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The Power and the Message.

WHAT was the secret of the marvelous success of the early church?

We read of thousands turning to Christ—three thousand on one day, a rapid increase to five thousand, and soon "many myriads" who believed, not including the hosts of Gentile converts. How did Christianity so rapidly advance? The answer will be found in the apostolic men and the Gospel they proclaimed. Our Victorian preachers' themes on Sunday last were "The Source of Power" and "The Gospel of the First Days." We combine both in our title. The power within the man plus the power of the Gospel can work wonders.

The source of power.

In the Book of Acts we have the Holy Spirit's account of the beginnings of Christianity and the fulfilment of our Lord's Commission. The first chapter tells us of the men and the power; the second deals with the message.

It is supremely significant that Luke devotes, in his Gospel and Acts, space to the emphasis of preparation and power on the part of those called to proclaim the Gospel. "Tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high"—so reads the Gospel. "Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses," is the Saviour's promise recorded in Acts. The apostles had accompanied Christ for three years; they had been scholars in the finest school on earth, and yet they had to delay. They had seen the Lord in his ministry of help and healing; they had listened often to his public preaching, as well as to his special teaching to the apostolic party; they saw him die, and they had absolute proof of his resurrection; they had received the commission to evangelise the world—and yet they were told to wait for power. "The promise of the Father" had to be fulfilled; they had to be baptised in the Holy Spirit; then endued with divine power they could go on to victory.

More than human equipment, more than intellectual power or oratorical gifts, is needed for such preaching as Jesus desires. The Gospel is God's means of renewing humanity, and he desires that all will recognise the work as his. "Not by might,

nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." This Old Testament word finds an admirable illustration in that book of witness which we call Acts of Apostles. When the Spirit came, then came the power, the preaching and the ingathering of souls on Pentecost.

We may misuse this great text which bids men to tarry for power. Sometimes with almost incredible folly it has been read as if it discounted the best of human preparation. God's work should have the best of men, of gifts, of education; it is foolishly wicked to misuse any Scripture for the encouragement of ignorance, sloth or slovenliness. The lesson is rather that in addition to the best that man can give something more is necessary, without which that human best is poor indeed.

We may not have such a baptism of the Spirit as took place on Pentecost, but it remains true for all time that preachers of the Gospel should be Spirit-filled men, that in divine strength they must do their work, that tarrying and waiting upon God in prayer are the fitting preparation for witness-bearing. We should be men such as were the apostles—full of zeal and glowing enthusiasm, earnest in manner; possessing a dauntless conviction, a passionate love for

Christ and humanity, and certainly also a sense of dependence upon the Holy Spirit's help in the work. Paul has admirably expressed the aim of the true preacher: "My speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

The message which won.

Full of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Peter was the first to preach the Gospel of the crucified but risen Redeemer. The Spirit has preserved for us a record of that remarkable utterance. What are to us its chief characteristics?

The thing above all others which impresses us is that from beginning to end it dealt with the Lord Jesus. It all centred in him who died to save us. Its manifest aim was to lead folk to turn from sin to serve him whom God had made both Lord and Christ. It is a truism to say that Christ was ever the burden of apostolic preaching. Apostles were never side-tracked into delivering moral essays, political speeches, "book" or "play" sermons, scientific or pseudo-scientific discourses. They preached Christ. The hungry sheep looked up and were fed by these first faithful shepherds.

We find in Peter's great address on Pentecost clear and definite teaching. His was not a formal little speech with artificial arrangement—three headings, with three texts, three anecdotes and three poetical quotations under each heading. It was witness-bearing in the truest sense, the earnest testimony of a man who knew and who wished to carry conviction to the hearts of all his hearers.

The apostle appealed to the whole mind. There were information and clear teaching—an appeal to the intellect. There was also an appeal to the emotions of those who listened; the passionate deliverance pricked the audience to the heart and broke down their stubborn opposition. In addition, there was an appeal to the will—for there came a repentance and obedience in overt act to the claims of Christ.

The hearers on Pentecost could have no doubt as to Peter's meaning. They could not doubt Christ's exaltation. Nor could they

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have any doubt as to what God would have them do in accepting the message. When men are really under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they may be expected to pass on to hearers just such instruction as the Holy Spirit caused Peter to give to inquirers.

The power was manifested. The sermon was effective. The instruction was adequate. Men, believing the word of Peter, called out, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Without hesitation the Spirit's answer came: "Repent ye, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." And the power from on high received its greatest manifestation in the glad surrender of three thousand who, receiving his word and being baptised, were added that day.

These three thousand had not finished their work. Peter had told them Jesus was

made Lord and Christ. Their new obedience was but the beginning of a life of obedient service; for the Master himself had taught that to call him Lord would not suffice; it was the doer of his will who should finally enter the kingdom.

Not every presentation of the Gospel even in apostolic days was as successful as that on Pentecost. Shortly Stephen, an inspired man, gave a great address, and not one convert is reported. Instead, the hearers rushed on the preacher and put him to death. So we dare not make a universal statement that a "Pentecostal sermon preached with Pentecostal power will produce Pentecostal results." But we do say that we should with old-time power preach the old-time Gospel and leave the results to God. Restate it, if you will, using methods and terms to impress modern hearers, but make sure that it is "the old faith re-stated."

Public Prayer.

The Impression of the Pew.

L. R. H. Beaumont.

As one who for some weeks now has been a listener rather than a "doer," it has been my joy to receive the helpfulness of the preacher's message and of all those who have helped to make worship beautiful. The Pew desires worship to be such that no word nor act lessen the helpfulness of the various exercises of the "quiet hour" to its needy soul.

Most messages contribute something that will set our feet firmer upon the rock, enlighten and often inspire. The Pew feels at times, however, that other exercises of our worship are capable of contributing much more than they do if a similar preparation were given to them as is given to the preparation of the message. The latter is an aid to worship. The same is true of the hymns that we sing, the reading of God's word, and the prayers we express to God. And so a certain responsibility rests upon those who are "spokesmen" in public worship.

I wish in this brief article to make reference to one only of these aspects of our worship which is capable of being made more helpful to the Pew if more care was given to its preparation. That aspect is that of public prayer. To the writer prayer is one of the most vital aspects of worship. Doubtless there are some who do give much careful thought to the public prayer to be expressed on behalf of a silent congregation. Others of us have made it more a matter of the moment rather than of quiet thought and then expression. Few are capable of expressing the best in thought or word on the spur of the moment.

Private prayer may be, and often is, of an extemporary nature, though it may well be improved were a pause of a moment or two made before its expression to think

about it, and the One to whom the prayer is to be addressed. That moment's thought about him to whom we pray, about those for whom we are going to pray, their needs and desired blessings, about our own nature and its spiritual needs, are the things that make that prayer something that is real and not mere words or custom. Such makes prayer not only systematic and purposive but gives to it a color, an illumination and an atmosphere. Whatever view we take with regard to private prayer (for this is something that is intensely personal and sacred) it seems only right that due preparation should be given to public prayer.

It is well to remember that there are folk in our churches and visitors to them that at times who receive more help from the public prayer than from the sermon. This does not imply that the sermon was not good, for it may have helped many, but that the circumstances and experiences of the week may have been such to bring this about in individual lives. It has been the case in my own life on more occasions than one, and others have spoken in similar strain. Earnest souls battling with temptation all the week, and through his grace coming out victorious, have a keen sense of value of that worship hour and its public prayer. The same is true where domestic cares and anxieties make up such a large part of life for some folk. It is certainly true where there is sorrow and sadness in the home bereft of a loved one or a fond friend. To no less extent is it true where men hold responsible office in city, state or nation. The very nature of such circumstances brings the Lord Jesus Christ very near to these folk, and makes communion with him through the channel of prayer very real. It is no mere cold and formal utterance. It is good for him who leads in pub-

lic prayer, just so far as it is possible, to think as they think, and to express himself on their behalf as they would. Listeners feel that they truly have some great part in the petition to the heavenly Father. The above is merely suggestive of the breadth and helpfulness of public prayer. How real you can make it! By the conscious fact that a great moment is coming to you as it did to Moses, Samuel and others, to speak to God for those assembled, to praise him for his goodness, to thank him for his mercies, and to petition him for further bounties, and to petition him for further bounties. Careful thought of the audience that listens to the petition will make that prayer real to you and also to them. It was said of Mr. James, during his ministry in Melbourne, that he seemed to give all some place in his prayers, to express the feeling of each heart for blessings received and desired. A fine tribute. I venture to say that those prayers helped men and drew them as near to God as many of his eloquent and inspiring sermons, and some perhaps nearer. Thinking, feeling, living with his flock made him a fit mouthpiece for public prayer. The late Dr. Jowett, whose meditations are so precious to many of us, always sought wherever possible the few quiet moments to adjust his thoughts and realise the responsibility placed upon him.

Let those who direct the service know assuredly that there is no finer way of creating a good atmosphere for a service than realistic, heartfelt prayer. It works wonders upon an audience, and often breaks open the flintiest heart. The poet knew its secret power when he so feelingly wrote, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The sermon follows as a fitting application to needy hearts after a preparation of this kind.

There are folk who upon reading this may be inclined to say, "Prayer should be extemporary, since we should ever be able to pray when called upon." Let such remember that there is a way to pray even as Jesus taught. The Lord's prayer is a splendid example of public prayer. Its conciseness, directness and yet breadth of purposiveness make it the model the Lord Jesus intended it to be. There is also a mood in which to pray without which prayer is mere utterance.

Public prayer is vital in public worship. In the reading of God's word God is talking to us, whilst in public prayer we are talking to him. Its grandeur and beauty demands the consciousness of deep needs and heart longings and the expression of these with reverent, deep feeling.

Many of us, if we but will, can improve our worship by more attention to this aspect. In many of our churches brethren are asked before the service commences to be prepared to lead in prayer. This affords an opportunity for a quiet moment to adjust one's thoughts, remember the needs and feelings of the audience. Let those upon whom the precious privilege yet great responsibility falls use this intended and gracious opportunity to the help of all and the good pleasure of our heavenly Father.

"If a Man Die—!"

L. A. Bowes.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14: 14).

Whether Job first asked this question or merely echoed what had been asked long before matters very little. We shall readily agree that "there is no other question that has stirred human hearts so deeply, for so long a period, over such vast spaces of the habitable globe." This is so because it presents what might be called "the ultimate problem of the human race." The facts of birth, life and death are plain. But—after death? Philosophers have sought, schoolmen have disputed, dogmatists have asserted, yet the question has persisted.

Plato declared, "On such subjects one ought . . . at least to get the best of human argument, and the hardest to refute . . . unless one were able, more securely and less perilously, to make one's journey upon a safer vessel—upon some word from God." At least, the best of human argument; at best, some word from God! Let us see first what human argument can produce.

There are those who declare, with an assumed superiority that amounts almost to insolent effrontery,

"There is Only One Answer: an Emphatic 'No'!"

The sweeping assertion of Joseph McCabe, made some years ago, that "man now sees in the universe at large no shadow of support for the promise of unending life which he has entertained so long. From end to end of the universe comes only a whisper of death," still stands as the final word on the subject for numbers of men who are sunk in the slough of materialism. Sir Arthur Keith has stated "that he can find no evidences of the survival of consciousness nor of the continuation of life after death." By virtue of his standing in the realm of scientific investigation his pronouncement has been accepted by many as conclusively establishing their negative position. But for those who hold to a lofty conception of the wonder, dignity and power of human personality, and who are grappling with the mysteries of human consciousness, such declarations fail to carry conviction, and appear inadequate to meet the realities of the problems confronting them.

Then there are found those who answer rather sadly,

"It is not Possible to Know."

"We are confronted," they say, "by a veil past which we cannot see. The data we have lack sufficiency. The consideration of the phenomena of life and death leads us to mysteries that are insoluble." These are the real agnostics; some of them wholly wistful and diffident; some perhaps wilful and even defiant. Sir Leslie Stephen, writing to a friend after the death of his beloved wife, began, "I thank—" then stopped. Again he essayed to express what was in his heart. This was the result. "I thank — that I have known her." The pathetic eloquence of that blank space! No personal God; no radiant hope; no answer for all his longings. "As to the future, I do not know."

Matthew Arnold has a line which seems to express the attitude of many who feel they dare not affirm a positive faith in a future life. He cries, "Hath man no second life?" Then makes answer, "Pitch this one high!" This, they declare, is the utmost that one can do. Make the best of this life, for it may be the only one!

In a slightly different category are those who say,

"We must be Content to Hope He Will."

These are they who sense "implications of immortality" while they dare not affirm "intimations of a future life." Though what their "immortality" is one can only faintly guess. Not daring to say with Pascal, "The heart has its

own reasons which the reason does not know," they yet respond to the painful flutterings of a heart in which hope contends with fear, and knows not the victorious aid of faith. Tennyson writes,

"Thou wilt not leave him in the dust,
Thou madest man, he knows not why;
He thinks he was not made to die;
And thou hast made him: thou art just."

The same picture of hope that "like snow upon the desert's dusty face, lighting its little hour or two: is gone," is presented in his "Crossing the Bar." "I hope to see my Pilot face to face, when I have crossed the bar." Not before! Not when the tide begins to run out, and the foam begins to break across the bar. No clear view of the Pilot's face as the curtains of the night begin to envelope the harque of life. Merely a fugitive hope. His obstinate questionings" brought no confident answer; but led to the confession,

"I stretch blind hands of faith, and grope,
And gather dust and chaff, and call
To what I feel is Lord of all,
And faintly trust the larger hope."

Such men as Lyman Abbott, H. E. Fosdick, with many others who, like them, are widely accepted as leaders of religious thought, persistently speak of "the great adventure into the unknown," "the greatest venture of all," concerning which they have only "a reverent curiosity" where one might have looked for "a sure and certain hope." Compare their tentative phraseology with the creed and cry of Socrates, who said, "I have faith in the future, and I think I see the Golden Islands; but oh! that we had a stouter vessel or a stronger word." Here again is Plato's desire for "a safer vessel, for some word from God."

Well, we have a stouter vessel, and a stronger word. Here it is:

"The Answer is a Confident 'Yes! He will Live Again.'"

It is not the word of a Sir Oliver Lodge, a Conan Doyle, or any other "investigator of psychic phenomena," for whatever word they can give will yield no lasting satisfaction, communicate no enduring faith in our lifetime; and provide no secure support when the tide of death comes flooding in.

Here is a word that glows with light, and throbs with power to dissolve our doubts, assuage our fears, and minister strong consolation to our souls.

From the massy heights of his towering faith, unshakeable conviction, and tremendous revelation, Paul, like a Titan of old, hurls down upon the plain of human tumult and agony, where the souls of men are tossing in a restless fever of longing and asking, the thunderbolts of his resistless logic: "If there be no resurrection," "If Christ be not risen," "If the dead rise not," "If Christ be not raised," and "If in this life only . . . we are of all men most miserable."

Then like the pealing of the trumpet high above the reverberations of his resonant rationale of the resurrection the sublime certainty of the Christian faith peals forth in all its soul-stirring splendour, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." And so through all the bewildering display of the blending coruscations of that mightiest truth of the universe is scaring the soul with the glory of its revelation; staggering, subduing, strengthening, satisfying—we are led to contemplate the triumphant termination of the great cosmic contest between life and death, from which life, in the person of Christ, emerges victorious, and swept away in exultation of spirit we join in the shout that re-echoes through the heights above and the depths below, "Thanks

be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Yet in the midst of our response to this tremendous exposition of ineffable truth we turn as it were at the "sound of a still small voice," to hear him, who is the Saviour of men, saying in tones sweetly sonorous, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoso liveth and believeth on me shall never die." "Let not your heart be troubled. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." And again we hearken to that voice, which is now "as the sound of many waters," saying, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of the grave and death." And at this we bow our heads in wonder and love, and worship him, the Lord of life.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" "Oh! for a stouter vessel, a stronger word; a safer vessel, a word from God." It is here. "In Christ shall all be made alive." "In Christ!"

Prayer Corner.

Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.—Eph. 6: 2.

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"O God, to thee we lift our voice,
Help us to honor Mother's name;
May we in thee always rejoice
And strive to dedicate her fame."

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MOTHER.

There is an enduring tenderness in the love of a mother to a son that transcends all other affections of the heart! It is neither to be chilled by selfishness, nor daunted by danger, nor weakened by worthlessness, nor stifled by ingratitude. She will sacrifice every comfort to his convenience; she will surrender every pleasure to his enjoyment; she will glory in his fame, and exult in his propriety—and if misfortune overtake him he will be the dearer to her from misfortune; and if disgrace settle upon his name she will still love and cherish him in spite of his disgrace; and if all the world beside cast him off she will be all the world to him.—Washington Irving.

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A PRAYER.

Any Mother to the Saviour.

As thou didst walk the lanes of Galilee,
So, loving Saviour, walk with him for me;
For, since the years have passed and he is grown,
I cannot follow—he must walk alone.
Be thou my feet that I have had to stay,
For thou canst comrade him on every way;
Be thou my voice when sinful things allure,
Pleading with him to choose those that endure;
Be thou my hand that would keep him in mine,
And all things else that mothers must resign.
When he was little I could walk and guide,
But now I pray that thou be at his side;
And as the blessed mother folded thee,
So, loving Saviour, fold my son for me.

—Ethel Fanning Young.

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FOR THE FAMILY.

Almighty God, who art the Author of all goodness, look down in mercy upon this family and household, and bless all who belong to it, present or absent. Save and defend us in all dangers and adversities, give us all things that be needful for our souls and bodies, and bring us safely to thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Queensland Conference.

Geo. O. Tease.

The Jubilee Conference of the churches in Queensland was held in the Ann-st. chapel on April 12 to 18. By those competent to judge this is considered the best-attended conference we have held in this State. H. G. Payne, preacher of the Albion church, was the President. Visiting speakers from other States were J. E. Thomas and Fred. T. Saunders, organising secretary of the College of the Bible. The excellent messages of these brethren were a valuable contribution to the success of the conference.

Youth Rally.

On Wednesday, April 12, the Young People's Department Rally was held in the Ann-st. chapel, under the presidency of H. G. Payne. Presentation of awards was made by the President. E. Enchelmaier was leader of song, and Miss Torrance soloist. The subject of Bro. Thomas' inspiring address was "Christ's Challenge to Youth." By reason of his long experience in youth movements Bro. Thomas was able to bring a message of power.

Preachers' Session.

The preachers' session of conference was held at the Y.M.C.A. Twenty-four preachers and others sat down to lunch. The session which followed was under the presidency of Lars Larsen (Rosewood). In Bro. Thomas' discourse upon "The Making of a Preacher," he made inspirational and encouraging remarks upon "the message," "the people" and "the messenger." At the conclusion of this meeting the ex-Glen Iris men in the State met to hear a suggestion from F. T. Saunders that a College committee be formed as in other States. This was agreed to, C. Young being appointed convener pro tem.

Jubilee Celebration.

Thursday morning and afternoon of April 13 were devoted to the Women's Auxiliary Conference. At 6 p.m. the same day the Great Jubilee Fellowship Tea was held in the Ann-st. Bible School hall. 100 sat down to tea. Greetings were read from the Federal Conference secretary, College Board, Federal F.M. Board, Tasmania, Victoria, N.S.W., Western Australia, New Zealand, Bren. Main, Nightingale, J. K. Martin, Hermann, Dr. Hinrichsen, Harry Clark (Siam), also from Japan, Honolulu, Bro. Alcorn (U.S.A.), Mrs. D. A. Ewers, Miss E. Davis (Palestine), the "Christian Standard" and "Christian Evangelist."

The Jubilee tea was followed at 7.30 p.m. by the Jubilee inspirational service and F.M. session. Bro. Vic. Morris conducted community singing, and musical items were rendered by the Ipswich male quartette and Mrs. S. P. Suetting. H. G. Payne presided over the meeting and delivered his presidential address. In the absence of the State F.M. secretary (Bro. Hermann), L. J. Sanders (president) presented the F.M. report. This showed that Queensland had been blessed with visits from three missionaries, including Miss Vawser and Dr. Oldfield. The financial statement shows that the total amount received towards the State aim of £690 was £519. Probably the short financial year explains this. At this session F. T. Saunders delivered an address—"The Power and Programme of a Pre-vailling Church." He laid stress upon the fact that the New Testament church was a conquering church, and emphasised evangelism. J. E. Thomas, representing the Federal F.M. Board, brought encouraging words of greeting.

Friday's Meetings.

The first business session of General Conference began on Friday, April 14, when the devotional session was led by R. W. Payne (Kingaroy). At the roll call of delegates 31 churches responded with delegations. H. G. Payne ex-

tended a welcome to visitors, to which F. T. Saunders replied personally and on behalf of the College. No minutes of the previous conference were read as these were confirmed by the first executive meeting after last conference. A resolution committee, composed of Alan Price and Geo. Burns, was appointed. One new church was admitted to conference, namely, Moorooka.

Executive Report.

This showed a membership of 3,245, being an increase of 16 for the year. There were 265 baptisms, 79 transfers and 43 gains from other sources. Losses show 28 deaths, 61 transfers, 282 by revision of roll. The Bible School report gives 44 schools (an increase of two) with 2,151 scholars and 301 teachers, making a total of 2,452 as against 2,393 last year—a gain of 59. Forty-six scholars united with the church. As



E. C. Hinrichsen,
Newly-elected President of Queensland

the result of the president's tour of the churches the committee's appeal for a Jubilee gift realised £100.

On the arrival of the new Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson) the president, past president, treasurer and Dr. Oldfield paid an official call on behalf of conference, and were graciously received. Sir Leslie, who was formerly at Bombay, willingly consented to allow his name to be given to a ward at the Dhond Hospital.

New appointments of preachers in the State are V. G. Boettcher (Townsville), R. W. Payne (Kingaroy), and E. C. Hinrichsen and Vic. Morris (Toowoomba). G. Tease has gone from Kingaroy to Ma Ma Creek, A. E. Arnold from Maryborough to Ann-st., whilst Geo. Burns has gone to Sunnybank circuit.

Queensland's contribution for 1932 to the College of the Bible was £159/5/3, as compared with £249/16/1 for 1931.

Home Missions.

The Home Mission report (financial) showed that the fund was £146/7/4 in debit on Dec. 31. This represented an improvement of £52/12/6 as compared with the balance on March 1. Bank overdraft at the beginning of the period was £98/19/10; at the end it was £51/13/6. Duplex envelopes showed a credit of £91/10/4. The Townsville church had been subsidised £1 per week, and was additionally assisted to the extent of

£26/8/1. Wynnum is subsidised £1/2/6 per week, and Stones Corner £1/5/-.

During the morning session E. J. Caldecott (treasurer) gave a fifteen-minutes' talk on finance. Future work included the following recommendations—

(1) That Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen be appointed for at least three months as State Director of Evangelism on behalf of the Home Mission Committee, with the primary objective of making weak churches self-supporting.

(2) That the present method of supporting weak causes in their present condition not having resulted in progress, the Home Mission Committee preferably concentrate its activities upon the building up of new causes by special missions.

Special F.M. Session.

As an outcome of a notice of motion submitted to conference a special F.M. session was held on Saturday night in order to consider the F.M. financial position. A motion, moved by L. J. Sanders, was carried urging each church in Queensland to assume the responsibility of 1½d. per member per week in order to meet our F.M. financial obligations.

A notice of motion that Queensland be divided into six districts, with a local annual conference to be held in each, was referred to the churches concerned. A notice of motion that the Executive be asked to consider the advisability of spending Good Friday in a series of devotional meetings was not carried.

The obituary report, presented by Bro. Rothery, showed that during the year 28 of the Lord's servants had received the home call. Notable among those who have gone are Bro. Carl Fischer and Bro. William Coward, two of our early pioneers.

Questions of Discipline.

The 1932 Conference appointed a special committee to draft and forward to Federal Conference a resolution re matters of discipline. The resolution as amended by the Jubilee Conference is as follows:—

(1) The Constitution of the Federal Conference be amended to provide for the appointment of an arbitration committee, and the provision of the machinery necessary to its functioning.

(2) Such arbitration committee to deal with divisions in the churches, and serious questions of church discipline, if so requested. This committee to act in conjunction with the Conference Executive of any State affected, as being the executive body in that State, and as the Federal Executive in that State.

Five-minute messages from the front were given by V. G. Boettcher (Townsville), Geo. Burns (Stones Corner), W. J. Campbell (Wynnum). E. C. Hinrichsen gave a brief outline of the success of the Toowoomba work. There have been 130 confessions in seven months. This was followed by a conference appeal ably made by J. E. Thomas. £73 was raised.

Invitation to Bro. J. W. Black.

A resolution was passed by conference inviting Bro. J. W. Black, of England (President-elect of the World Conference to be held in England in 1935) to visit Queensland when at the coming Federal Conference. A further resolution passed was that the Executive arrange for a convention to be held at Toowoomba for the deepening of spiritual life.

A deputation was heard from the Council of Churches. The report of the Church Property Trust showed that the only change during the year was the transfer of the church property at Fernvale to local trustees, the balance of the debt on this property having been liquidated in February, 1932. Words of appreciation were spoken of the services of W. A. C. Wendorf, who has resigned from this Trust. The report of the Connectional Fund showed a bank balance on Feb. 28, 1933, of £25/15/11. A feature of General Conference was the interspersing of short periods

of devotion during business. This was greatly appreciated.

Home Mission Rally.

At 7.15 p.m. on Good Friday the H.M. Jubilee Rally was held, when the retiring President (H. G. Payne) introduced the incoming President (E. C. Hinrichsen). On behalf of Conference Bro. Hinrichsen presented Bro. Payne with a Bible as a mark of appreciation of his able presidency during a year of depression. V. Morris was leader of song and soloist. The subject of J. E. Thomas' inspirational message was "What the Church has for the World." In this challenging message he pointed out that the church alone has the means of meeting the need of which the world is unconscious.

New Officers and Committees.

At this session the newly-elected officers and committees of Conference were announced as follows:—

Home Mission Committee.—Past president, H. G. Payne; president, E. C. Hinrichsen; vice-president, C. Young; secretary, W. J. Campbell; assistant secretary, L. J. Sanders. **Committee:** Lars Larsen, W. A. C. Wendorf, H. Barker, J. B. Ash, E. Reeve, J. Hinrichsen, C. Adermann.

Foreign Mission Committee.—President, L. J. Sanders; secretary, H. W. Hermann. **Committee:** Miss Callanan, Bren. Clothier, C. Cane, W. Berlin (sen.), Colvin, Enchelmaier and Binrose.

Advisory Board.—President, E. J. W. Caldercoat; secretary, W. Morton. **Committee:** Bren. Clothier, Larsen, Payne, Wendorf and Young.

Social Service Committee.—Bren. Arnold, Burns, Cane, Hallam, Noble and Young; with power to add.

Church Property Trust.—Trustees.—W. Berlin, E. Enchelmaier, J. W. Clothier and C. Woff.

Connectional Fund Trustees.—Committee: J. W. Clothier, G. Colvin, W. Rothery, F. Enchelmaier.

Young People's Department.—President, C. Woff; secretary, O. Potter; treasurer, H. Wyeth. **Committee:** H. G. Payne, W. Finger, E. Smith, E. Arnold, A. Abrahams, Miss V. Callanan, E. Ash, Miss Blackburn, D. Clapham.

Young People's Department.

On Saturday morning the Young People's Department business session was held. D. H. Stirling (Bundaberg) led the devotional service. The president of the department (H. G. Payne) was in the chair.

The report showed that new schools had been started at Glenmorgan and Goomborian. Y.P. organisations numbered 35, with an enrolment of 1,194. The Youth League showed an increase of 42 yearly members and five life members, making a total of 220 yearly members and 34 life members. For the annual Scripture examination (July, 1932) 425 entered; 305 sat and 197 passed, representing 24 schools.

At this session F. T. Saunders delivered an address on "Evangelism Through the Bible School." Lack of time prevented the arranged discussion. It was with regret that Miss D. Clapham, who has been secretary of the department for six years, intimated that she would not again be available for election. On behalf of the department H. G. Payne made Miss Clapham a presentation.

Saturday's Session.

On Saturday afternoon, April 15, G. Burns conducted the devotional service. The report of the Advisory Board indicated that three applications for licences to perform marriages were granted and five were cancelled.

The report of the Literature Department (G. Tease, superintendent) showed that since the inception of the department two years ago 15,368 tracts had been purchased by the churches. Stock in hand is 34,732 tracts.

At this session the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That in future plans for future work be submitted to conference by the outgoing committee to be a mandate for the incoming committee.
2. That the election of officers and H.M. Committee take place after the adoption of such plans.
3. That the H.M. Committee make H.M. accounts free from overdraft at earliest possible moment consistent with the maintenance of H.M. work.
4. That the Executive investigate the reorganisation of the work at Tannymorel.
5. That the Executive go into the matter of interest charges (in connection with the Connectional Fund) with power to act.

Conference Sermon.

The crowning session of conference was held on Easter Sunday, when J. E. Thomas preached the Conference Sermon, "The Christ of the Church." The Ann-st. chapel was overcrowded. Choral selections were rendered by the choir. E. Enchelmaier was soloist; A. E. Arnold song leader. An offering was received for the Preachers' Provident Fund.

The Picnic.

On Easter Monday the conference picnic was held at Kalinga Park in ideal weather. A committee of young people, drawn from the metropolitan churches, had charge of an interesting sports programme. The three sports pennants were won by Albion. This year, instead of the picnic being the last of conference functions, the gatherings were extended to Tuesday night, when J. E. Thomas delivered a lantern lecture, "To Berlin and Back." Bro. Thomas, who was a representative of Australia at the Eighth World's C.E. Convention at Berlin in 1929, delivered his personally prepared lecture with selected slides.

"God's Way."

Outline of a Message on Financial Stewardship.

By O. A. Trinkle.

Here is the perfect way and the inspired plan of God to the church. You can't take away from it without injury to its perfectness. You can't add to it without soiling it. You can't ignore it without sin.

(1 Cor. 16: 2.)

- I. PERIODIC: ("Upon the first day of the week—")
 1. Regular.
 2. Habitual.
 3. Worshipful.
 4. Prayerful.
- II. PERSONAL: (let each one of you—)
 1. Each man.
 2. Each woman.
 3. Each boy.
 4. Each girl.
- III. PROVIDENT: (lay by in store—)
 1. Deliberate.
 2. Thoughtful.
 3. Intelligent.
- IV. PROPORTIONATE: (as he may prosper—)
 1. Equality.
 2. Responsible.
 3. Faithful.
- V. PREVENTIVE: (that no collections be made when I come.)
 1. No deficit.
 2. No loan interest.
 3. No retrenchment.
 4. No worry.

"Christian Standard."

Mother's Day Founder.

In its origin, Mother's Day had nothing whatever to do with "Mothering Sunday"—an ancient institution observed in the Anglican church. This "Mothering Sunday" occurred on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, and was instituted primarily for mothers who had borne children in the preceding year, and secondarily for all mothers of young children, that they might have opportunity of renewing the dedication of their children to God.

Miss Anna Jarvis was my intimate friend in Philadelphia, and more than once told me at her home the complete story.

Mine was the first pulpit in which she had appeared (in 1911) and "Mother's Day" had only been observed three or four years.

Her sainted mother had been a widow for many years. She and her only daughter had been literally "chums." Mrs. Jarvis was a devout and very happy Methodist, all her life.

She never went to any other church than her own. It was her "second home." She never dreamed of instituting a "Mother's Day," or any other institution.

It was her daughter Anna who conceived the idea, and at first intended it solely for her own particular church, and for the benefit of her own Bible class of young women.

She consulted her pastor, who greatly approved, and gave her full permission.

Her mother died near the second Sunday in May, so the first anniversary (I think in 1907 or 1908), she took her class to her church, massed carnations all over the pulpit platform, and down the aisles.

On the Sunday her girls met the congregation as they came in at the vestibule and handed each a carnation, ready as a buttonhole. The next year the custom was taken up by a few other churches.

Enquiries rapidly grew, and by the third year several States promoted the day, and two or three State Governors made proclamations.

On the Sunday Miss Jarvis spoke in my pulpit, the Mayor of Philadelphia took the chair, and large numbers of public officials were present. Miss Jarvis then told the above story.

By 1913 over thirty State Governors had made official proclamations of the day, and Miss Jarvis had, with friends, developed a national organisation, whose work spread to other countries. —Sydney Herbert Cox in "A.C. World."

MOTHER'S DAY.

One by one the old home forsaking,
They leave her side with the passing years,
And the mother smiles, though her heart is breaking;
For laughter is often akin to tears;
She sees the one who from birth she has tended
Go forth to fight life's battle alone;
And she feels that for her, life's mission is ended,
That for her, life's joy, with its object, has flown.

For him the life-work—the joy of endeavor;
For her the loneliness, left to brood
Over lost opportunities gone now for ever,
When things were oft-times misunderstood.
O mothers, whose children so often bore you
With their endless worries and willful ways,
Remember the years are passing o'er you,
You will yearn in vain for them one of these days.

Ah, son! you may travel the wide world over,
And friends may find who will faithful prove,
But go where you will, you will yet discover
That none will love with that mother's love.
To-day is the sowing—you may not know it;
But no word is lost, and for weal or woe,
You are planting a harvest—the future will show it,
And in after years you will reap what you sow.

—Fairle Thornton.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

OUR DAILY FARE.

Give us this day our daily loaf of cheer,
Glad laughter, rose-hued hope to shut out fear;
And comrades kindly on the common way
To scatter crumbs of all that's goodly gay.

Give us the daily fare of pluck and strength,
The hardihood to trudge the highroad's length,
With springing footstep and with singing voice,
Knowing we say life's grace when we rejoice.

—Selected.

THE SKIPPER'S METHOD.

The grey-bearded skipper of the boat that for many years has plied between Leith and the Shetlands had on one occasion an unusual group of passengers. They were actors and actresses who had embarked at Aberdeen, and they were the first theatricals ever to make the journey between the mainland and the island.

Just as the dinner was about to be served the skipper took his place at the head of the table, and stood with his hands clasped.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he exclaimed, in his broad, Scotch brogue, "let us gi'e thanks tae God."

The members of the theatrical party were highly amused, and looked on scoffingly as the skipper prayed over the food.

"I didn't know we'd got a parson for a captain," sneered the leader; and throughout the rest of the meal jokes were cracked at the "parson-captain's" expense.

A few hours after a terrible storm arose quite unexpectedly. The members of the party grew anxious, and requested their leader to inquire of the skipper if he thought all would be well.

"I canna' say," replied the skipper. "We may pull through or we may not. The storm's as bad a one as I can remember."

The actor went below to inform his friends. The storm increased and they all became terrified. Again their leader came on deck to speak to the skipper.

"If we're not going to get through, sir," he said, "we want to say that we're sorry we tried to make you look ridiculous. Will you pray with us?"

The skipper grew indignant. "Cowards!" he snapped. "Go below and tell y'r freends to lie doon and be quiet. I never get down on my knees when it's rough. I say m' prayers f' the calm, and look after the ship f' the storm!"—Selected.

WHY SHE WON.

A girl at seventeen became assistant and secretary to a man who gave readings and lectures. Her duties consisted of answering the telephone, arranging dates, answering letters, and keeping the office going. There were hours when she had little to do. At such times she read a great deal. One day she noticed an advertisement of a short-story contest. Believing that she could win a prize, she wrote a story and sent it in. She got first prize.

Then she wrote more after business hours, and when a financial crisis came in her later life, she was able to support herself and her family.

Concerning that prize she won, she said: "I won that prize because I got started."

That is a simple enough and reasonable enough explanation. Yet it accounts for the success of many a man and woman. Getting started is sometimes all that is needed for success. You may have some worth-while ideas in your head; you may be dreaming big things. Have you started carrying out your ideas?

Once, when a girl had done some deed that won her much applause, another said: "I thought of that myself." Certainly. She thought of it, but did not get started on it. The other girl did.

If you are one of those who are temporarily at a loss for something to do—if you have time to spare, make up your mind that you will get started on something to-day that you have not done before. You, too, may end up as a winner of some worth-while prize.—"Young People."

SECRET DRINKING.

Some years ago a mission launch was being built in Africa. The natives were at that time apt to be careless at their unaccustomed job. One man nailed up a hammer in the bottom of the boat, and never troubled about it. When the craft rolled and rocked, the hammer was thrown backwards and forwards. No one thought of the cause, but little by little a track was worn through planking and plating, and the launch was completely wrecked. A little thing; but what serious results! So the evil of hidden indulgence in drink gradually but surely undermines and ruins the person who forms the habit of this secret sin.

MARTHA AND MARY ON THE FRONTIER.

Two Armenian ladies of high-class family, living on the N.W. Frontier of India are an interesting study of Martha and Mary in real life. True, devout Christians, they set apart in their little home (having been driven out of Afghanistan as refugees) a tiny prayer-room. Here Mary frequently resorted to hold hours of communion with the Saviour who was so real to her soul. Martha attended to her shining pots and pans, and all mundane concerns. "Yes, Mary prays much over there," she would say, "but this is my prayer," and she would quietly hold up her beautifully scoured cooking vessels, or the garment she was making for the poor. Their life together was an exquisite example of devotion and diligence in the Lord's service.

A PRAYER.

"O Breather into man of breath!
O Holder of the keys of death!
O Giver of the life within!
Save us from death, the depth of sin;
That body, soul and spirit be
Forever living unto thee."

TOO SUCCESSFUL.

Jack: "Uullo, 'Enry! I got a crate of chickens you sent the wife all right, but next time I wish you'd fasten 'em up a bit more careful. Comin' from the station they got out. I spent hours scourin' the neighborhood, and then found only ten of 'em."

'Enry: "Ush, Tom—not so loud—I sent only six."

THE PREACHER AND THE PIGS.

A lady one day went into a library to change her book, and there were some little boys there, looking at a picture hanging on the wall; it was a picture of some pigs clustering round the person who was feeding them. A minister also came in, and he went and looked at the picture, and said "I wish people would cluster round me like that." A young lady standing near said, "Perhaps they would if you fed them."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.—1 Chron. 18: 13.

It is definitely affirmed twice in this chapter, here and in verse 6, that wherever he went the Lord preserved David. It is so with all those who, wherever they journey, take God with them. Reading—1 Chronicles 18.

Tuesday.

And King David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.—1 Chron. 21: 24.

Ornan generously offered David his threshing-floor, together with oxen and wheat for offerings, and "the threshing instruments for wood." But David refused to accept this offer, preferring to worship and serve God at his own charges. Reading—1 Chronicles 21: 1-26.

Wednesday.

So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.—1 Chron. 23: 1.

At seventy years of age King David was "full of days"—"satisfied with living in this world. When he found himself going off, he made provision for the welfare of the kingdom after his decease, and pleased himself with the hopeful prospect of a happy settlement" both in religious and secular affairs. "David made Solomon king, not to reign with him, or reign under him, but only to reign after him." Reading—1 Chron. 23: 1-6, 24-32.

Thursday.

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts; if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.—1 Chron. 28: 9.

In the charge given to his son David indicates his chief concern; viz., that Solomon should not seek only worldly wisdom, wealth or power, but to be a faithful servant of Jehovah. Reading—1 Chronicles 28.

Friday.

Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in Mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.—2 Chron. 3: 1.

God is not now confined to time or place, but under the Jewish dispensation he ordained that a temple should be built in Jerusalem, where he had chosen to put his name. Reading—2 Chronicles 3.

Saturday.

But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built.—2 Chron. 6: 18.

A wealth of doctrine is contained in this text. Jehovah is a being incomparably greater than the greatest upon earth. "He is infinitely beyond the bounds of the creation and infinitely above the praises of all intelligent creatures." Reading—2 Chron. 6: 12-25.

Sunday.

Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God; because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.—2 Chron. 9: 8.

Far from envying King Solomon, the Queen of Sheba rejoiced in his position and successful reign, giving God the glory. Reading—2 Chronicles 9: 1-22.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

May 17.

PIT, PRISON AND PALACE.

(Genesis 37.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

This is a story familiar to young and old, a beautiful story, and in places most pathetic. There is no need to tell afresh of the coat of many colors, the jealousy of the brethren, the sale, the prison experiences, the dream and Joseph's exaltation. We cannot forget the cry of the old man Jacob and the consequent joy.

Down into a Pit.

When men are forced into a pit it is usually the result of a combination of circumstances. There is more than one thing capable of forcing a modern youth into the pit, and more than one thing was responsible in Joseph's case. Favoritism was a primary factor. Perhaps we may make excuses for Jacob, but excuse or no excuse the penalty was sure. Let us remember also that not twelve sons are required in a home before one can be spoiled in this manner. Favoritism has wrecked more homes than one. Such treatment does not serve to make good sons or daughters, nor does it serve to make good citizens. Many parents have asked a question, "Why should my child act thus?" and the answer comes, "Because of your own failures to correct and train the child aright." There are cases where a parent is not to blame, however. The evil is that favoritism begets a whole family of ills in others. Envy, jealousy, hatred are among the brood. All kinds of ill-deeds are only awaiting a favorable opportunity, and it is surprising how little provocation is needed to manifest them. Because of these things Joseph went down into the pit and because he had taken advantage of his favored position, as the brothers thought, to bring an evil report of them.

Thrust into Prison.

But the pit was the beginning of salvation for Joseph and his brethren. This was not made clear till long after, but God was working behind the shadows. The prodigal had to get far from home and be in want before he could appreciate a father's love. "Sweet are the uses of adversity." Joseph found mighty temptations in the house of his master, and the man who is determined to be a true man seems to be the more tried. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." But let us not be unduly discouraged by adversity. If there is no light the danger is greater. Beware for thy soul's security. So they thrust Joseph into prison on a false charge.

Enthroned in a Palace.

In all these experiences Joseph was being made ready, and even in a prison one may make ready for a palace. So with John Bunyan and Milton, though these saw not the earthly palaces they have been received into the heavenlies. Joseph was fit for a palace not only on account of his wonderful administrative ability but on account of his spiritual qualifications. He has been made a type of Christ in his forgiveness of his brethren. What a lovely story it is! "Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake?" What emotional stress! What a giant of a man as he pronounces forgiveness! It was so wonderful that the brothers could never quite realize it. He was fit for a palace. He saw in it all the hand of God who, as he said, had sent him to Egypt to preserve life. Not all the deserving ones here see the palace that becomes them. Such are still reserved for that great day of the Lord Jesus. But even if we do not attain to the palace here let us make ready that we be worthy when the doors are swung open in the new and eternal country prepared of God.

TOPIC FOR MAY 24.—SHOULD WE FAST?—Matthew 6: 16-18.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

How to Teach Religion to the Child in the Home.

L. Builders for Eternity.

Mrs. Carroll O. Stuckenbruck.

[Mrs. Stuckenbruck received her training in religious education in Drake University, under Dr. Walter S. Athearn, some years ago, and has since had wide experience in teaching adults. As a mother of two sons, who are now nearing manhood, she has had practical experience in instructing children in the home. Her husband is minister of Hillside Avenue Christian Church, Wichita, Kan., U.S.A.]

Parents are builders for eternity. A tremendous responsibility rests upon them. The destiny of souls that shall never die is at stake. Eternity begins at my hearth, shaped by my will.

Education begins with the very beginning of life, and it should never end. Even when death comes, the portals of life swing outward to eternity where

Only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame us;
And no one shall work for money.

The morning, and Bro. Hinrichsen at 11:00 a.m., and Sister Neave have been transferred to Perth. The church tendered them a farewell social, and regret was expressed at their going. Our brother and sister were presented with a beautiful silver cake basket. On April 30 A. N. Hinrichsen spoke morning and evening. Mr. Rose, of the Band of Hope Union, gave an instructive message to the school. On May 1 a Band of Hope rally of the local societies was held in the chapel. Mr. Rose speaking on "How to Catch Long-tailed Monkeys." Bro. Harris and Bro. Hanks have been elected to fill vacancies on the diaconate.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On May 7 Bro. Brooker exhorted. In the evening he took for his subject, "The Greatest Discovery." Song services before the musical services are becoming more numerous. To develop character, with as great certainty as we know how to do our daily work, will not this be our highest task, our greatest joy, the supreme thing to do in life?

"Parent education is not new. It has existed ever since there were parents and children. Organized parent education, however, is a product of the last century. With the increasing flexibility of family life and with the multiplicity of forces which compete with the home for control of the child, it is more important than ever to be acquainted with the agencies which strive directly or indirectly to assist adults in being efficient parents."

But too many parents take for granted the problems with their children, and make no effort to arrive at an understanding of the causes of the difficulties they face.

This apparent indifference and neglect is in marked contrast to the efforts which a father makes in order to overcome business problems. He reads magazines, studies the trend of events, attends conventions and consults other men whose situations are similar to his own.

The Christian Home.

Parental attitudes make or break a home, and bless or mar all the lives that come in contact with it. The Christian home is one which is founded in a spirit of prayer and dedication. It is one where

"Love and joy are torches lit
At altar fires of sacrifice."

"Christianity makes family life holy, sacramental, religious in its very nature. It not only makes religion a part of the life of the home, but makes religious purposes the very reason for the existence of the Christian type of home. It makes our homes essentially religious institutions, to be judged by religious products.

"Taking the home in religious terms will mean then, conceiving of it as an institution with a religious purpose, namely, that of giving to the world children who are adequately trained and sufficiently motivated to live the social life of good will. The family exists to give society developed, efficient children. If it fails, it does not have a religious, a spiritual product. It cannot succeed except by the willing self-devotion of adult lives to this spiritual, personal purpose."

Atmosphere an Asset.

The spirit or atmosphere of the home becomes at once its greatest asset or its most dangerous liability. It is the atmosphere we create in the home that makes the child; that indefinable something that is restful, loving, thoughtful, understanding and kind; that cheers, ennobles, encourages and inspires. Good taste, neatness and order, books, pictures and music all help. Riches are not a necessary requirement for these things. Two devoted parents, with a vision, will find a way—happy meal-times, quiet, fireside talks, and simple home celebrations of birthdays and holidays. The delicate plants of childhood will not thrive and develop and blossom in an atmosphere of harsh blame or criticism.

Helen Hunt Jackson has given us this description of "A Home Creator":

"The most perfect home I ever saw was in a little house, into the sweet incense of whose fires went no costly things. A thousand dollars served for a year's living of father, mother and three children. But the mother was a creator of a home; her relation with her children was the most beautiful I have ever seen; even a dull and commonplace man was lifted up and enabled to do good work for souls by the atmosphere which this woman created; every one in her home involuntarily looked into her face for the keynote of the day, and it always rang clear. She always has been, and always will be, my ideal of a wife, mother, home-maker."

Proebel, the founder of the kindergarten movement, said: "The destiny of nations lies far more in the hands of women—the mothers—than in the hands of those who possess power. We must cultivate women who are educators of the human race, else a new generation cannot accomplish its task."

"A family is humanity's great opportunity to walk the way of the cross. Mothers know that; some fathers know it; some children grow up to learn it. In homes where this is true, where all other aims are subordinated to this one of making the home count for high character, to training lives into right social adjustment and service, the primary emphasis is not on times and seasons for religion; religion is the life of that home and in all its common living every child learns the way of the great Life of all. . . . The good man comes out of the good home, the home that is good in character, aim and organization, not sporadically, but permanently, the home where the religious spirit, the spirit of idealism, and the sense of the infinite and divine are diffused rather than injected."

Happy indeed is that home of which it can be truly said, "Christ is the Head of this house,

Here and There.

Bro. F. T. Saunders, College organiser, is expected back in Melbourne on Monday next after his extended visit to Queensland.

Examinations are now in progress at the College of the Bible. The second term's work is due to commence on morning of Tuesday, May 30.

A number of special missions are now being held by our Victorian churches. We hear also of considerable interest being aroused by the concerted preaching on fundamental themes.

Bro. Norman White, of South Yarra church, Vic., has presented to the P.M. Committee the large map of Pentecost Island which Bro. R. J. Sandells is using to illustrate his work in the New Hebrides. The gift is much appreciated.

On Tuesday morning we received the following interesting cablegram from Palmerston North, N.Z., where Bro. Alf Hinrichsen is the preacher: "Preacher's anniversary seventh May, 240 communion; crowded chapel at night; two confessions; year's total, 98. Plans in hand enlarge chapel, seat another 100."

At the first meeting of the newly-elected Foreign Missionary Committee of Victoria Bro. S. H. Mudge was appointed chairman for the year. Bro. A. J. Ingham, who for several months has served as acting-secretary, has accepted the office of secretary. He will be assisted by Bro. A. A. Hughes. The treasurer is Bro. D. E. Pittman.

The Victorian Department of Social Service is moving from its old address to the sixth floor of Selby House, 318 Flinders Lane, and will resume business at that address as from Tuesday, 16th inst. Will secretaries and friends kindly note the change of address? Parcels as usual may be consigned to Churches of Christ Social Service, Flinders-st., Melbourne. Rail free.

The prolonged season of dry weather is causing much anxiety in Victoria. On Sunday last in Presbyterian churches, in harmony with a resolution of the Assembly, prayers for rain were offered. In an address the Moderator announced: "The Assembly now requests its people to join with its leaders in prayer that God's mercy may be poured out upon the land and upon the heart and soul of the community."

Bro. Allen Brooke is conducting a spiritual crusade with the Red Hill church, Vic. It commenced on April 30, and is due to continue to May 14. Up to May 7 increasing attendances and interest were maintained. Forty believers attended at Lord's table, and about 80 were present at the night meeting. One confession to date. A deep tone of spiritual life is being developed under Bro. Brooke's consecrated leadership.

The Victorian Social Service Department appeals for old sheeting, blankets, clothes, warm materials, boots and shoes. The natives of Cumeragonja are desperately in need of all these things, particularly old sheeting. Sympathisers are asked to forward goods to Church of Christ Mission, Flinders-st. railway station, Melbourne (rail free), and notify the secretary, Department of Social Service, Selby House, 313 Flinders-lane, Melbourne, C.I.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. In all or nearly all of the churches mother will be specially honored. We confess to a feeling of sorrow that signs are numerous of the commercialising of the occasion. Shops are advertising gifts suitable for mother. The thought is personal profit rather than the honoring of motherhood. We have not yet seen a tag in the butcher's shop "Say it with sausages," but it may come to that. It will be well to try to keep our special days unspoil.

The Victorian General Deacons will hold their meeting on Wednesday next, May 17, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters are invited to come and help.

At Dawson-st. church, Ballarat, Vic., Bro. J. Wiltshire, of Grote-st., Adelaide, commenced a mission on May 7, under encouraging conditions—delightful weather and interested church. About 60 attended a prayer meeting at 7.30 a.m. Over 130 came to the morning service. There was a large evening audience. Sisters Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Keith Price rendered appropriate solos, and Bro. Wiltshire's subject, "Golden Bells," was arresting. Bro. Harold Feary is leader of song.

The death of Dr. Amos R. Wells, for many years associated with the "Sunday School Times," of Philadelphia, U.S.A., is reported. He passed to his rest on March 6, at his home at Auburn-dale, Mass. In the years gone by he was held in profound esteem for his contribution to the Christian Endeavor movement—being editor of

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Two Armenian ladies of high-class family, living on the N.W. Frontier of India are an interesting study of Martha and Mary in real life. True, devout Christians, they set apart in their little home (having been driven out of Afghanistan as refugees) a tiny prayer-room. Here Mary frequently resorted to hold hours of communion with the Saviour who was so real to her soul. Martha attended to her shining pots and pans, and all mundane concerns. "Yes, Mary prays the "Christian Endeavor World," as well as a contributor to the Pelouet Lesson Notes. He had just passed his seventieth birthday.

An overflowing and appreciative congregation gathered last Sunday evening at Box Hill, Vic., to hear the last of the inspirational and earnest addresses which have been an outstanding feature of the fortnight's mission conducted by Bro. F. A. Youens, of Caulfield. Besides resulting in a number of confessions, much seed has been sown which it is confidently anticipated will result in many decisions in the near future. In addition there has been a great enrichment of the spiritual life of the church.

In Victoria there is a University Association of members of churches of Christ who are graduates or undergraduates. The annual dinner of the association was held in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, May 8. A happy group of men and women enjoyed a bountiful repast and a time of fellowship. R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed., president, was in the chair. R. K. Whately, M.A., delivered an address on vocational guidance. This was followed by an interesting discussion. Dr. W. A. Kemp was elected president for the incoming year, and R. P. Morris, M.C.E., was re-elected as secretary. The ladies who prepared and served dinner were cordially thanked.

The tent mission at Brighton, Vic., entered upon the third week last Lord's day. During the second week there were large audiences, and Bro. Hagger gave powerful addresses and most effectively answered the questions received through the box. On Sunday morning two of the converts of the mission were received into fellowship, and Bro. Hagger's address on "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" was very helpful. In the afternoon a meeting for men only was held in the tent, there being 79 present. At the

close of the address one of the Bible School boys confessed Christ. The evening service was well attended, and after a splendid address by Bro. Hagger on "Going Back to Jerusalem" two Bible School boys confessed Christ. An anthem by the choir and a solo by Bro. David Plummer were enjoyed. There have been eleven confessions and two restorations to date.

COMING EVENTS.

MAY 14.—Blackburn Bible School Anniversary Services in church building. To be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

MAY 14.—Essendon Bible School Anniversary continued. Special singing by scholars under A. W. Stevens, supported by orchestra. Afternoon, 3; evening, 7. Old members specially welcome. Come to these delightful sessions.

MAY 14 and 21.—Coburg Church of Christ Sunday School Anniversary, afternoon and evening. All cordially invited to come and enjoy a happy time with the children.

MAY 21, 24, 28 and 29.—Prahran Sunday School Anniversary. Speakers: May 21, 11 a.m., H. J. Patterson, M.A.; 3 p.m., H. G. Norris; 7 p.m., A. A. Hughes. May 28, 11 a.m., Dr. W. A. Kemp; 3 p.m., T. A. Fitzgerald; 7 p.m., A. W. Connor. Special singing by scholars, under leadership of Bro. F. G. Chipperfield. May 24, 7.45, special night, singing and prize giving. May 29, 7.45, grand concert in Prahran Old Town Hall. Come back to Prahran and enjoy these bright and happy meetings.

MAY 21, 28 and 31.—Moreland Bible School Anniversary Services. May 21, 3 p.m., distribution of prizes; 7 p.m., Bro. Les. Brooker. May 28, 3 p.m., Bro. F. Youens; 7 p.m., Bro. Arnold. Tea provided for visitors on second Sunday only. Anniversary Concert on May 31.

MAY 24.—Burwood Boys' Home. Annual Hawthorn Concert, rendered by Orpheon Chorists, champions Ballarat Elsteddfod 1932. Town Hall, Burwood-rd., Wednesday, May 24, 8 p.m. Admission, 1/-; front seats, 2/-; no tax.

MAY 28.—Carnegie Church Anniversary. 11 a.m., Mr. C. Dawson, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. J. E. Shipway.

JUNE 4 and 5.—Newmarket Church of Christ Sunday School Jubilee Celebrations, in Kensington Town Hall, on Sunday, June 4, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Special speakers. Special singing by scholars. A hearty welcome is extended to all past scholars and friends. Tea provided for visitors. Concert, Monday, June 5, 8 p.m.

JUNE 10, 11 and 12.—Glenferrie Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Saturday, June 10, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, 8 p.m. All past members are invited to join in these celebrations.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

Mrs. McClean and family desire to convey their sincere gratitude to their many kind friends for sympathy expressed by letters, telegrams, visits and floral tributes in their recent bereavement.—"Bethany," Warra-st., Toorak.

IN MEMORIAM.

ZELIUS.—In loving memory of mother, who was called home on May 8, 1932.

I feel as the years roll onward, and leave the past behind,
That the love of my precious mother, so wise, so loving, so kind,

And her careful, prayerful living, have all left their mark on me,

For I am truer and stronger, because she would have me be.

And now that she is absent, from earthly circles and friends,

Her life has left an influence, which like heaven, never ends.

Because of her Christian spirit, and her helpful humble life,

I call her "God's great woman," that wonderful mother of mine.

—Inserted by Mrs. Lacey and Mrs. Oliver.

News of the Churches.

Tasmanian News-letter. F. Collins.

Is There a "Depression"?

The annual conference of the Tasmanian churches brought some surprises. Notwithstanding a smaller attendance of delegates the enthusiasm was above the average. Many young people attended all of the sessions, and their participation was encouraging. The appeal for contributions to the Home Mission fund, made by H. Swain, of Victoria, provoked a wonderful response. Only one hundred and thirty people were in the building, but £115 was contributed in cash and promises. This constitutes a record. The following night £45 was given or promised for Foreign Missions by a slightly smaller audience. This was almost a record, and was £9 more than the offering of last year, and £17 more than in 1931. The incomes of most people are smaller than they were, and some have been out of employment for a long time; but then the cost of living is less, and we appear to be getting along about as well as we were before we began to talk depression. We are wondering if, after all, there is as much of real "depression" as we think.

The Problem of the Isolated Member

is not peculiar to Tasmania, but is probably a more difficult one here than elsewhere. Only a very small part of Tasmania has ever been evangelised by Churches of Christ, and as our chief means of support is farming, and the farms are small ones, it means that the communities are small, and very scattered. Many of our people have settled in the small villages or farming districts. Recently a lady found great pleasure in meeting with the church of which she had been a member some twenty-eight years before. She had never been able to break bread with "our people" for all of these years, but had kept her love for the simple New Testament church. A man, with his wife on the pillion seat of his motor cycle, arrived at the church last Sunday morning, and for the first time for over five years sat down at the table of our Lord. How to keep in touch with these people is difficult to decide. Correspondence, church papers and many other means have been tried with only indifferent success. The foregoing cases prove that the teaching of New Testament truth is not always lost when folks go into isolation, and that the heaven of "our plea" is still working.

Prayer and the Coming Conferences.

The National Convention of Christian Endeavor is looming largely in the eyes of Launceston people, and the local Union is organising a series of prayer meetings to invoke divine blessing thereon. Crowded cottage meetings are being held every afternoon and evening of this week, and the Federal Conference has also shared the petitions presented. The weather is very cold and snow is appearing on the highlands; but around big fires young people, and others, gather for prayer. We ask that brethren everywhere shall join us in petitions that God may bless the gatherings to be held in Launceston in October next.

Tasmania.

Geeveston.—On April 30 the preacher spoke on "Harvest Thanksgiving" in the morning. In the evening the theme was "Harvest Home." Good meetings all day. Offerings of fruit, vegetables and dairy produce were forwarded to Church of Christ social service, Hobart. The new furnishings were placed in the building recently. After Bro. Stanford's appeal two young men and a girl confessed Christ.

Western Australia.

Bassendean.—Recently the sisters and a few brethren had a busy time cleaning chapel and kindergarten hall. On April 23 Bro. L. Peacock forcefully exhorted, and Bro. Buckingham proclaimed the gospel. On April 30 Bro. Buckingham gave helpful messages at both services, which were well attended.

Bunbury.—The work of the church under the leadership of Bro. T. D. Maiden is in splendid order. All meetings are well attended. The auxiliaries are working well, and much interest is being shown. On Anzac Day the Y.P.S.C.E. very successfully celebrated its first anniversary. Sessions were held afternoon and evening, speakers being Bro. Allan Elliot, B.Sc., and Bro. T. D. Maiden. The chapel was packed for both sessions. A tea was held for the society, and visitors from Harvey, Collie and the Bunbury Methodist church were invited. A pleasant time was spent.

Kalgoorlie.—On April 23 Bro. Wedd spoke in the morning, and Bro. Hinrichsen at night. Bro. and Sister Neave have been transferred to Perth. The church tendered them a farewell social, and regret was expressed at their going. Our brother and sister were presented with a beautiful silver cake basket. On April 30 A. N. Hinrichsen spoke morning and evening. Mr. Rose, of the Band of Hope Union, gave an instructive message to the school. On May 1 a Band of Hope rally of the local societies was held in the chapel, Mr. Rose speaking on "How to Catch Long-tailed Monkeys." Bro. Harris and Bro. Hanks have been elected to fill vacancies on the diaconate.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On May 7 Bro. Brooker exhorted. In the evening he took for his subject, "The Greatest Discovery." Song services before the gospel services are becoming very popular. On May 3 a prayer meeting was well attended. Bro. Brooker is recovering, and able to take active part in services again.

Semaphore.—Bible School day was observed on May 7. Teachers' recognition in the morning; a splendid service. Afternoon, children's service and "cot" offering. Bro. Peacock gave a helpful message on "Burden Bearing." After the service the teachers held a conference, talking over school work and its betterment. At night Bro. Beiler preached on "The Appeal of and to the Child."

Unley.—Special services were conducted by Bro. H. R. Taylor on Anzac Sunday. One young man was received into fellowship. Special cottage prayer meetings are being held during May. Two very interesting morning addresses have been received from elders R. Burns and F. Garnett. The clubs associated with the church are flourishing. The football club has been reformed.

Port Pirie.—April 30, good meetings. Bro. Killmier speaking. One received by letter. Those who previously made the good confession were baptised on May 4. May 7, splendid meetings. Three were received into the church—two by faith and baptism, one by letter. Special young people's service at 2:45 p.m.—113 scholars besides parents. Bro. Killmier addressed all meetings. The church is well attended by the young folk.

Balaklava.—On April 15 Bro. E. T. Ball, a preacher for many years, received the home-call. From April 23 to 30 Bro. McCallum was absent at Lochiel, where he conducted a series of meetings. Bro. Frank Fisher took the evening services at Balaklava. Good meetings on May 7, when Bro. McCallum took as his evening subject "The Call of Matthew—a Miracle of Grace." Bro. McCallum is now in his fifth year of service with the church.

Norwood.—Bro. C. J. Parker, secretary of church and superintendent of Bible School, has left, with his wife and family, for a trip to England. Sister Phyllis Greaves, a Bible School teacher, was married on April 29, and congratulations of the church are tendered. A successful social was held on May 6 to close the season's work of the cricket club.

Nailsworth.—Bro. Graham McKie, who recently was laid aside through illness, is now recovering. Under his guidance and the blessing of God, the church is moving forward wonderfully. Morning attendance is 156, evening 200. At the annual business meeting the following officers were elected:—Deacons, Bren, S. J. Charles, E. Gaskin, J. T. Harding and C. Warren; secretary, Bro. R. L. Packer; treasurer, Bro. C. Carter. Bible School anniversary was a huge success. Wonderful singing under baton of Bro. G. D. McKie. Over 400 attended each service. All auxiliaries report progress.

Prospect.—There have been good attendances lately at all meetings. On April 16 Bro. Russell commenced his seventh year of ministry with the church. All auxiliaries are rendering good service. The efforts of the choir under the leadership of Bro. Cousins are greatly appreciated. On May 2 a concert provided by the J.C.E. in aid of the Protestant Children's Home was very successful. K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs won several events at combined sports on April 25. The cricket club carried off the premiership for the season just closed. On April 30 Bro. T. J. Banks, of Fullarton, gave a splendid exhortation, and Bro. Russell preached at night.

Glenside.—A roll-call service on May 7 was largely attended, many greetings being read from isolated and absent members. In the afternoon "Bible School Sunday" was observed, when special items were rendered by the scholars and a collection taken on behalf of the Churches of Christ schools at Adelaide Hospital. The chair was taken by Bro. A. McGlasson, vice-superintendent. At night several of the scholars took part, and again rendered pleasing items. Five Sunday School scholars made the confession. Fine addresses by Bro. Edwards at both gatherings. At a specially convened meeting recently held an overwhelming majority of the members decided that the services of Bro. Theo. Edwards be retained after the expiration of his present engagement.

Queensland.

Moorooka.—Bro. Barker spoke on morning of April 30. 33 were present. In the evening Bro. Young spoke from Luke 14: 21-25; 15 more attended Lord's table.

Stones Corner and Sunnybank.—Work in the circuit is in a healthy condition. Night meetings particularly are good, many outsiders being attracted. A band of helpers take turn in preaching. Boys' and girls' clubs at Stones Corner are progressing and doing good work. A similar club is being formed at Sunnybank. Sunday School picnics at Sunnybank on April 25 and Stones Corner on May 1 were enjoyable and largely attended.

Mount Walker.—A very successful anniversary picnic was held on Easter Monday. Brethren from Toowoomba, Chinchilla, Brisbane, Townsville and all circuit centres helped to make it a marked success. Bro. Vic. Boettcher, of Townsville, held four special campaign meetings from April 19 to 23, and delivered helpful and uplifting addresses. The morning service on April 23 was very well attended, and at gospel service the chapel was crowded. Brethren attended from Rosevale and Rosewood. Bro. F. Hinrichsen is still an inmate of Ipswich Hospital.

Kedron.—The annual Bible School picnic was a great success in Robbin's estate, Kedron, on May 1. Bro. and Sister N. G. Noble received an earnest welcome social on April 26. Bro. F. T. Saunders, secretary and organiser of College of the Bible, preached to a good audience, and presented the value of the College, on evening of April 30. Interest is reviving. The church's

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Foreign Missions.

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

TITHING CORNER.

The present editor of this page happens to be one of those who do not find any explicit command or clear inference for tithing in the law of the New Covenant, but nevertheless make a practice of tithing, or giving one-tenth of their income to the Lord's work, or to causes which they believe he would approve. We were reading recently someone's opinion that most folks who claim to be unable to find any law requiring Christians to tithe are really moved by their unwillingness to give as much as a tenth of their incomes to the Lord. This may be true of some, but we believe that there are a great many who sincerely believe that the law of the tithe is one of the Old Testament laws not included in the New Covenant, and yet find the setting aside regularly of one-tenth or a larger portion of their incomes a good way of giving "according as the Lord has prospered them." We would not be surprised to find that there are a great many such folks among the readers of the "Christian."

So far as we are aware the most explicit directions for making up a sum of money for the Lord's service, given in the new dispensation, are those found in 1 Corinthians 16: 1, 2, as follows:—

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do ye. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come."

This shows that the wisdom which we apply to our private finances as individuals or to the management of our businesses is needful to be used in our stewardship of our substance for the Lord also. If we have a large bill coming due annually, it is easier to save up for it through the year than to spare it all from one pay cheque. In like manner, if we want to have money ready to serve the Lord upon some special occasion, it is better to be prepared by laying aside a fund regularly for this purpose than to trust to "sparing" something when the need arises. Most of us cannot "spare" very much on short notice.—Adapted.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM MRS. EVA ANDERSON.

Szechuan, West China.

My Dear Friends,—

If you were to measure our appreciation of your gifts by the time that has elapsed since the arrival of Bro. and Sister Waterman, and the time of my writing an acknowledgment of your love and kindness, then you might be inclined to think our appreciation was very meagre indeed. But I can assure you otherwise. Our appreciation of your love, carried in the gifts, cannot be measured. We hardly realised that there were so many dear ones in the homeland thinking so much about us, and yet, during the last three years, when we had bouts of loneliness and discouragement, we felt that your prayers were ever with us. The practical demonstration of your thought and love brought you very near to us, and did much to brighten our Christmas season, the time when we think so much about the greatest gift of all to us—God's dear Son. I have mentioned your gifts first; but more than all the personal gifts we received, we thank you for the part you had in sending to us our Bro. and Sister Waterman. Words fail to express how much their coming has meant to us. After two years of complete isolation, their coming has been like a little taste of heaven.

Our little daughter, Helen Margot, arrived on December 19, two days before the arrival of Bro.

and Sister Waterman, so we were doubly glad to welcome them, for Sister Waterman was able to take over immediately the care of the house and the children. Dr. Hsueh was much afraid that the excitement of their coming would upset me, but I think the very joy of their coming must have worked a miracle, for it had no ill-effect on me at all. I leave the meeting to your imagination, but will add that there were many tears of joy shed on both sides. Then came the opening up of the parcels, and the lovely surprises and tokens of love and the joy they gave. We do thank you all very much.

Most of you know Sister Waterman, but perhaps not intimately enough to know what a large heart she has. She has been more than a sister to me during the struggle I have had to regain my health and strength, and we do thank God for her coming. Bro. Waterman, too, with the two girls, has been an inspiration and help to us both. The children are so glad to have playmates. There was not anyone among the whole of the missionary candidates whom we would sooner have had with us. Our prayer is that God will long spare us all to share in his work here, and in each other's fellowship. We know this prayer is yours too.

Last week Bro. Waterman went with my husband to visit our tribes work. It was a joy to have someone to go with Mr. Anderson this time, and for me to have companionship during his absence.

You may remember that the tribes work is quite a new work; but under the blessing of God we are sure it will grow. Even now it shows much promise. Already nine of these people have been called to the church, and evangelist Loh reports that there are others ready for baptism. These people are simple folk, who live among the hills. They live mostly on what they can produce from the rather bare hills. Often they eat only raw oatmeal mixed with water. It is wonderful to relate that we are the first to take the Word of life to these people.

Most of you will remember Pearl, and that she stayed in Hong-kong for further study. She returned home with Bro. and Sister Waterman, and is now helping Dr. Hsueh in hospital work, hoping, in time, to be a help to her own people. Her opportunities are great, as, apart from our own medical work, the people have no help in time of sickness.

I would also like you to know how very much we appreciated Dr. Hsueh's help at the time of baby's birth. He is so efficient and sympathetic. Miss Loh, our Chinese nurse, was very helpful, and she cared for me so well, and looked after

baby for the first ten or eleven days. We do thank God for these consecrated Chinese co-workers, and ask you to pray for them that they may be abundantly filled with the Spirit, and may continue here for many years. We feel you should know, and would like to know how much we appreciate our Chinese co-workers.

At present our women's work is in the hands of Mrs. Liu, our capable Bible-woman. We hope the time is not far distant when Sister Waterman and I will be able to take our part.

Pray for us all, and join with us in thanksgiving to him who has been our stay through two years of loneliness and isolation.

Now I must close. Thanking you once more, dear sisters, for all your prayers and love gifts, and may God abundantly bless you all in your service for him. Yours in loving service.—Eva Anderson.

JOTTINGS.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift of £2/3/8 from the "Life Gift Fellowship" of Marrickville church, N.S.W., for Pentecost Launch Fund.

We extend our sympathy with our New Zealand brethren in their financial difficulties, for recently they have been subject to the same exchange charges as Australia. For nearly two years they were free of this expense. Like ourselves they find the work is succeeding. Their missionaries reported 286 baptisms in 1932. Their native teachers have volunteered to accept a 20 per cent. reduction on their pay.

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W.A. Women's Conference.

The twenty-eighth annual conference was held in Lake-st. chapel, Perth. Opening devotional service was led by Mrs. J. W. B. Robinson, who took as her theme, "The Love of God." Obituary report was presented by Mrs. R. P. Jefferies. Business sessions were presided over by Mrs. A. Lucraft (President). Twenty churches were represented by 60 delegates.

Mrs. J. K. Robinson (superintendent) presented hospital committee's report. 217 visits had been made to Perth Hospital, and 87 visits to Perth Children's Hospital. Regular visitation had been made to hospitals at Bunbury, Northam and Kalgoorlie, 168 visits being recorded. Harvey sisters were presenting some lockers to the new hospital in that district. The total visits reported averaged eleven per week.

Woorloo Sanitorium (Mrs. Whitham supt.) report was presented by Mrs. C. H. Hunt. Visits had been made each month to the institution, which is 39 miles out of Perth, and involves an all-day effort. This work has been maintained for the past 14 or 15 years. A letter of appreciation was sent to Bro. J. Butcher, who has been a regular visitor for past eight years, and is now over seventy years old.

A splendid report was read regarding sisters' work at Kalgoorlie.

Election of Officers and Committees.

President, Mrs. A. G. Saunders; vice-presidents, Mrs. Wilkie Thomson, Mrs. J. K. Robinson, Mrs. F. E. Buckingham, Mrs. C. H. Hunt, Mrs. C. A. G. Payne; secretary, Mrs. A. C. Elliott; assistant secretary, Mrs. Eaton; treasurer, Mrs. W. Beck; organist, Mrs. D. M. Wilson; obituary, Mrs. R. P. Jefferies; Home Mission supt., Mrs. W. Smith; Home Mission assistant supt., Mrs. L. C. Peacock; Foreign Mission supt., Mrs. Riches; prayer convenor, Mrs. T. Robinson; hospital supt., Mrs. J. K. Robinson; Woorloo supt., Mrs. Whitham; Dorcas supt., Mrs. O. Fieldus; Young Women's Club supt., Mrs. T. Smillie; young women's assistant supt., Mrs. W. Thomson; isolated correspondent, Mrs. Meredith.

Home Missionary Committee.—Sisters Gemmell, Althorpe, Davies, Pearce, Buckingham, Molgaard, Smith, Rodgers, McKinley, Martin, Priestman, Sherlock, Rhodes, Fryer, Lee, Peacock, Ewers and Fox.

Foreign Missionary Committee.—Sisters Polkinghorne, Dean, Lee, Hutson, Lockyer, Cooper, Peters, Eaton, Yeomans, King, Matthews, Watson, Pearce, Fishwick, Sharman, J. W. B. Robinson, E. R. Berry.

Prayer Committee.—Sisters Hunt, Elliott, Lucraft, Jeffery, Payne, Fishwick, Nelson, Davy, Wilson, Saunders, H. Berry, Thomas, Clark, Alps, Swaine, Deardon, Silvester, Port, Martin.

Dorcas.—Sisters March, Moyle, Ewers, Lee, Watson, Pallot, Bradshaw, Chandler, Ewers, Dean, Lockyer, Fryer, Peters, Meredith, Preston, Eaton, Pearce, Gemmell, Loucy.

Hospital.—Sisters Davey, Althorpe, Oates, Matthews, Jeffery, Lang, Cugley, Stewart, York, Naylor, Horne, Varney, Hinde, Smith, Scott.

Isolated.—Sisters Seaby, Whitham, Organ, Cosh, Lockyer, Leggo.

Young Women's Committee.—Sisters Piper, Thomson, H. Bailey.

Woorloo Committee.—Mrs. Whitham, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. J. Butcher, Miss Roediger.

Afternoon devotional service was led by Mrs. J. S. Riches, who read a beautiful paper on "The Joy of Our Lord." Miss D. Nelson rendered a solo.

Welcome greetings were extended by Mrs. J. K. Robinson to sisters from country churches. Responses were made by Mrs. Thomson (Bunbury), Mrs. Hutson (Harvey), and Mrs. Molgaard (Bunbury). The Baptist Women's Mission Union conveyed personal greetings through their president (Mrs. McCallum) and secretary (Mrs. Ballock). The W.C.T.U. was represented by

Mrs. Kelly, who paid a great tribute to our own Sister Mrs. W. H. Nightingale, who is State President of the W.C.T.U. Greetings were read from the Sisters' Conferences in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania, F. T. Saunders (College of the Bible), Sister Wakefield (New South Wales), Sister H. Banks (Victoria), Sister Hihburt (New Zealand), D. R. Stirling (Queensland) and others from within the State.

The Executive report, read by the secretary, Mrs. A. C. Elliott, gave a record of loyal service on the part of many organisations and individuals.

It was resolved, "That a further clause be added to the constitution of the conference as follows: 'Nominations: The Executive shall appoint a Nominations Committee, at least six weeks before conference, which will submit names of sisters willing to take office, and to act on various committees.'"

It was also resolved, "That Clause 5, 'Conduct of Business and Voting,' be amended by additional words to provide that Executive officers and superintendents of committees be entitled to vote as well as representatives of churches."

The treasurer (Mrs. T. Beck) presented a satisfactory financial statement. £212/15/6 had been raised for various phases of the work. The State Conference Executive had asked for £30 towards State budget, and £43/18/6 had been given. It was enthusiastically resolved that "Conference accepts the aim of £50 for the Conference Fund this year."

Mrs. F. D. Pollard very sweetly rendered a message of song.

Home Mission report (Mrs. W. Smith, supt.) gave encouraging information regarding the work.

Foreign Mission report (Mrs. J. W. B. Robinson, supt.) paid tribute to the love and esteem held for Bro. and Sister Waterman, who had returned to China during the year from W.A. Missionaries returning to and from the Indian field who had been encouraged on their way included Misses Blake and Vawser and Dr. and Mrs. Oldfield. The day before conference Florence Cameron had been entertained at Fremantle on her way home. The Indian Christmas box went forward as usual, but only articles desired were sent. £17/14/- was provided for freight on same. Many letters had been sent to missionaries and much other help given to F.M. service. Mrs. Lushy sang a solo.

The prayer committee report was read by Mrs. C. H. Hunt, on behalf of our aged Sister Robinson (superintendent), who was again elected to her office as superintendent of this committee after 22 years of service. As a token of love a beautiful bouquet and a bottle of perfume were handed to Sister Robinson, who suitably responded.

Mrs. O. Fieldus (supt.) presented the Dorcas report, which gave a wonderful resume of a vast amount of consecrated service.

Mrs. Meredith (supt. of Isolated Correspondence) reported that 140 letters had been sent out, and many acknowledgments showed that the

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News of the Churches.

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special fortnight's mission commenced well on May 3, when Bro. Noble spoke on "Christ and Home-life." The fellowship of visitors from sister churches is highly appreciated.

Charters Towers.—The church was favored by a visit from Bro. F. T. Saunders, who arrived on April 22, and was welcomed by church members and Bible School scholars at a social tea, proceeds of which were handed to him for the College of the Bible. At night Bro. Saunders addressed the church. Bible School scholars rendered two items, and a solo was sung by Sister Doris Riley. At the morning meeting on the Lord's day Bro. Saunders exhorted, in the afternoon addressed the Bible School, and at night led the gospel meeting, taking for his address, "What think ye of Christ?" A solo was rendered by Sister Madge Marsh. Attendance at all meetings was good.

Maryborough.—On April 24 the inspiring addresses of Bro. D. J. Stirling, evangelist of Bundaberg church, who spoke at both services, were enjoyed by all. Bro. F. T. Saunders, secretary College of the Bible, delivered addresses at meetings on April 27 and 28. The work is being carried on by local brethren, and the services of visiting brethren are appreciated. Bro. Price's midweek addresses on the "Seven Letters to the Seven Churches in Asia" are interesting and instructive. Meetings are being well maintained. Young people's society held a successful motorboat picnic to Beaver Rock on April 8. The Bible School picnic was held in Bro. Price's grounds on May 1, about 170 being present. Church officers are planning for a week's mission shortly.

Victoria.

North Melbourne.—On the evening of May 7, after an impressive address by Bro. T. Turner, two young women and a young man confessed Christ. Sister Cavanagh is very ill.

Hampton.—On the morning of May 7 Bro. R. T. Pittman spoke on the Atonement. Bible School offering, £3/2/-. An appreciated hymn-service was conducted at night by Bro. K. Jones.

Collingwood.—H. Cook was morning speaker on April 30, and Bro. Fitzgerald conducted gospel meeting. Bro. Fitzgerald gave inspiring addresses on morning and evening of May 7.

Newmarket.—On May 2 the P.B.P. club held a successful social evening. On morning of May 7 Bro. T. J. Warne spoke, and afterwards joined the officers at their monthly luncheon. Bro. Black spoke in the evening to an appreciative congregation.

Moreland.—On May 7 Bro. L. J. Smith gave a helpful exhortation in the morning. Two young people were received into fellowship. After Bro. R. L. Arnold's gospel address two ladies confessed Christ. Offering for Bible School Department exceeded £5.

Middle Park.—Great interest is being maintained at all services with excellent attendances. Bro. Westwood is delivering fine addresses. The Dorcas sisters have raised £6/4/1 for baptismal garments. The church regrets the removal of Bro. W. Huggan to Timboon.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—On May 7 Bro. Holland commenced his ministry. Attendances were fair. In the morning Bro. Holland was welcomed, and addressed the church. In the evening he preached on "The Permanence of the Cross." Bro. R. Shephard rendered a solo.

Doncaster.—Since Bro. Hargreaves' departure the following have helped:—Bren. W. Clay, Ingham, W. Gale, R. Sparks, G. T. Walden and Sandells. A meeting was also held with Mrs. C. Gill presiding and Miss Ellis, President, Women's Conference, as speaker. Good congregations listened to the various speakers. The manse is being remodelled, and is nearing completion. All are looking forward to Bro. Connor's taking up the work. Young people's club has started for the present session.

Geelong.—On account of Bro. Clipstone being away last Lord's day, meetings were addressed by Bro. Thomas, who spoke on "Going the Second Mile," and by Bro. Blackney, of Prohibition League. The tennis club held a social on Saturday evening. A men's club has been formed.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On May 3, 64 members went to the mission at Box Hill being conducted by the preacher Bro. Youens. On May 7 Bro. Youens gave a fine message to a well-attended morning meeting. Evening service was also well attended. Bro. Dr. W. A. Kemp, from Box Hill, giving a fine message.

Horsham.—An enjoyable social was held on May 3 in the Temperance Hall. Bro. J. Butler in the morning and Bro. J. O. Methven in the evening delivered fine addresses on May 7. A baptismal service was held in the afternoon. The Adelpian football club made its first appearance last Saturday in a match with the C.Y.M.S.

Ivanhoe.—In the absence of Bro. Watson, Bro. Abercrombie is conducting the gospel services, local and visiting brethren assisting at other meetings. There was one addition by letter on April 30, when Bro. and Sister Sandells were present. Bro. Sandells addressed the church. The missionaries also spoke to the J.C.E. and Bible School.

Mitcham.—On May 3 the mission band held its first birthday service in the local Scout hall. Mrs. G. W. Mitchell presided, and other members of the committee took part. The year's work has been very satisfactory. Mrs. Sandells, from the New Hebrides, gave an interesting address on her work. Solos by Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Gray were enjoyed.

Ballaarat (Peel-st.).—Bro. J. C. Thomson has accepted the church's offer of a further term of service. Interest in the work is well maintained. All auxiliaries are co-operating for the mission with Dawson-st., and special Wednesday night prayer meetings in preparation have been well attended. The letter of Bro. W. Bower, from Geelong, has been received.

Fairfield.—Since last report five have confessed Christ, five have been baptised, and five have been received into fellowship, also Sister Hunt by letter from Collingwood. Gospel meetings are well attended, the building being crowded on April 30, when Bro. R. J. Sandells, of New Hebrides, gave the address. Bro. Dow is settling down to the work, and his visiting has been very effective.

Gardiner.—A happy church social, held on May 3 to mark the anniversary of the beginning of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson's service with the church, was largely attended. Appreciative talks were given. A book of "Gardiner Memories" was presented to A. R. Main. There were very good attendances on Sunday, when Bro. Patterson began his second year of labor and spoke at both services. An advance campaign has been planned. Bro. R. J. Coutts was welcomed back after a year's absence in England.

South Richmond.—Enjoyable meetings are reported during the past month. On April 23 Bro. Dow, of Fairfield, spoke at morning service. On April 30 Bro. Lewis spoke at gospel meeting. The church celebrated its 32nd anniversary on May 7. Bro. Baker, of Ormond, spoke on "What Makes a Great Church?" Bro. Dudley at gospel service spoke on "The Church that Jesus Built." Miss Nicholls, of Gardiner, rendered a fine solo, and the Griffiths orchestra assisted. All the services were greatly appreciated.

Preston.—A series of special prayer meetings in preparation for the forthcoming evangelistic festival was commenced last Sunday with a sunrise service at 7 a.m. These include simultaneous cottage prayer meetings at which members of the training class will assist. Mr. Lowson, of North Preston Baptist church, exchanged platforms with Bro. Fisher, and delivered the address at communion service. Two were welcomed into fellowship by letter. One confession at gospel service. On May 3 the mothers' club was visited by a representative of the Prohibition League, who gave an interesting lecture.

Brunswick.—Bible School anniversary services were concluded on May 2 with the scholars' demonstration, which was largely attended. Prizes were distributed on afternoon of May 7, and Bro. Mann exhorted on morning of May 7, and Bro. Pittman spoke at night on "Nicodemus." Iris Scott, a Bible School scholar, was baptised. Sister Swain was welcomed from the church at Maryborough.

Prakran.—On April 30 and May 7 Bro. Connor spoke at all services. His messages continue to be very interesting. Bro. W. Mack, recently baptised, was received into fellowship. C.E. society attend morning meetings in good force. A faithful band of sisters meet fortnightly, and render good service to the church. Sister Gabriel is in Alfred Hospital with injuries sustained in a street accident. Sister Ensor is ill.

Balwyn.—Sunday School anniversary services were well attended on May 7. B. J. Combridge gave a most interesting address in the morning. W. H. Clay, Conference President, gave a helpful talk on Miriam in the afternoon. Jas. E. Thomas preached at night, when a young lady confessed Christ. The Sunday School superintendent, J. E. Austin, led the scholars in splendid singing. The Sunday School orchestra rendered fine help.

Merbein.—May 7 was set apart as "Youth Day." In the morning Bro. J. E. Brooke spoke to a representative gathering. In the evening his subject, "The Strength of Youth," was listened to by an interested audience of 62. From Monday to Saturday last week fifteen young people were in camp at Cowana Bend. Morning and evening devotional services were held. A study was made of the First Epistle of Peter and Mary Slessor. On Friday afternoon about forty church members visited the camp and spent an enjoyable time.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—A boys' club has been formed under the leadership of five young men of the church, twenty-three being present the first night. Meetings on May 7 were well attended, and Bro. Ennis' messages were enjoyed. In the morning he conveyed loving remembrances from our aged Bro. Chick, who is 90 years of age, and has been unable to attend for some time. Mid-week prayer meeting has been resumed under the leadership of Bro. Raisbeck. The sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. McLeod, whose mother passed away during the week.

Ascot Vale.—Meetings continue fine, with all auxiliaries in a healthy condition. A Bible study and prayer circle class held weekly on Saturdays is particularly helpful. A study in the epistle to the Romans is being concluded. On Sunday morning, April 30, Bro. W. B. Payne, of Cumeragunja, exhorted to the great profit of all. Before his address he gave interesting details of his work among the aborigines. The church follows the work there with the keenest interest. Regular systematic visitation of the "shut ins" for the breaking of bread is increasingly appreciated.

Thornbury.—The twelfth anniversary services of the Bible School were celebrated on May 7. Bro. Killmier gave an excellent morning address on "Child Psychology." In the afternoon Bro. L. Brooker interested a large audience by his illustrated talk on "A Model Train." At night Bro. Alex. Wilson gave interesting messages both to children and adults. Two outstanding features of the gatherings were the large attendances and the splendid singing of the children. Several solos and duets were rendered by younger scholars. Bro. Barber rendered splendid service in training the young folk.

Bentleigh.—Bro. Geyer spoke on morning of April 23. Bro. Cameron preached in the evening, Boy Scout and Cub Troops being present in large numbers. Members of Bentleigh Returned Soldiers' League also attended. Soloists were Messrs. Morcroft and Gilbert. Bro. Delaney was speaker on morning of April 30. Bro. Geyer gave a fine address in the evening. Bro. Veal was morning speaker for May 7, and Bro. Rais-

musical speaker in the evening. Misses Hogan, from Parkdale, rendered a duet. Good attendances at Lord's table are reported, and all departments are working well.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Enjoyable meeting last Sunday morning, and Bro. A. L. Gibson's address was most helpful. Bro. Dawson gave first of series of sermons at evening service—"The Gospel in Literature," "A Story of Conversion," based upon Mr. John Massfield's poem, "The Everlasting Mercy." The address was interesting and appreciated.

Ballarat (York-st.).—The Sunday School anniversary was celebrated on April 30. Bro. Gale spoke to the church in the morning. The children sang special hymns at afternoon and evening services. Bro. Gale delighted all with his messages. The building was packed beyond capacity at both meetings. Prizes were distributed on May 2, when there was another fine gathering. An additional class has been formed to meet increasing attendance. The school was saddened on May 7 by the death of a ten-year-old scholar through accident. The sympathy of church and school is extended to the parents.

East Kew.—Splendid meetings on May 7, when tenth anniversary services were conducted. Bro. T. H. Scambler preached a great message at the morning service. The church was delighted to have Bro. C. Dawson presiding, and other past members assisting on the platform. At night Bro. Gale preached to a big congregation, and Bro. A. Haskell helped with two solos. The church regrets losing the fellowship of Bro. and Sister Still, who are returning to Glenferrie. Last Thursday three new active members were enrolled in the Y.P.C.E. society, and Bro. R. J. Sandells spoke on "The Love of God," and Mrs. Sandells sang a solo.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Average attendances for April, communion 144, gospel services 170. Eight received into fellowship during month, two by immersion and six by transfer. Inspiring services the past two Sundays, with particularly good attendances. After Bro. Graham's evening address on April 30 the father of scholars in the Bible School made the good confession. May 7 was observed as "Youth Day." The morning service was conducted entirely by the young men. A very helpful address was given by Bro. W. Gale. At night two men were immersed. Sister Mrs. Dainty and Bro. Jim Murray have recovered from their illness. Bren. P. Conning and L. W. Holmes, sen., are laid aside.

Footscray.—On April 30 Bro. D. D. Stewart was the speaker at both services, whilst Bro. H. Pietsch delivered the message at Tottenham. The branch Bible School at Yarraville is progressing favorably under leadership of Bro. H. Easton. Special services were held on May 7, it being the 55th anniversary of the church. A "gratitude gift" was received at the morning service, when there was also a roll-call of members. 191 broke bread for the day. The mayor, councillors and wives were amongst those present at a Sunday afternoon service. Bro. A. W. Ladbroke, of South Yarra, delivering an excellent message. Special music was rendered by the choir and a quartette party at both afternoon and evening services. Bro. D. D. Stewart's gospel message was on "The Church of the New Testament." At Tottenham Bro. H. Pietsch spoke on "The Role of Righteousness."

New South Wales News-letter.
Ethelbert Davis.

The church at Marrickville celebrated its fortieth anniversary on April 9 and 11. Altogether there were four special services: Sunday morning, when C. C. S. Rush was the preacher; Sunday afternoon, with P. E. Thomas as preacher; Sunday evening, when J. Clydesdale preached; and Tuesday evening, which took the form of a reunion of past and present members. The church first met in the house of Bro. and Sister James Hunter, View-st., Marrickville. The first

building was opened for worship on January 21, 1894. Additions were made to the building in 1898. The present meeting house was opened for worship in January, 1912. Nineteen years after the building was erected it was cleared of debt. Perusing the records of the church, it is interesting to find in the list of thirteen preachers who have labored with the church some stalwarts whose names are familiar in the early history of our work in Australia—W. T. Clapham, R. C. Gilmour, Jesse Colbourne, W. J. Williams and Chas. Watt. Dr. A. C. Crisp is the present preacher, and has been with the church over twelve years.

Social Service.

Incidental reference has been made in the "Christian" to changes made in connection with our boys' home at Dundas. Matron Mackenzie, who came to the home when it was first started, resigned at the beginning of the present year. She rendered splendid service in the initial stages of the home, and throughout the whole of her term as matron gained the love of the boys. It was resolved to place a superintendent and matron in charge, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wardrop were selected for that purpose. They are proving most capable, keeping the whole management on a very high level. Since its inception the home has been run most economically. May be the fact that both past and present matrons are Scotch has something to do with it.

Writing of social service reminds us again of the loss we have sustained in the removal of C. R. Burdeu to Queensland. Recently Bro. Burdeu was promoted to the position of Chief Security Officer, a position created under the new Pensions Act. Ever since his arrival in Sydney he has been secretary to the Social Service Committee. He has been indefatigable in his labors, and has rendered a great service to our N.S.W. churches.

Long Service.

From the "Sydney Morning Herald" of April 29 we learn that Reg. P. Arnott, B.A., has commenced his seventeenth year as preacher of the church at Petersham. No preacher among our churches in this State has had a longer period of service with the one congregation. After leaving college Bro. Arnott spent a short time at Canley Vale, and then came to his present field. Outside his own congregation he is known as an ardent supporter of all moral and social reforms. The State Lottery and the drink traffic have no more outspoken opponent than R. P. Arnott.

Missions.

The church at Burwood is in the midst of a mission with I. A. Paternoster as missionary. There have been good meetings to date.

A mission has been planned for Granville in a couple of months' time with Thos. Hagger as missionary. It is hoped to arrange several missions in the Parramatta district under the oversight of the Granville circuit.

Two tent missions are being arranged to commence, if possible, in July. E. C. Hinrichsen has been invited to conduct these. The first will be held at South Kensington, where D. Wakeley is doing a fine work; and the second at Hamilton, in the Newcastle district, where W. L. Ewers is leading the church in a great work.

For some years now the Home Missionary Committee has not possessed a tent. At the present time an effort is being made to devise some means to procure one without drawing upon the ordinary funds. Once the tent has been procured, the next move must be for a mission team. Until such time as the team is available it is proposed to use the tent in volunteer missions. There has not been for many years such a crying need for aggressive evangelism; and with a knowledge of the conditions in the State we are prepared to say that not for a quarter of a century has there been such wonderful opportunity as at the present time.

New South Wales.

Concord West.—The work continues to be small numerically, but opportunities of influencing individuals have been availed of. Two additions by residence. Bible School still increasing. Open-air work continues.

Enmore.—Mrs. Savill, of Lismore, was a visitor last Sunday morning. At night Bro. Larcombe, of North Sydney, was the preacher. Death has claimed Sisters Mrs. Gillam and Robson, and the church extends sympathy to the relatives.

Sydney (City Temple).—On April 23 Bro. A. E. Illingworth was a welcome visitor. Nine were received into fellowship that morning. There were splendid meetings on May 7, two being received into membership, and at the gospel service there were two confessions following the preacher's message on "Overcoming by the Blood of the Lamb."

Petersham.—Last Lord's day R. P. Arnott, B.A., began the eighteenth year of his ministry with the church. In the evening the subject was "Everyone shall Give an Account of Himself to God." Large attendance, and two decisions. Bible School and Young Worshipers' League well attended. The preacher's seventeenth birthday social evening was a very happy gathering.

South Kensington.—A remarkable tribute of love was paid to Bro. and Sister C. R. Burdeu on the eve of their departure to Brisbane on May 2, when the chapel was filled by members and friends to say good-bye. Speakers from each auxiliary told of the work that they had accomplished not only in the local church but for the brotherhood as a whole in N.S.W. and Victoria. A suitably inscribed concordance was presented to Bro. Burdeu, a rose bowl to Sister Burdeu and hymn-books to Ray and Beryl. The commencement of the third year's ministry of Bro. Wakeley was ushered in with splendid meetings morning and evening last Lord's day. The gospel service was particularly noteworthy for the fine address by the preacher and the number of strangers present. There were two decisions for Christ. All departments are in very good condition.

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Queensland Women's Auxiliary Conference.

The conference held in Ann-st. chapel, Brisbane, on April 13 was the largest yet held, sisters from all parts of the State being present. Conference opened at 10.30 a.m., Mrs. Tease leading devotional exercises.

The President (Mrs. W. A. C. Wendorf) presided over the business session and welcomed sisters. Twenty-six churches responded to the roll-call. An essay on "Love" by Mrs. E. C. Hinrichsen was much appreciated. The President gave a hearty welcome to all preachers' wives, especially those recently coming to the State. Mrs. L. Larsen, President of West Moreton Sisters' Conference, responded. Mrs. Feurriegal sweetly rendered a solo.

Superintendents' reports were presented as follows:

Prayer Meeting (Mrs. Smith, supt.).—Four meetings were held during the year—Temperance meeting at Hawthorne, with collection for Temperance work; Albion, Foreign Missions, collection for Foreign Missions; Wynnum, Home Missions; "Sunsetholme," with offering given to matron to provide Christmas cheer for the aged folk.

Home Missions (Mrs. Lovelady, supt.).—One-penny-per-week mite boxes, £3/3/10, together with personal donations, sisters' offerings and Conference meals, amounted to £16/3/9.

Foreign Missions (Miss Callanan, supt.).—Two hundred and ten letters were written to Home and Foreign Mission fields. Shilling appeal, £6/5/3; Waterman fund, 10/-; Orphan fund, £9/6/11; Clothing fund, £16/1/4; Total, £34/9/-, Dr. Oldfield's address at Albion was greatly appreciated.

Hospital Visitation (Mrs. Saunderson, supt.).—1,026 visits were paid to hospitals and homes by the superintendent and committee. Fruit, cakes, flowers and tracts were given to the inmates.

Temperance.—Mrs. Brown, supt., occupies a position on the State W.C.T.U. Executive, and has paid over 200 visits to the hospitals during the year.

Cradle Roll (Mrs. E. C. Hinrichsen, supt.).—Birthday and Christmas cards were sent to all isolated children. Mrs. Hinrichsen is now residing in Toowoomba, but attends meetings as often as possible.

Obituary (Mrs. Davidson).—Seventeen letters of sympathy were written to the bereaved. Replies were received thanking the sisters for loving expressions of condolence.

Isolated (Mrs. Downs, supt.).—As far as possible all isolated members are kept in touch with.

Mr. V. Morris rendered a solo. Mr. L. Larsen gave a very fine address on "The Upper House." A pianoforte solo was given by Miss E. Ash, and an elocutionary item by Mrs. Dack. A free luncheon for delegates and visitors was provided by the city and suburban churches.

Afternoon devotional session was led by Miss M. Cedergreen, of Bundaberg. Greetings were received from Sisters' Executives in Tasmania, Victoria, N.S. Wales, South Australia and Western

Australia; also from Federal F.M. Board and College of the Bible. A duet was rendered by Mesdames Keeble and Hinrichsen, and a solo by Miss Hackett. The President's address, entitled "Give us Visions," was an inspiration. After this Miss E. Coward rendered a solo. An address was also given by Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen entitled "My Prayer." He thanked the sisters for help given him in the past, and praised their excellent mission work.

Officers appointed for the following year were as follows:—President, Mrs. W. A. C. Wendorf; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. E. Banner; secretary, Mrs. H. Partridge; assistant secretary, Mrs. L. Harlen; treasurer, Mrs. J. Coward. Superintendents of departments: Prayer meetings, Mrs. Willis; Home Mission, Mrs. Martin; Foreign Missions, Mrs. V. Roberts; Temperance, Mrs. D. Brown; Hospital visitation, Mrs. L. Saunderson; Isolated, Mrs. B. Downs; Cradle roll, Mrs. E. C. Hinrichsen; Obituary, Mrs. L. Hobart; Foreign Mission representatives, Sisters H. Hermann, E. Banner and L. Saunderson. Beautiful bouquets were presented to the president, secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer at their re-election.

The secretary's report reviewed the work of the year and showed progress made. Our worthy president has given freely of her time and talents in the service of the Lord. During her term of office for the last ten years a total of £865/10/9 has been contributed by the sisters as follows: Home Mission, £608/3/7; Foreign Mission, £213/10/8; Temperance and "Sunsetholme," £27/16/6; Women's Hostel, £16. Toowoomba sisters gave a shilling afternoon in aid of Warwick mission fund, which resulted in £4/2/6 being raised. The Women's Conference effort for jubilee year resulted in £113/11/9 being raised for Home and Foreign Mission work. Special Warwick mission fund stands at £220/18/1. The treasurer submitted her statement showing receipts £72/8/7, and expenditure £71/8/4, leaving balance in hand of £1/0/3.

Orphan appeal made by Mrs. Feurriegal realised £11/3/-. In well-chosen words Mrs. Smith welcomed the new officers, bringing a most successful conference to a close, everything being done in harmony and order.—G. A. Partridge, Hon. Sec.

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W.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.
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work was greatly appreciated. A solo was rendered by Miss Gosling.

The work of the Young Women's Clubs was dealt with in a report presented by the superintendent (Mrs. T. Smillie). This was one of the most encouraging reports presented.

The evening meeting was well up to standard. Mrs. A. Lucraft gave her presidential message, which was one of encouragement and thankfulness. The President of the General Conference (A. G. Saunders) gave a special word of appreciation and congratulation to the sisters for raising £43 for the Conference Fund, although only £30 had been allotted.

Mr. T. D. Maiden (Bunbury), speaker of the evening, used the words, "Such as I have I give—in the name of Jesus of Nazareth" as his theme, and gave an inspiring and appropriate message.

The Sisters' Auxiliary organised a fete at the Subiaco Oval on Easter Monday, and met with considerable success. Their objective is assistance to brotherhood work generally, including the College of the Bible.

Resolutions.

That we urge upon members the need for strict and reverent observance of the Lord's day, and to be strictly due to the Bible as the word of God and the basis of our faith and eternal hope.

That we again place on record our condemnation of the liquor traffic and cocktail drinking and smoking among the young people, and urge all Christian women to unite in a sustained effort to fight these evils.

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