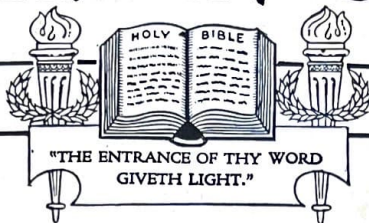


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Sunday Schools Celebrate Their Third Jubilee.

THE one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Sunday Schools by Robert Raikes is about to be celebrated. The world rightly honors this printer of Gloucester as the founder of the modern Sunday School movement. Elsewhere in this issue tribute is paid to him. It need not be maintained that there were no such things as Sunday Schools before the time of Raikes. "At different periods at different places there were anticipations of this great institution," it has truly been said, "but it seems undoubted that to Robert Raikes belongs the credit of giving the modern Sunday School practical form and impetus." As another writer has said: "He raised Sunday School teaching from a fortuitous rarity into a universal system. He found the practice local; he made it national."

The extraordinary success of the Sunday School movement is indicated by the following figures. In 1787, seven years after Robert Raikes began his work, there were a quarter of a million people connected with the Sunday Schools of England. In Great Britain and Ireland there were 5,000 schools at the end of the eighteenth century with a total of 400,000 scholars. At the first jubilee, it is stated, there were 1,250,000 scholars in Great Britain; at the second jubilee there were 12,000,000 members of world Sunday Schools, while this year (the third jubilee), the number is 33,000,000. At the tenth World Convention of the World's Sunday School Association held at Los Angeles in 1928, there were reported 356,146 schools with a total enrolment of 33,014,952, which was an increase of 9,145 schools, 83,325 teachers and officers, and 254,016 scholars over the number reported at the Glasgow Convention in 1924. Australian statistics tell of 8,283 schools, 20,920 teachers and officers, and 565,994 scholars.

These striking figures do not begin to tell of the real value of the work. It would be impossible to estimate what the establishment of Sunday Schools has meant either to the national welfare or to the progress of the church of Jesus Christ.

As to the value to the church, a question of John Wesley has become world-famous: "I find these schools springing up wherever I go," he writes in 1784. "Perhaps God may have a deeper end therein than men are aware of. Who knows but some of these schools may become nurseries for Christians?" The hope of John Wesley has been abundantly realised. Again a sentence of Prof. W. F. Adeney, a modern churchman, sets forth another aspect of the value of the school to the church. "Experienced pastors," said Dr. Adeney, "are unanimous in their testimony that their strongest, most enduring and most satisfying church workers—the men and women they rely upon for the work of the church—are the fruits of the Sunday School."

In an admirable way the Sunday School provides for the three great essentials of Christian work: Evangelism, education and pastoral oversight. Regarding the first, the school is one of the most efficient agencies, so much so that it has been designated "the nursery of the church," a phrase which is easily misapplied. A church with a really good school is bound to grow; its youthful members may not inappropriately be re-

garded as "the church of the future." Our Saviour's commission commanded education as well as evangelism. The school is meant to be a place of Christian education. Because of this distinctive purpose we have come to use the phrase "Bible School" instead of "Sunday School." Unless the saving truths of the word of God are taught, and unless a definite effort is made to lead the children to the knowledge, love and service of the Lord Jesus Christ, the real objects of Bible School work are being neglected. Again, the school furnishes opportunity for home visitation and pastoral care, on the part of preacher, superintendent and teacher. The successful teacher is not the one whose companionship with the scholars is limited to one hour on Sunday afternoon. We rejoice in the work of those consecrated teachers who faithfully attend to these three aspects of Bible School work. The great need of our schools is that all the teachers on the staff should be willing to do this work and that all should qualify themselves to do it effectively.

The Sunday School is not intended to be a substitute for something else. To regard it as such is to misjudge it and hinder its work. It is not meant to be a substitute for the training or example of a Christian home, though in the case of thousands of children it gives all the instruction in religious truth which they receive. The Sunday School is not a substitute for or a weak imitator of the day school. Its aim is different, and its methods may differ without being weaker. Above all, it needs to be emphasised that the Bible School is not a substitute for the church. It is not and never should be thought of as "the children's church." It may be regarded as the church's asset, as an auxiliary (and the best auxiliary) of the church, and it may even fittingly be referred to (in very idealistic terms) as the church at work. But to cut off children from the benefit of the ordinary church services, and to lead them to consider that they have the equivalent of a separate church, seems more than foolish; it is almost suicidal.

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The eighty-fourth Psalm is one of the sweetest and most artistic pieces of poetry in the Bible. There is something about its dignified language which makes a deep appeal to our souls; it is a pilgrim's song, and therefore speaks to us because we also are pilgrims upon life's way. It expresses all the varying emotions of man from a deep longing after the Eternal to a deep and settled trust in the Father, and throughout its brief passage it breathes a blessed intimacy with the most sacred things of life which is worthy of the great mystics. But I confess that it is not the poetry of the Psalm which makes its greatest appeal to me. Rather is it the picture of the psalmist which is revealed in it. Let us regard this Psalm as a kind of window, through which we can see its writer living through a great experience. He had longed to visit the temple at Jerusalem, and at last the day comes when he can set out with high hopes and adequate equipment. At first the journey goes well; then sudden and bitter misfortune pelts him. He had not reckoned upon it—but there it is in front of him, the "Valley of Baca," dreaded and feared by all. Then there dawns upon his mind the realisation that before he can reach Jerusalem he must cross this barren and desolate waste, this place of weeping and lamentation named "Baca," which means "to lament." Stories of past pilgrimages ending in failure, traditions of good men lost, descriptions of the horrors of this veritable "valley of death" filter back into memory. But he must go on, and on he goes.

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So the thing which fascinates me most in this Psalm is not its poetry, nor its writer, but the man who inspired it; the man, unknown by name, who dug the well which would afterwards be the very means

of life for others. For this man had discovered the secret of the alchemist: he had learned to transmute the baser metal of his own sorrow into the gold of other men's joy, to make his own tears bring laughter to others, and out of his own death had come life for the brethren.

Very fortunately for us nature and life illustrate this principle. The sun ripens our harvests by burning itself up. Our rich stores of coal represent the death of countless trees. The fertility of the valley, according to Geike the geologist, represents the toll which is taken from the mountain. Whilst Faraday has amazed us all by his statement of the terrific cost involved in the ripening of one strawberry. To untwist the sunbeam and extract the rich strawberry red, to refine the sugar and mix the flavor takes as much energy as would charge many thousands of Leyden jars. In very truth the gifts of life cost much in terms of death.

But in human life this alchemy is more apparent. Every good thing is an indication of this divine principle at work. Here, for example, is a man bruised by lions and emaciated by many attacks of jungle fever writing with his dying hand: "All I can say in my solitude is, may heaven's rich blessing come down on every one who will help to heal this open sore of the world." Adversity chose David Livingstone to be her knight. Passing through the valley of Baca he made a well of liberty and life for an imprisoned people. And here is another man shut in a narrow and foul dungeon, condemned for preaching the Word and thwarted in his life's task, writing for the consolation of other pilgrims: "And I saw that when Christian came to the open sepulchre the burden rolled from his back and I saw it no more." Passing through the valley of Baca, John Bunyan, too, learned to dig the well of inspiration for others. And here are others; Paschal whose thoughts

are the seeds of rich intellectual harvests, Goodyear who lived upon a swamp and gave us indiarubber, George Matheson and Arthur Pearson who were both blind—but gave others their sight, John Howard who helped to cleanse Italy from her plagues, and all those of whom it is said: "They suffered torments and afflictions . . . of whom the world is not worthy."

Here, too, let us remember reverently, is God himself, sending his own Son into the world that through a cruel death salvation might come to you and me. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." Blessed, indeed, is the man who passing through the valley of Baca maketh it a well.

The test of the valley.

What does it all mean? Surely this, that we, too, are pilgrims to a celestial city, and that sooner or later we also may come to our valley of Baca. Perhaps some of us have already reached it. Sickness or death have come into our homes, ambitions have been thwarted, friends have gone, chill penury has choked the genial current of the soul. Do not let us attempt to minimise the effect of these experiences upon our lives, but let us remember this: that whilst our experiences are important, the important thing is the way we react to them. Experiences need not break us, they may be the means of making both us and others. We are to remember that within God's eternal purpose there is the possibility of transmuting sorrow into joy, tears into laughter, death into life. Perhaps that experience which seemed so bitter was, after all, the voice of God calling us to the service of others and the saving of self. At any rate we can be sure of this, that for our eternal comfort and hope One has come amongst us who for the very joy that was before him endured the shame, and who for our sakes "poured out his soul unto death." Blessed be his Name for ever and ever.—Arthur Mellors.

Prayer Corner.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.—Psalm 107: 5, 6.

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He never yet rejected the feeble soul which clung to him in love.—H. L. Sidney Lear.

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Thou hear'st the hungry ravens when they cry,
And to thy children shalt thou not send bread,
Who on thy aid alone for help rely,
And in the steps of Christ alone would tread?
They shall not cry for righteousness in vain,
But bread from heaven thy hand shall soon supply.

—Jones Very.

SPRING.

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we thank thee for this spring-time, in which thou art renewing the face of the earth and quickening all things. When earth and air and sky are full of beauty, proclaiming blessing and praise, our hearts would not be thankless nor our mouths dumb. We bless thee, the all-good, whose mercy is boundless, whose grace is infinite. Thou who carest for the trees and the flowers, revive and renew our life, that we may bring forth the fruit of good works, as disciples of him who came to quicken in human hearts the seed of eternal life.—John Hunter.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

October 15.

THE THREE GREAT FEASTS.

(Exodus 23: 14-17; Lev. 23: 9-14, 29-44.)

W. Waterman.

Exod. 23: 14—"Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year: thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread [connected with the passover]; and the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labors [Pentecost]; and the feast of ingathering [or of tabernacles]."

These feasts commemorated three important epochs in the history of Israel. (a) The feast of unleavened bread, connected as it was with the passover, was a memorial of the deliverance of Israel from the land of Egypt. Moses said when he instituted the passover: "Ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord throughout your generations." (b) The feast of harvest, or of Pentecost, commemorated (as is supposed) the giving of the law at Sinai. Many old Jewish writers and Christian fathers testify that "Pentecost is the day on which the Law was given." (c) The feast of tabernacles, or of ingathering, was to be kept in the land of promise to bring to the mind of the people that Jehovah it was who had brought them through the wilderness into the land of rest. The people on certain occasions kept this feast with special zest; e.g., when first they reached Canaan (Neh. 8: 17), when Solomon had built his temple for the ark of the Lord, and when under Ezra and Nehemiah they returned from the Babylonian captivity. The people during this feast dwelt in booths made of boughs.

These feasts were connected also with the agricultural harvests. At the passover season, which was in the spring, the first green ears of the barley harvest were presented before the Lord. "And ye shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits unto the priest: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it." The feast of Pentecost came fifty days later. On that day, so Moses had commanded, "ye shall bring a new meal-offering unto the Lord, two wave-loaves: they shall be of fine flour with leaven, they are the first-fruits [of the completed wheat harvest] unto the Lord." The feast of tabernacles marked the end of the grain harvest and of the vintage. "It was a joyful thanksgiving for the completed harvest home."

These feasts had, too, a typical significance. (a) The passover season typified the atonement of Christ on the cross. "Christ our Passover hath been sacrificed for us." He, like the typical lamb, was without blemish, was killed between the evenings (in the afternoon), saved men by shed blood, and had not a bone broken. But this not all: for the "sheaf of the first-fruits" waved before the Lord "the morrow after the sabbath" pointed also to the resurrection on the first day of the week of the slain Lamb of God as "the first-fruits of them that slept," "the first-born among many brethren." Christ thus presented himself alive before the Lord God in "joyful anticipation of the final ingathering of the whole harvest, of the great Harvest Home." (b) Pentecost typified the Christian Pentecost: the co-incidence of both was no accident. On that day "the first-fruits of the gospel were presented before the Lord in 3,000 joyful converts brought into the kingdom of the Lord." (c) The feast of tabernacles looks forward to that final harvest home. It was meant "to keep all Christians mindful of the fact that, like the Israelites, we are still dwelling in tents, but that we are travelling to a city which has foundations whose maker and builder is God." "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations . . . shall . . . worship the king, and keep the feast of tabernacles." John in Revelation "heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall tabernacle with them, and they shall be his people, and he shall be their God."

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 22.—THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.—Lev. 23: 15-22.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GAFF, Home Mission Department.

Pledge Signing in

If it is not possible to make a nation sober by Act of Parliament, it certainly is possible to save many a life from the terrors of alcohol by timely, forceful and skilful instruction in childhood. It is then that the young life is "wax to receive and marble to retain." What place is more ideal for this than the Bible School? The whole atmosphere is right for laying the foundations of sobriety and for strengthening the character against the day when it will meet the temptation to taste the body-destroying and life-crippling poison.

A Periodical Campaign.

A simple, inexpensive, intensive campaign conducted periodically in every Bible School would achieve more in the long run than costly spectacular "stunts." It has this to commend it at the present time that it is less costly, and is intended to secure a definite decision in each young life to entirely refrain from the use of alcohol as a beverage.

Value of Pledge-Signing in Youth.

Pledge-signing in early adolescence has proven of immense value. If preceded by proper instruction it marks a definite decision and resolution of life respecting one of the greatest evils to be encountered. This is much superior to the signing of a pledge in later life, in an attempt to escape from the slavery of intemperance.

CONSIDER ALWAYS
NEVER DONE WELL
DONE YOUR BEST.

YOUNG WORSHIPPERS' LEAGUE. TEA TABLE CONFERENCE.

A most successful gathering of superintendents and workers connected with the Y.W.L. in Melbourne and suburbs was held in the rooms of the Social Service Department on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. It took the form of a round table conference, and was attended by representatives of eighteen metropolitan leagues. The gathering was presided over by Mr. A. J. Fisher, the State superintendent of Y.W.L., and was addressed by Mr. D. Wakeley. The speaker gave a very informative address dealing with various elements of success in the conduct of leagues, telling of many varied ideas, and testifying to the help which it can render to the church as a link between the school and the church. A discussion followed, during which difficulties were dealt with and numerous suggestions made.

It was announced that the department has arranged with the Austral Co. to stock all required supplies, and also as a distinct advance, the Austral has now printed an improved album for the attendance stamps. This album has additional features which make it better than any other publication on the market, and being specially prepared for our own leagues, it is the most suitable one for our young folk to have.

The statistical information was published in the issue of this paper of Sept. 18. "The Challenge," for the past twelve months edited by Bro. Allen Brooke, will now be served in that capacity by Bro. Theo. Edwards.

The book depot disclosed a net profit for the year of £104/2/-. Greater patronage was desired of the Bible Schools requiring award books.

The Council of Churches (of which Bro. J. Wiltshire is President this year) reports that in addition to previous undertakings having been continued, a daily ten minutes' religious service broadcast from 5.01 p.m. on to be heard throughout the Commonwealth.

On occasions, the whole school would remain together after the opening exercises, when a short address on temperance would follow. The scholars would then be given the opportunity to take the pledge and sign the pledge-form. This pledge-form was prepared and printed by the Doncaster Bible School. It had upon it a block of the Doncaster chapel. Every card signed was placed in an inexpensive frame costing 1/-. It was then all ready to be hung up in the scholar's room, where it would be seen each day. This plan was adopted thirty years ago and is still in operation. The first to sign was the preacher, then the teachers, and later, the scholars. Bro. Tully sometimes hears from his old scholars who are reminded of Doncaster by their framed pledge-cards. We heartily agree with Bro. Tully when he says, "I think it would be well."

The Church and Sunday School Extension Fund reported an annual offering of £161/12/11, and other receipts £441/6/3, whilst expenditure totalled £256/13/1. Some difficulty was being experienced owing to several churches failing to meet their interest amounts when due. Outstanding loans due to the fund totalled £6,835/6/3.

The training committee have continued the classes under Bren. H. R. Taylor and J. Wiltshire, and of the sixteen students in regular attendance, three have been awarded the diploma. A Bible Institute was held at Murray Bridge, and lectures were given to Bible School workers by Miss F. Batchelor, B.A., Dip.Ed.

Useful work was outlined in the report of the prohibition and social problems committee. Relief had been provided for poorer members of the churches, a Band of Hope Union formed, a commencement made to establish a fund to provide a rest home for poor and overworked mothers, and consideration given to provision of Sunset Homes for elderly members of the churches.

Bro. L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., spoke on "The Fulness of God," dwelling upon the fulness of power, of faith, of knowledge, and of love.

Deputations were received from Seamen's Mission and Sailors' Rest, Council of Churches, South Australian Prohibition League, Aborigines' Friends' Association, and Protestant Children's Homes.

Bro. Roy Raymond, secretary Pentecost committee, in reporting on the aims set regretted that not all the aims had been reached, although the effort was abundantly worth while.

Bro. W. Beiler, in addressing the session, emphasised the place of prayer before, during and after Pentecost, and urged that our sphere of labor in evangelism be enlarged.

Following the home-made tea, the Home Mission meeting was held in the Town Hall. Bro. H. R. Taylor, in vacating the presidential chair, introduced Bro. T. E. Yelland as the President for the new year.

Bro. E. J. Miles in his address asserted that we have a definite message to preach, and we must be definite in its delivery.

The final address of the honored guest of Conference, Bro. Wilkie, was delivered in his characteristic earnestness. Taking as his subject,

The Home Circle.

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F. PITTMAN.

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INFLUENCED BY A STATUE.

"A beautiful statue once stood in the marketplace of an Italian city. It was the statue of a Greek slave-girl, and represented the slave as tidy, well-dressed, and handsome. One day a ragged, unkempt, forlorn street child, coming across the statue in her play, stopped and gazed at it in admiration. Moved by a sudden impulse, she went home and washed her face and combed her hair. Another day she stopped again before the statue and admired, and received new inspiration. On the following day her tattered clothes were washed and mended. Each time she looked at the statue she found something in its beauties which influenced her, until she was a transformed child. So let us gaze daily at Christ, and in the power of his risen life imitate him."

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THE MIRROR OF TRUTH.

"A lady who had preserved her beauty, although getting on in years, was seized with a serious illness, and had to stay in bed for some weeks. When she was well on the way to recovery, and able to sit up in bed, she asked for a looking-glass; but on gazing into it and seeing the reflection of her face, shrunken and wrinkled, she dashed it on the floor and broke it to pieces. Many so-called Christians, when shown their faults in the mirror of truth, are more inclined to break the mirror than to try to overcome their faults."

THE HIDDEN NAIL.

"A large oak-tree was cut down in a wood, and near the heart of it was found a small nail surrounded by twenty-five cortical circles, showing that the nail must have been driven into the tree twenty-five years previously. And did that little nail injure the oak? Yes, it did, for the sap carried with it the oxide from the metal until the space of three or four feet in length and four or five inches in diameter was completely blackened. The hidden nail in its heart proved injurious to the oak-tree. So the secret sin in our hearts will injure our characters."

REFLECTORS.

Tennison says, "I am part of all that I have met." If this be true of each of us, how careful we should be of our associates and environment. We sometimes forget that we are reflectors. A stranger meets me and in a short time, if he is observant, he can tell my nationality, it may be from my face or voice. After further conversation he may find what kind of parents I have, and what my home life has been like; if we discuss books, he may be able to judge what kind of mind I have.

Truly, we reflect constantly the environment in which we live. It is true that we become like those whom we habitually associate with, to a very great extent.

This being the case, our aim should be to associate with those who will enable us to rise to what is highest and best. Above all we should associate with the One who is highest of all, our Saviour himself. If we make him our constant companion, instinctively we shall become like him. As we hourly behold him, we shall little by little be changed into his image. If we do not believe this, we can go to the Bible for proof. One writer has said that five minutes each morning spent in communion with Christ will change the whole life. Those who are wise, and aim highest, do this, and further, they abide in him all the day long.—Selected.

THE RIGHT IMPRESSION.

"The minister has just sent a message to say that he is going to give us a call this afternoon," said a daughter to her mother.

"Oh, is he?" replied the mother. "Then we must see to it that we give him the right impression. Give the baby a hymn-book to play with."

"Keeping up appearances," is ever the way of the world; but where religion is concerned, no one could ever make a greater mistake. It must be the real thing.—Selected.

LOST.

A little girl was out shopping with her mother. Suddenly she stooped down and picked up a feather. She looked at it for a moment thoughtfully, and then said, "Look mummy! This poor feather's lost its bird!"

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.F.

Monday.

Howbeit if ye fulfil the royal law, according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.—James 2: 8.

Many to whom the apostle wrote transgressed by having special regard to those wearing fine clothing and almost ignoring the poor, so stood condemned by that law they venerated and professed to obey, for though they attended to all other Mosaic requirements yet failed here, they were adjudged as guilty of the transgression of the whole law.

Reading—James 2.

Tuesday.

Who is wise and understanding among you? let him shew by his good life his works in meekness and wisdom.—James 3: 13.

The apostle argues that just as a fig tree cannot yield olives, or a vine figs, so the wisdom which is from above cannot produce bitter jealousies and factions.

Reading—James 3.

Wednesday.

To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.—James 4: 17.

Such a text is a call for self-examination. Probably not one of us can stand this test; all must surely recall opportunities neglected; it is therefore incumbent upon every disciple to pray for grace to know and to do; to plan and to perform; to dream, it may be, and above all, to translate our visions into actualities.

Reading—James 4.

Thursday.

Be ye also patient.—James 5: 7.

As the husbandman waits patiently for the harvest, knowing that the early and latter rains must first come, so we must patiently await the fruits of our labors and the coming of our Lord. Ofttimes God's people become feverishly anxious and lose patience with God and their fellowmen.

Reading—James 5.

Friday.

The word of the Lord abideth for ever.—1 Peter 1: 25.

God's word is the only incorruptible seed. It has within it "a divine and heavenly principle which is not liable to decay, nor to be affected by the changes and chances to which all sub-lunary things are exposed."

Reading—1 Peter 1.

Saturday.

But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.—1 Peter 2: 9.

These wonderful titles, formerly given to the Jewish nation, are now applied to those of the new covenant. We are reminded that God has a purpose in view. Not one of us should rest contented on account of the position we occupy or the titles we wear—these shall be as "sounding brass or a clanging cymbal" if they fail to lead us to show forth the excellencies of our divine Lord.

Reading—1 Peter 2.

Sunday.

Sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord.—1 Peter 3: 15.

Perhaps the meaning is this: "Let Christ dominate your hearts." If only Christ was the masterful thought of every disciple, none would ever be at a loss to give a reason for the hope we have.

Reading—1 Peter 3.

South Australian Conference.

S. E. Riches.

Of the forty-sixth annual conference of the churches in South Australia, happy memories will remain with those privileged to attend. The business sessions were presided over by Bro. H. R. Taylor, who executed his duties in a pleasing manner.

Preachers' Session.

Thirty preachers assembled on the Saturday morning and enjoyed the address by Bro. John Turner, B.A., who, speaking on "Christ and the Church in Modern Life," prompted an interesting discussion.

Christian Endeavor.

A record number of societies was reported, there being 35 Y.P., 14 Intermediate, and 30 Junior Societies, a total of 79. Six new societies were formed during the year: Dulwich and Henley Beach Juniors; Cottonville, Forestville and Saint Morris Intermediates; and Berri Y.P., whilst at Henley Beach the Intermediate was replaced by a Y.P. Society. The membership now totals 2,242, and 123 Endeavorers had owned Christ as Saviour during the year. Home and Foreign Missions had benefited from C.E. funds to the extent of £40 and £158 respectively.

A large number of Endeavorers and others attended the evening rally when items were rendered by York Junior and Forestville Senior Societies, Cottonville Male Quartette Party and solos by Mrs. R. W. Knight and Mr. L. Weeks. The incoming President, Bro. R. W. Knight, was introduced by the retiring president, Bro. R. H. Lampshire. Banners presented for the best work accomplished during the year were awarded to Strathalbyn Junior and Y.P. (country), Croydon (State Intermediate), Forestville Juniors and Cottonville Y.P. (suburban). Bro. Hugh Gray addressed the gathering on "The Building of Life," and said it was imperative to have a solid foundation—Jesus Christ.

Conference Sermon.

Under the presidency of Bro. H. R. Taylor, a large number heard Bro. J. A. Wilkie deliver the message. The speaker informed his audience that "Our Present Business" was stewardship, and as stewards we must be lamp-bearers revealing the way to a return to primitive Christianity which was centred in Christ, simple, catholic and intensely spiritual; as stewards we must be girded servants regarding all our possessions, and our own private lives as entirely at his disposal; as stewards our lives must be lived in expectancy of his future return. Mr. Fred. Stone and the Maylands choir under the baton of Mr. A. I. Penrose, A.M.U.A., contributed musical items.

President's Address.

Speaking on the subject, "Jesus and the Present Crisis," Bro. H. R. Taylor affirmed that the present crisis was due to luxurious habits, that Jesus has a message for our times summed up in the one word, "Others." Our first duty was to seek God and then to save others.

Bible Schools and Young People's Department.

The report showed there are now 60 schools enrolling 6,697 scholars and 951 teachers and officers; 1,483 scholars are church members, 180 being added during the year. Over £200 was raised during the year, donations being made to Adelaide Children's Hospital (£55), and kindred institutions (£14/18/-), and to Dhond Hospital (£24/2/6). Bro. S. E. Riches addressed the session on the subject, "How to Win our Bible School Scholars to Christ," and an interesting discussion followed.

Resolutions were adopted changing the title of this department to "Bible Schools Department," and recommending that the Christian Endeavor and Bible School Committees appoint a

sub-committee to consider the interests of young people not provided for by their respective departments.

The Town Hall was crowded for the demonstration when items were rendered by a combined choir ably conducted by Bro. Will Watson and supported by an orchestra under Bro. Phil Wood. The Saint Morris and Cottonville schools presented much appreciated dialogues. The following presentations were made: Prizes to successful entrants for the Scripture examinations, a Bible to Bro. Herbert Taylor, who has acted as May Day convener for several years, the efficiency shield for the third year to Maylands school for most efficient Bible School work, diplomas to three students (Bren. F. G. Banks, Geo. Phelp



T. E. Yelland,
Newly elected President of Conference of
Churches of Christ in South Australia.

and A. Dixon), who had completed the course of the Adelaide Bible College. Bro. W. Beiler held the attention of all in his illustrated address entitled "Youth Voyaging." Bro. Will Watson was introduced as the new president in succession to Bro. Roy Raymond.

Foreign Missions.

Good work accomplished in all fields was shown by the report submitted. Finances revealed a decrease as compared with the previous year, £2,628/12/4 having been contributed, but this was considered good in view of the present difficult times.

Bro. Walden, with a questionnaire as his basis, addressed the sessions and advanced helpful information.

The evening rally was held at Grote-st., when the chapel was comfortably filled. Bro. Allen Brooke, President for the ensuing year, urged that all disciples should be missionaries at home or abroad, and thus assure for themselves the abiding presence of the divine Companion. Delighted at having his presence, the audience listened appreciatively to Bro. Roy Coventry's address in which he told of "Our India To-day," wherein new churches were replacing old

temples. Mrs. L. V. Mathews, L.A.B., Mr. L. Weeks and Masters R. and J. Cook contributed items in song. Words of farewell and Godspeed to Bro. Coventry were voiced by Bro. H. P. Manning (retiring president) and Bro. G. T. Walden.

Executive and Home Mission Department.

The statistical information was published in the issue of this paper of Sept. 18. "The Challenge," for the past twelve months edited by Bro. Allen Brooke, will now be served in that capacity by Bro. Theo. Edwards.

The book depot disclosed a net profit for the year of £104/2/-. Greater patronage was desired of the Bible Schools requiring award books.

The Council of Churches (of which Bro. J. Wiltshire is President this year) reports that in addition to previous undertakings having been continued, a daily ten minutes' religious service is broadcast from 5CL.

In addressing the Home Mission session on the subject, "What are We Worth?" Bro. Wilkie pointed out that it is well for us to acknowledge our native destitution, but as those who have responded to the love of his Son, we are in God's sight a peculiar possession. Saints by name, let us be saints by nature.

Addresses were given by Home Mission preachers regarding their fields:—A. C. Killmier (Murray Bridge), E. J. Miles (Gawler), E. H. Randall (Port Pirie), A. W. Garland (Wallaroo), G. Rootes (Saint Morris). Bro. F. Hollams told of the difficulties and yet immense possibilities of the great western portion of the State, Central Eyre Peninsula.

It was resolved to send greetings to Bren. E. G. Warren (Broken Hill and Railwaytown) and C. H. Wilson (Naracoorte), who were unable to be present.

The Church and Sunday School Extension Fund reported an annual offering of £161/12/11, and other receipts £441/6/3, whilst expenditure totalled £256/13/1. Some difficulty was being experienced owing to several churches failing to meet their interest amounts when due. Outstanding loans due to the fund totalled £6,835/6/3.

The training committee have continued the classes under Bren. H. R. Taylor and J. Wiltshire, and of the sixteen students in regular attendance, three have been awarded the diploma. A Bible Institute was held at Murray Bridge, and lectures were given to Bible School workers by Miss F. Batchelor, B.A., Dip.Ed.

Useful work was outlined in the report of the prohibition and social problems committee. Relief had been provided for poorer members of the churches, a Band of Hope Union formed, a commencement made to establish a fund to provide a rest home for poor and overworked mothers, and consideration given to provision of Sunset Homes for elderly members of the churches.

Bro. L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., spoke on "The Fulness of God," dwelling upon the fulness of power, of faith, of knowledge, and of love.

Deputations were received from Seamen's Mission and Sailors' Rest, Council of Churches, South Australian Prohibition League, Aborigines' Friends' Association, and Protestant Children's Homes.

Bro. Roy Raymond, secretary Pentecost committee, in reporting on the aims set regretted that not all the aims had been reached, although the effort was abundantly worth while.

Bro. W. Beiler, in addressing the session, emphasised the place of prayer before, during and after Pentecost, and urged that our sphere of labor in evangelism be enlarged.

Following the home-made tea, the Home Mission meeting was held in the Town Hall. Bro. H. R. Taylor, in vacating the presidential chair, introduced Bro. T. E. Yelland as the President for the new year.

Bro. E. J. Miles in his address asserted that we have a definite message to preach, and we must be definite in its delivery.

The final address of the honored guest of Conference, Bro. Wilkie, was delivered in his characteristic earnestness. Taking as his subject,

"Pentecost Continued," he referred to the Pentecost of 30 A.D., in which the outward manifestations were power, plenty and progress. These things were not meant to be spasmodic, but continuous and permanent.

Bro. H. J. Horsell, in making an appeal for Home Mission funds, stated that during his twenty-one years as secretary, served in two terms of seven and fourteen years respectively, thirty-two churches had been opened, and made reference to the pioneering work accomplished by several of the preachers.

The choir, under the baton of Bro. Phil Wood, contributed two anthems to the musical portion of the programme.

The business portions of conference were brightened by devotional periods led by Bren. E. H. Randall, I. A. Durdin and T. Turner, and contributions of solos by Misses Rita Watson and Mavis Coney.

Resolutions.

That this conference re-affirms its conviction that the drink traffic is most inimical to the good of the people of our country. We feel that any attempt to compromise with this evil and those interested in it will be futile, and that the only possible remedy for the malignant thing is the total prohibition of its manufacture, sale and distribution. Accordingly we pledge our loyalty to the Prohibition League and the Band of Hope Union.

That this conference expresses its sympathy with the Aborigines' Friends' Association in their work, and commends the claims of the aborigines upon the support of our churches.

That this conference appreciates the work done by the Morialta Protestant Children's Homes, and most heartily commends the work to the churches of the State.

That this Conference offers its emphatic protest against every increase of the gambling facilities of the State. Already the gambling disease has menaced the moral, social and economic life of our people; and any further accommodation of this evil can be attended only by additional damaging results. We believe that the Government would be forsaking the high function of its office if it allowed itself to be seduced into any act of legislation which would in the way indicated demoralise the community.

That this conference regrets to note the ever rapid increase of Sunday sport, and the absolute neglect of the Lord's day by many people, and we strongly urge the Government and municipal bodies to do their best to discourage by legislation the growing practice of Sunday sport.

Resolutions were also carried conveying greetings to our missionaries in foreign lands and to students in the College of the Bible.

Officers and Committees.

President, T. E. Yelland.
Past President, H. R. Taylor.
Vice-President, R. Raymond.
Secretary, H. J. Horsell.
Treasurer, F. P. Langlois.
Assistant Secretary, W. Beiler.
Home Missions Committee.—W. C. Brooker, T. Edwards, H. Gray, A. McGlasson, A. C. Rankine, J. T. Train, C. M. Verco, S. P. Weir.
Foreign Missions Committee.—Mrs. Bond, A. B. Chappell, A. W. Garland, H. P. Manning, S. E. Riches, A. C. Rankine, Miss R. Tonkin, G. T. Walden.
Church and S.S. Building Extension Committee.—F. P. Langlois, C. M. Verco, J. Wiltshire.
Bible School Committee.—W. Beiler, H. Gray, R. H. Lamphire, W. T. Mathews, S. E. Riches.
C.E. Committee.—A. W. Garland, H. Gray, R. J. House.
Training Committee.—R. Harkness, G. T. Walden, J. Wiltshire.
Prohibition and Social Problems Committee.—H. R. Ackland, Mrs. Bond, A. E. Chapman, L. H. Crosby, T. M. Glover, Jas. Gordon, Mrs. Jas. Gordon, W. T. Mathews, J. Meyer, J. Wiltshire.
Representatives to S.A. Prohibition League.—T. Edwards, Jas. Gordon, J. Wiltshire.

Nominating Committee.—H. J. Horsell, H. R. Taylor, G. T. Walden, J. Wiltshire, T. E. Yelland.
Representatives to Council of Churches.—T. Edwards, H. Gray, G. T. Walden, J. Wiltshire.
Protestant Homes Committee.—T. M. Glover, Mrs. W. Lyle, E. W. Peet.

SISTERS' AUXILIARY, S.A.

The first meeting for the Conference year was held at Grote-st. on Thursday, Oct. 2. The devotional service was led by the president, Mrs. James Gordon, whose topic was "God's Special Help and Guidance." A solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. R. W. Knight.

The president presided over the business sessions. New delegates and executive officers were welcomed. The attendance was 70, 44 being delegates.

Treasurer reported total amount in hand, £15/10/3. Collection for the afternoon was £1/6/6. Home Mission.—Receipts: Miss Whitfield, £1; Miss Norman's afternoon, 7/6; Mrs. Wilson, £1; 1d.-per-week: Grote-st., 3/-; Norwood, 5/-; Mile End, 11/-; total, £3/6/6.

Hospital Visitation.—81 visits; 156 magazines distributed.

Dorcas.—3½ doz. pillow-slips for Children's Hospital were received from Croydon Dorcas.

Obituary.—Mrs. Hurtle Rundle, Croydon; Miss Eileen Turbill, Dulwich, have received the home-call.

Correspondents are requested to note the following addresses of Auxiliary officers:—

Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Read, Edward-st., Evan-dale, St. Peters, S.A.

H.M. superintendent, Mrs. W. Black, 18 Clarke-st., Wayville, S.A.

F.M. superintendent, Mrs. T. Edwards, 30 Sturt-st., Glenelg, S.A.

—Hazel M. Grant, Asst. Secty.

MUSSOLINI AS THEOLOGIAN.

Mussolini's favorite text is, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." In "Hearst's International Cosmopolitan Magazine," the Duce defines his doctrine of God:—

"We have not yet measured, nor classified, nor defined, nor isolated, nor touched the Spirit. It is there: a power, a force, action; it is all. It is divine power. . . . And how can we conceive it, except to know and to feel that it is present through those divinely bestowed attributes of the human soul, remaining completely apart from the material and mortal while at the same time mysteriously enveloping and controlling our whole being?"

"For the day is long past when thinking man conceived God as a person, having the form of a human being. It was only in man's retarded development that he conceived him as but a type of superman, just as the Greeks and Romans conceived their gods in the form of man. . . . The spirit is working its wonders daily in illuminating our pathway and in opening for us new avenues of approach to the truth. The spirit is present with men and fortifies their deeds. We often marvel at the superhuman accomplishments of some chosen souls and learn to feel that truly there is about us a power which, unseen and undefined, plans and orders the destiny of men and mankind.

"The great deeds of men are more than human deeds; they are the work of unseen power. Men do the impossible. It is their divinely endowed power."

ADDRESSES.

H. M. Clipstone (preacher Geelong church, Vic.).—31 Laurel Bank Parade, Newtown, Geelong.
F. L. Clarke (secretary Henley Beach church, S.A.).—South-st., Henley Beach.

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Beautiful surroundings and quiet home-like conditions. Accommodation available now; also bookings for Christmas. Mrs. G. Benn, Oxford-rd., Croydon.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 12.—Sunshine Bible School Anniversary Services, Masonic Hall. Speakers: Morning, H. Lee; afternoon, H. L. Patterson; evening, W. H. Clay. Tea available for visitors. Bright singing by children. All welcome.

OCTOBER 12, 15 and 19.—Cheltenham Bible School Anniversary. Special speakers for Oct. 12:—11, W. G. Graham; 3, J. E. Webb; 7, Jos. Plummer. Conductor, Val. Woff. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 8 p.m., the cantata, "Mary of Bethany," and interesting items by the juniors. Oct. 19, 11 and 7, Robt. Raikes' commemoration. 3, Prize-giving. Old and new friends cordially invited.

OCTOBER 12, 19 and 22.—Lygon-st. Anniversary Services. Oct. 12 and 19, special services and singing by scholars under leadership of Mr. W. J. Davidson. Oct. 12, 3 p.m., Mr. A. J. Fisher; 7 p.m., Mr. A. E. Forbes. Oct. 19, 3 p.m., Mr. A. E. Forbes; 7 p.m., Mr. Reg. Enniss; Cantata, "The Life of Christ," composed and written by our musical director, Mr. Davidson, harmonised by Mr. E. Pittman, presented by our scholars. This is something special. Come. Everybody welcome. Wed., Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Great Annual Demonstration by scholars. Good programme assured. All past pupils and friends invited to rally round the old school. Show your interest by your presence. Do not forget the dates; mark them down in your diaries now.

OCTOBER 18 (Saturday).—The ladies of Camberwell Church of Christ are holding a Rainbow Fair, to be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Mahony, and continued for the evening. Wattle Park tram to Derby-st. Hearty welcome to all.

OCT. 19 and 22.—Bayswater Church and Bible School Anniversary. Special speakers 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Oct. 22, Social Gathering and Presentation of Prizes.

OCTOBER 19 and 22.—Surrey Hills Bible School Anniversary in the School Hall, The Avenue, Surrey Hills, Sunday, Oct. 19. 3 p.m., Mr. A. L. Gibson; 7 p.m., Mr. B. J. Combridge. Scholars' Demonstration, Wed., Oct. 22, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 25 (Saturday).—Miss Hilma Dickens announces a Recital of Vocal and Instrumental Items with Mr. Harold Stevens, pianist, and Donald McBeath, violinist, in Lower Melbourne Town Hall, October 25. Tickets at Suttons, also Box Plan Oct. 17.

DEATH.

DAVIES.—A tribute of love to our dear club mate, Winifred Nancy, who passed to a higher life on Oct. 5 at Alfred Hospital. A brave and patient sufferer at rest.

—Inserted by Girls' Club, South Richmond.

WARNER.—Sept. 20, 1930, at The Rest, York-rd., Beecroft, Stella Marjory Warner, dearly-loved youngest daughter of Joseph and Annie Warner, and sister of Essie (Mrs. W. Cosh), Winnie (Mrs. J. Cosh), and the late Lieut. Leslie Warner, aged 23 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

ORAM.—In loving memory of Maggie, beloved wife of W. G. Oram, who fell asleep in Jesus at Gawler, S.A., October 10, 1928.

"Until the day dawn, and the shadows flee away."

FOR SALE.

Splendid Organ for sale. Cheap, suit church or home. Inspect at Social Service Dept., 2 City-rd., Sth. Melbourne.

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Here and There.

The Victorian General Dorcas will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, October 15, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 till 4 p.m. All sisters welcome.

Our readers are reminded of the lunch-hour addresses to be given in Assembly Hall, Melbourne, on four Wednesdays (Oct. 15 to Nov. 5), from 1.10 to 1.50 p.m. These were previously announced in our columns.

We are glad to note that Miss L. Bryant, formerly of Bet Bet, Vic., has successfully completed her nursing course and passed her examinations. For a time Miss Bryant was a student of the College of the Bible. All her preparation has been taken with a view to service for Christ as a missionary in the regions beyond.

Brethren who, for any reason, were unable to have part in the annual offering for the College of the Bible on Sunday last, are asked to remember the need of this undertaking, and make their contribution on Sunday, or send it direct to the secretary, Fred. T. Saunders, and credit will be given to the church of the donor.

There were five decisions for Christ at Rockhampton, Q., on Sept. 28, after Bro. Vanham's address on "The Omniscent God." Two new scholars joined the Bible School. At annual meeting of Band of Hope Bro. Cornick was elected president, and Mrs. Lord secretary. Two new members were initiated, bringing the membership up to 70.

It would be a great convenience if all of our reporters would be sure to indicate places and dates very clearly. Please put the exact date, instead of "last Sunday," etc. Sometimes the address of the correspondent does not agree with the church address, and confusion results. One report has recently come to hand without any clue to its location.

The "Christian World" states that professional evangelists are growing fewer in the United States, according to the replies of 100 prominent evangelists to a questionnaire sent out by Mr. Charles Stelzle, the New York publicity man. According to the survey, the average income of these evangelists was about £600 per annum, a much smaller sum than ten years ago.

The mission at Prahran, Vic., led by Bro. Stewart of Footscray, ended on Sept. 24. There were five decisions for Christ. On Sept. 28 Bro. Scambler gave a fine message in the morning. On Oct. 5 Bro. Frencham, who is leaving for China shortly, gave a farewell address in the morning. Bro. Connor spoke in the evening. During the week the esteemed Bro. McKay passed away after long illness.

There were three confessions at Mile End, S.A., on Sept. 28. Seven were baptised on Oct. 1, and together with one by letter, were welcomed into fellowship on Oct. 5. At the monthly men's service in the evening, a male choir rendered special items, and at the close of the message, "Christ's Challenge to Men," a young man made the good confession. Bro. Manning spoke at both services. Bro. Train exhorted the church on Sept. 28.

At Charters Towers, Q., there were four baptisms on Sept. 14, and on Sept. 28 a young man, and a lad from the S.S., confessed Christ. Splendid services continue, and on Sunday nights the chapel is full. Under the leadership of Bro. V. Morris, splendid song services are held, and a male choir is being formed. The Mutual Improvement Society is of great benefit. Sunday School enrolment is growing rapidly. Bro. Morris is training the children for the anniversary. On Oct. 4 a working bee was to dismantle the chapel, which will be removed to the rear of the Ann-st. chapel, to be used as a Sunday School hall.

Monday's holiday in N.S.W. probably accounts for mail failure and consequent absence of church news in this issue.

The Women's Fellowship Tea held under the auspices of our Victorian Social Service Department last Monday evening was a wonderful success. Hundreds of women sat down to tea, two sittings being necessary. An attractive programme was presented, Bro. J. A. Wilkie being chief speaker. Some important resolutions were carried.

At Footscray, Vic., the work progresses. On Sept. 21, at close of Bro. Connor's gospel message, a lad was baptised. Bro. Stewart addressed both meetings on Sept. 28, evening subject being "The Positive Proof of Pardon." The Sunday School has been preparing for anniversary. Bro. Robt. Story, who left some time ago for missionary work in Amazonia, South America, was leaving London for his sphere of labor on Sept. 16.

The shocking disaster to the airship R101 has evoked expressions of sympathy from all parts of the world. Brave men and national leaders, whom the country can ill afford to lose, went suddenly to their death. As we consider once again the uncertainty of life, may our prayer be: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." We pray for the comfort of others too in the bitter experiences of life.

A Victorian brother, who already has contributed generously to the College by annual subscription this year, discussing the need with the secretary made a special contribution of £5 on behalf of his wife and himself to help in the present emergency. He felt the need made a special call for help from those able to do so. There may be some others willing to join in a "shower" of £5 gifts. Bro. Saunders will be very glad to hear from them.

In the Swan Hill circuit, Vic., on Sept. 21, successful anniversary services were held at Murrawee. The singing was led by Bro. Silas Harrop, the superintendent. Bro. A. H. Pratt ably conducted both services. At the gospel meeting Robert Baxter confessed Christ. At Swan Hill Bro. Pratt took the confession of two married ladies, who have been received into fellowship. On Oct. 5, at the close of a convincing sermon by Bro. Pratt on "Almost, but Not Quite," three men made the confession.

A paragraph in the Sydney "Morning Herald" of Sept. 25 announced that our late Sister Mrs. E. E. Ashwood, of Chatswood church, had left the following bequests, for church and brotherhood interests: Church of Christ, Chatswood, £150; N.S.W. Home Mission Department, a cottage at 52 Clarendon-rd., Stanmore; F.M. Department, cottage at 50 Clarendon-rd., Stanmore; N.S.W. Bible Schools and Young People's Department, £200; N.S.W. Sisters' Conference, £100, 6 per cent. bonds; N.S.W. Church Extension, £50; Dhond Hospital, India, £200; College of the Bible, £200; N.S.W. "Christian Messenger," £50. Mrs. Ashwood in her life always sought to help on the work of her Master. In thus ensuring that her means will continue to further the cause she loved, our sister has set a worthy example. All the committees concerned will be deeply grateful for the bequests.

At Maylands, S.A., on Sept. 21, Bro. Miles (Gawler) spoke in the morning. Bro. McCallum (Balaklava) preached at night. There was one confession. Sept. 28 was Bible School anniversary day. In the morning Bro. Wiltshire (Grote-st.) gave the teachers and officers a dedicatory address. In the afternoon Bro. Brook (Hindmarsh) addressed the children. At night Bro. Allan gave a children's address. The chapel proved inadequate to accommodate the afternoon and evening gatherings. On Oct. 5 Bro.

Allan Brooke addressed the church. The Bible School reached the Pentecostal aim; 350 present. Bro. Allan preached at night. The Bible School annual concert has been repeated to crowded houses on three occasions. Since last report Sister Allan has had another serious operation, but is slowly recovering. Several other members have been laid aside with serious illnesses. On Sunday, Oct. 12, Bro. Allan Brooke commences a three weeks' mission in the chapel.

At Melbourne (Swanston-st.), Vic., on morning of Oct. 5 Bro. A. L. Gibson delivered a very interesting address to a good congregation. The evening service was largely attended. Bro. Moore spoke on "Immortality," and the whole service was broadcast by the Herald studio, 3DB. Mrs. F. L. Mitchell sang, "I hear thee speak of a better land," and Mr. Jenkins sang, "While the days are going by." The choir (augmented by friends) rendered splendidly the sacred cantata "Gallia." Mrs. Thompson sang the solo parts excellently. Mr. E. Tippet conducted, and Messrs. J. H. Barrett and C. H. Mitchell officiated at the piano and organ respectively.

"It is really a marvellous thing," said Mr. Ernest Brown, M.P., "how people commonly associate gloominess and gloom. Nothing could be farther from the real truth. The song in the soul and on the lips has been the beginning of every revival of religion. There is a good deal of the minor key in our church hymnody. There is a place for the minor key, but I must say that for myself I like a little bit of the major key sometimes—something with a lilt and a lift in it—such as I have chosen for this service this morning." Mr. Brown chose as the opening hymn, "Come, let us join our cheerful songs," and closed with "Come ye that love the Lord, and let your joys be known." "The pessimists, like the poor, are always with us—the disparagers, the croakers. I wish sometimes they would go and hide their one talent in a napkin, but they insist on having it well to the front on any and every occasion."

A Harvard professor addresses the following remarks after saying some other things to the American Tobacco Company: "The opinion, which as a physician I have expressed, has been more or less general and impersonal. There is, however, a personal matter that far outweighs these in importance. I have two adolescent daughters who do not as yet smoke. You are directly contradicting my statements to them concerning the physical and social effects of cigarette smoking. You are endeavoring by every means in your power to break down my authority with them, and induce them to smoke. I thoroughly resent this, and if I am not mistaken, there are many thousands of parents who feel as I do, and who are about ready to stand up and say so." If one is roused to such protest because of a tobacco advertisement, what should be done with reference to the misleading liquor advertisements which frequently appear in our papers?

We have received an interesting letter from Bro. H. H. Tilcock, one of our pioneer preachers in Queensland, now preacher for the Church of Christ at Shelby, Ohio, U.S.A. Our brother tells of the preaching of Stephen Cheek at Zillman's Waterholes (now Zillmere) and of the establishment of the church there in August, 1882. He writes: "I have a baptismal certificate before me given to me by Stephen Cheek a few moments after he baptised me, on which the date of my baptism is given as August 3, 1882. This date agrees with my diary which I have kept since I was thirteen years of age. According to it, I was baptised on Thursday, August 3, 1882, and on the following Sunday, Aug. 6, 1882, all of the new converts baptised by Bro. Cheek, together with a number of Baptists, were constituted into a church of Christ." Again, our correspondent writes: "I travelled much with F. W. Troy in Queensland and England, and assisted him in the planting of the church in Gloucester, England. Wherever he introduced me it was as the first convert in Queensland, and he always referred to the church at Zillman's Waterholes as the first church in Queensland."

Foreign Missions.

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

BRO. AND SISTER H. R. COVENTRY.

Bro. and Sister Coventry will leave Melbourne on Nov. 18 by the P. & O. steamer "Narkunda," arriving at Fremantle on Nov. 24. They will spend four weeks in Western Australia visiting the churches there. On Dec. 22 they leave by the P. & O. steamer "Mooltan" for India, arriving at Bombay on Jan. 3. On their way to the West they will spend a few hours, Nov. 20, at Adelaide. Will all those who have packages to send to India by our missionaries see that they are in the hands of the State Secretaries not later than Nov. 1?

[Note.—The packets referred to are only personal gifts that the donors wish to send to missionaries in India, and not goods for distribution at Christmas. These must be sent by the "Naldera," and were to be in the hands of the State Secretaries not later than Sept. 30, as indicated in the "Christian" of July 31, page 472.]

If members will heed this request, these personal gift packages can be packed in a suitable receptacle, and put with missionaries' goods in the hold of the ship, and give them no further trouble till they reach Bombay. The missionaries should not be burdened with packages brought to the ship's side. I have seen half of the missionary's cabin loaded up with boxes and packages brought to the ship's side, and in Mr. and Mrs. Coventry's case all these would have to be transhipped at Fremantle, and re-shipped when they leave for India, and transhipped again at Bombay. Our missionaries are very unselfish people, and do not like to refuse anything brought to them at the ship's side, but we should reciprocate this unselfishness by unselfishness on our part, and not give them this unnecessary burden. Do not let any of us imagine that his or hers is the only package that will need to be taken care of.

LETTER FROM ALBERT ANDERSON, HEUILICHOW, CHINA.

The work in general is going along nicely now. Our regular meetings are well attended. Very few of the women members appear till we have a foreign woman to care for them. Our night meetings are often well crowded. Sometimes as many as one hundred or more women come in. Our weekly Bible study group is always well attended by members; the average would be about twenty. This gives us an opportunity for real Bible study, and is liked by those who come. It is held always in my home. Thursday evening is prayer meeting. Three times a week, in the afternoons, we go on to the street and around the tea shops, in an endeavor to get near the people. They are very friendly, and come round and talk freely. Last Monday we went into a tea shop and with the permission of the owner played the gramophone. An enormous crowd gathered and whilst we could not do much preaching on account of the noise, we nevertheless did a little. We did, however, sell several Scripture portions and distributed some hundreds of tracts. So great was the demand for tracts and Scripture portions that we ran out of both. We have distributed so far some thousands of tracts and over three thousand Scripture portions. Fortunately we have received a fresh supply of Scripture portions from the British and Foreign Bible Society, so we can still carry on this work. There is plenty of promise in the work, many are coming round for conversation, and the folks are all friendly. Many inquire about Dr. Killmer, prayers from the church ascend for him daily, hundreds are awaiting his arrival. Meanwhile several come to me only to be sent away again. A few I have been able to help, but only a few. The prayers

of my wife and self have been offered constantly, and we have faith they will be answered. I miss my dear ones. I am very lonely. I miss the fellowship of the others of the mission. Eleven weeks to-day since I left Yunnanfu, since I saw my loved ones, or saw another foreigner interested in the same work. With the exception of a party of geologists, who passed through Hueili and stayed for a few days, I have seen no one from the outside world.

Our old school principal, Tseng, came down here at my request. He had to leave Hueili just after we all came out on account of some family tie. Now he is free to work with us once more. Previously I wanted him to leave the school work and become an evangelist, but he was not then free to do so. Now he has agreed to settle here at Hueili and take charge of the evangelistic work. He is well known to the people, and all the boys and lads who joined the church from the school are well known to him. We shall now have two evangelists to help in the work. This man Tseng was trained in a mission Bible School and knows his Bible. My present plan for him is to take a trip to some nearby tribes. So next week a party of us will make the trip and see how conditions are. If conditions are favorable we will leave this evangelist among these people, and see if we cannot do something to evangelise them. The actual expense of this work will not be great, and we must spread our work beyond the city. I will have to leave a young man with the evangelist for company. These tribes are not Chinese, and one man without their language would feel very lonely. Twice already we have visited this tribe and been well received, so now we will give them a further trial.

I have good news from my family. They are all very well. I am in good health myself.—Albert Anderson.

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St. Kilda.—Meetings for Oct. 5 were good. Bro. A. W. Grundy spoke at both services. In the evening a Bible School scholar was immersed.

Windsor.—Meetings during the last few months have had increased attendance. The church is grateful to Sister Ruby Braden for her services. All departments are healthy. A cricket club has the young men interested. The Y.P.C.E. is a great help. Bro. Crowley, of Bambra-rd., has begun a three-months' ministry with the church.

Fitzroy.—On morning of Oct. 5 Bro. Burns, snr., spoke on "We See Jesus." In the afternoon the first of the Sunday School anniversary celebrations was held. Bro. Hunt, of North Melbourne, gave the children a talk on "Keys." At night Bro. Pascoe spoke to a large meeting on "A Few Reminders." Special singing was given by scholars at afternoon and evening services, Bro. Sheppard leading.

Hampton.—The Bible School anniversary commenced on Oct. 5. In the morning Mrs. Brown was welcomed by transfer from North Richmond. Bro. A. E. Gray spoke on Sunday School work. Dr. G. E. Moore interested all in the afternoon, and at night Bro. K. A. Jones spoke to a good audience. The scholars sang excellently under the conductorship of Bro. J. Y. Buckley. Instrumentalists gave appreciated assistance.

Merbein.—Meetings on Sept. 28 were well attended. A young lady from the Bible School, who was baptised on 21st, was received into fellowship. On the eve of their marriage Miss Veronica Watson and Mr. Walter Toumey were tendered a kitchen tea by the C.E. society. The wedding took place on Sept. 24. The church suffered the loss of one of its most respected members when Mrs. Fechner passed away last week. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved.

Echuca.—Good attendances on Sept. 28. Mr. Briggs spoke in the morning, and Mr. Mason, Methodist church, in the evening. Oct. 5, very good meetings. Bro. Wigney, who has recovered from his severe illness, presided in the morning, and Bro. Howell gave a fine exhortation on "Faith." In the evening Bro. W. Payne spoke to an interested congregation. The organist, Sister Mrs. Payne, has recovered from her accident, and played in the evening. Bro. Wigney expects to be able to resume preaching next Lord's day.

Bendigo.—On Sept. 21 Bro. J. R. McCue, of the Prohibition League, gave a fine address in the morning. The fair held by the sisters on Sept. 24 and 25 resulted in a profit of approximately £140. Many visitors were present on Oct. 5 (railway picnic week-end), and one lad, previously baptised at Wedderburn, was received into fellowship. Bro. Ellis and Sister Trabinger are both in hospital making good progress towards recovery after operations. The church is preparing for a fortnight's mission with Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald, of Ballarat, next month.

Wedderburn.—On Sept. 21 a young man confessed his Lord, and was baptised the same hour. On Sept. 28 and 29 the anniversary of the Bible School was celebrated with splendid meetings. The public meeting on Monday evening was preceded by a tea meeting organised by the Ladies' Guild, which was a wonderful success. The chapel was crowded at the demonstration. The scholars carried out their programme excellently. Bro. Clay occupied the platform at all meetings. Bible School and church greatly appreciate his fellowship and help. A kitchen tea was tendered to Sister Edna Gregson and Mr. Colin Turnbull on the evening of Oct. 2.

Gardiner.—Sunday School anniversary services on Oct. 5 were excellently attended. In the morning members of the school had a large share in the conduct of the service, the superintendent (J. W. Enniss) presiding and speaking to the children. Bro. A. W. Connor also gave a much appreciated address. Two were received into fellowship. Afternoon and evening meetings were crowded. Singing by the school, under the leadership of Bro. Chipperfield, was enjoyed. Bro. A. J. Fisher's afternoon address on "The Carpenter's Tool Bag" was enjoyed. After Bro. Gebbie's evening address on "Playing the Game," three scholars confessed Christ. Offering for College of the Bible reached £38.

Mitcham.—There were good attendances on Oct. 5. Bro. T. Robb was received into fellowship by letter from Moreland, and gave the morning address. Bro. Everett, of Fitzroy, was speaker at night.

Ormond.—On Sept. 28 there was a good meeting for worship. At a splendid gospel service the K.S.P. took part. On Oct. 4 a tea to scholars was provided by the boys who lost in the recent rally for new scholars. 136 were present at school on Oct. 5. There was a good meeting at night.

Middle Park.—Bro. Candy was the speaker at the prayer meeting on Oct. 1. Good meetings on Oct. 5. At a K.S.P. parade at the gospel service several members of the club took part. Bro. Baker spoke ably on "Paul's Desire to See Rome." Practice for Bible School anniversary is progressing well under leadership of Bro. Albert Baker.

Bentleigh.—Three weeks ago gospel services were commenced. Meetings have been small, but good, and the addresses of Bro. McNeal very helpful. A message in song by two scholars was enjoyed on Sept. 28. Sister Morse is recovering from bruises and shock, the result of being thrown from a jinker. The Bible School is healthy, and Sister Thomason is doing good work with the Cradle Roll.

Newport.—Meetings during the past month have been enjoyed. Bro. L. Smith, from Essendon, spoke morning and evening on Sept. 28, his messages being much enjoyed. Bro. Thurrowgood spoke on morning of Oct. 5 on "Confidence in God." The evening service was conducted by the young men's gospel team, Bro. L. Hallgren preaching. Musical items were rendered by Miss E. Dickens and a male quartette.

South Australia.

Port Pirie.—On Oct. 5 the Sunday School held its anniversary, morning and evening, Bro. Raymond, from Nailsworth, being the speaker. Singing by the children was much appreciated. In the afternoon the kindergarten received their prizes. Meetings were well attended.

Norwood.—Good attendances on Sept. 28. One sister was received into fellowship. On Oct. 2 the choir rendered the cantata, "On the Wings of Love." Bro. J. Meyer, from Grote-st., was the speaker at the Men's Brotherhood on Oct. 5, when a large number of men were present.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Last week all meetings were well attended. One young lady was baptised. On Sunday morning, Oct. 5, H. R. Taylor was the speaker. In the evening J. Wiltshire preached, when a young lady confessed Christ. The young men's class was invited to Norwood in the afternoon.

Nailsworth.—Fine attendances on Aug. 31. Bro. Raymond delivered uplifting addresses. In the evening two brothers confessed Christ. On Oct. 5 the preacher was at Pt. Pirie. Bro. G. T. Walden spoke in the morning and Bro. T. Nicholls in the evening. Both C.E. Societies are doing well. J.C.E. Society has been reorganised. Mid-week prayer service has good attendances.

Forestville.—The work has been going along steadily during the last few weeks, and interest shown by the various departments has been good. The J.C.E. Society were encouraged by winning the honor banner during the past Conference year. Several of the Sunday School scholars received certificates in the recent examination. The Sunday School teachers had an enjoyable picnic at Marino. On Oct. 4 the young people provided a concert for the inmates of the Home for Incurables, Fullarton.

Cottonville.—Bro. J. Fisher exhorted on Sept. 28, Bro. Riches preaching at night. The young men's class in the afternoon had a splendid medical lecture from Dr. A. Welch. The J.C.E. had a visit from Bro. Thomas, Southern District C.E. President, on Oct. 5. The morning service was splendid. A young lady was baptised, and received into fellowship. Bro. Riches' address on "Baptism and the Lord's Supper" was inspiring. At night Bro. J. Warren delivered a powerful sermon. Attendance was 100; many visitors present.

North Adelaide.—On morning of Sept. 28 two were received into fellowship, and at night a man and his wife made the great confession.

Henley Beach.—On Sept. 28 Bro. Pascoe exhorted the church. Bro. Warren preached at night, owing to Bro. Manning's absence at Milang. Good meetings on Oct. 5. Bro. H. Manning gave a helpful message in the morning. The Christian Endeavorers assisted at the evening service, Bro. Manning's topic being, "The Christian Endeavorer's Helper."

Broadview.—Good meetings on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5. On Sept. 25, at the first business meeting, Bren. Baird, Howell and Pettman were elected as elders, and Bren. Brock, Henderson, Howie, McQueen, Perriam, Sander and Whalland as deacons. The church accepted the responsibility of financing the Bible School work, no offering being taken up Sunday afternoons. On Oct. 1 Marjory Sander was baptised by Bro. Russell. Bro. Henderson addressed the church on Oct. 5 on "The Work and Purpose of the Church of Christ." Bro. Perriam, snr., delivered the gospel address.

Glenelg.—On Sept. 6 the Intermediate Endeavorers held a successful entertainment in aid of Foreign Missions and prospective young men's class-room. Bible School anniversary was held on Sept. 28. Fine audiences enjoyed the singing, Mr. Pickup being responsible for training the children. Bren. Gordon, Garland and Edwards were morning, afternoon and evening speakers respectively. In the afternoon the kindergarten scholars rendered two songs, and each received a prize from the superintendent, Miss C. Kitto. On Oct. 1 the elder scholars again rendered sweet singing, and prizes were distributed. Bro. Beiler spoke on "Daily Rules."

Queenstown.—On Oct. 5 Bro. Brooker exhorted the church, and in the evening his subject was, "The Message for To-day." On Oct. 1 a farewell evening was tendered to Bro. and Sister Stacey, who are leaving shortly for work amongst the aborigines. T. E. Yelland, President of Conference, and J. Wiltshire, preacher of Grote-st., gave addresses. Representatives from the Young People's Society and Band of Hope also spoke. A presentation was made to Bro. and Sister Stacey, and supper was served. Mr. Samuels, from Semaphore church, and Mr. H. Watkins, from Cheltenham church, spoke briefly.

York.—Services have been well attended, and the auxiliaries are doing splendid work. C.E. Societies are providing comforts, etc., for the sick and needy. Bro. and Sister Jeffries were received by transfer from Cheltenham, S.A. At a church business meeting Bren. H. J. Horsell and J. Follett were elected elders, and Bro. S. Harding deacon. On Sept. 21 and 28 church parades were held by the Phi Beta Pi club and the K.S.P. club respectively. At these services Bro. Lampshire gave suitable addresses to large congregations. Bro. R. Watson has resigned as superintendent of the school, and Bro. Will Jarvis has been elected in his place. Six scholars gained certificates in the Scripture examinations.

New South Wales.

Lismore.—September services were good. Bible School entrants obtained high average in recent State examination. Monthly services were held at Bangalow and Byron Bay on 28th, Bro. N. G. Noble being present. Lismore Men's Brotherhood had a social conference on Sept. 28. A young man confessed Christ at close of Bro. Noble's sermon on "I will Come Again." Interest is growing in gospel song services conducted by Bro. Cecil Savill. Preparations have begun for Bible School anniversary.

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Obituary.

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DAY.—Mrs. Ann Day fell asleep in Jesus on morning of Sept. 21 in Broken Hill Hospital, (N.S.W.) aged 81 years, after a short illness. Our sister was born in 1849 at Dowlais, South Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Day arrived at Port Adelaide in 1877 in the ship "Alambre." There were nine children of the marriage. Of this number, four are now living. Our sister lived in Broken Hill for 44 years, and always enjoyed wonderful health. Sister Day was baptised in 1909 at Wolfram-st., Broken Hill, by the late Bro. E. J. Tuck. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the Broken Hill Cemetery on Sept. 23 by Bro. E. G. Warren. We extend to the sorrowing ones our deepest Christian sympathy.

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A little while in patience spend
Life's hour in faith and prayer.

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Our gold of love to others' need;
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