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The Reformation and Its Heroes.

THE necessity for a reformation will readily be granted by any unbiassed reader of church history from the tenth to fifteenth centuries. Some of the departures from the New Testament ideal which rendered a reform movement necessary, were previously dealt with. Outstanding evils were: The tyranny of an ecclesiastical hierarchy; priestcraft and sacramentarianism of the worst type; the thought of justification by works rather than by faith; Rome's doctrine of penance and indulgences, and the abominable sale of "pardon tickets" which encouraged evil living; and, lastly, the corrupt lives of monks, priests, higher clergy and popes themselves. What Lord Balfour of Burleigh wrote of Scotland could be applied also to other lands: "Zeal for pure doctrine alone could not have overthrown the Roman Church in Scotland. It fell because its corruption was incurable, and it had ceased to command respect from the laity."

Early efforts at reform.

Earlier than what we call "the Reformation" there had been attempts at reform. Good men who never broke with the dominant church strove earnestly for improvement in morals and in doctrine. In the fourteenth century the papal schism disgusted very many who had no quarrel with the church's doctrinal position. The spectacle of two old men (one at Avignon, the other at Rome), each claiming to be vicegerent of Jesus Christ, wrangling and quarrelling, hurling anathemas at one another and each claiming authority to rule the church and to dictate the policy of Europe, not unnaturally disgusted thinking people. John Wycliffe in England was one who was sickened by the spectacle. Wycliffe opposed some of the doctrines of Rome; he likened the two rival popes to "dogs quarrelling for a bone," and he arrived at the conclusion that in such circumstances the better course was to take away the bone! Though we call Wycliffe "the morning star of the Reformation," it has to be remembered that he died a century and a third before Luther posted his theses.

Three "reforming councils," as they are called, were held in the fifteenth century to settle the matter of the schism and the

question of doctrine in opposition to the teaching of Wycliffe and Huss, and to consider "the reformation of the church alike in its head and its members." The first two of these councils did settle the schism, by dismissing the rival points and appointing a new one. The second one caused John Huss to be burnt, and pronounced Wycliffe a notorious heretic. Since his death thirty years before spoilt the vengeance which the members would have liked, they contented themselves with ordering his books to be burnt and his remains removed from consecrated ground. As for reformation of the church, very little was done. That reformation was to be "in its head" as well as its members, and the papal heads did not wish to be reformed! As a fact, they struggled for supremacy over the council, and it was the ascendancy which popes obtained and their refusal to practise any reasonable measure of reformation which led to the great events of the sixteenth century.

"Reformers before the Reformation."

Every reader of church history knows that there were many "reformers before the Reformation." We think of the mystics, who, whatever their faults, sought

for a true heart religion. Men like Nicholas of Basle, John Tauler, John of Ruysbroeck, helped much in keeping piety and heart religion alive. The Friends of God and Brethren of the Common Life played a worthy part. Nicholas de Lyra sought to establish saner principles of interpretation. Savonarola was a reformer of morals. The three Oxford reformers of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries did a wonderful work. John Cole's expositions of Scripture and the school that he established helped greatly. Thomas More desired reform also, though he lived and died a Roman Catholic. Erasmus, the third of the trio, in his satirical writings showed the folly of the Church of Rome. By his edition of the Greek New Testament he rendered magnificent service to the Reformation. Though our constant regret is that Erasmus (who was not of the stuff of which martyrs are made) did not come straight out on the side of the Reformation, still the indebtedness of the movement to him is very apparent.

Some of the heroes.

When we speak of "the heroes" of the Reformation our thoughts naturally go out to great men in the sixteenth century who were in the forefront of the struggle for freedom. In Germany we find Luther and Melancthon; in Switzerland, Zwingli; in Geneva, Farel and Calvin; in Scotland, Knox and Melville; in England, Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer. Possibly the thought of the ordinary reader does not advance beyond this short list, which for some may even be too long. It must be remembered that there were great hosts of men and women who in the most heroic fashion stood for truth in the face of the bitterest persecution. We think of that young wool-carder of Meaux, Jean de Cjerc, publicly scourged on three successive days and branded on the forehead; and of his mother who, when the hissing iron was lifted from her son's brow, was heard to cry, "Long live Jesus Christ and his tokens." We think of Anne de Bourc, one whose crime it was to warn the King of France that it was no small thing to condemn to death those who, in the midst of the flames, called on the Saviour's name; and of the way in which he went gladly to

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The Task and the Way Forward.

A Conference Address by A. W. Connor.

We call it our home mission task. Would that I could help you here, and all our members to see how splendid a task it is, how urgent it is, and how basic it is in the furtherance of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. And how we let up on it at our peril.

What is the task?

Jesus was first, in point of time, an evangelist. When John had fallen a victim to Herod, our Master took up the torch as it was forced from his hands, and went out into Galilee with a message that like a tocsin has rung down the ages, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." After his cross and resurrection he constituted his apostles evangelists: "Go . . . make disciples . . . preach." We hear it in Jerusalem; we hear it on a mountain in Galilee; we hear it on Olivet as his last message. That which so engaged our Lord's thoughts to the very end must be the supreme task of the church. Evangelism! As far flung as the haunts of men. Evangelism! Deep, definite and blessed. A message entrusted to us, a task imposed, and heaven confides that each man shall do his duty. This is one of the rich things we have inherited, a great confidence in the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, and a deep fervent spirit of evangelism.

The New Testament is the evidence of how the early disciples of Jesus, under the impulse of love for Christ, went out to adventuresome achievement. With an unquenchable confidence in their message, and in full reliance on him who had bade them go; they moved out in passionate militancy to make disciples to Jesus. That task stated so simply—to make disciples to Jesus, and all that is implied in it, and to teach those the "all things" of Christ, is still the task of the church.

The passing of the centuries and the loss of something of that gospel's pristine beauty, the condition of a semi-disciplined world, and a divided church, adds some new features to our work and new notes to our message, but nothing that is not comprised under the order, "Preach the gospel." That covers all.

Jesus not only contemplated individual evangelism, but corporate evangelism as well. This is not the work of some committee merely to which we may or may not give support. The churches here associated, because the work is basic and related to all our other activities, have no option. The compulsion of responsibility rests upon us. Failure here will mean failure at the base of our work. We must go forward.

The way forward.

When the great work of rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem filled the heart and fired the imagination of the ancient people of God, leaders and groups were appointed to

varied tasks. Several, however, are grouped under a suggestive heading as "setters forward of the work in the house of God." A unity of two dimensions fused them into one. They were one in sentiment and one in effort. There was a happy union of goodwill and good work. This spirit is required in any undertaking of moment and magnitude such as we are now considering.

Goodwill and good effort.

Goodwill and good work combined are the great need of the hour. The joyous energy of co-operation reacts and stimulates. If I can get this great audience in this spirit of goodwill, and through you produce the same in the hearts of the majority of our 13,100 members, our home mission work will hum with happy activity; we will enrich our enterprise with a growing circle of happy encouragers, "setters forward of the business in the house of God." Let me suggest some things to help us on the way forward.

We must seek to

Recapture the confidence of that first generation

in the adequacy of Christ to meet the needs of the age. We have reason for such a confidence. We are working with an instrument that has been tried and not found wanting. We must meet the blatant spirit of materialism with an aggressive confident preaching of Christ.

We need to regain and

Manifest the spirit of daring

which is the outstanding feature of the church in the book. "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John." We believers must quit cringing in the face of odds. We speak of the state of the world. Its indifference, its hostility, its chaotic state. But it is not so very unlike the world into which the church was launched. The New Testament being our witness, easy religion is the curse of the preacher and the people. "We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." There you have it. Vision! mission! passion! Give us these, and gifts of life, gifts of money, gifts of service will follow.

We need

A clear fearless proclamation

of the gospel. We need to be folks of great doctrinal convictions. Doctrines rooted in the word of God, and verified in the experience of the doctrines of the Saviourhood and Lordship of Jesus, of the atonement of his cross, of the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. The world still will listen to these though sometimes weary of the discussion of lesser things. Let us have a revival of "big preaching," set-

ting forth the eternal gospel in the language of to-day. What a glorious task!

We need

A new heart vision.

"Lift up your eyes and look," not first at the field, but to the face of the Lord who bids us go. "All power is given unto me; go!" A true understanding of that boundless power is an essential. "Other men labored." Let us enter into our inheritance and accept our obligation. The torch is placed in our hands, even as it was in theirs.

"Lord Christ, we take the torch from thee.
We must be true, we must be free
And clean of heart and strong of soul,
To bear the glory to the goal."

Thus shall we too be "forwarders of the business of the Lord."

Let me close with a simile used in the Scripture, that of the great harvest field. Let us support this work that fields may be prepared, that the seed may be sown, and that gathered sheaves shall be brought at last to the granary of God.

Let us go forward, though at times we will have to say:

"I know my hand may never reap its sowing,
And yet some other may,
And I may never even see it growing,
So short life's little day.
Still must I sow and though I go forth weeping
I cannot, dare not stay—
God grant the harvest though I may be sleeping
Under the shadows grey."

Let us go and make possible a great service. This will mean a great sacrifice. A sacrifice! Why? This is Good Friday night: he gave his all for us. Is that not enough.

Prayer Corner.

Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man.—Psalm 60: 11.

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Crown us with love, and so with peace;
Transfigure duty to delight;
Our lips inspire, our faith increase,
Brighten with hope our darkest night.
Bring us from earthly bondage free
To find our heaven in serving thee.

—H. W. Foote.

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Almighty God, the everlasting Lord, and Giver of every good and perfect gift—bestow upon us at this time those things that are thine, even joy and gladness, for thou art ever-blessed. Pity and pardon us that we are so little able to be like thee in these things; for upon us are the stains of sin and the dust of earth, the signs of strife and the marks of passion. Look upon us of thy love, that these things may be taken away, and that we who have been sick in soul, and oftentimes faint in faith, may through the gift of thine exceeding gladness rise to thy joy. Forgive our sins, and so take away the sting of death. Grant us thy love here as the earnest of the Spirit, that we, receiving of thine in this mortal state, may hope to receive of thine in the world which is to come. Amen.—George Dawson.

Thirty Years an Opium Smoker.

G. Percy Pittman.

I first met this man twenty-four years ago. He was then the trusted orderly of the Deputy Commissioner, well-dressed, healthy and strong. He could read and write Hindi well, and at one time was teacher in a primary school. He had a house of his own in the town, a pleasant wife and a bright young daughter. His father was the Deputy Commissioner's mahout or elephant driver.

Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Paul Singh were frequent visitors at his place, and as the family belonged to the tribe called Oraons, many thousands of whom have become Christians, they had high hopes of winning the women, and through them the men, for Christ.

Eventually the daughter did become a Christian, but afterwards married a Roman Catholic, and soon after her child was born she died of cholera, and a few days later the baby also died. Before this, her father had begun to smoke opium, and as a result, gradually fell into indolent habits, and finally into immorality, taking his wife's half-sister as a concubine. His wife, through her troubles, lost her reason, and drowned herself. His concubine died soon after of small-pox. Through his slackness and ill-repute, he lost his well-paid job and pension, and was reduced to writing petitions at the law-courts for a few coppers. When this fell off, he picked up an occasional job as a coolie at the railway station, but as his strength diminished he was reduced to begging, and his house and all that he had was taken from him for debt.

When I came across him a few months ago I hardly recognised him. He was in a filthy state, clothed in rags, with the puffed face and blood-shot eyes of the habitual opium-smoker. At night he was sleeping on the broken-down verandah of an outcaste's hut, begging food and opium during the day, and always going without his food rather than his drug.

When I spoke to him about his wasted life I found him in despair. In the old days, whenever we preached to him, he was always ready to argue against Christianity and in defence of Hinduism, but that spirit was quite gone. He had learned by sad experience that there was no power in the Hindu religion to save him from sin. Only the complex of a beggar and a slave remained. If ever there was a wretched prodigal among the swine, it was he.

When I urged him to give up the opium, he said it was impossible. The craving was irresistible, and if he attempted to leave it off he would be racked with pain in all his body, and would suffer from dysentery and other troubles, and as he had no one to cook for him, draw water, or nurse him in sickness, he would simply have to die. He was now too weak to work, even if he could get it, and nothing but begging was before him.

I called on the Indian Civil Surgeon, and asked him if he could recommend any remedy for the opium habit, but he said he knew of none, and warned me against encouraging this man to give it up suddenly, as he would be sure to be very ill, and might even die. He said the only hope was in a very gradual reduction of the daily amount of opium, and this could only be done under compulsion, as with prisoners in gaol.

After one or two more interviews with the man, I at last induced him to break away from his evil companions, and come to live in a room on my compound. One day he arrived, a pitiable object, with his dirty rags, a few old cooking vessels, and the inevitable opium-pot for brewing the drug. I began to talk to him very simply, as to a little child, about the love and sacrifice of Jesus, and his power, through the Holy Spirit, to conquer every evil habit. He listened very quietly, and seemed to be taking it in.

I let him continue brewing his opium, but we prayed for him, and I urged him to begin to pray for himself, and he began to repeat a few petitions after me. After ten days of Bible reading and prayer I asked him whether he would not now cast himself wholly on Christ, claiming deliverance in his Name, and praying for the Holy Spirit's power. I told him that if he grew ill I would attend to him and give him medicine, but urged him to exercise faith that all would be well.

Almost to my surprise, I must confess, he quietly agreed to do so. He had one dose of opium left, and said he would smoke that, and then get no more. We prayed together, and the next day the crucial time came. He had no opium, but said nothing, and the following night I could not sleep for thinking of what he must be suffering, but I was astonished the next day to have no complaints from him, and he seemed bright and cheerful. We gave him plenty of good food, and Mrs. Pittman prepared some strong coffee for him, but he seemed quite content, and not suffering at all. I had him with me for Bible study and prayer most of the time. Day after day went by, and he had no pain or sickness of any kind, and slept well. Prayer and faith had been answered, and the

evil habit of thirty years had been broken in a day.

As the time went by, I began to take him out with me preaching among the villages, and later on one of our Oraon Christians came to live on the compound, and they are now occupying the same room, and going out every day preaching, especially among the Oraons. This man has many distant relatives and tribal connections, and is well known everywhere. Wherever I go now I am greeted with questions about him. The people want to know what medicine I have given him to enable him to give up the opium after so many years, without suffering any discomfort. Many of them say I must have given him foreign whisky or brandy. He himself is telling everyone that the secret of his victory is the living Christ alone. Our leading evangelist, Prabhu Babu, said the other day, "It is a miracle." And so it is: a dead man has come to life.

I would like to enlist the prayers of the brethren in Australia on behalf of this man, who is only a babe in Christ, and will no doubt be tempted many times, especially when he goes preaching among the opium-smokers, of whom there are large numbers everywhere. I do not wish to put his name in print, but in the Hindi language it means the Strong Warrior. May it prove prophetic! He is one who might be called a key-man, and as he moves about he may prove a guide and an example to many. Through our united prayers, he who has begun a good work in him will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.

The Olivet Observatory.

"Come ye," "Tarry ye," "Go ye . . ." Soul reflections on the rhythmic law of discipleship and enduement in service.

W. Remfrey Hunt.

Altitude gives range. The angle of vision counts. These are valuable and determinative factors. And astronomers respect the law of following in the moving orbit of the star. We are more static in the spiritual world than is the scientist in investigation. The lesson is obvious. It is the place where religion has become derelict. It mistook landmarks for terminals and turned halting places into habitations. "Let us build here three tabernacles" gives to thoughtful students of religious science the *raison d'être* of its altars, creeds, ritual and its cathedral calendars. Nor is it easy to recover the detour. Since the sixteenth century the church has followed its holy vagabonds down the half-lit denominational streets, and in the dim light of cathedral cloisters has lost the vision. When the church learns to shift its gears it will find its way to the "upper room" and on "bended knee" and with an uplifted look it may come anew to the mountain point of vision.

The Genius of Selection.

The sacredness of personality shone out in Jesus' selection of his disciples. They were all different. Each was given a personal seminar in instruction. It is a needed lesson for our colleges to learn. The disciples found rest and joy and peace in his wooing words "learn of me." There is all the difference in the world between professorship in the classroom and possessorship of the student soul. One is cold art and the other is warm love. We can teach only as we reach. When the soul answers to our "come ye" the next step in soul winning is an assurance of arrival. Commercialised evangelism has no invitation because it has never known conversion. "And a stranger they will not follow." Its tone has no call. The identifying scar is not there.

Labourare est Orare.

Momus, an old Greek deity, complained because in making man Vulcan failed to build a fire grate in his breast so that the gods might determine the character of his worship. The pure in heart see God. The men of the "upper room" saw things. The atmosphere of prayer created a place of altered perspectives. Transient and permanent elements were defined. Shadow and substance were differentiated. Symbol and reality stood out in clear illumination. It grew out of the quiet garden of prayer. This inner calm is the centre of the centre. Our blessed Lord linked power to prayer. Our colleges and seminaries should note this. It is a lesson for two-fold application. It accents enduement and endowment. It means peace on the inside and power on the outside. Jesus knew they would need it. He was going away, for a while, on other business. They were to "occupy" till he came back again. Look at the word "occupy" in the original Greek "pragmatroonmai." It simply means "to do business." This was the prayer-linked and power-endowed great commission! So it is seen that "tarry ye" meant the appropriation of reservoirs of power. So to labor is to pray. Seems like tarrying is the reverse of going, but the blessed secret is the rhythm and the true balance under his touch. Hudson Taylor and James Ware, in Central China, were wonderful evidences of the residency of the promised presence of the Holy Spirit in their sacrificial service, and the presidency of the divine unction in their redeeming apostleship. We have knelt in the upper room with them,

" . . . those holy faces
Lit with their message; and aflame with God."

The Great Commission.

Now there is a third word. "Go ye—," It sounds the reveille! Its note is international

and interracial. It is "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3: 9, 10). It is two millenniums since the church received her marching orders. While she has done exploits, there are yet a thousand millions who are without God and without hope in the world. Standing in a city with a million of heathen souls the thought flashed over my mind that there were some seventeen hundred millions of people on the planet. I was one of them. What, then, is my personal responsibility to the 1,699,999,999 of these souls for whom Christ died? This makes missions imperative. With the sweeping whirlwinds of Godless communism bidding for the heart of disturbed and anxious Asia; and more, the flooding of the schools of China, and India, and Japan with atheistic and soul-gangrened literature from Russia, the outlook is far from reassuring. We must match the hour with generous missionary offerings that are in deed and in truth actual burning and living sacrifices. We can do nothing less, because this world is hungry for Jesus, and if they see us walking with him they will know where to find him.

"A Trinity of Evils."

Drink, gambling and racing were described as a "trinity of evils" in a report submitted to the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, by the Federal public questions committee. The report stated that the people of Australia and New Zealand had spent last year about £40,000,000 on drink. This was shameful for two professedly Christian nations. Governments seemed to be impotent to deal with the hydra-headed evil of gambling. Evidently it brought grist to the mill, and they shut their eyes to its ethical and economic tragedy. It was eating like a canker into the very vitals of national life. Referring to lotteries and sweepstakes, the report stated:—"Governments legalise these degrading methods, and then to save their faces from time to time raid a two-up school or fine an innocent celestial for playing fan-tan with his fellow-countrymen."

Figures were quoted to show that of the combined receipts of the Queensland Golden Casket and New South Wales State lottery—£9,450,000—only £2,719,000 had been used to aid charities. The report stated that it was time that the church supported the economists, who contended that the worst possible form of economy was to reduce wages. It was suggested that the various committees should request the Councils of Churches in each State to try to obtain an inter-denominational "industry Sunday." The report added: The suggestion has been put forward that an effort be made at no distant date to hold a great united public questions conference either in Sydney or in Melbourne, at which matters of broad national significance may be considered. Such a conference might be composed of, say, two representatives of each denomination from each of the States. It would attract nation-wide attention, and no doubt would produce far-reaching good results."

The following motion regarding war was also carried: "That this assembly expresses the conviction that war being contrary to the mind of Christ, it is the duty of all Christians to use every endeavor to promote peace by building up personal, social and international understanding and good will, and by establishing righteous and just dealing between nation and nation. In particular the assembly urges all people of good will to support in every way possible the League of Nations Union and other bodies working for peace."

Religious Notes and News.

M. GALE.

—Religion and the Home.

Stackenbruck.

believed that, but hadn't thought a great deal of applying it to myself. But now I am taking my courage in my hand and accepting the responsibility. And it takes courage and industry and energy, not mere knowledge.

"The man who said, 'Knowledge is power,' was wrong. Applied knowledge is very nearly power itself, but knowledge alone isn't much more effective than ignorance. Knowing that a friend is drifting over Niagara Falls isn't going to head him off; even knowing how to save him isn't going to do the work. There has to be an application of the knowledge, or it does nothing.

"I have a boy (this is getting right personal, but I can't help it; it has been constantly with me day and night lately) for whose career I am responsible. If he should fail, I should always feel as if by some omission or neglect I had caused the failure.

"I know all the duties of parents; I know all I should do to steer him properly by example and precept. I say I know all of them; at least, I think I do. And part of the time I have the courage and energy necessary to apply my knowledge. Some of the time—and I half-way realize it at the time—I just look idly on and watch the bad effect of my inertia, acting in general like a man paralysed, an unconcerned bystander, calculated on current interest rates would represent a total saving of £23,000. The Baptist Fund was established in days when the word "depression" was as much in men's mouths as it is to-day.

LAST WILL OF SADHU SUNDAR SINGH.

The executors under the will of Sadhu Sundar Singh have had a petition before the Court praying that his death may be presumed. This petition was granted by the Senior Sub-Judge, Simla. It has been known by many of his friends that the Sadhu consistently set aside all the income from royalties on his books for the Lord's work. He lived most simply, therefore the whole amount with his bungalow is available for objects which are of special interest to the Indian church. About Rs. 2,500 per annum will be available for the following objects:—

1. A scholarship for two years' special training to a young man desirous of doing evangelistic work in the Hill States, or in Tibet. On completion of two years, a salary for his support.

2. (a) A cash prize of Rs. 50 annually to be divided among boys, not exceeding 16 years, who are placed 1, 2 and 3 in an examination on general knowledge of parts of the New Testament; (b) A similar prize for girls; (c) A cash prize of Rs. 50 annually for mission workers who shall take 1st and 2nd places in an examination on general knowledge of the whole Bible.

3. (a) An annual scholarship, not exceeding Rs. 12 p.m., for five years or more, to boys of about 12 years who give promise of marked ability, and whose parents are unable to help them to further study; (b) A similar scholarship for girls.

4. A scholarship of Rs. 25 p.m. for a mission evangelistic worker, unable financially to proceed to further study, who has shown zeal and ability in his work, that he may take up a three years' course at a theological college.

The executors hope that these prizes and scholarships will be made available at an early date.

Sixty years of service is being celebrated by the Melbourne Y.M.C.A. during May and June. As a permanent commemoration a Diamond Jubilee Fund is being established to be used for boys' work, particularly for work among unemployed boys.

THE CHURCH AND THE NEW AGE.

"We live in an age," writes Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, in a study of Martin Luther, in "The Listener," "when that civilisation is breaking up which has largely been the creation of Protestantism."

"I cannot doubt that to the Christian church and to none other power it will be given to build up a new and better civilisation for the age that is being born. God grant us a prophet who may lead us into that new task."

TEN MOST POPULAR HYMNS.

Seth Parker (Phillips H. Lord), who, with Ma Parker and his Jonesport neighbors, is heard over an N.B.C. network every Sunday evening, in the United States, recently asked listeners to write him naming their favorite hymns. Nearly forty thousand people responded, and in all, more than 600 hymns were named, by listeners in every part of the United States and Canada. "The Old Rugged Cross" headed the list by almost 6,000 votes. The ten most popular hymns, with the number of votes cast for each, are:—

1. The Old Rugged Cross	26,671
2. Nearer, My God, to Thee	20,688
3. Abide with Me	20,316
4. Lead, Kindly Light	19,935
5. Rock of Ages	16,885
6. Jesus, Lover of My Soul	15,235
7. In the Garden	14,789
8. Onward, Christian Soldiers	13,789
9. Church in the Wildwood	11,274
10. Let the Lower Lights be Burning	9,884

THE PALACES OF CYRUS.

Now comes the report that they have dug up the palaces of Cyrus, Darius and Xerxes, in the ancient Persian capital of Persepolis. The carvings and records which have been unearthed are said to be superior to anything else which has been discovered in this field. To quote the language of Dr. Breasted, the director of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, who has had the excavations in charge, "There has never been any discovery like it anywhere in Western Asia since archaeological excavations began there."

According to the traditional history, the palaces of Persepolis were burned by Alexander the Great about 330 B.C., as the aftermath of a drunken debauch. The fire did not destroy the massive stone structures and the outer walls of sundried brick. They simply toppled over or were buried in time, beneath the heaps of debris. Two miles from Persepolis, Professor Breasted also unearthed a Stone Age village about six thousand years old which is reported to be better preserved than anything of the kind hitherto discovered.

The history of the world is now being rewritten with the shovel and the spade, and the records are being transcribed so rapidly that it is exceedingly difficult to keep up with them. It may be remarked in this connection that the information given above has been drawn largely from an English newspaper, "The Manchester Guardian," although the achievements described are the work of Americans. Our journals in this country are too busy chronicling gangster murders and the proceedings of the divorce courts to consider the rewriting of world history as news.—F. D. Kershner in "Christian Evangelist" (U.S.A.).

The Home Circle.

C. F. PITTMAN.

I first met this man twenty-four years ago. He was then the trusted orderly of the Deputy Commissioner, well-dressed, healthy and strong. He could read and write Hindi well, and at one time was teacher in a primary school. He had a house of his own in the town, a pleasant wife and a bright young daughter. His father was the Deputy Commissioner's mahout or elephant driver.

Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Paul Singh were frequent visitors at his place, and as the family belonged to the tribe called Oraons, many thousands of whom have become Christians, they had high hopes of winning the women, and through them the men, for Christ.

Eventually the daughter did become a Christian, but afterwards married a Roman Catholic, and soon after her child was born she died of cholera, and a few days later the baby also died. Before this, her father had begun to smoke opium, and as a result, gradually fell into indolent habits, and finally into immorality, taking his wife's half-sister as a concubine. His wife, through her troubles, lost her reason, and drowned herself. His concubine died soon after of small-pox. Through his slackness and ill-repute, he lost his well-paid job and pension, and was reduced to writing petitions at the law-courts for a few coppers. When this fell off, he picked up an occasional job as a coolie at the railway station, but as his strength diminished he was reduced to begging, and his house and all that he had was taken from him for debt.

TWO HALVES OF A STORY.

First Half.

A broken-down, shabby, besotted man shambled into the study of a famous preacher of a stately church in a great city. The two men had known each other when both were young and strong. It had come into the befuddled brain of the one that the other could and would help him.

"You see what I am," said the broken one.

"You need help," said the other man, simply and heartily. And this he proceeded to give wisely and generously.

The next Sunday the wrecked man sat in a back seat in the great church. And so the next Sunday, and the next. Later he sought a seat that would bring him nearer to the preacher. For six months the man sat in front of the preacher every Sunday, with face upraised, listening intently to every word.

Then the man came again to the study, and said, "Dr. Burrell, I want to join your church and take communion here."

A few weeks later the once outcast stood before the congregation and was admitted to membership in the rich old Marble Collegiate Church.

And then the man disappeared! The preacher and some of the congregation missed him, but no one had any clue to where he had gone.

Second Half.

Two years went by. One day Dr. Burrell received a telephone call from a rescue mission in the Bowery. And this is what the voice said: "Won't you come down here this evening and conduct a funeral? The man who is dead said he knew you very well." That was all. Dr. Burrell went, wondering. When he entered the mission the room was filled.

As Dr. Burrell bent over the casket in front of the platform and recognised the face that once more looked up to his, he exclaimed, "Billy! Where did you find him? What has he been doing?"

And the superintendent of the mission answered, "We didn't find him. He found us. The night after you took him into your church he came here and he's been here ever since. He patrolled the waterfront to find down-and-out men. They'll tell us about it themselves, this evening."

The greater part of the service consisted of the tributes of men and women whom Billy had blessed!

The landlady in the water-front boarding-house where Billy had lived stood up with her face covered with tears, saying: "He taught God to me and to every man in the house. My house became full of Christians after Billy came there."

Billy had brought God to it, and out of it nightly went Billy, the landlady and the boarders to hunt for broken men and show them how they might become whole again. Man after man arose in the audience and with happy but streaming face told of the help given by their now dead friend.—Selected.

CRITICISM.

Nothing is easier than to criticise. It requires very little thought, and unless constructive, merits only condemnation. Yet all of us, unhappily, criticise too much, especially adversely. We say things behind people's backs that we should not say—things that we would not say to their faces. This is a very bad practice. Those who make unkind remarks to us about other folk are pretty sure to talk about us when we are not around.

Sometimes criticism is helpful, causing people to change their ways and thus better themselves, but most of us dislike to mention our friends' shortcomings to them because we do not wish to hurt their feelings. Also, some of us have grave faults of our own, and it is only natural for those whom we reproach to "get even" by mentioning them. It is human nature to appreciate praise from our friends and equally natural to resent reminders of our mistakes.

Helpful criticism, when it is given in a spirit free from malice, should be construed as a distinct favor. But it should be made clear that the remarks are motivated by friendliness; even then they should be uttered sparingly.

People who are always reminding their associates of real, or fancied faults, are seldom popular.

All criticism should be well directed and logical.—H. H. Graham.

THE OTHER SIDE.

A man entered the mission, pleaded for assistance, and recounted a story of misfortune. He lifted one of his boots and exposed a sole that was almost worn away, great holes showing in it. The missionary thought he saw an opportunity to employ a word in season, and remarked: "But you have another soul which is far more important." "It's even worse," replied the man, as he lifted the other foot.

PROVOCATION.

An elderly couple were charged with creating a breach of the peace in their own home.

"How did you come to cause this disturbance at your own fireside?" asked the magistrate.

"Well, it was like this," replied the old woman: "John and I were sitting at the fire. John was reading his newspaper and I was thinking. Then I turned to him and said: 'John, sheep are awful stupid, aren't they?' And John said, 'Yes, my lamb.'"

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

For I was ashamed to require of the king a hand of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way; because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.—Ezra 8: 22.

Ezra was not concerned so much for his personal safety as for God's glory. He could not, if consistent, ask the king to provide for him a hand of soldiers to protect him and his followers on their way. He adopted the only right course in petitioning Jehovah to come to his aid. Reading—Ezra 8: 1, 15-32.

Tuesday.

And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.—Ezra 9: 8.

Ezra ascribes praise to Jehovah because he granted "a remnant to escape," who should "set up the house of God in Jerusalem," thus "enlightening their minds and reviving their hearts." Reading—Ezra 9: 5-10: 5.

Wednesday.

Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.—Neh. 2: 18.

Nehemiah's encouraging words bore fruit in this noble resolution. Ashamed of sitting still so long and doing nothing, the people arose and "strengthened their hands" for the good work of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. Reading—Nehemiah 1: 1-2: 8.

Thursday.

Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.—Neh. 4: 9.

Christ's instructions to his disciples agree with Nehemiah's conduct, viz., "watch and pray." Reading—Nehemiah 6: 1-16.

Friday.

Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.—Neh. 8: 18.

Each day prior to the great feast they improved their leisure hours by reading and studying the laws of the Almighty—then observed the feast. Reading—Nehemiah 8.

Saturday.

And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God.—Neh. 9: 3.

When the congregation of God's people assemble, reading and worshipping are most fitting exercises. In this case the whole day was devoted to religious exercises. Reading—Nehemiah 9: 1-3, 25-38.

Sunday.

Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.—Neh. 13: 14.

It was as if Nehemiah said, "If thou wert strict to mark what is done amiss, even my good deeds must be wiped out; but, Lord, remember me in thy mercy, and let my upright conduct be acceptable to thee!" Reading—Nehemiah 13: 1-14.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

June 7.

BIBLE HYPOCRITES.
(Matthew 15: 1-20.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

"This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me," said Jesus. Hypocrisy is not a plant of recent growth. This species is almost as old as man. First came Cain, while Absalom, Judas, and Ananias and Sapphira of the first Christian church, belong to the same class. **Hypocrisy and Church Attendance.**

Frequently it is pleaded by people that they cannot go to church because of the hypocrites there. Well, there may be some hypocrites in churches, but is the argument good? If it were could we have a church? Let us apply the argument to other organisations and communities. There are, no doubt, many hypocrites outside of the church. There are such in business. Must we therefore not enter into business? There are hypocrites in lodges and clubs. Must we therefore have nothing whatever to do with these? May the Lord save us from being not only hypocritical but hypercritical. It is said that over a doorway in Athens was the wording, "Let nothing evil enter here." Diogenes, seeing the motto, asked, "By what door then does the owner get in?" It often appears to me that people who make this excuse for non-attendance or non-membership do so only by way of excuse, and may be as a sop to conscience.

Hypocrisy Proves Worth.

The existence of hypocrisy proves the worth of the genuine article. A hypocrite is a counterfeit. Did you ever hear of a worthless article being counterfeited? Men do not waste time attempting to make and pass spurious pennies. It is the coin of value that is counterfeited. Shall we refuse to touch the good because of the bad? Will the wheat say, I refuse to grow in the field because of the tares? Did Peter say, I refuse to be a member of the church in Jerusalem because there are hypocrites in it? Did Paul say, I will have nothing to do with you people at Corinth because some of you are not living good lives? Shall I, have I, the right to say, I will not be a member of the church or attend church because there are some hypocrites there?

Hypocrisy Expected.

Because of the worth of the church, of Christianity, the kingdom of God, there will surely be hypocrites. Jesus in his teaching led us to believe it. He told of the tares so like the wheat. He told also of the gospel net that gathered in of every kind, good and bad. The Holy Spirit also has told us, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Tim. 4: 1, 2).

Jesus and Hypocrisy.

In the teaching of Jesus this seems one of the worst of sins. Woes are pronounced against such as are guilty. Stories were told to show how God had no place for the hypocrite. Of the man who neglects the Lord's business he said, "The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, and shall cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites" (Matt. 24: 50, 51). If therefore we neglect the Lord's business because of hypocrites in the church we may yet find ourselves forced into their company. Jesus' life was a testimony against hypocrisy. He loved sincerity. We must not pretend goodness when not good, nor should we pretend badness when not bad. Let us not hang out a false signal, but be wholehearted and sincere in all we attempt.

TOPIC FOR JUNE 14.—UNSELFISH PRAYER.
—Romans 10.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

"Safety Zones for Youth"—Religion and the Home.

Mrs. Carroll O. Stuckenbruck.

"The College of Needful Knocks."

Experience is a dear teacher. There are two ways to learn that a stove is hot: First, to burn your own fingers; second, to watch the other fellow burn his. There is a college of needful knocks, and no one can avoid attending it. But parents deeply regret seeing youth enrol in the college of needless knocks, where the colors are black and blue.

"That there are terrible effects—physical, mental and social—that follow wrongdoing, must be part of the religious education of the young, as their progressive experience gives them understanding. There must enter into their concept of God the fact that we are in a world where roots produce fruits."

On Listening to Parents.

Parents, through contact and experience with the world, have learned the zones in which it is safe for youth to walk. Fortunate indeed are the youth who have developed judgment enough to make them willing to listen to the advice of their parents.

Youth need to be taught the meaning of the following verses: "The way of transgressors is hard" (Prov. 13: 15). " whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6: 7). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6: 23).

"Irreligion . . . is Crime."

"There are multitudes of high-priced men and women, leaders in the business and social world, who have been indifferent to those moral and spiritual agencies that prevent crime by rooting out the crime instinct in the human heart.

"The chief prevention of wrongdoing is religion. But what is the attitude of many of our leaders to religion and the institutions that it creates? Merely an attitude of bored indifference. They may or may not be members of the church, but they have no heart interest in it or real concern about it.

"I mean that these leaders by their aloofness from great moral agencies are indirectly responsible for the crime these agencies would have prevented. Irreligion in its consequence is crime. If these men and women had thrown their influence into the scales on the side of the church, and made these institutions vital and compelling, we should not be where we are now. They have been leaders of everything save those spiritual agencies without which nations perish.

"At times they have been shocked by the revelation of crime increase, but while they will assemble in monster mass meetings and use money to combat crime disease, they will not lift a finger to support those agencies which alone can clean up the breeding-places of disease on which crime lurks and plots. I charge the present deplorable conditions against these neutrals."

"The need of the hour is not more factories or materials, not more railroads or steamships, not more armies or navies, but rather more education based on the plain teachings of Jesus. With the forces of evil backed by men and money, systematically organised to destroy, we must lack with men and money all campaigns for religious education."

"I Have a Boy."

"Yes, parents are responsible for their children's characters and careers. I had always be-

lieved that, but hadn't thought a great deal of applying it to myself. But now I am taking my courage in my hand and accepting the responsibility. And it takes courage and industry and energy, not mere knowledge.

"The man who said, 'Knowledge is power,' was wrong. Applied knowledge is very nearly power itself, but knowledge alone isn't much more effective than ignorance. Knowing that a friend is drifting over Niagara Falls isn't going to head him off; even knowing how to save him isn't going to do the work. There has to be an application of the knowledge, or it does nothing.

"I have a boy (this is getting right personal, but I can't help it; it has been constantly with me day and night lately) for whose career I am responsible. If he should fail, I should always feel as if by some omission or neglect I had caused the failure.

"I know all the duties of parents; I know all I should do to steer him properly by example and precept. I say I know all of them; at least, I think I do. And part of the time I have the courage and energy necessary to apply my knowledge. Some of the time—and I half-way realise it at the time—I just look idly on and watch the bad effect of my inertia, acting in general like a man paralysed, an unconcerned bystander.

"At such times I salve my conscience by saying I am saving him by prayer and faith; but inwardly I know I am being lazy, 'passing the buck' to Providence, shirking my duty because it is easier to wish than to work.

Failed in His One Big Job.

"But I have a boy, a boy whom I love twenty-four hours of every day. If that boy should turn out to be something disgraceful, or nothing at all (which is something very disgraceful), my friends can say of me (though they'll be too kind to do so), 'He was a kind man, meant well, and preached a lot, and it's just too bad he made such a wretched failure of his one big job.'"

"Fathers and mothers say, 'At times we are so perplexed we don't know how to manage. Life is so full of difficulties.' Yes, granted even that, but remember that it is not so much what you do as what you let the Master do through you. Let the Master lead you and direct you in your ministrations to your children. He will never fail you."—"The Lookout."

WHY FRET?

Are the trains too slow for you? Caesar, with all his court, never exceeded the speed limit.

Are your wages too small? In Europe people are content with having enough to eat.

Are the lights too dim? David wrote his Psalms by the light of a smoky torch.

Are you cold? The soldiers of Valley Forge walked barefooted on the ice and snow.

Something wrong with the steak? The children of India are starving for want of a crust of bread.

Are you tired? Jacob was tired when he dreamed of the angels of heaven.

Are you sick? Suppose you had lived two thousand years ago, when sickness was fatal.

Are you poor? The Man of all men was not wealthy.

Why fret? Cheer up!—"Sunshine."

Here and There.

Work for the second term began at the College of the Bible on Tuesday of this week.

The following telegram from Toowoomba, Qld., reached us on Monday afternoon:—"Revival continues; twelve welcomed yesterday, two further decisions.—Hinrichsen."

Robert-st. church, Hindmarsh, S.A., is one of our churches with a splendid history. It will be celebrating its seventy-eighth anniversary on June 4 and 7. A. E. Illingworth is the present preacher.

Bro. W. C. Craigie, honored so widely in our brotherhood, is making a splendid recovery from his recent serious illness, and hopes to be able to preside at the afternoon session of the Back to Lygon-st. meetings on June 11.

A history of the Moreland church is being compiled, and anyone in possession of photographs or information of the early years of that church's activities is asked to communicate with the secretary, H. G. Rasmussen, 5 Somerville-st., Coburg, N.13, Victoria. All information forwarded will be appreciated and duly acknowledged.

Who Won the Boat Race?—In one of our country Sunday Schools, on mothers' day (says the Methodist "Spectator" for May 24), the teacher of a class of boys, after explaining that Susannah Wesley was the mother of John and Charles Wesley, asked the boys what they knew about John Wesley. One very bright boy was quick with his answer, "He won the boat race."

Group conferences of churches are productive of much good. On afternoon and evening of Monday next, June 5, the annual conference of Ringwood, Croydon, Montrose and Bayswater churches, Vic., will be held at Montrose. A large representation from the churches concerned is hoped for. On the same day the annual Second-coming Convention will be held in Balwyn chapel, morning, afternoon and evening sessions having been arranged.

The Presbyterian General Assembly at Sydney last week reaffirmed a resolution of the last Assembly that the Presbyterian church was anxious to accomplish union between the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Australia, and was prepared to do its utmost to bring this about. It was decided that a resolution should be forwarded to the General Assembly of Australia with a recommendation that negotiations for union should be reopened.

The College of the Bible has shared in the special gifts which Bro. and Sister Rofe have made in connection with the Settlement established in their names. The members of the Board of Management desire to express sincere appreciation of the contribution of £500 which was received recently, for the endowment of the scholarships under the Settlement. This is in harmony with the generous interest in the College taken by Bro. and Sister Rofe through the years.

The ninth annual meeting of our N.S.W. Northern Suburbs District Conference was held at Mosman on Saturday, May 20, in two sessions. A very good discussion took place on the executive report. This showed an active year under the guidance of acting-president, Roy Acland. Reports showed 700 members in six churches, 63 additions by faith and obedience, but a net increase of only 12; also 490 scholars and 91 teachers in the schools. Officers elected were: President, Roy Acland; vice-president, H. W. Cust; secretary, W. J. Modral; treasurer, J. L. Stimson. An inspiring address by C. G. Flood on "What is the New Testament Church?" Vocal items and happy basket tea combined to make this a good conference.

"The Christian Evangelist" for April 27 contains a notice of the death of Dr. E. L. Powell, one of our well-known American preachers. He is described as "one of the most inspiring and colorful figures of the past generation of disciples, a great pulpiteer, a man of action, and a community builder—predecessor of Mr. Carpenter and for 41 years minister of the great Louisville congregation."

A paragraph in the "Christian Evangelist" for April 20 states that W. Remfry Hunt, veteran missionary educator, is in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Los Angeles, Calif., for a major operation. Mrs. Hunt, who recently underwent a mastoid operation, is regaining her strength. Occasional articles contributed to "The Australian Christian" by Bro. Hunt have been appreciated by our readers.

The three-weeks' mission conducted by Bro. J. Wiltshire and H. Feary, at Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., concluded last Friday. There were wonderful meetings all through, and sixteen confessions. Bro. Wiltshire's messages were much enjoyed. The church is grateful to Grote-st. church for allowing him to come. Bro. Wiltshire endeared himself to all. Bro. Fitzgerald preached to another wonderful crowd on Sunday night. There were two confessions for the day, and one restoration.

The Melbourne City Mission is making a special "Winter Appeal." Mr. F. L. Bruce, the superintendent and secretary, writes: "The effect of the long depression is becoming more evident. The long strain of resistance to adverse circumstances has lessened the morale of the poor. There are many visible evidences of 'the last straw.' It will therefore not be surprising that we are more than usually anxious for our constant and our new friends also to know the exact position. Our relief account at March 31, 1933, showed a balance on the wrong side of the ledger of £698.

The forty-eighth annual conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales is due to begin this evening with a social service demonstration in the City Temple. Under the presidency of J. Whelan, M.A., the conference will continue to June 8. In its report the Executive Committee gives the following statistical information:—The churches have added 452 by faith and baptism, 158 by letter, 100 baptised believers, 60 by restoration, a total of 770. The following losses are recorded: 193 by letter, 43 by death, 414 by revision of roll, a total of 650. The church membership now stands at 5,345, the gain for the year being 89. Bible Schools number 65; scholars enrolled 4,888, being a gain of 635; teachers 690, being a gain of 74. 174 Bible School scholars were added to the church.

"The Kalgoorlie Miner" for May 11 contains a long report of an address by A. N. Hinrichsen, preacher of Kalgoorlie church, on "The Evils of Gambling." The following sentences may be quoted: "Gambling kills the spirit of initiative, originality, creativeness, inventiveness, perseverance and patience. It is a short cut to success and fortune, a substitute for sweat and hard work, and will breed tricksters and loafers. Not something for nothing, but equivalent for equivalent must be the basis of society. Few vices produce a bigger crop of embezzlers, defaulters, suicides and wretches than does gambling. The specious argument that because the vice of gambling cannot be exterminated, therefore must be tolerated and legalised, must consistently be extended to include the nefarious trades of confidence men, pickpockets, etc."

Albert E. Brown, publicity agent, forwards the following important announcement:—A number of letters of enquiry as to hospitality for Federal

Conference have been received by the committee. When the conference meeting in Brisbane decided to come to Launceston for the next gathering, the Tasmanian delegates stated it would be impossible to give hospitality to all making the journey. Every effort is being made to arrange for the delegates. The committee states it will be impossible to give hospitality to visitors. All non-delegates coming to conference are asked to communicate with the Federal secretary as soon as possible so that accommodation can be arranged at as small a cost to them as possible; address N. G. Warmbrunn, 139 High-st., Launceston. Particulars regarding interstate concession fares to Launceston will be found on page 347.

Will H. Clay, secretary of our Victorian Department of Social Service, writes: The competitions and exhibition of ladies' work which has been arranged to take place in the lecture hall of Swanston-st. church on Saturday, June 24, at 3 o'clock, is creating a deep interest among the ladies, young and old, of the various churches. Women's and girls' organisations of Churches of Christ have been communicated with, and it is expected that the exhibits will be both numerous and varied. While the exhibits will become the property of the department, prizes are being offered for all sections. An opportunity is being given to men and boys to compete in a section for "the most curious exhibit." Prizes are offered, but the entries will naturally be returned to their respective owners. Afternoon teas are being arranged under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary. A sister unable to compete, has forwarded six skeins of wool requesting that they be given to a sister or sisters who are able to do so. Other donations of wool for distribution would be gladly received.

Our Lake-st., Perth, reporter states that at a special church meeting on May 17 the resignation of Bro. Schwab as preacher was accepted with regret. Bro. Schwab suffered some months ago from an attack of pleurisy from which he has not yet fully recovered, and because of the possibility of his illness being protracted he decided to relinquish the work at Lake-st. During his six years' service Bro. Schwab has done a great work for the church and the various auxiliaries, and for the various Christian organisations of Perth. The prayers of his friends will rise to our Father, that he may soon be fully restored. The morning platform is being supplied by speaking brethren of the local church, also of the preachers' fraternal. Bro. Frank Pollard, B.A., B.Sc., is taking gospel services for two months. A systematic canvass of the district is being carried out. Mothers' day was duly observed. The kinders had a special cradle roll gathering. The girls' and boys' clubs both held special evenings. The Y.P.S.C.E. held an evening in an effort to help the building fund of the Kensington Bible School.

ADDRESSES.

Mr. Fraser (secretary Bambera-rd. church, Caulfield, Vic.)—33 Almond-st., Caulfield South, S.E. 8. U 3479.

A. W. Garland (preacher Warracknabeal church, Vic.)—Jamoneau-st., Warracknabeal.

J. Turner, B.A. (secretary South Australian F.M. Committee)—Swaine-ave., Toorak, S.A.

IN MEMORIAM.

HOVEY.—In loving memory of our dear parents, also sister and brother, who have gone home. "With Christ, which is far better."

PATTERSON.—In loving memory of my dear father, who passed away on June 2, 1932.

He never will leave us, our father who passed through the shadows of death to the sunlight above.

A thousand sweet memories are holding him fast To the home that he blessed with his presence and love.

—Inserted by his loving daughter, son-in-law, Gerty, Walter, and grandson, Clarrie Vinnall, Williamstown, S.A.

News of the Churches.

Victorian News-letter. A. W. Connor.

Scouts and Sunday School.

The Presbyterian Assembly generally stages some splendid debates which get good newspaper space. This year the discussion of the question of dancing was up, especially dancing on church property. The practice was declared to be "inexpedient," but decision was left to the individual conscience. The question and its pros and cons had a good wholesome airing.

The other matter supplies my heading, and may call for consideration by leaders in our young people's work. It was evident that dissatisfaction with the Scout movement from a church point of view existed. I think some of their points apply even more to ourselves than to the Presbyterians. Mr. Jamieson's points were: (1) Equal treatment for all religious bodies. No favored denominations. (2) That the movement must not interfere with the church's work in its religious education in school, Bible class or week night meeting. My experience of the matter has not been very great, but I have noted these dangers that were emphasised, and frank discussion was certainly in order, and more than Presbyterians are indebted to those who raised the question.

Spires and Spirituality.

Melbourne Cathedral now has its three spires and they are handsome and a great ornament to the city. Their completion was the occasion of great services, and of emphasis on the value of noble architecture in spiritual witness. Whatever our views, most of us feel that it is of value that in the heart of our city's life such witness should be given to the place of religion in the nation's life.

A New Venture in Religious Teaching.

I have more than once referred to the Council that directs religious instruction in State Schools in our State. It has made a new move to reach by correspondence the small far-back school. We have found the department sympathetic, as well as the teachers; and volunteer instructors, to post lessons, etc., have come forward, and already 1,100 scholars in 100 schools in the most isolated parts of our State are having some touch of religious teaching. Some churches have done this work previously, but it is a new venture to give it to the State schools. It has great promise, and will reach a needed class of children. Letters from parents having a hard struggle reveal a deep appreciation.

Congregational Principles.

The new President of the Congregational Union gave as his inaugural address an outspoken definition of "Independence" as contrasted with Episcopacy. He declared that "in its inception Independence was a seeking after reality—a real church of Christ—and within that church the real rule of Christ." When he stated that "the church was independent, not in the sense that it was isolated from other churches, but in the sense that nothing outside its relation to its Lord was necessary to constitute it a real church of Christ" he was stating a truth apt to be overlooked to-day. I will not be surprised if Mr. Evans' address calls forth some discussion on the claims of Episcopacy. So there is movement among the leaders of religious thought and the waters get a stirring.

Missions Among Our Own Folks.

Quite a number are being or have been held among our Victorian churches. Bro. Hagger has

been here from N.S. Wales, and Bro. Wiltshire from South Australia. All are helping the churches, and souls are being won. But within our own ranks no startling events have taken place, so I have given you something that reflects the religious life of our State in general. Bro. Gale has just been up in the Mildura settlement. There with three virile young preachers at work we may expect an advance in our church interests. It is a promising field. We are expecting Bro. J. E. Allan back in our State. We deeply regret the reason in Mrs. Allan's ill-health, and hope that Bro. Allan will soon find a field for his splendid ability.

Your scribe is writing early this month as the due date of this letter will find him in the throes of "flitting" to fresh fields. Perhaps the "higher altitude" will inspire better letters.

Victoria.

North Williamstown.—Very nice meetings are held. Bro. Cameron exhorted splendidly on morning of May 28. Evening, Bro. H. Hunt preached in fine style on "Rectitude." Members of Orange Lodge were present.

Balwyn.—Very good meetings. Jas. E. Thomas spoke morning and evening on May 28. Three baptisms at night. Much sickness prevails, which affects Sunday School. Boys' club and girls' club have been started, with good interest.

Drumcondra.—Church anniversary services were conducted on May 21, followed by a successful tea meeting and concert on May 23. On May 28 Bro. R. A. Banks delivered a splendid address at the gospel meeting on "The Church of the Dark Ages."

St. Kilda.—A young men's club has been started, to meet every second Monday night. For every second meeting there is something of a scriptural nature. At morning meeting on May 28, Bro. Smith, from the College, was speaker. In the evening a message by Bro. Smith was much appreciated.

Fitroy (Gore-st.).—Good meetings on May 28. Bro. E. Holland addressing both services. A young girl from the Bible School made her confession. Two brethren rendered an enjoyable duet. Sister Mrs. Bell, from Maryborough, was present all day. On May 27 a social was held to welcome Bro. Holland.

Geelong.—Bro. Clipstone spoke at both services on May 28, continuing his series. On May 25 the men's club held their first meeting in the form of a tea at 7 p.m.; Mr. Dabb presided. An interesting talk was given by Mr. Tolhurst on Toc H. Sunday School is commencing an attendance rally.

Mitcham.—Youths', mothers' and fathers' days have been held with good success. In the interests of parents and children a family banquet has been arranged. Meetings fairly well attended. Sunday School increase campaign has brought attendance to 47, the aim being 50. Bro. Gray, superintendent, is doing excellent work.

Bentleigh.—On May 14 speakers were Bro. Gray morning, Bro. Everett evening. Bright meetings on May 21. Bro. Griffiths spoke in the morning, Bro. Edwards at night. Bro. Plummer addressed the morning service on May 28. Bro. Pittman preached in the evening. Good attendance at Lord's supper. All departments working well.

Rochester.—Evening meetings are being well attended, and Bro. Modford's addresses are enjoyed by all. On May 14 mothers' day was observed, Bro. Modford giving a suitable address. Bro. Hamilton and Turnbull have been the morning speakers. A lantern lecture given by Bro. Modford entitled "Pioneer Work in South Australia" proved very interesting; proceeds went to church building fund.

Berwick.—Meetings of late have been up to standard. Bro. McDiarmid changed platforms with Bro. Alcorn, of Emerald, on May 28. The church sympathises with Sister Funston and family, who have suffered the loss of their loving husband and father respectively. Bro. Moysey, who recently met with a painful accident to his eye, is making a speedy recovery.

Kyneton.—At Bible School anniversary on May 7 delightful messages were given by Bro. H. M. Clipstone, of Geelong. Bro. D. C. Ritchie, student preacher, conducted services on May 21, after an absence of seven months spent in hospital as result of accident. During that period Bro. Fitch, of the College, rendered faithful service. Ladies' aid held a social on May 27.

Malvern-Caulfield.—On May 16 the P.B.P. held a "mother and daughter" night, the girls entertaining the sisters at a special meeting, and later at a supper at which over 100 were present; appreciated talk by Mrs. Dawson. Home-coming day on May 28; 175 broke bread for the day. After a fine evening message by Bro. L. C. McCallum, a young man decided for Christ.

Box Hill.—Bro. T. H. Scambler's addresses continue to draw large and appreciative congregations on Sunday evenings. On May 28 a memorial service was held for Sister Mrs. Earl, sen., and Bro. E. Massey, who passed away recently. The mission conducted by Bro. F. A. Youens recently continues to bear fruit, the last two Sundays fathers and sons taking their stand for Christ.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—At the teachers' quarterly tea and "get-together" on May 24 an interesting evening was spent. Bro. Ennis spoke on what he regarded as essentials of a successful Sunday School teacher. Members of young men's club visited the fire station during the week. Bro. F. T. Saunders addressed the morning service on May 28. Bro. Ennis spoke at night to an interested congregation on "Christian Baptism."

Moreland.—At morning meeting on May 28 Bro. T. R. Morris, of Brighton, addressed the church on "Fruit Bearing." Bible School anniversary services were continued afternoon and evening, scholars singing splendidly under Bro. Barrett's leading. Bro. F. A. Youens was afternoon speaker. In the evening Bro. R. L. Arnold's subject was "Everybody Welcome." 690 were present. Bro. Barrett was presented with a conductor's baton in appreciation of his services in training the children.

Middle Park.—Great interest is maintained at all services. On May 21, at the gospel service, Bro. Westwood spoke on "The Prodigal's Father." Several fathers took part in the service. Excellent attendances on May 28. A young people's service was held in the evening. Members of Phi Beta Pi and K.S.P. read the scripture and rendered messages in song. At the close of Bro. Westwood's inspiring address four made the good confession. The church regrets the absence of Sister Tyrrell through illness.

Brighton.—The church received a great uplift through the mission with Bro. Thos. Hagger. During the effort there were 37 confessions and two restorations. Last Lord's day morning five were welcomed into fellowship. The address of Bro. K. A. Jones, of Hampton, on "The Meaning of Discipleship" was well received. Large attendance in evening. Bro. R. P. Morris and David Plummer rendered a duet. After Bro. Webb's address on "Love's Infallible Proof," a lady confessed Christ and was with eight others baptised.

Gardiner.—Bro. L. C. McCallum, of Balaklava, S.A., delivered an appreciated address to a large congregation on morning of May 28. Mrs. L. E. Verco, of Bordertown, S.A., was present. Bro. H. J. Patterson, who presided, made feeling reference to the passing of Bro. S. McCann. Bro. Patterson's evening subject was, "The Restoration Plea of Churches of Christ." On May 27 the Scout "cuhs" had a happy social evening in celebration of their first anniversary. Bro. G. Wallace and Miss Ruth Arkinstall are giving excellent service as leaders in this work.

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Foreign Missions.

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

APPEAL FOR A RECORD OFFERING.

This appeal for a record offering on July 2 has the endorsement and active co-operation of the Australian Foreign Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Committees of Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania.

It has, we are sure, the prayerful interest of the whole of our missionaries, native co-workers and Christians of the Australian mission stations of Baramati, Shrigonda, Dhond; of outstations Diksal and Indapur; and of Miss Mary Thompson, India; of Shanghai, Huelichow, and Hong Kong, China; Pentecost, Oba, and Macwo, New Hebrides; of the Chinese churches at Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth, Australia; and the prayers of our entire Australian brotherhood; and may we not believe that those in heaven itself will be interested in our efforts to secure money to preach the gospel to those who do not know Jesus as a Saviour!

FOREIGN MISSION DAY PREPARATIONS.

The months of May and June are very busy times at the Foreign Mission Board office. During the past two years we have had to prepare for the Foreign Mission Lord's day and Children's Foreign Mission Day literature. This year Bro. I. A. Paternoster, of Enmore, N.S.W., prepared our exercise for Children's Day. It is full of incidents connected with the work on our various fields, and will be of great educational value to our Bible Schools. We are sending out some very attractive boxes for the children's use in gathering offerings.

In connection with F.M. Day we have issued an attractive poster, on which will be found a picture of every missionary at present supported by the Board. We hope that all our schools and churches will find a place for it in their buildings. It will form a pictorial honor roll of our beloved missionaries. Letters and envelopes have been prepared for our church members. Our preachers, to whom we owe so much for help, have each received a letter from the Board. Our church secretaries have been written to. The members of our Foreign Mission Committees in every State have been "in labors abundant." N.S.W. has had the assistance of Bro. Henry Watson. He has visited most of the churches in that State telling of the needs of our missionaries, and using the slogan, "Keep our missionaries on the field."

In Victoria, Bro. A. A. Hughes has spent a large number of week-ends visiting the churches and giving his wonderful messages. He has spoken at many gatherings of our people. In all of our States the F.M. Committees have put forth their best efforts to arouse the churches to the needs of the field. In South Australia four of our brethren have visited nearly every church with lantern views of our work and workers. The spirit of prayer among our Australian churches has been greatly manifested. In a sense we have built the altar, and placed upon it the wood, and on the wood the sacrifice of our best efforts to answer the needs of our missionaries. We now look to God for heaven's answer to our appeals for help to carry on his work among the Christians on our mission fields.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

In making our appeal to the churches we have tried to keep prominent four things: (1) That a missionary is one who is sent. Our missionaries have been sent by the Australian churches, and we believe called by the Holy Spirit, as Paul and Barnabas were when they went from Antioch to do the work whereunto the Holy Spirit called

them. (2) That the churches are partners of the missionaries thus sent out. The Holy Spirit called them to go out, but called the churches at home to provide them with the necessary help. Paul said of the Philippians, "Ye sent once and again unto my necessity." The churches of Australia are under the same necessity of giving help to the missionaries as the missionaries are of giving the gospel to the heathen. Paul said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Is it not equally true that woe is to the Christian who does not help the preacher of the gospel? (3) God is encouraging us to continue our gifts to Foreign Mission work by the blessing that he has poured out upon the work to which we have given of our means. We have never had greater success in our foreign fields than last year. We now have 1,797 members of the Churches of

Please remember July offering will be taken Lord's day, July 2. The money contributed that day will decide whether we shall "Keep our Missionaries on the Field," or bring some back to Australia. How will you vote?

Christ on the mission fields. 327 baptisms last year; 166 more than in 1931. There are 157 orphans in the Lyall and Blake Memorial Homes at Shrigonda and Baramati, India. Each week of the year 2,762 Bible School children receive the gospel message from 89 teachers, 849 day school children receive Scripture lessons every day. Our medical helpers, Dr. Oldfield, India; Dr. W. Hsueh, China; two compounders, two Australian nurses, four Indian and one Chinese nurses are ministering to the sick, and last year 36,294 treatments and retreatments were given to sick folk. Is not this God's way of appealing to us to "keep our missionaries on the field"? (4) The needs of the work. Our missionaries are over-burdened with the task of caring for the spiritual and material needs of the people among whom they labor. They have nearly 500,000 men, women and children depending upon them for the gospel message. That means at least 23,000 must be ministered to by each missionary, man or woman. Such a condition calls not for retrenchment but for increase. Let us give our answer on July the second.

NEW HEBRIDES CYCLONE.

We are very sorry to have received news from Pentecost of a terrible cyclone that took place and partially wrecked our mission house at Ban-

matmat. Many of the things, clothing, etc., belonging to our Bro. and Sister Sandells were damaged by water. Parts of the house were entirely destroyed. It is feared that the house will have to be rebuilt. Mr. Newman did all he could to save some of the effects of our missionaries. If the house has to be rebuilt, it will mean an expenditure of about £250, making a serious demand upon our missionary funds. This disaster on Pentecost is an added reason for a large offering on July 2.

J. E. ALLAN LEAVES SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

On account of the serious illness of Mrs. Allan, Bro. J. E. Allan and family leave Adelaide on June 9 for Melbourne. Bro. Allan has labored with much success with the church at Maylands. He has been a valuable member of the Foreign Mission Board and the State F.M. Committee of South Australia. The doctor advises that it is imperative for Mrs. Allan to return to Victoria. She has been a great sufferer for about two years. She has undergone several serious operations. The doctor states that a return to Victoria may greatly aid her recovery. Bro. Allan and family have greatly endeared themselves to the church at Maylands and all in Adelaide who have come into association with them. They carry with them the best wishes and the prayers of all for the complete recovery of Mrs. Allan.

OUR TASK IN THE INDIA OF TO-DAY.

A. A. Hughes.

(Concluded.)

Thinking people are asking themselves how our work measures up to the standards of the day. Are we abreast of the day? We venture to assert that our work will favorably bear comparison with other bodies working under the same conditions. And it will reassure those who are so loyally supporting the work to know that the standards set by those committees and commissions which have so critically examined the work of missions in recent days, are, if not actually attained, closely adhered to. We are far from satisfied. There is much more that we would do. But, considering limited staff and means, great things have been achieved.

Let us consider some of the points at issue. In the realm of

1. Education, the emphasis has consistently been placed on practical, primary education. The bias has been toward vocational and industrial education. At Baramati our large primary school aims to specially train boys for rural life, with agriculture as the basal subject, and with village carpentry and blacksmithing as subsidiary. This is in accord with the latest thinking on Indian education, and a departure from the customary practice. Nor is the emphasis on Christian teaching, or as it is called "Religious Education," wanting. The school aims to be not merely in its daily scripture lesson and devotional period, but

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2. Social Service rendered by the Christian missionary. Christian thinking has largely forsaken the old mechanical conception of missionary effort, that, "given sufficient resources of Christian personnel, institutions and money it would be possible to evangelise the world." We have realised that all our efforts in all avenues of service must be the simple expression of our faith. The charge made by some critics, that we render medical service in order to make proselytes, bears no truth. We are used by God to make converts to Christ, as evidence of which we have five churches on our Indian field. But medical and other services are rendered irrespective of caste, creed, color or cash.

It has been recognised that India needs a 3. Rural Emphasis, as 90 per cent. of her population lives in villages. There is a great task awaiting us in the reconstruction of rural life in our area. We have made little contribution as yet to the economic and social reconstruction of the villages about us. But this is largely due to shortage of funds and personnel. What has been done is to educate for rural life, and to extend our medical services to all the surrounding villages. Our co-operative credit society has made a valuable contribution to the rehabilitation of members of the criminal tribes by enabling them to build good houses, cultivate fields and carry on trades all free of the oppression of the moneylender. There is still a great task awaiting us.

4. The Indigenous Church. Critics within and without India have (and not without reason) charged missions with being denationalising agencies, by the introduction of western customs, institutions, dress, etc. It has been said that the church has not been made self-supporting and self-propagating. But with reference to the work of the Churches of Christ in India the day is rapidly passing when this can be said in truth. We have written on this subject in the issue of the "Christian" of March 30. Two things have been kept constantly in mind in developing the church. Firstly, not in control of, but in co-operation with the Indian Christians to lead the church to independence and active service. Secondly, to use as far as possible indigenous methods and customs in the work. It will be readily realised in the persuasion of this thought that the western church should carefully avoid fostering denominational differences on the Indian church. And the conclusion is forced upon us that we, as a church, have the message for India.

In the preaching of the pure gospel is India's salvation to be wrought. We are glad that India knows little of sectarianism; that in co-operation and comity Jesus is being preached; that more than ever before she desires to know him.

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Once again the Federal Committee request that delegates coming to the C.E. Convention and the Conference register with Churches of Christ. It will greatly assist conference transport arrangements, and also make earlier travelling possible for delegates.—Albert E. Brown.

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HONORS LIST, FIRST TERM, 1933.

The following students, having received a grade of not less than 80 per cent., passed with credit. For a pass a grade of 60 per cent. is necessary.

New Testament.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 90; F. H. Griffiths and R. P. Williams (equal), 89; Miss G. N. Christensen, 81; A. B. McDiarmid, 80. 13 others passed.

Old Testament.—R. P. Williams, 89; P. C. D. Alcorn, 87; F. H. Griffiths and A. B. McDiarmid (equal), 84; A. W. C. Candy, Miss G. N. Christensen and F. H. Manning (equal), 83; H. E. Paddick, 81; Miss M. W. G. Payne, 80. 7 others passed.

Church History I.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 93; R. P. Williams, 90; A. W. C. Candy, 81; C. W. Hart, 80. 6 others passed.

Church History II.—R. M. Wilson, 94; H. G. Norris, 88; A. O. S. Baker, 87; T. V. Weir, 84. 3 others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 93; R. P. Williams, 91; A. B. McDiarmid, 83; A. W. C. Candy, 81; I. L. R. Vincent, 80. 3 others passed.

Missions.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 94; R. P. Williams, 91; Miss G. N. Christensen, 88; H. E. Paddick, 87; F. H. Griffiths, 85; E. P. C. Hollard, 81; F. H. Manning and Miss M. W. G. Payne (equal), 80. 5 others passed.

Homiletics I.—L. E. Dudley, 89; H. E. Paddick, 88; Miss G. N. Christensen and F. H. Griffiths (equal), 85; F. H. Manning, 84; E. P. C. Hollard and Miss M. W. G. Payne (equal), 80. 5 others passed.

Homiletics II.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 100; R. P. Williams, 98; I. L. R. Vincent, 82; A. B. McDiarmid, 80. 4 others passed.

Homiletics III.—R. M. Wilson, 89; A. C. Thurrowgood, 88; H. G. Norris, 86; F. C. Hunting and T. V. Weir (equal), 85. 3 others passed.

N.T. Greek.—H. E. Paddick, 99; F. H. Manning, 95; I. F. Church and E. A. G. Martin (equal), 94; K. A. Pratt, 93; F. H. Griffiths, 92; Miss G. N. Christensen, 85. 3 others passed.

Elocution I.—H. C. Bisehoff and H. R. Fitch (equal), 88; L. E. Dudley and F. H. Manning (equal), 85; E. P. C. Hollard and Miss M. W. G. Payne (equal), 84; H. E. Paddick, 82; E. A. G. Martin, 81. 4 others passed.

Elocution II.—A. W. C. Candy, 94; I. L. R. Vincent, 93; P. C. D. Alcorn and A. B. McDiarmid (equal), 88; R. P. Williams, 85; K. Dyster, 81. 2 others passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—R. M. Wilson, 92; T. V. Weir, 86; F. C. Hunting, 85; H. G. Norris, 84. 3 others passed.

Logic.—R. M. Wilson, 93; T. V. Weir, 92; F. C. Hunting, 84; H. G. Norris, 81; A. O. S. Baker, 80. 4 others passed.

Apologetics.—R. M. Wilson, 92; T. V. Weir, 91; F. C. Hunting, 90; A. O. S. Baker, 82; H. G. Norris, 81. 4 others passed.

Ancient History.—Miss G. N. Christensen and R. D. Clark (equal), 82; I. F. Church and H. E. Paddick (equal), 80. 11 others passed.

Geography (Intermediate).—R. D. Clark, 87. 7 others passed.

English (Intermediate).—D. H. Butler, 81. 5 others passed.

English (Leaving).—Miss G. N. Christensen, 87. 4 others passed.

French (Intermediate).—A. C. Thurrowgood, 81; K. Dyster, 80. 2 others passed.

French (Leaving).—3 passed.

History and Civics (Intermediate).—D. H. Butler, 85; R. D. Clark, 83; A. B. Clark, 82. 4 others passed.

Economics (Leaving).—D. H. Butler, 85; R. D. Clark, 80. 6 others passed.

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News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 345.)

Victoria.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Splendid attendance at gospel service on May 28. Bro. Thomson made feeling reference to the home-call of Sister Holley. She attended the funeral service of Bro. Kirk in the morning, and at night was waiting to attend the mission at Dawson-st., when the call came. The church has lost a devoted worker. Reference was also made to Bro. Kirk, and sympathy expressed to the bereaved of both sister and brother.

South Yarra.—Sunday meetings are well attended, all auxiliaries being well supported. The Bible School rally is proving very successful. The young men paid a visit to Gardiner K.S.P. and spent a very enjoyable evening at indoor sports. Sister Lorna Henderson, from Footscray, and Sister Mrs. Dillon and family, from Caulfield, have been received into fellowship. The church has been saddened by the death of Sister Mrs. D. A. Lewis, a faithful worker, dearly loved by all. A memorial service was held on May 28, Bro. Ladbrook's subject being, "The Mantle of Elijah."

Bendigo.—Bible School anniversary was continued on May 24, when three sittings were required at the annual tea in the Temperance Hall. This was followed by an excellent concert programme by members of the school. On May 28 anniversary meetings were concluded, Bro. Hurren speaking at the three services. In the afternoon and evening Bro. A. E. Streader conducted the singing and was assisted by piano, organ and orchestra. Attendances again good. Prizes and cradle roll awards were distributed and annual report read at the afternoon gathering.

St. Arnaud.—On May 14 church anniversary services were well attended. Bro. W. Gale spoke at morning and evening meetings, and addressed the Bible School in the afternoon. The church was delighted to have Miss N. Ellis and Mrs. Abercrombie, president and vice-president of Victorian Women's Conference. A meeting was held in connection with the Women's Mission Bands, when Miss Ellis spoke. Anniversary tea and concert on the following evening proved successful (£8/2/6 nett profit). On May 21 mothers' day was observed, Bro. C. Jackel preaching at both meetings.

Maryborough.—On May 28 the 71st anniversary of the commencement of the work at Maryborough was celebrated with good attendances. Messages of Bro. Hughes on fundamentals of faith are helpful and instructive. Bible School is doing good work. Many have entered for examinations, and a new attendance rally is planned. Christian Endeavor is a bright spot, and the way the young people are responding is gratifying. On May 18 Endeavorers tendered mothers a surprise banquet. A number of brethren have done good work in visitation. A boys' gymnasium has been commenced.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—At the annual business meeting of the church on May 24, 112 attended. There was fine spiritual feeling and enthusiasm, and good progress was made. A new church building (400 seating capacity) was the main subject for consideration, and this should be well on the way within a few months. Election of officers: Bren. Griffiths and Nicholls, elders; Bren. Fraser (secretary), Gairns (treasurer), Saunders, Washfould, Staley, Frencham and Sercombe, deacons. On May 28, five young people were baptised. The addresses of the preacher, Bro. Youens, are very helpful.

Carnegie.—On May 24 Mrs. W. J. Way gave an interesting travel talk to the Ladies' Aid. Twentieth anniversary services of the church were held on May 28. Bro. C. Dawson in the morning gave a most interesting address on "Our Yesterdays." In the evening Bro. Shipway's topic was "The Cross in the New Testament." Special items

of singing by Mr. and Miss Sandlands, of Preston, and local singers were enjoyed. Birthday offering has reached over £30. Splendid congregations for the day. On Saturday evening the C.E. monthly cottage prayer meeting was well attended, and a very helpful message on "Prayer" was given by Bro. A. R. Benn.

Ringwood.—All meetings continue to be well attended. May 21, Bro. R. G. Cameron addressed the church on "The Transfiguration," and in the evening again spoke on "The Incarnation and the Atonement." Both meetings were good, the addresses being very helpful. On May 28 Bro. Candy resumed his work after a short holiday. Sister T. Martin, a faithful member, was called home on May 25. The church deeply sympathises with the bereaved family. Our sister will be sadly missed.

Accot Vale.—A happy time was spent on May 28 ("every-member-present Sunday"). 130 responded to a roll call. The choir rendered an anthem at the morning meeting. Bro. Snow gave a very fine gospel address on "Why I Belong to the Church of Christ." A young man made the good confession; this makes seven for the month of May. Many members are laid aside including Sisters Holland, Abrahamson, and W. Brown who are in Melbourne Hospital. Mr. Finlayson, director of Band of Hope Union, visited the local society on May 29. Open-air drives are being held each Sunday evening before the gospel meeting. All departments are busy.

Yarrawonga.—Splendid services on May 21. Bro. Searle gave a fine message in the morning on "The Spirit-filled Life." In the evening a fathers' day service attracted an excellent meeting. A men's choir and quartet party rendered special singing, and Bro. Searle gave a stirring message on "A Father's Choice." The church was pleased to have fellowship with Sister Mrs. Cameron. C.E. is working efficiently. Good breaking of bread service on May 28. Bro. Searle spoke powerfully on "Restoring New Testament Ideal in Service." In the evening, after his message on "Departures that Wrecked the Ideal," a married man made the good confession. Two new scholars enrolled at Bible School. The church was pleased to have fellowship with Sister Mrs. Peterson.

Coburg.—The thirteenth anniversary of the Bible School was concluded on May 24 with a splendid demonstration by the scholars. On afternoon of May 15 Mr. Fitzgerald delighted young and old with his address on nursery rhymes. Congregations at all Sunday services established a record. On the Wednesday night the building was overcrowded. At the close of an excellent programme prizes to senior and intermediate scholars were presented by Mr. H. Swain. Singing of scholars at all meetings reflected great credit on the leader, Mr. E. Parker, the Bible School superintendent. Prospects for the coming year are decidedly brighter than for some time. An adult Bible class has been formed, also a young worshippers' league. Two members from Berril, S.A., have been received by transfer.

Oakleigh.—A day of gladness was spent at anniversary services on May 21. To a splendid morning gathering Bro. Mudge spoke on "Faith." Again the evening service was crowded; special anthems were given by the choir. Mrs. McGregor and Bro. D. S. Inman were soloists. Bro. Mudge gave an inspiring address on "The Gates of Hell shall not Prevail Against the Church." On May 24 a concert and social continued the anniversary, an excellent programme being provided. A presentation was made to Bro. and Sister Booth in appreciation of past services as secretary of church for five years, and one to Mrs. Hinrickson (nee Miss Mavis Dale) from the church on the occasion of her marriage. May 28, splendid services, Bro. Mudge being the speaker. At an Empire service at night, the councillors and Returned Soldiers' League were represented. Mr. Wolf was the soloist, and special singing was rendered by a male choir.

Queensland.

Charters Towers.—Interest is maintained at all meetings. Bro. Chivell's gospel addresses are enjoyed by all. On May 14 (mothers' day) the evening meeting was a family one. A young man confessed Christ. He was baptised the following Sunday. A concert and social held by the ladies' guild, in aid of church funds, was a great success. The boys' club had a hike on May 20.

Maryborough.—Meetings were well attended on May 14 (mothers' day). Bro. E. Snow was speaker at morning service. Bro. Alan Price spoke at night. The Y.P. society rendered a quartette and Bro. F. Stevenson a solo. Increased evening attendance on May 21 was gratifying. Bro. Alan Price's subject was "The New Testament." 78 were at Bible School on May 14. Sister Gosley, who has been absent through illness for some months, was present.

Townsville.—The work is in good heart. Interest is being maintained, especially at gospel services, when the chapel is comfortably filled. Three confessions since last report. On May 14 (mothers' day) there were splendid meetings; two baptisms at evening service. Bro. D. R. Stirling, of Bundaberg, spoke at both meetings on May 21. The church also enjoyed fellowship with Bro. F. T. Saunders on April 21. During Bro. Boettcher's absence on holiday, local brethren ably conducted services.

Mount Walker.—The 48th anniversary services were held on May 7. Bro. L. Larsen exhorted; subject, "Jesus Stills the Storm." A good percentage responded to roll call. At gospel service Bro. Larsen's subject was "What We Plead For." A young man and a senior grade Sunday School girl confessed Christ. On May 10 Sister Evelyn Neumann (C.E. secretary) was married to Bro. Matthew Kruger (vice-president, C.E.), Bro. Larsen officiating. The C.E. society received Sister Neumann's resignation with regret, and Sister E. Schmidt was elected secretary in her place. Bro. F. Hinrichsen (who is in hospital) is making good progress.

Western Australia.

Victoria Park.—On May 20 a party motored to Palmyra to help with new church building. On May 21 there were good audiences. The tenth anniversary of the church was celebrated; Bro. E. Bird, a foundation member, presided. The aged Sister Mrs. Daniels fell asleep on that day.

Tasmania.

Invermay.—Splendid gospel services are reported for May. Bro. Brown's addresses on famous hymns being well received. Mothers' day services were observed on May 7. Bro. Brown speaking at all services. Two young women confessed Christ at night. On May 21 a girl from the Bible School confessed the Lord. Bro. Brown's prayer meeting talks on the Holy Spirit are proving helpful.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On May 28 Bro. L. Partington gave the morning exhortation. At the close one young lady confessed Christ. In the evening Bro. Brooker's subject was "Christianity."

Hentley Beach.—May 21, attendance fair in morning. Bro. Manning delivered both messages, his subject at night being "The Way to Perfect Peace." Good attendance May 28. Bro. Manning delivered a helpful message from the New Testament lesson in the morning. His message at gospel service was on "Life's Barriers." Bro. Lewis, Sisters Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Warming and Mrs. Reid are absent through illness.

Bordertown.—On April 16, Sunday School anniversary was held in the Institute, with good attendances. The school rendered vocal and elocutionary items, and Bro. Cornelius gave appropriate addresses. The annual Bordertown and Mundalla S.S. picnic was held on April 17. C.E. society is much stimulated chiefly as a result of help received at Dimboola camp conference. At Wolsley on May 21 a lad made the

good confession. Sister Lyla Carson is convalescent after an operation. A kitchen tea was given by the Junior C.E. society to Sister K. Beard prior to her marriage.

Strathalbyn.—On April 22 Miss Locke, missionary to aborigines, addressed the evening meeting. On Monday pictures of the work were shown. After the gospel service on April 29 a young man made the confession, Bro. Wilson speaking. On May 13 he and a lad who had previously confessed were immersed. Y.P.S.C.E. held a rally on May 21, Bro. Randall, from Murray Bridge, being the speaker. On May 22 the social and supper took place, proceeds going to Dhond Hospital. Junior C.E. held a successful rally on May 26, the superintendent (Miss Robertson) giving the report, which showed gain of eight members for year.

Mile End.—Splendid meetings on May 14. After the address by Bro. B. W. Manning on "God Bless Our Mothers" two men reconsecrated their lives to Christ. On May 17, at a church business meeting, Bro. Manning was invited to remain as evangelist for an indefinite term. The meeting terminated with a basket supper, when other plans for a forward move were put before members. Good meetings on May 21. Two adults came forward at evening service, one of whom, a young man, was immersed at conclusion of the meeting. One has been welcomed into fellowship since last report. Two scholars confessed Christ at evening service on May 28. A splendid young people's service was held during afternoon of May 21, many scholars taking part. Bro. Manning addressed school and friends on "Bearing Burdens."

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Irrespective of the absence of the preacher, Bro. Wiltshire, at Ballarat, attendances at all meetings have kept up encouragingly. The church is indebted to Bren. Killmier, E. R. Manning, J. T. Train, G. T. Walden, A. Chappell and H. J. Horsell for their ministry. Two little girls responded to the invitation extended by Bro. E. R. Manning. On May 19 the Dorcas society held its annual social under the presidency of Mrs. Wiltshire. Good attendance, and pleasant hour spent. Bible School anniversary services were held on May 28. The children, under leadership of Bro. W. Watson, with Miss Ingrid Wiltshire and Master Gordon Ellis at piano and organ respectively, sang well. Helpful addresses were given by Bren. J. Turner and W. A. Russell morning and afternoon. After Bro. Wiltshire's address at night two more young girls confessed Christ.

New South Wales.

Erskineville.—Fairly well-attended meetings were held on May 28. Two Bible School scholars were welcomed into fellowship. H. C. Stitt spoke on "Prayer, an Expression of Love." At gospel meeting his subject was "The N.T. Must." Bro. Stitt has made plans for a further intensive canvass for gospel attendance and Sunday School scholars.

Chatewood.—At Men's Fellowship on morning of May 28, Bro. C. Hillecoat gave his first public message; subject, "The Intimate Three." At worship service Bro. A. L. Leader gave an inspiring message on "The Lord's Supper." The gospel service was conducted by Bro. Joseph Whelan, M.A., whose theme was "Why Tarryest Thou?" A young lady made the good confession and was baptised.

North Sydney.—Special services commemorating the opening of the building were held on May 21 and 22. On 21st Bro. Blackburn was morning speaker, and Bro. Harward preached at night. The public meeting was preceded by a happy family tea, over 60 enjoying a meal arranged by the sisters. H. V. Larcombe presided, and stirring addresses were given by J. Whelan, M.A., R. P. Arnott, B.A., and F. E. Alcorn. It was a splendid meeting. At morning service on May 28 a brother was welcomed into fellowship. The joint service rendered by Bro. Harward between Lane Cove and North Sydney churches is appreciated, as shown by its renewal.

Enmore.—Mr. A. A. Hughes on May 24 gave a helpful message on Christian missions. On Sunday morning Ethelbert Davis, of City Temple, was the speaker. At night Bro. Paternoster spoke on "The Gospel for Every Day." A young girl confessed Christ.

Hamilton.—The visit of H. Watson in the interests of Foreign Missions was a benediction to Newcastle churches. In addition to lantern lectures he addressed meetings for men and women and conducted the S.S. anniversary at Merewether with crowded meetings and four confessions. Two from the school at Hamilton have recently been baptised. An ordination service, setting apart seven deacons, was a time of rich spiritual blessing. H. M. Arrowsmith acceptably proclaimed the gospel on May 21. The work at Cessnock is more encouraging than for years past. The Newcastle churches mourn the loss of two splendid sisters, Mrs. J. Nimmo (Cessnock) and Mrs. Banfield (Merewether).

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DEATHS.

CLARK.—At "Merau," 503 Beach-rd., Mordialloc, on May 17, Robert Bell, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth; loving father of Maud (Mrs. Barnes), Robert, Winnie (Mrs. Hutchens), Stanley, Ruby (Mrs. Cowley); loved grandpa of Jack, Deryck, Keith, Billy and Ruth Barnes, Bobby and Ralph Clark, Dick, Audrey and Ron Hutchens, and Valma Clark. At rest.

GLEGG.—On April 18, at 32 Henrietta-st., Hawthorn, Vic., Enoch, aged 77 years; also on May 28, Agnes, aged 80 years; loving parents of John, Bert, Florrie (Mrs. Locke), and Walter.

McCANN.—On May 21, Samuel, the beloved husband of Eva, and devoted father of Neil, Mac, Beth, Helen, Lois and baby Alan (deceased).

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Saturday, June 10; 6 p.m., tea; past and present members. 8 p.m., reminiscences meeting.

Sunday, June 11; 11 a.m., worship service conducted by past members. Speaker, Bro. T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed. 3 p.m., Bible School past and present members. Speaker, Bro. K. A. Jones. 7 p.m., gospel service. Speaker, Bro. E. L. Williams.

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COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 4.—Bentleigh Church of Christ, Gilbertgrove. Third Church Anniversary, June 4. Speakers, 11 a.m., Bro. Baker; 7 p.m., Bro. T. R. Morris. Tea provided for visitors. A hearty welcome to all.

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. Speakers: 3 p.m., Mr. R. P. Clark; 7 p.m., Dr. W. A. Kemp. 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 4 to 8, and 11.—Cheltenham 76th Anniversary. Spiritual crusade. Preachers, Keith Jones (Hampton) and Alan Brooke. Birthday dinner, 5.30 p.m., King's Birthday holiday. Share with us.

JUNE 5.—Balwyn, King's Birthday. Second-coming Convention. 11 a.m., J. E. Shipway; W. C. T. Storrs, M.A.; W. J. Beasley. 2.30 p.m., J. E. Webb, D. W. Smith, H. B. Robbins. 6.30 p.m., Missionary Hour. 7.30 p.m., Dr. J. J. Kitchen, A. L. Gibson, Dr. D. S. McCoil. 1 p.m., basket lunch, tea provided. 5.30 p.m., tea, 1/- . Come and spend the day with us.

JUNE 5.—Annual Conference of Blackburn, Ringwood, Croydon, Montrose, Bayswater and Boronia churches, at Montrose, Monday, June 5, King's Birthday, commencing 2 p.m. President, Bro. V. L. Cole. Song service, Bro. E. Hammond; devotional service, Bro. Candy. Business session, 2.15 p.m.; general conference, 3 p.m.; speakers, Bren. Gale and Quirk. Adjourn for tea, 5 p.m. Evening session, 7 p.m.; speakers, Bren. Patterson and Arnold. Box Hill quartette party will render items during conference. Hot water, tea, sugar and milk provided. Visitors by train are reminded that train leaving Melbourne 1.5 p.m. will be met at Croydon. If up to ten travel, concession fares will be charged to Montrose of 2/- return.

JUNE 11 and 13.—North Melbourne Bible School Anniversary. Sunday, 3 p.m., Mr. G. Gardiner; 7 p.m., Mr. T. Turner. Bright singing under special leadership. Tea provided. Tuesday, June 13, demonstration and distribution of prizes. A hearty welcome to all.

JUNE 11, 13 and 15.—South Melbourne church, Home-coming Services to commemorate fifty years' work in the present chapel. Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Tuesday, tea meeting, 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; concert, 8 p.m. Thursday, K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs' reunion, 8 p.m. Past members gladly welcomed. For hospitality write D. F. Morgan, 19 Mountain-st., South Melbourne, S.C.S.

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JUNE 18 and 20.—Ormond Church Home-coming Day and Eighth Anniversary. Past members invited back for June 18; hospitality provided. 11 a.m., Mr. A. W. Ladbroke, B.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. W. H. Clay, Conf. President. Tuesday, June 20, 6.45 p.m., birthday celebrations and tea meeting. Illustrated lecture on Egypt and Palestine by Mr. J. E. Thomas.

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Obituary.

DENNIS.—Sister Mrs. Dennis went to higher service on March 30. She had been a patient sufferer for some years, but had continued in active service in the church up to the end of last year. Sister Dennis (then Alice Washington) was baptised in 1898 at Prahran church, Vic. She was an active worker at South Yarra, Maryborough, Wonthaggi Baptist church, and again at South Yarra, and latterly at East Kew. She had the joy of seeing all her family baptised into Christ, except the youngest boy. The church has lost a valuable and consistent worker, and those who knew her have lost a sympathetic helper and friend. Her husband and family have their sorrow lightened by the assurance that she is with her Lord, and by their hope of a future meeting before the throne of the Saviour.—A.J.I.

CLEGG.—On April 18 Bro. Clegg, of the church at Glenferrie, Vic., received the home-call. Our late brother was a member of Churches of Christ for thirty-six years. The last six years he was in membership at Glenferrie. Prior to that he was for thirty years a member of the church at Fremantle, W.A. There he served actively in both church and Bible School. Several members of his late class are now serving as preachers among our churches. At all times he liberally supported the work of the churches. For many years, however, he was an invalid, and the latter years brought great trial and suffering. He longed to be with Christ, and at the age of 77 years God ushered him into rest.—E.L.W.

HUTCHISON.—On morning of May 8, at Subiaco, W.A., the spirit of Mrs. Eliza Hutchison entered into rest. She was a rare soul, a great heart, a mother in Israel if there ever was one. Many will rise up to call her blessed. She would have been 87 had she lived until the coming August. Few could have enjoyed life more, yet she was aye anxious to be with her Lord. She is one of the very few amongst us who were in fellowship with one of our Scottish congregations before journeying, with her husband, to these antipodes. Mr. Hutchison also died on May 8, thirty years ago. "Grannie," as everybody called her, was baptised at eighteen years of age by Bro. Rotherham. Her father was baptised by Alexander Campbell. He was a pioneer of the Restoration Movement in Scotland. Hers was a life deeply rooted in the things we stand for. She loved and labored with all her strength for her faith and her Saviour. She married Thomas Hutchison at Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, on Nov. 4, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison first went to New Zealand, having fellowship with Dunedin Tabernacle brethren. In 1887 they crossed over to Melbourne, their membership being chiefly at Ascot Vale. They came to Perth 37 years ago. After a year or two at Lake-st., they became foundation members at Subiaco. Mrs. Hutchison was a wonderfully loyal friend of the preachers who have been here; but she was everybody's friend. One son, Thomas, a worthy son of so grand a mother, remains, with his sister wife

and four children. All are in membership except the youngest laddie. In the presence of a great gathering, we laid the worn and tired body away in our own corner of the Karrakatta Cemetery on Tuesday, May 9, praising God for the grace that made possible so brave and true a life.—A.G.S.

QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The first meeting of the Conference year was held in Ann-st. chapel on Thursday afternoon, May 11. Nine churches were represented. A devotional session was led by Mrs. Banner.

The president (Mrs. Wendorf) then took the chair, and extended hearty welcome to the incoming committee, which included three new members: Mrs. Willis (Prayer Meeting superintendent), Mrs. W. Howard (Obituary), and Mrs. Martin (Home Missions). It was a pleasure to have Mrs. E. C. Hinrichsen present from Toowoomba. Apologies for absence through illness were received from Sisters T. Davidson, W. Sanderson, J. B. Ash and J. Harlin.

Accounts amounting to £10 were passed for payment, with other accounts still outstanding. Balance in hand, £5. The collection at Sisters' Conference for Home Missions amounted to £4. A donation of £2 from Ma Ma Creek sisters was thankfully received, also 13/- from Boondall sisters, and private donations from two country sisters of £3; penny-per-week boxes, 8/4. Total, £10/1/4. It was reported that fifty visits had been paid to sick at home and in hospitals. Home Mission boxes were distributed.

Arrangements were made to hold a prayer meeting at Stone's Corner in June, a collection to be taken up for local building fund. The president personally thanked all sisters who had so willingly and loyally helped with Conference catering.

Mrs. Willis was appointed devotional leader for next meeting.—G. Partridge, Sec., Baron-st., Annerley.

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The meeting on May 2 was well attended. The newly-elected president, Mrs. A. G. Saunders, presided, and led devotions. After opening exercises Mrs. Hunt read a Bible lesson from Second Peter. Misses M. and I. Hunt sang a duet, "Lead me to Calvary." Mrs. Saunders gave a very helpful message on "Growth in the Spiritual Life." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Deardon. Conference echoes were compiled and read by Mrs. W. Thomson. Some of the suggestions we hope to put into operation during the coming year.

The president welcomed visitors, and sisters newly appointed to office, and asked for loyalty and co-operation during her term of leadership. Correspondence included letters of thanks from Sisters Preston, Silvester and Port, and Bren. Hunt and Butcher. A request from Bro. J. K. Robinson for loan of utensils, etc., for use at young people's camp in June was complied with. Prayer meeting committee to visit Claremont and West Subiaco during May.

Mrs. W. Smith's resignation as superintendent of the Home Mission Committee was received with regret. Mrs. Les. Peacock was appointed to fill her place.

The secretary was asked to write to the various churches, thanking them for their help in the recent fete, proceeds of which amounted to over £30. The syllabus for the rest of the year is as follows:—

	Devotional Leader.	Speaker.
June 6—	Mrs. Deardon (Prayer)	Mrs. Deardon
July 4—	Mrs. Riches (Foreign Missions)	Mr. A. G. Saunders
Aug. 1—	Mrs. Meredith	Reports
Sept. 5—	Mrs. Les. Peacock (Home Missions)	Mr. W. Thomson
Oct. 3—	Mrs. O. Fieldus	
Nov. 7—	Mrs. J. K. Robinson	Reports
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