts during the winter. 120 meal tickets and 50 bed tickets were issued, whilst work was found for 150 persons. Immigration, prison and police court visitation and temperance have received attention. The receipts totalled £1,741.

The whole Conference was Pentecostal in character. Addresses were delivered by Hon. D. R. Hall on "Pentecost and Social Service," C. H.

Pratt "Pentecost and Evangelism," Thos. Hagger "After Pentecost—What?" C. C. S. Rush "Youth and the Pentecost Plea," W. L. Ewers "Back to the Church of Christ," J. Whelan "Forward to Christian Union."

On Saturday evening a Youth Session was held in the City Temple, the theme being, "That the New Testament Plea meets the need of modern youth." A general discussion proved interesting and profitable.

On Saturday afternoon a harbor trip was enjoyed by a goodly number. The outing and the fellowship proved a fitting conclusion to the week's meetings.

Conference closed with a mass meeting on Sunday, June 8, in the Pitt-st. Congregational church building, kindly granted by the minister and officers of the church. A magnificent congregation of 1,200 listened to addresses by W. L. Ewers on "Back to the Church of Christ," and J. Whelan, B.A., on "Forward to Christian Union." At this service an offering for the Preachers' Provident Fund amounted to £25/5/7.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

The following officers and committees were appointed for the ensuing year:—

President.—Ethelbert Davis.

Vice-president, Dr. C. A. Verco.

Secretary, E. J. Hilder.

Treasurer, N. D. Morris.

Executive Committee.—The Conference officers and H. M. Arrowsmith, I. A. Paternoster, F. S. Steer (H.M.); H. G. Harward, J. R. Leach, G. Morton (F.M.); F. E. Alcorn, S. O. Gole, J. Whelan (B.S.); C. Casperson, W. J. E. Lewis, K. A. McKenzie (Social Service).

Home Missions.—J. Allen, H. M. Arrowsmith, J. Fox, T. Hagger, H. V. Lacombe, G. Morton, L. A. Paternoster, E. V. Sainty, S. J. Southgate, F. S. Steer, J. Stimson, H. C. Spratt.

Reference and Credentials.—W. H. Hall, E. J. Hilder, T. E. Rofe, S. J. Southgate, J. Whelan.

Foreign Missions.—Mrs. Corbitt, Mrs. Paternoster, Miss Rofe, J. Choy Won, H. W. Cust, G. Eger, A. Griffiths, H. G. Harward, G. E. Knight, J. R. Leach, J. Little, G. Morton.

Bible School and Young People.—F. E. Alcorn, R. Fox, S. Goddard, S. O. Gole, N. Matthews, P. Morton, A. A. Smith, F. S. Steer, J. L. Stimson, A. V. Stimson, A. H. Webber, J. Whelan.

Social Service.—R. Acland, C. R. Burdeu, A. L. Carter, C. H. Casperson, T. P. Dale, A. Frazer, L. D. Gilmour, K. Hunter, W. J. E. Lewis, K. A. McKenzie, A. E. Oldfield, H. D. Priestly.

Building Advisory.—A. Graham, G. E. Knight, A. C. Morris.

Representatives to Council of Churches.—F. E. Alcorn, E. Davis, T. E. Rofe, Dr. C. A. Verco.

## Resolutions.

That this Conference renders thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the Pentecost year. For souls redeemed, churches strengthened, and for the progress of the Lord's work expressed in increased membership.

Sympathetically recognising the desire for unity among the people of God as expressed by leaders in all Christian bodies, this Conference re-affirms its plea for unity by a return to New Testament teaching and practice as the only reasonable solution of the problem of division among those who love the Lord.

Conference recommends that a special evangelistic effort be made by all churches throughout the State during the incoming Conference year; that evangelists at present engaged be released for missions of at least fourteen days' duration.

Conference specially commends to the churches the appeal of the chapel extension fund, recognising the necessity of this in order to meet the need of church buildings in many fields.

That this Conference of Churches of Christ assembled expresses its appreciation of the effective work of the League of Nations, and prays that the world-wide desire for peace may grow;

that the divine desire for peace and goodwill among men may be experienced.

Conference records its appreciation of the action of the "Evening News" in devoting so much space in their Saturday issue to the activities and teaching of the various churches.

Conference expresses its thanks and appreciation of the organisers of the various departments of Conference for their self-sacrificing efforts to establish the work of their departments in the interests of the brotherhood of the State.

## Practical Christianity.

KANIVA CARES FOR ELEVEN CHILDREN.

For the following account of a very beautiful happening and exhibition of the spirit of the Master, we are indebted to Bro. W. W. Hendry:—

Some weeks ago a good sister, also a brother and sister, approached Bro. W. H. Clay, of the Victorian Social Service Department, with a view to adopting a child for the duration of the winter. Thus a vision opened before Bro. Clay's eyes. A notice appeared in "The Australian Christian" to the effect that homes were required for the children of unemployed parents. Bro. J. Methven, preacher of Kaniva church, read the words and "pondered." He put the idea to the congregation on a Sunday morning. Would Kaniva members adopt twelve children for the winter months? The preacher has five of his own, but he would take another. Kaniva was ready; some would take children, others would contribute to the cost of their upkeep in other homes. One brother is forwarding the department 7/6 per week; the Kaniva Women's Mission Band is sending £3 per month.

Mrs. C. Gill, a valued worker in the Social Service Department, with her daughter Dorothy, kindly took charge of the children travelling to Kaniva. Some of the children needed clothes for the journey, and from hats to boots and shoes these were supplied by the department's depot where necessary. The railway department kindly provided sufficient reserved space, two compartments, and made concessions in fares. Arrangements were made to feed the family en route. This was done through the churches at Ballarat, Ararat, Stawell and Horsham. The diet was warm milk and food of various kinds including fruit and cakes. Ararat was the scene of a particularly pleasing episode. Bro. Lang approached Mr. Daly, who keeps the Railway Refreshment Rooms, and who is a Roman Catholic. He was asked for a price to cater for the whole family. Both he and his wife and loyal helpmate in this grand work refused to entertain the idea of payment. The whole family sat down, and when their needs were met, the kindly host presented them with a large bag of apples.

At Kaniva cars conveyed the children to the home of Bro. Methven, whence they departed with their respective adopted parents. Next morning, in complete outfit of new clothes, the children proudly visited Sister Gill. Bro. and Sister Methven have two, Joyce and Dawn.

Bro. Methven writes: "Will you let all the folk concerned know that the wife and I will keep an oversight on their bairns for them? Seven out of the eleven are within one minute's walk of each other, and often play together in our yard. Nothing has stirred this old town so much as this for many a long day, and several more could be placed."

Bro. Methven encloses the leading article cut from the local paper published on 17th inst. The article is headed "Truly Practical Christianity," and is written by a Roman Catholic. The following extracts indicate its tone:—"In our midst, and yet so quietly and unobtrusively that very few of us were aware, a genuinely practical gesture has commenced, and is already producing happi-

This Conference, believing that prohibition is the only practical solution of the moral and economic evils of the licensed liquor traffic, declares its loyalty to this cause. It supports the New South Wales Prohibition Alliance in its three-point campaign: 1. Local option on a bare majority; 2. Closing of liquor bars at 1 o'clock on Saturdays; 3. Abolition of wine bars. It further urges its members at the next election to give support only to the candidates favorable to this platform.

ness of the highest order for some of the shire residents."

"All of us must agree that the spirit and practice shown are worthy of emulation, whether under the organisation of the churches to which we belong, or by private arrangements."

Speaking of the workers, "We feel no harm will be done in attempting to add to their ranks, and we tender them thanks for the honorable position in which they have placed our shire. Let us do likewise."

### A COMMONWEALTH OPPORTUNITY.

Every Member has the Privilege of Making  
A Liberal Offering for Foreign Missions  
On Lord's Day, July 6.

### AN INQUIRY CONCERNING DEACONS.

"Interested" writes regarding Acts 6: 3:—"Were the seven men mentioned the first deacons elected of the early church, or is there proof that they were not?"

Commentators, and Bible students generally, differ on the question. There are three views worth considering, each widely held: (1) The seven were deacons, though they are not so called in Acts. The case for this view is put by McGarvey, probably with all possible force, as follows: "The question was about the daily 'diaconian,' and the seven were chosen to 'diakonein': why then hesitate to call them 'diakonoi'? Indeed, the verb 'diakonein,' here used to express the chief duty of the office, is the very one which in the third chapter of First Timothy is twice rendered in our version 'serve as deacons.' Undoubtedly, then, it is the deacon's office which was here first created, and supplied with incumbents." We think that McGarvey's word "undoubtedly" is altogether too strong. The verb 'diakonein,' to serve, is a most general one, used of a great variety of service—to general for the argument to be cogent. The word "deacon" does not appear in the Acts narrative: The word 'diakonia' is used both of the daily "ministration" (Acts 6: 1) and of the apostles' "ministry" of the word (verse 4). (2) A second view is that the seven were elders. The chief reason for this is that in 11: 30 the elders (there mentioned for the first time) are introduced as if already familiar to the reader of the narrative, and the occasion of their mention in chapter 11 is in connection with relief measures and contribution for the needy poor of the Jerusalem church. In our judgment, this view has less probability than the former. (3) A common position, and the one which we accept, is that "the seven" of Acts 6 were men chosen for a special and temporary work, and that there is no indication of their constituting a permanent ministry. With the passing of the "all things common" and "the daily ministration" the office itself ceased. We do not suggest that the truth of one view can be so demonstrated that another must be ruled out as impossible.

## Obituary.

**BOLTON.**—On May 29, at his home in Spotswood, Vic., there fell asleep in Jesus, at the age of 88 years, an old and faithful member of the church, in the person of Bro. Thomas Bolton. Our brother was a member at Lygon-st. for many years, then he transferred to Footscray, where for more than 25 years he has been identified with the work. He was consistent in attendance, and took an active part in the work. His cheerful and consistent Christian life made disposition and him beloved by all. Some two years ago our brother was taken ill at the service, and since then had been confined to his bed. He was cared for throughout his long illness by his daughter, Miss Z. Bolton. On May 31, in the presence of loved ones and friends, we laid his body to rest in St. Kilda cemetery.—D.D.S., Footscray.

**HADDOW.**—On the morning of June 9 Bro. Andrew Haddow, senr., entered upon his eternal rest after a season of failing health and sickness. The following day, in the presence of a large concourse of friends, his body was laid away in Melbourne General Cemetery, F. T. Saunders officiating in the writer's absence. Having been born at North Melbourne, Dec. 2, 1859, Bro. Haddow had entered upon his 71st year. From earliest days he was associated with Lygon-st. church. He was taken to the meetings at Barkly-st. before the present chapel was erected. In the Bible School he was successively scholar, secretary and teacher. For many years he was a deacon, resigning a year or two ago through increasing age. He was married to Margaret Ann McColl by the late Bro. Strang, then pastor at Lygon-st. He came into the church during the labors of Bro. Geeslin. One daughter and three sons, all in fellowship at Lygon-st., except one at Ballarat, remain with their mother. Bro. Haddow was known beyond Lygon-st. Many brethren will sorrow at his departure. He was faithful to the end, with a marked and growing love for the Scriptures. We tender truest sympathy with those near and dear to him.—A.G.S.

**LIVETT.**—On May 25, at morning service, Bro. T. M. Livett, senr., was taken ill. On June 6, at the age of 78 years, he passed to be with his Saviour. Our brother joined the church during the Baker-Barber mission, and since then has scarcely missed a service. Four daughters and one son are members with us, the daughters being members of long standing and active workers. Christian sympathy is extended to the family in their loss. Our brother was laid to rest in Footscray cemetery on June 7 in the presence of a large number of friends.—D.D.S., Footscray.

**MUDGE.**—With sorrow we record the death of Sister Mrs. Mudge, wife of the esteemed church secretary, Bro. A. E. Mudge. Since 1883 Mrs. Mudge was a faithful member of the church at Port Pirie, S.A. She was a daughter of the late Bro. W. Moffit, a preacher of earlier days widely known and respected among the churches of Christ in South Australia and Tasmania. Sincerity and devotion to her Lord marked the 47 years of our sister's service, first as Sunday School teacher and then as a deaconess. The latter office she held without a break for 27 years. Those in need always found a faithful friend and helper in Mrs. Mudge. Her calm trust in Christ was a comfort and inspiration to all who knew her. The church extends deepest sympathy to Bro. Mudge and family in their sad bereavement.

**OYSTON.**—Bro. Francis James Oyston fell asleep in Jesus on June 12, in Northam Hospital, W.A., at the age of 75 years. Our brother and his good partner in life united with the church at North Richmond, and then at Malvern, Vic., whence they moved to Baker's Hill, W.A., where they have resided for 26 years. Sister Mrs. Oyston and two sons remain to mourn his loss. The writer spoke words of comfort to the loved ones at Northam Cemetery on June 14.—W.H.N.



## Here and There.

The Victorian Women's Conference Executive will meet on Friday, July 4, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Mrs. D. Pittman will lead devotions. Speaker will be Mr. J. Plummer; topic, "Social Service." All sisters are cordially invited.

"Evangelism" is the interesting subject to be discussed at the meeting of the Victorian Christian Men's Association to be held in Swanston-st. chapel, Melbourne, on evening of June 30. Bro. T. R. Morris will introduce the subject in a chart address showing the progress made since 1852. A full gathering of men, including as many church officers as possible, is requested.

The secretary of our Federal Conference (Bro. H. Bassard, of Brisbane, Q.) writes: "In order to dispel any misunderstanding that may be abroad re the appointment of Australasian representatives to the World Convention, Washington, D.C., 1930, I have been instructed by my Executive to ask you to please make it known through the columns of 'The Australian Christian' that no official representation to the World Convention will be made until Federal Conference meets."

At Doncaster, Vic., on June 21 the triangle club journeyed to Collingwood Mission Hall, provided 250 children with an evening meal, and entertained them with a programme of musical items, recitations and dialogues. The mayor and chief clerk of Collingwood were present, and spoke in appreciative terms of the club's effort. On Sunday evening a men's meeting was held, Bro. Robt. Lyall being the speaker. There was a fine audience. A young man from the Bible Class made the good confession.

For many years Bro. Ross Pearl freely gave his services to Victorian Bible Schools in preparation for anniversaries. His many friends will regret to learn of his death on Saturday last. Apparently in excellent health to the end, our brother suddenly passed away owing to heart failure. For many years Bro. Pearl was connected with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. His bright Christian disposition earned him the name of "Happy Ross Pearl." He was a sincere follower of the Lord, and exercised a fine influence.

There was a very large attendance at the Victorian Women's Mission Band group meeting at Malvern on June 18. Mrs. Main presided over the enthusiastic gathering, which included delegations from all the bands in the south-eastern group, also representatives from churches where there are no bands. Mrs. McCann spoke on Mission Band ideals, and urged members to greater efforts, basing her address on "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Miss Blake gave an interesting address on the work in India. Miss Croxford and Mrs. Wakeley sang a duet, and the soloist was Mrs. Penny. Afternoon tea was served by Malvern sisters. The last meeting of the present series will be held at Box Hill on July 2 at 2.30 p.m.

We learn of additional visitors from Australia to the World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held at Washington, U.S.A., in October. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. C. Wendorf and their daughter Queenie expect to leave Sydney by the "Niagara" on July 24. The American "Christian Evangelist" contains the following paragraph:—"A cable has just been received from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrow, of Australia, by Jesse M. Bader, chairman of the World Convention Programme Committee, stating that they have decided to attend the Washington World Convention this October. Bro. Morrow is one of the outstanding leaders of our churches in Australia. Both he and Mrs. Morrow were in America several years ago. No one will be more welcome among all the delegates than they. He will speak on the programme."

The following telegram from Queensland came to hand at noon on Monday:—"Hinrichsen-Morris commenced Townsville mission Sunday; entirely new field; encouraging start.—Coward."

The work at Thornbury, Vic., makes splendid progress. Bro. Swain's messages are full of inspiration. On Pentecost Sunday there were crowded meetings; five were baptised, and there were three confessions. June 15, splendid morning meeting. Two received by letter, five by baptism, 509 at school. At night four Bible School scholars took their stand for Christ. On June 22 every meeting was full of interest and largely attended. Three were received into fellowship. All previous attendances in school were eclipsed; 527 present. The young men's Bible Class, under Bro. F. Lee, is one of the main features; 26 attend; two recently made the confession. The school has an excellent and diligent number (60) on the staff. At night Bro. Swain spoke to a crowded audience upon "A Lukewarm Church." Four were baptised.

Recently we reported the death in U.S.A. of Bro. Lawson Campbell. Details have now come to hand. For some considerable time our brother had thyroid gland trouble. A successful operation was performed, but rest and special care were declared to be necessary. Bro. Campbell, however, continued preaching, despite supervening illness and the church's offer to give him three months' rest. At last an operation for goitre became imperative. Bro. Campbell preached on the Sunday, and went into hospital on Monday, and was operated on on Wednesday, April 9, but passed away on the evening of that day, without regaining consciousness. His funeral was reported to be the largest ever held in Winston, Salem. The newspapers eulogised the splendid work done by our brother. Many in Australia will remember him. He was preacher at Kalgoorlie from 1902 to 1905, when he left for U.S.A. He left a widow (formerly Miss Gribb, of Footscray church, Vic.), also a son and a daughter, both grown up.

We have been requested to call the attention of our readers to a series of three winter lectures to be given in the Independent Hall, Collins-st., Melbourne, under the auspices of the Victorian Protestant Federation, on June 25, July 2 and July 9, at 8 p.m. Speakers and subjects are as follows:—Wednesday, June 25, "What Shall Australia's Religion Be?" Dr. A. Law, Chief President. Wednesday, July 2, "The Education Question and Roman Claims," Mr. Alfred Gifford. Wednesday, July 9, "The Church of Rome in Politics and in the Public and Civil Service," Mr. Walter Albiston, Chief Secretary. In his circular letter the Chief Secretary writes:—"I would submit that Rome's aggression in the English speaking world to-day, and in particular in Australia, needs combating. This is the purpose of these lectures. We seek your co-operation. Our organisation has always endeavored to maintain a positive attitude, and we feel confident in seeking your help in our endeavor to awaken Protestants to a need for vigilance."

At Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., a memorial service to the late Bro. Andrew Haddow was held on June 22, and Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., spoke on "The Resurrection and the Life." There were good attendances, and two lads were received into fellowship. A memorial anthem was well rendered by the choir under Mr. H. Haines, Miss F. Haines being soloist. The sympathy of members is extended to the relatives of Bro. Ross Pearl, who died suddenly on June 21. Bro. Payne and Bro. Nat. Haddow (senr.) are both seriously ill, while Bro. H. Swain has, through illness, been unable to attend. A farewell social to Bro. and Sister A. G. Saunders, who are leaving for W.A., was

held on June 24. Tributes were paid to the pastoral work and preaching of Bro. Saunders during the past five years, his fidelity to the word being especially mentioned. Representatives of the Vic. Foreign Missionary Committee spoke highly of his work as secretary and committee-member, while other representatives of brotherhood activities spoke enthusiastically of his work with them. The church presented Bro. Saunders with a wallet of notes, and tokens of remembrance were also given by office-bearers of the various auxiliaries. The young men's Bible Class had arranged an earlier social tea at which to express especial appreciation of Bro. Saunders' leadership.

### ADDRESSES.

C. H. Barrett (secretary Gympie church, Q.).—Horse Shoe Bend, Gympie.

R. F. Campbell (secretary Bentleigh church, Vic.).—"Aurora," 72 Mitchell-st., Bentleigh, S.E.14.

C. J. Lea (secretary Granville church, N.S.W.).—Railway Parade, Granville.

F. C. Mitchell (secretary Murray Bridge church, S.A.).—Edward-st., Murray Bridge.

S. E. M. Riches (preacher Cottonville and Fullarton churches, S.A.).—47 Angus-rd., Lower Mitcham.

A. G. Saunders, B.A. (preacher Subiaco church, W.A.).—C/o Church of Christ, Bagot-rd., Subiaco, W.A.

### MARRIAGE.

GOLDSWORTHY—MANNING (Silver Wedding).—On June 28, 1905, at "Ridgeway," Plympton, S.A., by Mr. B. W. Huntsman, Samuel Herbert, youngest son of Helen and the late John Goldsworthy, to Elizabeth Rose, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Manning. Present address, "Fairview," Milang, S.A.

### IN MEMORIAM.

BERNETH.—In loving memory of our dear Elsie, who fell asleep in Jesus on June 29, 1929.

Her cheerful ways and smiling face

Are pleasant to recall;

She had a smile for everyone,

And died beloved by all.

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—Inserted by her parents, sister and brother.

VERCO.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who passed away on June 30, 1924.

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### Monday.

My cup indeed ye shall drink; but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give; but it is for them for whom it hath been prepared of my Father.—Matt. 20: 23.

Probably a better translation is "except for them" instead of "but it is for them." As asserted in other utterances of our Lord, it will rest with him to bestow final rewards. The statement of our text shows, however, that such rewards shall be according to the purpose of the Father, who has from eternity prepared them for his children. The disciples, like their Lord, drank the bitter cup of tribulation ere they received the crown of glory.

Reading—Matt. 20: 17-34.

### Tuesday.

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.—Matt. 21: 22.

Here is a special promise which we have no right to claim for ourselves. Undoubtedly, in the case of the apostles, it was true, yet no one to-day has the right to twist such passages from their context, or turn such promises from their original meaning. To all of us, if faithful, innumerable promises are made, and there is no need for any of us to lay claim to any that do not belong to us.

Reading—Matt. 21: 1-22.

### Wednesday.

The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.—Matt. 21: 43.

The Jews were God's chosen people, but now, because of unfaithfulness, the kingdom is to be taken from them and given to the Gentiles. God's promises are conditional. In disobedience none can continue in the favor of the Almighty.

Reading—Matt. 21: 22-46.

### Thursday.

Friend, how earnest thou in hither, not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless.—Matt. 22: 12.

It seems to have been the custom of those who gave feasts to provide for guests appropriate robes. That being so, no wonder this man was speechless. What excuse could he give? Our loving Saviour graciously presents to mankind a spotless garment, wrought by his own hand and dyed in his own blood. In presenting himself unclad, or robed in garments of self-righteousness, a man treats with contempt the robe provided by Christ, and proves himself to be a hypocrite.

Reading—Matt. 22: 1-22.

### Friday.

Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures.—Matt. 22: 29.

In the same way many thousands err to-day. The Bible is a much read but also much neglected Book. How many would be saved from false doctrine if only they knew more of the Scriptures and less of the theories of uninspired teachers!

Reading—Matt. 22: 23-46.

### Saturday.

He that is greatest among you shall be your servant.—Matt. 23: 11.

Those who are truly great always seek to be of service to mankind. The lowly pathway of faithful service alone leads to the throne.

Reading—Matt. 23: 1-22.

### Sunday.

These ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone.—Matt. 23: 23.

It was proper for those under the law to attend to its most minute requirements, yet these Scribes and Pharisees were branded as hypocrites because whilst so doing they neglected the far greater things enjoined by that law.

Reading—Matt. 23: 23-39.

## Hindmarsh Church of Christ, S.A.

SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL.

Seventy-five years ago the church at Robert-st., Hindmarsh, S.A., was formally organised, but for two years prior to that meetings had been held, and a Bible School conducted in the district. Throughout the years an unusually successful work has been done; countless numbers have been won for Christ. Many former members are now serving the church acceptably at home and abroad.

During the week, June 8 to 15, 1930, a spiritual crusade was conducted, celebrating the seventy-fifth church birthday. Bro. A. G. Saunders, a former Robert-st. boy, was present as the special preacher. His messages proved a spiritual tonic to the church.

At the home-coming communion service on Lord's day morning, June 8, practically every

church member attended, 250 breaking bread and £70 offering being contributed; whilst over 400 people attended the gospel service. Meetings of a high order were conducted nightly by Bro. Saunders until June 12. Three hundred folks enjoyed the church birthday dinner on June 9, prepared by church ladies, led by Sister Mrs. H. W. Tomkins, Mayoress of Hindmarsh. On Sunday, June 15, Bro. Hugh Gray and Allen Brooke conducted three services, bringing to a climax a very notable birthday festival.

The present membership at Robert-st. is: Resident, 244; isolated, 12; total, 256. A magnificent spirit of optimism and harmony prevails, and great spiritual progress is anticipated during future months.



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The usual monthly meeting was held on Friday, June 6. There was a good attendance, 108 being present. Owing to the illness of our president, Mrs. Scambler, Mrs. S. Wilson, vice-president, occupied the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. F. Lewis.

"Pentecost" was the subject of a very fine address by Mr. H. J. Patterson, for which he received warm thanks. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. MacKie.

The Home Mission committee hopes to visit as many churches as possible this Conference year.

Prayer committee has visited Cheltenham, Nth. Melbourne, Glenferrie. Mrs. B. J. Kemp and Mrs. McDonald were the speakers.

General Dorcas committee had a busy day on May 21. Many excellent garments were received from sisters, representing work done in their homes. At the end of the day 83 garments were ready to be sent to Mrs. Meyer, social service and private cases. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Ledger and Mrs. Carr for parcels, a sympathiser, £1; from Margaret Goudie Fund, £25; donations, 6/-; and a gift of material from one of our workers.

Women's Mission Band Committee has visited Box Hill church, where a combined meeting of the P.B.P. and W.M.B. had been arranged. East Kew Band was visited on May 14. Two successful group meetings have been held at Preston and North Melbourne. Next group meetings to be Malvern-Caulfield, June 18; and the final one at Box Hill, July 4.

To isolated sisters 88 letters have been sent and two replies have been received.

Social Service Department has received parcels of clothing, bags of fruit, vegetables and potatoes, shoes from Mr. Austin and Mr. Tyler, and groceries to the value of £4. Clothing has been given to 70 families and groceries to the value of £8/15/-.

Hospital visitation committee has paid 59 visits to the various institutions. Thanks are given to all who donated comforts. Mrs. Meyer, supt., would be pleased to hear from churches who have members sick in hospital. Write to Mrs. Meyer, 48 Hunter-st., Richmond.

Next meeting of Executive will be held on Friday, July 4, at 2.30 prompt. Mrs. D. Pittman will lead devotions. Speaker, Mr. J. Plummer. —Miss Rometch, secretary, 13 Florence-ave., Kew, E.4.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SISTERS' AUXILIARY.**

The sisters met on Thursday, June 5, in Grote-st. hall for the monthly meeting. Miss Norman led devotions and spoke on Pentecost. Miss Leedham sang a solo.

The president (Mrs. Green) presided over business. 76 sisters were present, of whom 50 were delegates. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Allen, who has been so seriously ill, is doing nicely. Literature committee reported two parcels of books and papers sent to Adelaide Hospital, one parcel to sick, also large parcel to Seamen's Mission, Pt. Adelaide. Dorcas paid visits to Forestville, Grote-st., Hindmarsh and York. Prayer committee with F.M. committee visited Maylands and Prospect, and held a cottage meeting at Mrs. Shill's home. The following sisters have been called to higher service: Miss Hall, Norwood; Nurse Adlem, Cottonville; Mrs. King, Maylands; Mrs. Cradock, Unley; Mrs. Carrol, Cowandilla.

Treasurer reported as follows: Received from H.M. committee, April, £8/10/10; in hand, £25/8/3; total, £33/19/1. Foreign Missions: April, £5/12/5½; Unley F.M. Band, £6; May, £2/5/9½; special collection, £3/3/0½; in hand, £13/16/6; total, £30/17/9½. General Fund: April offering, £1/6/1; in hand, 18/4; paid for postage, £1; balance, £1/4/5. Offering during the afternoon was £1/7/2½. Home Mission receipts, May: penny-per-week: Nth. Adelaide, 2/-; Mile End, 6/6;

York, 7/3; mite box, Glenelg, 12/4; donation, Miss Thompson, 4/-; total, £1/12/1. June: penny-per-week: Grote-st., 4/-; Cottonville, 12/-; Mile End, 7/11; Unley, £1/8/4; mite box, Nth. Adelaide, 2/2; donation, Mrs. Green, 10/-; £4/16/6. Foreign Mission receipts: Strathalbyn sisters, 10/-; Glenelg, 10/-; Mayland sisters, £1/0/9; Saint Morris sister, 5/-; F.M. rally, £3/3/0½; Prospect sisters, 13/-; Semaphore, 16/-; Grote-st. sister, 3/-; total, £7/0/10.—M. Manger, asst. secretary.



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## News of the Churches.

### Queensland.

**Moonera.**—Bro. Vanham held his first meeting on June 17. Bro. Barnes led the singing and sang a solo. Bro. Vanham spoke on "The Conversion of a Good Man." Three made the good confession.

**Moongan.**—Bren. Vanham and Barnes conducted a gospel meeting on June 10. At the conclusion of Bro. Vanham's address on "What Must I Do to be Saved?" one lad made the good confession. 22 broke bread on the 15th.

**Rockhampton.**—113 broke bread on June 15. Good meeting at night, when Bro. Vanham spoke on "The Fall of Man." On June 18 Mrs. White, of Victorian Women's Christian Temperance Union, spoke on temperance work.

**Bundaberg.**—The Bible School is progressing favorably; on June 8 attendance was 123. On June 15, at the evening service, one young lady was baptised. On June 17 Mr. Miller, ambulance brigade superintendent, gave an interesting lecture at the Mutual Improvement Society meeting on "First Aid Principles."

**Gympie.**—The church welcomed Bro. and Sister McKie at a social on June 5. Monkland Bible School welcomed them on 9th inst., a varied programme being rendered by the scholars. Great interest is manifested in Bro. McKie's addresses. The Sunday School is well attended. Two young men confessed Christ on June 8. They were baptised on 15th, when two young ladies made the good confession. Gospel services were begun at Monkland in the new Bible School building on June 15.

**Ma Ma Creek.**—Five Sunday School scholars were baptised since last report. Attendance at all services keeps up well. 98 communed on June 8. Brethren visited homes of three aged people, where six more broke bread. The C.E. society and Sunday School are in healthy condition. Sister Mabel Roberts, who has been a consistent worker in church and school, was recently married to Mr. H. Robson. Our aged Sister Sherman, who has been ailing for some time, passed away on June 10, and was laid to rest the following day, Bro. Hamann officiating at the graveside.

### Western Australia.

**Bunbury.**—On June 15 Bro. Coles addressed the church acceptably. Splendid meeting at night, when Bro. Thomson spoke on "Of Things False and of Things True."

**Kalgoorlie.**—Attendance shows a great increase. On morning of June 15 Bro. Wilcox gave an enjoyable talk on "The Love of Jesus." Bro. Waterman preached in the evening.

**Balingup.**—The small gathering of believers were visited by Bren. Thomson and Horn on June 15. At the close of the service a daughter of Bro. and Sister Lake made the good confession.

**Inglewood.**—Meetings have improved lately. Bro. Wakefield's addresses have been of a high order. Three additions recently. The ladies' guild held a successful concert; £7 raised for redemption of debt on property. The school has added 53 new scholars during the last three months.

**Subiaco.**—The prayer and Bible study service on June 12 had a good attendance. C.E. attendances are keeping up. A C.E. social on June 14 was a great success. Good attendance at Lord's table on June 15. Bro. D. R. Stirling's message was appreciated. Bible School continues to do good work under leadership of Bro. E. Black. The building was well filled at the gospel service. The officers of the church were responsible for the service, Bro. Rodier preaching. A number of the young sisters of the church were responsible for the gospel service at Redcliffe, Sister K. Powell giving the address.

**Perth.**—A united meeting was held on June 12 as a conclusion to Pentecost celebrations. All churches from West Subiaco to Midland Junction combined in this service. Topics, as at southern suburbs' united meeting on 11th, were "Elements of the First Pentecost: (a) Local and Temporary; (b) World-wide and Enduring." Bren. Stirling and Hutson spoke in a very helpful way. Bro. Frank Ewers was baptised.

**Bassendean.**—On Sunday mornings, June 1, 8 and 15, Bren. Lucraft, Berry and Peacock were the speakers. At gospel services Bro. Peacock gave a series of appreciated addresses on Pentecost. On June 8 the Bible School was conveyed to the rally in Perth. On June 10 the Bible School held a concert in aid of the piano fund. Thanks are tendered to Bro. Jack Butcher, who was instrumental in purchasing a fine piano. Sister Franzen has returned from a trip to Eastern States. At mid-week meetings a study of Romans has been completed. On June 18, at a social, Bro. and Sister Buckingham and family were welcomed. Appreciation of Bro. Peacock's work during the last six months was expressed, and a rag was presented to him.

**Fremantle.**—At recent meetings, especially on Sunday evenings, large gatherings have appreciated the services of "Mothers' Day" (May 11), "Fathers' Day" (May 18), "Family Day" (May 25), Sunday School anniversary (June 1) and Pentecost (June 8). The meetings were a great success. On the Sunday School anniversary on June 1 and 2 the school sang splendidly. Bro. A. Sagers (who trained the children) and his wife received a handsome present in appreciation of services. The school had an average attendance of 160 for the year. Bro. Stirling has faithfully proclaimed the gospel, to which several have responded. Bro. Eddy, of Mission to Lepers, gave a splendid lantern lecture. Palmyra meetings continue on the up-grade; morning gatherings average 25 and evening 50.

**Northam.**—June 8 was Pentecost Sunday and anniversary of Bible School. 134 broke bread for the day. In the morning Bro. Nightingale delivered a magnificent address. In the afternoon 375 were present, 215 being members of the Bible School. A large congregation assembled at night, 380 all told. After Bro. Nightingale's address a young lady confessed Christ. The Bible School anniversary was continued on 9th and 11th, all services being splendidly attended. On 9th prizes were distributed. On June 11 a tea meeting was held and a demonstration given. Over 300 attended. The school rendered hymns at all meetings under leadership of Bro. R. Beavis. There are now 232 scholars on the roll, attendance averaging 69 per cent. On June 15 Bro. Martin, senr., exhorted; Bro. N. Lockyer preached the gospel.

### South Australia.

**Milang.**—Morning meetings are well attended. Special prayer meetings prior to Pentecost Sunday were helpful. Bro. Dardin spoke at three services on June 8. Several from a distance sent greetings. Sister Mrs. Thorpe, from Kangarilla, was present for two Sundays. Bro. Train addressed the church on the morning of June 15. The Endeavor Society enjoys splendid meetings; the meeting last week was held at Pt. Sturt. Bro. Dardin has accepted another twelve months' engagement with the churches in this circuit.

**Henley Beach.**—On June 18 a visit was made to the Foreign Mission rally at Mile End. On the 19th two sisters were immersed. Bro. B. W. Manning addressed the church on June 22, when two were received into fellowship. Bro. H. P. Manning's gospel message was, "The Good Confession." The sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. Arthur in the loss of his sister.

**Semaphore.**—On June 22 Ross Graham gave the message to the church, speaking on "Foreign Missions." Bro. Beiler spoke at night on "The Letter to the Smyrna Church." Splendid reports were presented by all auxiliaries at the half-yearly business meeting. Bren. A. Roberts and H. Bray were appointed deacons. Twelve new scholars the past three Sundays in the Bible School.

**Queenstown.**—On June 22 Bro. Lampshire, from York, gave a very helpful address. In the evening Bro. Brooker's subject was, "Obedience to God or Man; Which?" Good attendances all day. On June 16, at the monthly meeting of the Band of Hope, the Mile End society paid a visit and gave a good programme. Bro. B. W. Manning gave a short talk. Dorcas Society is doing good work. The students' class has resumed studies.

**Forestville.**—Anniversary services continued with a well attended public meeting on May 28, when prizes were presented. The J.C.E. and Y.W.L. have received new members. Both societies are doing a good work. Services have been well attended, with helpful messages by Bro. Garland. On June 22 fellowship with a number of brethren from Glenelg was enjoyed, and Bro. Edwards delivered a splendid address in connection with the F.M. appeal.

**Tumby Bay.**—Splendid meetings were held on June 8. Inspiring Pentecost messages were given by Bren. T. Burt and G. E. Hammond. Meetings were well attended. Bro. Davie spoke at Ungarra and Butler. On June 15 Bro. Davie spoke at both services. A young girl confessed Christ. The church looks forward to the mission and Bro. Ross Graham's messages. Prayer meeting and Endeavor Society have increased in interest and numbers. Greater interest is manifested in all departments.

### Victoria.

**Moreland.**—Excellent meetings on June 22. Bro. Webb was the speaker at both services. Bro. H. Turnham has been appointed superintendent of the Bible School.

**Carnegie.**—Meetings on June 22 were well attended. Bro. Shipway spoke on "The Macedonian Vision" and "What to Believe About Jesus." At night two believers confessed Christ.

**Windsor.**—Good meetings at gospel service for last four weeks. Sister Ruby Braden, of St. Kilda church, is giving good addresses. A young girl confessed faith in Christ last Lord's day.

**Hampton.**—On Sunday night, after the address by Bro. K. A. Jones, there were three decisions for Christ. An anthem was rendered by the choir, and Bro. A. McDiarmid, of the College, sang two solos.

**Mitcham.**—Bro. Everett has given inspiring messages at gospel services. On June 22 his subject was, "How I was Converted." Solos by Mrs. Everett and Bro. Robb were enjoyed. Bro. W. Hendry will be the preacher for July.

**St. Kilda.**—Meetings on June 22 were well attended. Bible School had a record attendance. Bro. Grundy addressed the gospel service. The Pentecost chorus party and Mrs. Vickery, from New Zealand, rendered beautiful messages in song.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—Very enjoyable meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Moore delivered an excellent expository address on Romans 11. Amongst visitors was Bro. Perkins, of Chatswood, N.S.W. Evening topic was "Why I Believe in the Church."

**Casfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Meetings lately have been very large. One confessed Christ since last report. Bro. Youens has endeared himself to all. A baptismal service was held on 22nd. All departments are working harmoniously. There were 13 additions for May.

**South Yarra.**—All meetings on June 22 were good. Finances are encouraging. Bro. Westwood spoke in the morning and Bro. Ladbroke at night. Miss Blake addressed the J.C.E. society. The sick are progressing satisfactorily. Bible School set up a new record, 136 being present with a full staff of teachers.

**Drumcondra.**—On June 22 Bro. R. A. Banks' address was entitled, "A Memorable Voyage," at the conclusion of which four young men made the good confession. Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to Sister Mrs. Alan Leigh, who is seriously ill.

**Collingwood.**—Splendid meetings continue. On June 22 Bro. R. Burns delivered two fine addresses. The Bible School is beginning to build up in attendance after a slight depression. On June 19 the mutual improvement society held a social in aid of church funds.

**South Melbourne.**—Last Lord's day morning Bro. Waterman spoke on "The Gospel of Relaxation." The gospel service had a good attendance, and Bro. Waterman gave an excellent address. Sister Hilda Olsen rendered an enjoyable solo. All auxiliaries report interest in the work.

**Echuca.**—On June 8 meetings were well attended, Bro. Wigney speaking. For the social service appeal clothing and goods were received. On June 15 Bro. Wigney spoke morning and evening. June 22, Bro. Wigney was the morning speaker, and Bro. W. B. Payne preached at night. Good attendances.

**Boort.**—There were good meetings all day on June 15. Bro. Cameron spoke morning and evening. Two young girls from the Bible School made the good confession. The sisters meet every Tuesday for sewing, and over 600 garments, etc., have been forwarded to the Social Service Department.

**Geelong.**—A fine meeting was held on Sunday morning. Miss Jensen, restored after several weeks' illness, was present. Bro. and Sister Clipstone are about to commence their third year of service with the church. Bro. Clipstone spoke to an attentive audience on Sunday evening on "Moses' Decision." All auxiliaries are healthy.

**Oakleigh.**—Good progress is manifest in every department. Enthusiasm has been created in Bible School work by a rally which has been in progress for the past few weeks. So far 57 new scholars have been enrolled. Last Sunday was a record day; 14 new scholars enrolled, and an attendance of 251. There were 94 in the kindergarten.

**Cheltenham.**—Interest is maintained. Attendances are very encouraging. On June 22 Bro. Wakeley spoke at both services. In the evening he replied effectively to a statement contained in a pamphlet, issued locally, which misrepresented the church's attitude toward the Jewish sabbath. At the conclusion of the service two men were baptised.

**Surrey Hills.**—Meetings continue to be well attended. Two more confessed Christ on June 22, making five for June. Appreciation of the services of Bro. and Sister Combridge were expressed at morning meeting, when it was announced that Bro. Combridge had accepted re-engagement as evangelist for a further term of two years.

**Wangaratta.**—Good meetings last Lord's day. An enjoyable social was held on June 17. A car, driven by Bro. S. Cordy, with his sisters (Sisters Jackel and Agnes Cordy) as passengers, collided with another car on Sunday morning, and was overturned. Bro. Cordy and Sister Jackel were severely cut and bruised; the other passenger escaped injury.

**Balwyn.**—On June 22, 123 met at the Lord's table. Bro. R. T. Pittman presided and gave an enjoyable address. A large congregation assembled in the evening to hear Bro. Gibson speak on "The Jews—Their Wonderful Future." Extra seating accommodation had to be provided. One confession. Bro. and Sister Watts have been received by letter from East Kew.

**Ivanhoe.**—After evening service on June 8 Bro. and Sister Chivell were farewelled, and parting gifts made to them. Bro. Abercrombie will carry on the work for the next few weeks. A concert programme supplied by Miss Ilma Dickens and friends on June 3 proved enjoyable. Proceeds were for building fund. The newly formed girls' club, under the direction of Miss Andrews, is doing well.

**Chelsea.**—The good effect of the prayer meetings recently commenced by the ladies' guild is evident. Good meetings were held on June 22. The local Scout troop was present in the morning.

**Footscray.**—Another aged member, Sister Mrs. J. Mee, received the home-call on June 11, after a long illness. An in memoriam service to our sister, and to the late Bren. T. Bolton, T. Livell and W. Townsley, was conducted last Sunday evening in the presence of a large congregation. Bro. Stewart spoke on "The First Resurrection." In the morning two, immersed the previous Sunday, were welcomed. Good interest is maintained.

**Brunswick.**—On June 17 the sisters held a Foreign Mission meeting. Sister Ennis gave an interesting talk on the work in India. On Sunday morning, June 22, Bro. Pittman addressed the church in connection with Foreign Missions. In the evening he spoke on "John," completing an interesting and educational series on Biblical characters. On June 23 the boys' club with the Phi Beta Pi paid a return visit to Thornbury Phi's and Kappas.

**Preston.**—Meetings are well attended and interest maintained. On June 15 Bro. Sparks ably exhorted, and in the evening, Bro. Fisher speaking, there were three baptisms and one confession. On June 22, in addition to those baptised, three were received by transfer. All auxiliaries report good work. At the women's guild meeting Mrs. Lawson gave impressions of her sojourn in Bolivia. Sister Mrs. Morgan is chaplain of the P.B.P. Our aged Sister Olney is in a very low condition.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—On June 18 the church held a welcome social to Bro. and Sister Graham. Speeches of welcome were made by Dr. Kemp (President of Conference), Bren. Gebbie and Youens (representing neighboring churches), and representatives of auxiliaries. Last Monday the K.S.P. club had their annual election of officers; Bro. Graham is chaplain for the ensuing year, Bro. G. Mitchell deputy chaplain, and Bro. Jim Arnel chancellor. Excellent services on Sunday, Bro. Graham speaking.

**Ormond.**—June 8, splendid morning meeting. On the 11th a kitchen tea was tendered to Miss V. Yewdall. All auxiliaries combined, and made a presentation to her. She will be greatly missed in the work of church and Bible School. On June 15, church anniversary, Bro. Plummer gave a splendid message in the morning. Bro. Shipway's message at night was inspiring, the chapel being full. At the tea on June 17, Bro. Abercrombie made the birthday appeal, and over £34 was received in cash and promises. On June 22 Bro. Connor gave a fine message at worship, 133 at Bible School.

**Drummond.**—Good meetings are reported on June 15, Bro. Baker speaking morning and evening. On June 8 Bro. Baker gave an impressive morning address on "The Model Church." Collection for social service amounted to 12/6, and some provisions were given. The church much regrets the loss of Sister Dixon and Bro. Newton by removal. On June 22 Bro. Baker gave an impressive message on "A Good Man Unsaved." Three young ladies from the Bible School confessed Christ. Good meetings all day. Thirty-seven at S.S. The kindergarten is grateful for the present of nine new chairs.

**East Kew.**—On June 8, 34 members met for prayer at 7.30 a.m. There was a splendid morning meeting, Bro. Ingham exhorting. At B.S. two girls made the good confession. There were good attendances at cottage prayer meetings and special services in the chapel. The mission band held an enjoyable meeting recently, Sister Lee, South Yarra, being speaker. On June 15 Bro. Webb, Moreland, exhorted. Grand attendance at Bible School, 16 in Bible Class. To a good meeting at night, Bro. Ingham gave a powerful message. Sisters Telford and McKenzie sang a duet. A good collection of groceries, clothing, etc., resulted from the self-denial week for Social Service Department. All auxiliaries are in a healthy condition.

**Merbein.**—Good meetings are reported on June 22, a number of visitors being present.

**Newport.**—Attendances at the mission last week were encouraging. On June 15 Bro. Parsons exhorted, 35 being present at morning service. Bro. Ball preached at night to a large gathering. The church sympathises with Bro. Tovey in the death of his father.

**Burnley.**—Meetings are improving. 32 attended Lord's table on morning of June 22, Bro. Dow giving a splendid address on F.M. work. In the evening a memorial service was held for our late Sister Holt, one of the pioneer members, who passed away on June 9. Bro. Dow addressed this meeting on "The Immortality of Memory." There were 49 present.

### New South Wales.

**Enmore.**—Meetings on June 22 were good. In the morning Bro. Rush gave a helpful address, and at night Bro. Patermoster preached on "The Burial of Jesus." Miss Daphne Flood sang a solo. On June 23 the annual meeting of the C.E. Society was held. Bro. J. Budgen led a song service, and Bren. Forest and Roy Wilson gave short addresses. A happy time was spent. Miss Rofe, secretary, presented a report showing good work done during the year.

**Belmore.**—The annual business meeting was held on June 21. The attendance was good, and reports showed all departments to be progressing favorably. Later, tea and a social evening were much enjoyed. On June 22 the 24th anniversary of the church was celebrated, splendid meetings being held. Bro. J. Whelan, of Chatswood, delivered an excellent morning message, and Bro. T. Hagger gave a much appreciated gospel address on "The Great Message."

### COMING EVENTS.

**JUNE 29.**—Mr. W. W. Hendry will preach his farewell sermon at Blackburn on the evening of June 29. Brethren from all sister churches invited morning or evening.

**JUNE 30 (Monday).**—Swanston-st. chapel, C.M.A. Rally. All men urged to attend. Discussion on "Evangelism," after chart address by T. R. Morris. Other interesting items. Preachers and secretaries urged to make good announcement at all services on June 29.

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