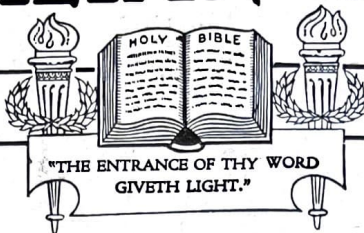


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The World Situation: An Argument for Missionary Zeal.

ARMISTICE DAY—the day of peace—has just been celebrated under world conditions which give cause for great concern if not serious alarm. Widespread unrest exists. Economic conditions have not yet become settled. While there are signs of returning prosperity, yet there is much poverty and distress. Particularly the failure of the disarmament conference increases anxiety. Our Empire and our own Commonwealth are being urged to take more adequate measures of defence. So we have again the old menace of a race in armaments and preparations for war, together with that ever-present economic warfare which is perhaps the chief breeder of international strife.

The Christian has a double interest in the welfare of his country and the world. As a citizen he must seek the highest and best for his nation. As a follower of Christ, the Prince of peace, he must endeavor to promote peace in the earth, to bring together parties and factions in a country which are acting as if the good of one could not possibly be the good of all, and to cultivate a spirit of international goodwill. The Christian must live in accord with the teaching of the Master who pronounced a blessing upon the peacemakers.

A plea for international friendship.

Sir Thomas Henley, in reply to the appeal for increased armaments, has published a pamphlet entitled "Defence or Defiance." In this he pleads for friendship amongst the nations. He says that "while every country should be prepared to assume to the defensive, none should adopt an attitude of defiance, isolation, and aggression." Particularly, he thinks, this should be the case with Australia, with her vast, empty spaces and sparse class-conscious population. He quotes Dr. Earle Page as saying that the best defence of Australia is to make friends, not foes, and that it is hopeless to usher in a new era of international understanding with war-time minds; and he agrees with Professor Walter Murdoch's suggestion for our spending a few thousand pounds in the purchase of our surplus wheat to send as a free gift to famine-stricken areas in Russia. Surely such a position is far more in accordance with the mind of Christ than is

any programme based on the view that men of different nations are natural enemies and that national interests are above or separate from world relationships and welfare.

Faith versus fear.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., is quoted by "The Australian Baptist" as uttering the following words, which seem to us to be both Christian in their sentiment and very pertinent: "The most devastating emotion in human life is hate, and the next most destructive and paralysing is fear. For more than three years we as a people have been in the deadly grip of fear. There is but one antidote for fear, and that is faith. Faith in our fellowmen, faith in our institutions, faith in our neighbors, national and international, and underneath and above all in that eternal spirit of truth, justice, goodness and love, faith in which alone makes life most worth while."

The church's contribution.

The church of God has presented to it a great challenge and a great opportunity. The world conditions should put Christians on their mettle. What is supremely wanted today is the spirit of Christ in the hearts of men, and the application of the principles

of the Gospel to all the relationships of life. There is need of goodwill, friendship, a transcendence of all class and racial prejudice and hate—and where can we hope for these but as men are in touch with the Christ?

Some reader may want to know why we did not write a missionary article in our issue devoted to the appeal for home missions. We reply that we have done so. In the situation as it confronts us to-day, we have the supreme plea for missions, whether at home or abroad. The Gospel of Christ, if given a chance, can bring to humanity the help it needs. Will not the church in faithfulness to her Lord, preach it in all its pristine truth, simplicity and power?

Is this a time for evangelism?

It is probable that many Christians have looked upon these recent years of difficulty as inopportune ones for progress in the Lord's work. Little advance has been made, few projects planned. Home mission work has been to a considerable extent allowed to stagnate. We have been so concerned with temporal needs that we have been allowing folk with a greater hunger to go without the bread of life. How can any disciple of Christ, any reader of this, be satisfied with our record of the past few years?

Despite our general neglect, there have been signal proofs, even in these hard days, that the Gospel is still the power of God to the salvation of believers. Where it is proclaimed earnestly and faithfully it will do its work. Even were there no "results," as we call them, our duty would remain. For he whom we call Master and Lord has bidden us take the message of love to all mankind. Evangelism is the great duty of the church of Christ. To us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation. Who, looking on the average church and considering the extent of its interest in home missions, would gather that we thought we had the sovereign cure for the world's ills, that we believed men dying without Christ are lost, or that we really believed ourselves to be under an abiding obligation imposed by the great commission?

Is this a time for evangelism? Every time is a fitting time for adventuring for Christ.

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Evangelising New South Wales.

Home Missions in the Mother State.

THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S WORD.

A. Allen.

"I will not offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" are the recorded words of David, the king.

What an inspiration to us as we contemplate our offering for the great work of home missions! In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I earnestly appeal to the New South Wales churches, and to the members, to make an offering that will cost us something. I heartily commend the work of evangelising this State to the deepest interest of the brethren throughout the churches. Our Home Missionary Committee face a crisis in regard to the work under their supervision, which can only be successfully averted by the brotherhood rising to the occasion and making a sacrificial offering unto the Lord as our act of worship.

Having put our hands to this work we surely are not going to desert the men in the fields or the fields themselves, much less our Lord and his work. To do so may mean the putting back of our State work a quarter of a century, which is unthinkable.

Shall we all unite in making December 3, 1933, a day to be much observed unto the Lord, and a day long to be remembered in the history of home missionary annual offerings? If in the meantime there has been that thorough preparation of our own hearts (which is of the Lord) then shall we with joy worship our Lord in our offering, and maybe hasten his return.

WE CAN'T WAIT.

Dan. Wakeley.

Most preachers have a sermon on "The Devil's Lie," and tell how the evil spirits counselled and plotted how they might best destroy the souls of men. "Tell them there is no God," "Tell them the Bible is not trustworthy," "Tell them God is too merciful to punish"—one by one the suggestions were made and rejected, until one cried, "Eureka! I have it! Let us go back to the world and tell men that there is a God, that men are responsible to him, that the Bible is his Book, and that all who reject his proffered mercy and refuse to accept his offered salvation will surely die, but when we have said all that say just one word more, and say it everywhere—tell them 'there is time enough yet!'" and all hell applauded at this masterpiece of devilish cunning.

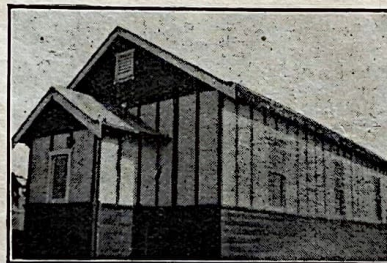
Most Christians can tell of those to whom they intended to speak, but when they had the opportunity, put it off for a more convenient season, only to find to their bitter sorrow that there was danger and death in delay. Dr. Chapman never forgot that afternoon when, as a young man, he felt called to speak to a friend about Jesus, but kept putting it off, and at last decided to wait until they would meet again in the evening, but they never met again. His friend went skating on dangerous ice, fell through and was drowned, leaving behind a distressed and conscience-stricken friend.

Procrastination has sent many a soul to its doom, ruined many a great cause, and closed forever many doors of great opportunity. Such is the danger confronting us to-day. Times are bad—they always have been; money is scarce—it always has been. Go over the literature prepared for any brotherhood offering and you will find that every year has been a year of "stress" when money is wanted for the Lord's work: droughts, floods, poor crops, low markets, war, unfavorable exchange rates, building debts—al-

ways some reason why it is hard to raise money for the Lord's work, but always money for the embellishment of our homes, the adornment of our persons, the gratification of appetite, and wasteful extravagance on pleasure and luxury. Not with all of us, of course, for every year there are some in circumstances of dire necessity, and instead of showing our Christian love by doing something extra to make up for their inability we use their poverty to cover unfaithfulness on the part of those who "could if they would."

The present depression has been largely psychological. It became the fashion to "cut down," to say, "I can't afford," and gradually everybody became affected. Even our conference committees became seized with policies of retrenchment. New work was held up. Progress had to wait for better times. The result has been stagnation, and stagnation prolonged means death.

There never was a time when there was greater need for earnest self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Christ than there is to-day. The door of opportunity is open wide for home missionary work in dozens of great centres in this State.



The chapel at Dumbleton, N.S.W., where the Home Missionary secretary recently held a successful mission.

What are we to do: wait until denominationalism is entrenched? wait until the devil stops telling us there is "time enough yet"? wait until opportunities are lost, souls are doomed, and we are found unfaithful to the great commission and others are raised up to do the work we are called to do? God forbid! We dare not wait. We have wonderful opportunities to-day in comparison with those that faced the early Christians, and they did not wait, but, yes they did! They waited upon God in prayer; they tarried and then they went everywhere preaching the word, and in a single generation, in spite of all the obstacles, preached the gospel in every part of the then known world. There may be good reasons why we should wait for many things, but never any reason why we should slacken up in the work of the Lord. This cannot wait.

OUR UNFINISHED TASK.

J. Whelan, M.A.

The supreme task of the church is the transformation of human lives through the power of the living Christ. Evangelism is Christ's method for its accomplishment. Men are to be won to and taught the way of Christ. This work is so vitally important that it needs the whole strength of a united Christian church. Disunity has proved the greatest hindrance.

The Churches of Christ have made a splendid contribution to the cause of world conquest by their plea for the unity of God's people according to the mind and will of Christ. Some of our religious neighbors have stressed evangelism and social service, and have felt the need for Christian unity, but have failed to note or stress the divine basis for union. Human compromises have produced uniformity, but only loving obedience to Christ will effect that unity of heart and mind within the divine fellowship which Christ created. We have not only been intensely evangelistic ourselves, but have shown the way to its maximum achievement by our plea for unity.

We have a distinctive place and witness in the religious life of our State, both to the people of God and the unregenerate. Our witness is a necessary one, and its opportunity and challenge should be recognised by our whole membership. It was because they desired to give Christ the pre-eminence that our pioneers led the way out of sectarianism. If we had not our distinctive witness there would be no justification for our existence as a movement. We have no sectarian aims. Our task is to bring men to Christ that he may add them to his church. We are co-operators in building the kingdom of God. It is not our task to erect a huge ecclesiastical system; but to establish companies of obedient believers who, making his will their rule of faith and practice, will co-operate with others in the extension of his kingdom.

We thank God for what has been achieved through the faithfulness of those who served in the past, and it is incumbent upon us to carry on. Our biggest weakness lies in the fact that most of our churches are themselves weak, and thus cannot provide the support necessary for a progressive programme. Too few in the past have been responsible for the maintenance of the work, and the call is for a wider and more sacrificial giving of life, service and substance.

No effective advance can be made in our work until the membership morale is strengthened. Our success is so dependent on the human factor. The spiritual life of the church is at too low an ebb. This must be strengthened if achievement is to be made possible. We need to all come closer to Christ in fuller consecration. He will widen our vision of the task—deepen our sympathy and lead us out into a richer and fuller co-operative service. While the church is disunited, and tens of thousands of our fellow-citizens are in the grip of indifference, materialism and sectarianism, the task of the Churches of Christ remains unfinished. It is our business in the name and power of Christ to press on.

A FEW FACTS.

1. It was in 1885 that those congregations of Christians in N.S.W., which were known as Churches of Christ, commenced their organised home missionary work.
2. During the years that have elapsed since the beginning, 43 out of the 56 churches now in the State have been assisted by the home missionary fund.
3. During the current year 18 churches have been helped, the gospel has been preached in 30 different places, and many converts made.
4. The debt, which has hampered the work for years has been much reduced, but has not yet been cleared off.
5. Attractive new fields have confronted the committee during the past year, and are still awaiting our entry. What can be done in this direction depends upon the amount of the annual offering on December 3.

Remember the date of the annual offering for N.S.W. home missions—December 3, 1933.

N.S.W. church treasurers and scattered members should forward offerings to Thomas Hagger, sixth floor, 242 Pitt-st., Sydney. Please do it promptly, and so render the greater assistance.

Victoria Ready to Go Forward

In Home Mission Activity.

SOME PLAIN FACTS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSIONARY WORK.

WILL H. CLAY, President of Conference.

I. It is an imperative necessity because (1) It is commanded by our Lord. (2) It is basic in principle. (3) Foreign missions are impossible without it.

II. What we are to-day as a people is almost entirely due to it. (1) The pioneers of our movement were intensely home missionary. (2) In most cases, our preachers served a number of churches, travelling hundreds of miles. (3) Strangely, Victoria for Christ, 30 years ago, was regarded more optimistically than it is to-day.

III. That unless a very liberal response to the financial appeal is forthcoming, even the maintenance of our home mission fields will be a difficult problem. The average contribution to home missions last conference year was 2/3. (1) The committee is at present committed to an average monthly expenditure of £145. (2) 13 churches receive regular support from the committee, and 13 preachers are wholly or partly maintained. (3) The Home Missionary Committee is involved in a moral obligation to the Church Extension Committee for church buildings in an amount exceeding £17,000. Every additional building increases this obligation.

IV. The establishment of a new cause involves: (1) A special effort: a tent mission in most cases. (A tent mission costs from £100 to £150.) (2) A preacher. In most cases a full-time preacher is required, and will cost £250 per annum for several years. (3) A building. Hired buildings are in most cases most unsatisfactory. Land and building cost from £1,000 to £1,500. This is not a staggering proposition; 10,000 members (we number 13,000) each giving an extra two shillings (a half-penny per week for one year) would make the venture practicable.

V. The Home Missionary Committee is awaiting the verdict of the brotherhood on Dec. 3. (1) The faith of the churches will be put to the test: do we believe our message? (2) The willingness to sacrifice will be seen (each according to his ability). (3) When we have said the last thing, and made the last excuse, the Lord's command still stands: "Go—into all the world—beginning at Jerusalem."

We are well aware that hundreds of our brethren and sisters are unable to make any further sacrifices. However, many have not denied themselves one pleasure or a luxury. The most important thing for every member of Churches of Christ in Victoria to consider at this particular time is, What shall my attitude be toward the command of my Lord, the appeal of my brethren, and the unevangelised of the State?

CARRY ON!

Keith Jones, Chairman Youth Department.

A glance back over the fifty years of home missionary enterprise in Victoria assures us of the splendid service of many good men and women. Numbers of them ploughed furrows for the seed of the gospel of Jesus in the very roughest places. What vision and courage the pioneers had! "Other men have toiled and you reap the profit of their toil." Fifty years ago home-missionary work was just taking root. Some esteemed brethren, who are still amongst us, full of years and honor, saw the first seed of this work planted. They have rejoiced in its growth. They spared themselves no toil in furthering the message we love.

Remembering the labor and laborers of the past fifty years, we conjecture concerning the future. It is quite possible that some young people who read these lines will be living fifty years hence.

And the young people of that day will be looking back and thanking God for your faithfulness and enterprise through many years. Remember, young people, the church of to-morrow depends on you. It is your glorious opportunity to make the work of the home base a far larger and stronger work than you have found it. Take up the torch and carry it forth! The task that Jesus entrusted to men of old remains the task of the church until the end of time. This is the biggest task in the world, and the grandest: to bring lives under the influence and direction of Jesus Christ. For that task Christ needs youth, and youth needs Christ. And this big job of the kingdom of God makes stern demands on us, but it also makes strong men. December 3 gives us an opportunity to help carry on the work. Let us all do our best and give our utmost.

THE PROOF.

E. L. WILLIAMS, Glenferrie.

Languishing in prison John wondered whether this Jesus, whom he had baptised, was the Christ or not. Thus he sent two of his disciples to definitely discover whether Jesus really was the Christ.

Our Lord might have made a direct claim in reply to the enquiry, or he might have sent back a reminder of the day of his baptism by John with its testimony to his divine Sonship. But he did not do either. Instead he said to the disciples, "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." He sent a picture of what he was doing. There was no need for a claim, for here was something better than a claim. It was a proof.

When a man is actively engaged in doing something there is no need for him to claim life. Activity is the proof of life. When a local church or a brotherhood of churches is actively engaged in a good work—doing something—there is no need to claim life. The works are the proof of life.

James in his epistle claims that faith issues in works. We cannot doubt his claim. Works are the proof of faith. There is no need for a Christian, or a church, or a brotherhood to claim faith if good works are being done. The indisputable and only proof of faith needs no claims. Likewise, works are the proof of love. In effect the apostle John asks, if one is able, and does not engage in works of love, how can he claim to have the love of God in his heart?

Activity in good works is the proof of spiritual life, faith, and love. Our home mission enterprise is an avenue and an opportunity through which each member, each church, and

the whole brotherhood may give a proof of life, faith, and love. It is not for us to make a claim; it is for us to provide a proof.

A DAMASCUS ROAD CONVICTION.

Harold B. Robbins, Conference Vice-President.

To a very few people does there seem to come such a conception of the message of the risen Christ as that which gripped the heart and life of Saul of Tarsus. To this Jew, hating with all the intensity of a prejudiced Pharisee the followers of the Carpenter of Nazareth, and inflamed by their preaching of the resurrection, the revelation on the Damascus road that he was wrong and that they were right came with more than startling effect. He was absolutely helpless. To a man of lesser intensity and earnestness the blow would not have come with such shattering power. And in his broken and blinded condition, "they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus."

How deeply has the truth of a risen Christ who became our Sin-bearer at Golgotha gone into the fibre of our being? You've no need to tell anyone. Every acquaintance you have can read it in you as easily as you can read it in Saul of Tarsus. Your conviction of what Christ is worth to you will be the moving power in what you do for him. Your interest in the spread of the gospel through Australia and the degree to which you are willing to work and give that others may know your Saviour are the tell-tales of your conviction.

If Christ Jesus means everything to us then let us stand in together in the great home mission effort to take the gospel throughout our own land and make it the base for the spread of the gospel in lands beyond.

Then on the first Lord's day in December may we have such a conviction of the worth of our Lord and his gospel that we shall make it a record offering for home missions.

HOME MISSION FIELDS AND WORKERS.

The following fields, with resident preachers, are being subsidised by the Victorian Home Missionary Committee:—

Ararat	C. L. Lang.
Chelsea—Frankston	J. Methven.
Drumcondra	R. A. Banks.
Ormond	S. R. Baker.
Red Cliffs	C. J. Robinson.
St. Arnaud	C. W. Jackel.
Hamilton	J. Methven.
Wangaratta	L. A. Trezise.
Yarrowonga	J. E. Searle.

Student preachers are assisting in the following subsidised fields: Burnley, Colac, Drummond, North Essendon.

THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK AT HAMILTON.

One year ago Bro. and Sister Methven entered upon their labors at Hamilton, subsidised by the Home Missionary Committee. Immediately they inaugurated a Bible School and organised a young people's society of Christian Endeavor. The Bible School now has an enrolment of fifty, and the Endeavor society a membership of twenty-eight. We are delighted with the result of twelve months' effort. It speaks volumes for the patience, tact and enterprise of our home mission preacher there, and his good wife and family.



Bible School at Hamilton—One Year Old.

Advancement in Western Australia.

OUR MOVEMENT.

F. E. Buckingham, State Evangelist.

As a people pleading for the restoration of primitive Christianity and the unity of the church as it was in the beginning, it is well for the Churches of Christ ever to remember the important part that evangelism has played in our great mission.

In the early church the evangelistic appeal was strong and vigorous. So to-day the Restoration Movement must be evangelistic, otherwise it would decline and die.

As a people we stand for the great fundamental truths. We believe in the absolute inspiration, the complete authority and the supreme infallibility of the Bible. We come to the book, and we take what we find in the book, and we accept it as the divine revelation. We have a mission which can be fulfilled by no other people, and this mission can only be fulfilled by those who believe in the plea we propagate.

Have we outgrown our plea? Where is there a plea in all the world to-day to compare with the plea for the union of the followers of Christ, for an inspired Bible, for the restoration of the supreme lordship of Jesus in his church—a plea for the recognition of the New Testament scripture as a sufficient rule of faith and practice.

No movement is ever without critics. It is true of those who would faithfully follow our Lord and remain true to his word, "If they have persecuted me they will also persecute you." The more closely our movement approaches the mind of Christ the more likely we are to be attacked.

By experience we know that these attacks often come from those who ought to be friends. Our Lord himself said, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household."

In these difficult days we need to stress the fact that indifference and laxity on the part of our members are hindering the cause we espouse.

What is needed to-day is a movement despite the problems and difficulties of the days in which we live, that will trust him and go forward in faith in the sure belief that he will bring us safely through. It was a critical moment in the experience of the Israelites when they were encamped at the Red Sea and Pharaoh and his men overtook them. Escape seemed impossible. In the moment of their despair Moses, the man of God, lifted up his hand and pointing to the sea, said "Forward." Forward they went.

It is said of Napoleon the First that he once had a Scotch prisoner of war brought before him. The Scotchman was a good player on the bagpipe and played to amuse Napoleon. "Play me a lively air," said the Emperor. It was done. "Play me a march." That was done also. "Now," said Napoleon, "play me a retreat." "Nay, nay," said the piper, "I can't, for I never learned to play a retreat."

May God help us as a people never to play a retreat, but to ever remember that the call of our Lord is "Forward."

HOME MISSIONS THE PIVOT.

Wilkie Thomson, Secretary H.M. Committee.

We have just returned from Federal Conference and the trip has taken us into four States. We have, of course, been anxious to learn of the progress of the Lord's work in each State. More than once I heard criticisms of the lack of home mission enterprise—not by any means a criticism of Home Missionary Committees or their officers, but of an insufficiency of concern for evangelism in the home fields.

But strangely enough the criticism would be

voiced when some subject relating to Christian work was being discussed which seemed far removed from the actual evangelisation of the home fields.

The reason of this is that home mission enterprise is the pivot of all other Christian work. As I have heard it so often aptly enunciated, "As goes home missions so goes all other work," and it needs no pen of fiery logic to prove this.

The work in our homeland made such progress in the "30's" that Bro. and Sister Wharton visited Australia with a plea to send a missionary to help them in India, with the result that Sister Miss Mary Thompson left for India in 1891. This would not have been possible had not the church here been advancing. Nor would it have been possible to extend the work to the New Hebrides and China without the church growing at home. In short, the progress of the work in the home fields has been and is marked by a corresponding progress in every other field of Christian work.



F. E. Buckingham,
W.A. State Evangelist.

But it is not an easy thing to make big advances even in the borders of our own States. The big step forward taken by the Home Missionary Committee in W.A. in sending out Bro. Buckingham as state evangelist grew out of much toil and labor, and we thank our heavenly Father for the victory given. The first of these missions concluded at Kalgoorlie on October 1, with excellent results, and another has been commenced at Collie in the south-west.

At present there are six evangelists supported by the Home Missionary Committee in W.A. We could wish the number were trebled, not because we wish to see churches unable to support themselves, but that we could see the work extending.

There is a sphere in which we would like to do more. The new order of things has sent many brethren into isolated parts of our State. These now number 700. We can only hope and pray that, like the early disciples, scattered everywhere, they will "preach the Word." Some we know are doing their best, and the committee would like to help them in their efforts. For a time the door is closed, but we pray that it may soon be opened by the generous giving to the home mission appeal on December 3.

A mother from a country district told me recently how that on a visit to the city she had sought out a suburban church where there was a baptismal service so that her daughter of tender years might see a scriptural baptism. We rejoice in such a wise faith, and may it be poss-

ible to win for Christ the sons and daughters of such isolated folk as well as "all men everywhere."

The Ever-present Companion.

When David Livingstone once visited Glasgow University the students, as was their custom, gathered their pea-shooters and various instruments for the production of noise, in order to give a hilarious greeting to the missionary fellow. But when Livingstone appeared, gaunt and ill-looking from twenty-seven fevers and with his arm, which a lion had bitten, bound in a sling, the students were awed to silence. Livingstone told them his great secret! He had been able to endure and to achieve, he said, because he had a promise made on "the word of a gentleman." "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Another great missionary, John G. Paton, whose lifelong endurance wrought such changes in Erromanga and other South Sea Islands, once said: "I had my nearest and dearest glimpses of the face and smile of my blessed Lord in those dread moments when musket, club or spear was being levelled at my life. Oh, the bliss of living and enduring as seeing him who is invisible!" Christian endurance, it should be noted, is no joyless thing! There is something great about anyone who has thus endured. To know the calibre of a man there are few more revealing questions than to ask, "What has he endured?"

One of the greatest glories of human nature is its capacity for endurance, for going the extra mile, for winning through in spite of loneliness and hardship and sorrow.

Whether we are leaders or followers, whether our names are on the scroll of history or obscure and unknown, we may have the secret. As the spirit of beauty can shine through different materials, through wood, stone, metals, sounds and colors, so this virtue of endurance can shine through every life, and wherever found, it is as Barrie said of courage—a lovely virtue.

"I can endure all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," said Paul. Those who have put their trust in the man of Galilee, and live and work by faith in him, find Paul's experience theirs also. The great Companion is always by their side, encouraging, strengthening. He goes with them to the end of the trail, and at last receives them unto himself.—"Churchman Afield."

Western Australian Church News.

Victoria Park.—Local and district Bible Schools continue to go ahead with work amongst the young. Two more teachers welcomed at Carlisle. One more baptism at Victoria Park on Nov. 5.

Subiaco.—Meetings are keeping up. There were good attendances on Oct. 29 and on Nov. 5 both morning and evening. Four decided for Christ on Oct. 29, and one on Nov. 5. The five were baptised on Nov. 5. The gospel service was of a special nature, it being closing night of music week. Bro. Saunders spoke on hymns and their authors. The ladies' aid concert on Nov. 1 proved a great success, the town hall being well filled. The Men's Fellowship met Fremantle Congregational men in a game of cricket (Subiaco winning), followed by a tea in the church hall. All departments are in a healthy condition.

Fremantle.—On Oct. 22 there was a great gathering at the memorial service to the late Bro. A. Lucraft, who for many years as preacher at Fremantle Church of Christ, and a leader among the W.A. brotherhood, was highly esteemed for his Christian character and works. The church extends sympathy to Sister Mrs. Saunders and family in her bereavement through the death of her aged father. Bro. S. Thomson, church secretary, is now recovering. On Nov. 3 the young people gave a very successful concert in aid of renovating memorial hall fund. The new system of lighting building has been completed.

Home Missions in Queensland.

DIABOLICAL D's DELETED.

E. C. Hinrichsen, Conference President.

A little while ago Queensland was troubled with the following D's: Division, Drought and Depression.

Particularly in the city was there a lack of harmony. Unfortunately that lack still exists. There are those who are praying that there will come that unity which will make aggressive evangelism possible. The task of the church is so big that every member is needed. "We are laborers together with God."

On the night before the battle of Trafalgar the admiral, Lord Nelson, summoned his lieutenants Collingwood and Rotherham, between whom there was a quarrel of long standing. Pointing to the enemy's fleet he said: "To-morrow we must go out and meet them. Shake hands for England's sake. Shake hands and make up."

The world awaits the united movement of the church. The trumpet sounds, and calls all to go in the Master's name against the united forces of evil—the Bolshevist, the Communist, the Socialist, etc. All other considerations fade in comparison. "Shake hands and make up" for the Master's sake is the word. There is a big task for the Churches of Christ in Queensland. Let division be deleted.

There used to be much talk about drought. When the country suffers the city suffers. The country people have always supported liberally the Lord's work in every department. They are the backbone of the church as well as the country. When surrounded by drought they were not in a position to give to any extent to home mission work. Now the drought has broken. For some days it has been raining. Good for the country, but bad for the Kedron mission. Few things are more hopeful than a tent mission when it is raining. Kedron has been unfortunate. The missionary, who is hardly ever ill, has had a very severe attack of the flu. Still, the weather may fine up, and many still be added. With a good season the increased giving should make it possible to help weak causes and start some new ones. The few churches visited by the president have promised to increase their offering on Dec. 3 for home mission work to a wonderful degree. One small country church has jumped from £2/10/- last year to £36 this year. If every church could increase similarly, what an offering there would be for the Lord's work! Let each preacher encourage his members to do their best. The drought has gone.

What about the depression? It seems to be lifting. Many believe that either the depression will lift or the Lord will come. If the depression passes the members are not likely to miss what they give. On the other hand, if the Lord returns all will wish that they had done more. Every member is called upon to make an offering for the preaching of the gospel in Queensland on Dec. 3. There are big opportunities—let us grasp them.

The picture is a photo. of the last Sunday morning of the mission at Palmerston North, N.Z. This field had been a problem. The Home Missionary Committee had spent over £2,000 in subsidy. At the beginning of the mission there were scarcely more than an average of 20 at the Lord's table. Since the mission, held over two years ago, there has been an average of 185 to break bread.

—What has been done can be done. Again we say, Let every member have a part in this great home mission offering on Dec. 3.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

W. J. Campbell, Conference Secretary.

Possibly there has never been a time in the history of our work in Queensland when a greater opportunity of evangelising this State has been ours. This great growing country is crammed with opportunities for extension. Hundreds of centres appeal to the committee for evangelistic effort. The annual offering is specially needed so a great forward move under Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen can be made. Such aggressive work requires liberal support. We tried so hard to secure the services of this great evangelist, and we succeeded. Let us use him to the fullest extent while we have opportunity. You do your part, no matter what others do. Our Lord expects that each one will do his duty in the evangelisation of this corner of the earth. Remember Dec. 3, and record your vote, for or against your committee, making an aggressive move on the forces of evil.

THE LAY-BY SYSTEM.

H. G. Payne.

You have the divine "lay-by" in 1 Cor. 16: 2 In the retail traders' "lay-by" there is danger to some that they may incur greater expenditure than they can afford. The charm of the divine "lay-by" is that we are able to incur greater expenditure for the Master than we thought we could afford; and find it easy.

"Systematic proportionate giving" it is generally called, but that sounds too pedantic; the garment of words conceals the form it should beautify. Call it a "lay-by" and all will understand. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." Add "t" to "p" in the last clause, associate it with Home Missions, and you have the divine "lay-by" applied to the annual offering on December 3.

There is another "lay-by" attached to this: that of "laying up (by) treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal." Not what we hoard here is credited to our account in the bank of heaven, but what we give. Let us "lay-by"

for the offering, that we may hand a big deposit to the divine teller; a deposit not measured by the actual sum of our gift, but by that gift in ratio to our possessions—"according as God has prospered us."

"THE CALL OF THE COUNTRY."

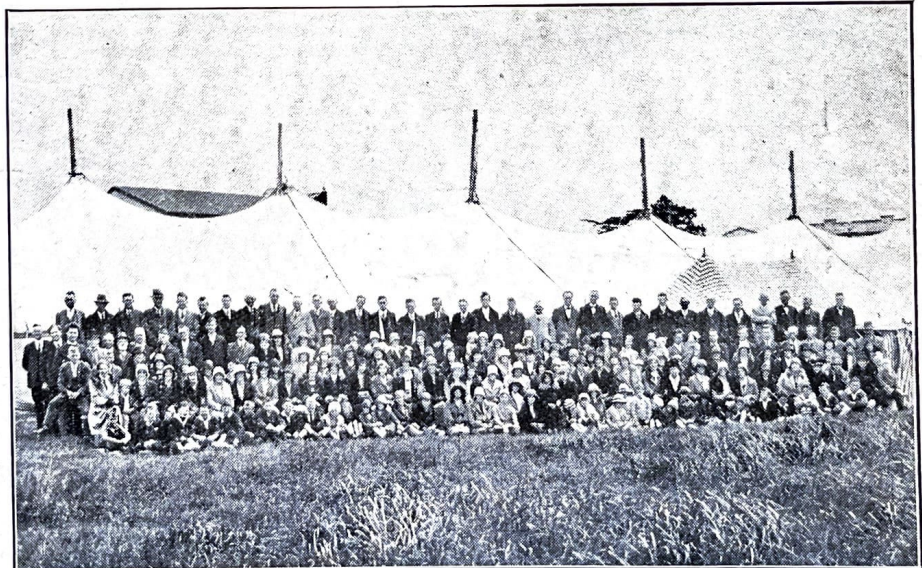
Geo. O. Tease.

As the country needs as good doctors, lawyers and chemists as does the city, so it needs the best possible in evangelism. In fact, whilst Paul confined his activities to the cities, the master Preacher was a "country preacher." The majority of our Queensland churches are located in the country, and the great, unreached country spaces are lending themselves to greater opportunities for evangelism than are the cities. This call of the country is far too important to be passed over lightly. There are, in Queensland (and in other States, too), numerous towns, villages and districts, in which the New Testament messages are entirely unknown, and which would lend themselves admirably to being organised into strong circuits. This would not only be an excellent means of presenting "the plea," but also provide a way of employing the services of preachers who are disengaged through no fault of their own.

This call of the country is so earnest and persistent that it demands an abandonment of theorising, and a courageous tackling of the problem in a prayerful and resolute way. It will take time, prayer, work and money. The brotherhood is capable of the first three and possesses the latter.

THE MEANING OF LIFE.

The Lord I love went home one day,
Went home to God. He did not say
How long he would be gone, nor when
He would be coming back again.
I only know that he has gone
To make a place for me. Some dawn
Or evening light he'll come for me!
Till then there is a task that he
Has set for me, his last command—
To preach the Word! O heart and hand,
Be consecrated to his cause.
Spend strength and purse and store, nor pause
Until that wondrous prize is won:
His tender words—"Belov'd, well done!"
—"The Bible for China."



Tent Mission Conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen at Palmerston North, N.Z., in 1931.
Photo. taken on the last Sunday morning.

Tasmania's Appeal.

HOME MISSIONS IS OUR LEGITIMATE TASK.

E. A. Stevens, Conference President.

Yes, our task is to evangelise this fair State of ours, and it can be done, but only by every one of our Tasmanian brethren realising that it is their task.

Am I my brother's keeper? Yes, we are, and until we all begin to apply this rule to ourselves our work will be on the retrograde, and it is up to us all to stop it.

Brethren, if we would only realise how great a work this is, what joy would fill our hearts to know we were making more progress. Let us stop, think and meditate upon this great work. Just think! in Tasmania we have only five workers, three being located in the cities, leaving only two men in the home mission fields. Surely this should make us all bestir ourselves.

We have had in Tasmania, for the first time in our history, the Federal Conference, and an inspiring and uplifting time was experienced by all who attended.

Some brethren have not much interest in home mission work, chiefly because they focus upon foreign mission work (which we believe is good and right), but we must remember, brethren, that if our home base is weak, then likewise all our other work is weakened. So let us give heartily to the home mission enterprise, and we would then be better able to support Christian missions in other lands.

Last month one of our home missionaries finished his labors with the Home Mission Committee, and because we lack sufficient funds we were not in a position to place him anywhere else.

We must be honest about these things. Is it lack of funds only? or is it because we have lack of faith as well?

To-day our overdraft exceeds the limit at the bank, which is a very sad state of affairs, but we can alter it easily enough by fulfilling our legitimate task.

We remember Calvary, with its ignominy and shame, and in the words of the hymn ask ourselves:—

"I gave my life for thee,
What hast thou given for me?"

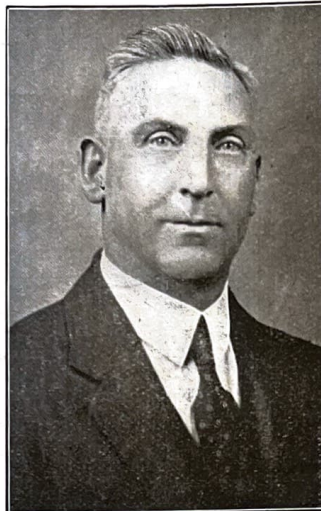
Our home mission offering is fixed for Dec. 3, therefore let our gift be worthy of one of his followers. Then pray, plan, work for a mission in your assembly early in the new year.

THE BEAUTIES OF TASMANIA.

F. Collins, Launceston.

The beauties of Tasmania are acclaimed by visitors from every land. Mountains, rivers, lakes, forests, and even the towns and cities, form pictures of delightful quality. Our citizens compare favorably with any in the matter of behaviour, but we have to admit that the only disfigurements of this beautiful country are the godless lives of those "who obey not the gospel." The Home Mission Committee is striving to spread the gospel in every town and hamlet so that the beauty of holiness may crown the glory of Tasmania's scenic marvels. The passing of some of the pioneers of our churches reminds us that the "beauty of our God" may rest upon each country to that extent to which we preach a pure gospel. The late Mrs. George Smith, and Joseph Williams, of the Hobart churches, were examples of the imitation of Jesus, which is a greater wonder than our towering mountains, or the rich fields and orchards of this lovely land. For over sixty years Sister Smith witnessed to "the truth as it is in Jesus"; and it is

upwards of fifty years since Stephen Cheek led Joseph Williams to Christ. A liberal offering to home missions on December 3 will help us multiply the forces of righteousness which "adorn the doctrine of Christ" with good works. The home missions account at the bank is overdrawn, and we must withdraw from the fields unless liberal help is given, and given quickly. Do not let Tasmania lag behind in missionary zeal. Just as we equalled the great hospitality of our mainland churches in entertaining a Federal Conference, let us abound in the grace of giving for the spread of the gospel.



E. A. Stevens,
Tasmanian Conference President.

MAN'S NEED AND MAN'S SAVIOUR.

H. W. Street.

As a people we of Churches of Christ give our whole-hearted allegiance to the Bible. We accept it as a revelation from God to man, authentic and authoritative. It is sufficient for us to know that God has spoken, to give finality to any subject. Let us consider the works of home missions in the light of the teaching of scripture.

1. As to man and his need. The Word of God leaves us in no doubt as to the true condition of man before his Creator. "We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin." "That every mouth may be stopped and all the world become guilty before God" (Rom. 3: 9, 19). "Dead in trespasses and sins." "Having no hope, and without God in the world" (Eph. 2: 1, 12); "We know the whole world lieth in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5: 19, Wey.). These are but a few specimen passages, but they are sufficient to indicate beyond doubt the lost condition of man by nature, and apart from the saving grace of Christ. Grasp the thought; let it grip your imagination. Without Christ men are lost and undone. Lost! what terrible meaning is wrapped up in that little word. We must believe it, for God has spoken it.

2. As to the sufficiency of Christ. We must believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is all sufficient in the work of saving the lost. He has the ability. The scriptures glow with this thought. "He is "able to save to the uttermost," "Able to keep from falling," "Able to make all grace to abound toward you." Blessed be God there is no

doubt as to the ability of Christ to save all who are lost. We must believe that Christ is the balm for all sorrow, the solution for all problems, the soul's necessity.

Now in the work of home missions we are endeavoring to lead needy man to the "sufficient Saviour." Praise God the work is fruitful to the eternal salvation of men and women.

You have your part to play in this work. It is the work of the whole church, therefore your work as a privileged member of the church.

A FOURFOLD CHALLENGE.

E. J. Waters.

An early church father said, "The church of Jesus Christ exists . . . to win souls for Christ." This is her supreme task. God challenges the churches in Tasmania to live up to the task set before her. The challenge is fourfold.

I. The Challenge of a Divine Ideal.

The passion that dominated the life of Jesus was the passion for souls. Is the church working toward the attaining of this ideal?

II. The Challenge of a Great Need.

The whole world needs Christ. True, but Tasmania needs Christ. Our churches claim less than 1,000 out of 220,000. Is there need in Tasmania for evangelism? Who will deny it?

III. The Challenge of a Great Possession.

The church possesses just what Tasmania wants, namely, Jesus Christ, his glorious saving gospel and the Holy Spirit.

IV. The Challenge of a Consecrated Life.

The demand is for men and women fully consecrated and sanctified. Men who in the words of McChyne must "look into the face of God before the face of man."

Let us meet this fourfold challenge by consecrated, sincere and sacrificial giving on Dec. 3.

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS.

Revised January 1, 1933, by G. L. Kieffer.

Estimated Christian Population of the World at the end of several centuries:

First Century about	500,000
Second Century about	2,000,000
Third Century about	5,000,000
Fourth Century about	10,000,000
Fifth Century about	15,000,000
Sixth Century about	20,000,000
Seventh Century about	24,000,000
Eighth Century about	30,000,000
Ninth Century about	40,000,000
Tenth Century about	50,000,000
Eleventh Century about	70,000,000
Twelfth Century about	80,000,000
Thirteenth Century about	75,000,000
Fourteenth Century about	80,000,000
Fifteenth Century about	100,000,000
Sixteenth Century about	125,000,000
Seventeenth Century about	155,000,000
Eighteenth Century about	200,000,000
Nineteenth Century about	500,000,000
Twentieth Century about	737,280,000

THE GROWTH OF PROTESTANTISM IN THE WORLD.

Year.	Members.	Increase.
1851	82,000,000	—
1882	106,000,000	24,000,000
1884	123,657,000	17,657,000
1888	133,500,000	9,843,000
1889	136,036,600	2,536,600
1891	143,237,625	7,201,025
1900	150,000,000	6,762,375
1906	166,066,500	16,066,500
1915	171,650,000	5,583,500
1917	177,300,000	5,650,000
1925	191,259,655	13,959,655
1932	202,180,000	10,920,345

—"News Bulletin."

News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

West Hobart.—Bible School anniversary on Oct. 29 was attended by large audiences both afternoon and evening. Bren. A. Heard and J. Woolley gave special children's addresses. On Nov. 1 the building was again crowded for the children's demonstration. Bro. Warmbrunn, of Launceston (the school's first superintendent), gave out the prizes. Bro. Ray Lillye, who conducted the singing, was presented with a mounted baton.

Hobart (Collins-st.)—On Nov. 6 a young lady made her confession at the gospel service. On Nov. 13 Bro. Martin conducted both services, it being the third anniversary of his commencement with the church as evangelist. A young woman decided for Christ. Feeling reference was made to the death of Roy Patterson, who resided with his mother and father on Swan Light-house. While shooting with a companion on the previous Friday, he was accidentally killed. His mother is a member of the church at Collins-st.

South Australia.

Port Pirie.—On Oct. 31 the Y.P.S.C.E. society held its first birthday social, a happy time being spent. On Nov. 5 Bro. Killmier spoke at both meetings, which were fairly well attended.

Nailsworth.—Splendid attendances are maintained at all services. On Nov. 12, 140 met to break bread; 160 attended gospel service. Band of Hope held its annual meeting with 200 present. At the half-yearly business meeting on Nov. 1 Bro. Stan. J. Thomas was elected a deacon. Reports from all auxiliaries showed marked progress. Bro. G. McKie is enjoying better health.

Glenelg.—Good interest continues to be maintained. On evening of Nov. 5 a "flower service" was held, when Bro. Edwards spoke on "Things which the Flowers Teach Us." Several items, including an anthem, were rendered by the choir. Sister Edna Curtis, from Gawler, was recently received into fellowship. Sickness has been prevalent among members, most of whom have now recovered.

Henley Beach.—On Oct. 29 Bro. Manning exhorted. Bro. Swan gave the address at gospel meeting in the interests of the B. and F. Bible Society. Mrs. Coombe was received into fellowship. On morning of Nov. 5 Bro. Cliff Manning gave echoes from the C.E. Convention held recently in Tasmania. Bro. Manning delivered a gospel message on "The Silver-lined Cloud." There was a fair attendance at both meetings.

Mill End.—Children's Day F.M. service was observed on afternoon of Oct. 29. Many scholars took part, and a very interesting message was given by Mrs. R. J. Burrows on mission life in South America. A man who previously confessed Christ was immersed prior to evening meeting. Bro. B. W. Manning addressed both services on Nov. 5. A lad from the Bible School made the good confession. Miss Derbyshire sang two appreciated solos.

Semaphore.—Excellent services were held on Nov. 5. J.C.E. anniversary was celebrated. After communion a graduation service was conducted by Bro. Beiler for 25 of the older juniors who will now constitute a new intermediate society. At Bible School there were four new scholars, and at night the juniors formed the choir and rendered special singing. After Bro. Beiler's address on "Trees," a girl made the good confession. The junior C.E. society has again won the Adelaide District C.E. Union banner for a 230th anniversary year's work. A good programme was presented at the anniversary meeting on Nov. 7. Bag newly-formed intermediate C.E. began work on Nov. 12 with 21 present. Nice meeting around

the Lord's table, Bro. Beiler speaking on "A Beautiful Church." At night he gave the first of a series of addresses on "The Body of Christ"—"His Head."

Adelaide (Grote-st.)—Since the close of the mission there have been three confessions; these friends were influenced to make their decision largely by the mission services. On Nov. 12 one was received by letter. The evening service was of the nature of a choral service, marking the conclusion of the very excellent ministry as pianiste of Miss M. Magarey. Miss Magarey is leaving Adelaide by the "Barrabool" en route for Europe on Nov. 18; she expects to be away about two years.

Maylands.—Meetings continue large and full of interest. On Oct. 29 there were three confessions, Bro. Fitzgerald speaking on "Good News." Nov. 5, C.E. graduation exercises were a part of the morning worship, and the chapel was filled. The address dealing with the temporary eclipse of Elijah edified young and old. In the evening there were four baptisms and a capacity audience. Bro. Fitzgerald spoke on "Good News." All devotional auxiliary meetings are improving in numbers and power.

Cheltenham.—On Oct. 29 Bro. G. Cox's exhortation was much appreciated. In the evening a powerful address was delivered by Bro. Lampshire, on "God Succeeds Where Men Fail." Girls' sunshine club held a successful annual social on Oct. 31. At morning meeting on Nov. 5 a sister was received by letter, and Bro. A. G. Hinde spoke on "Personal Evangelism." In the afternoon the school met in the tent, and were addressed by Bro. Lampshire. At night the tent mission commenced, the tent being crowded out, with people standing outside. Queenstown choir assisted. Bro. Lampshire spoke on "Is There a Life After Death?" There were seven confessions. The mission had good attendances during last week, and Bro. Lampshire delivered excellent messages. There were eleven confessions for the week. On Nov. 12 Bro. J. Mitchell spoke in the morning on "The Church." Bro. and Sister Wilton were received by transfer. At a men's meeting in the afternoon Bro. Lampshire's subject was "In the Garner of God." Evening, tent crowded; subject, "A Lover's Confession." Four more decisions, making total of fifteen to date. Bro. Houston is greatly assisting with his singing.

Victoria.

Brim.—On Nov. 5 Bro. R. McPherson conducted morning service. On Sept. 25 an enjoyable picnic was held. On Nov. 2 a social was held at break-up of triangle club.

Surrey Hills.—The ladies' guild is busy working for its Australian tea and concert. There were good attendances at both meetings on Nov. 12. Two young men were received into fellowship.

St. Kilda.—On Nov. 4 a sale of works was held afternoon and night. It was opened by Mrs. Webb. On Nov. 5 Bro. Smith was the speaker at both morning and evening services. He delivered two fine messages.

South Richmond.—Good meetings during S.S. anniversary services. All speakers were much appreciated. On Nov. 9 the children held a successful concert. C.E. had a talk from Bro. Thomas on mission work.

Berwick.—All regret the illness of Bro. McDiarmid. During his absence Bren. Griffiths and Martin have carried on the work. Good meetings prevail. At annual business meeting last month all departments were reported to be in a healthy condition, and there was a credit balance in hand.

Prahran.—Bro. Fitch continues to give bright and helpful messages. Special arrangements are in hand for 80th church anniversary. S.S. scholars had enjoyable picnic at Wattle Park on Nov. 7. On Nov. 12 there were two decisions.

Kyneton.—Bro. D. C. Ritchie will continue as student preacher for another year. Some improvements have been effected to the chapel and grounds. The messages of Bro. Manning, of the College, were much appreciated on Nov. 12.

Horsham.—Attendance well maintained at all services. Methodist C.E. society visited Horsham C.E. on Nov. 6. An enjoyable Bible School picnic was held on Nov. 4. On Nov. 10 a successful sale of work was held by the sisters in the Temperance Hall.

Doncaster.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 5, Bro. Watson, of Ivanhoe, addressed the church. Bible class and young people's club held an enjoyable picnic at Kallista on Nov. 7. On the evening of Nov. 12 Bro. Connor's address on "Felix the Enslaved" was much appreciated.

St. Arnaud.—On Oct. 18 the Bible School picnic was held. A social evening, followed by a pasty supper, held on Oct. 31, proved a success. Proceeds were in aid of church funds. On Oct. 29 the church enjoyed fellowship with Bro. E. Randall, preacher of Murray Bridge church, S.A.

Ringwood.—On morning of Nov. 12 Bro. Wilson, from Prohibition League, gave an address. Bible School is practising for anniversary. All auxiliaries in healthy condition. An interdenominational prayer meeting is held each Thursday night in the chapel, with a fine attendance.

Preston.—A social arranged by the Bible School on Nov. 11 was well attended, and pleasant. Several visitors were present at communion service on Nov. 12. Bro. Fisher's subject at gospel service was "The Increasing Christ," after which seven confessions were received. Both services were well attended.

Mildura.—On Oct. 29 two young women were baptised. At evening service on Nov. 5 a young man confessed Christ. On Oct. 25 an enjoyable social evening was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Lin. Cameron in aid of forthcoming lavender fair. On Nov. 5 Bro. Macnaughtan spoke both morning and evening.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Average attendances for October were—communion, 148; gospel service, 246. Miss Phyllis Hayes has transferred to Lygon-st. church. Miss Bonny Wilson was recently married, and has gone to Lakes Entrance to reside. Mrs. Coxon is making progress, but is still under medical treatment.

Moreland.—On Nov. 12 Bro. R. L. Arnold gave helpful addresses morning and evening. Two were immersed, and three received into fellowship recently. On Nov. 7 a large number of Bible School scholars and friends spent an enjoyable day at Heidelberg Park. The church financial appeal now exceeds £216/10/-.

North Richmond.—Meetings keep up to average. On Nov. 5 Bren. Ingham and Church (College) conducted the services with good messages. On Nov. 12 Bro. Church was in charge of both services, and gave splendid messages. Bible School picnic at Rosanna was very enjoyable. All auxiliaries are working with great enthusiasm.

Emerald.—After a fair meeting on Nov. 5 a young couple, who made the confession the previous Sunday, were immersed. They will link up with the church at Emerald East. Bro. Beaumont, of Coburg, will preach during College vacation, after which Bro. Griffiths will take charge during the 1934 College term. The church regrets Bro. Alcorn's leaving.

Kaniva.—On Nov. 5 there were splendid services. Visitors included Bro. and Sister Strongman and Bro. and Sister A. R. Main, of Gardiner, and Bro. R. D. Main, of Newcastle, N.S.W. The church enjoyed Bro. A. R. Main's messages morning and evening. At night extra seating was required. On Nov. 6 Bro. R. D. Main and Sister L. Williams were married, Bro. A. R. Main officiating.

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Diamond Jubilee, North Fitzroy, Victoria.

The diamond jubilee services on Nov. 5 were an unqualified success. Will. H. Clay (conference president) presided at morning service, and A. W. Connor spoke on the subject, "God's Building and God's Builders." The seating capacity of the chapel was taxed to accommodate those who came. J. W. Baker extended a word of welcome to former members of North Fitzroy. Another great gathering in the afternoon filled the building. It was presided over by Harold B. Robbins (conference vice-president), who



J. W. Baker,
who has completed 32 years of ministry at
North Fitzroy, Vic.

brought the brotherhood greetings. Miss Ellis extended the best wishes and congratulations of the Women's Conference. Many letters had been received from past members who could not be present, one coming from far-distant Western Australia. J. E. Thomas delivered an address on "What Makes a Home," taking his text from Proverbs 15: 17. In the evening the chapel was crowded out, and seats were placed in all the available space. Dr. W. Hinrichsen preached on "The Laws of Life." Past members of the choir acceptably rendered two anthems during the service. A feature of the day was the great social gatherings at dinner and tea, which were laid out in the main school hall. About 250 were present on each occasion. Great enthusiasm prevailed as old friendships were renewed. All the addresses during the day were of a very high standard, and the day will long be remembered by all those who attended. The year closed the 32nd year of the ministry of J. W. Baker, who received many congratulations.—L. Gole.

SOMEONE HAS WELL SAID:

"If Christ is the Way, we are the sign-boards;
If Christ is the Truth, we are the examples;
If Christ is the Door, we are the door-keepers,
to open it for others;
If Christ is the Vine, we are the fruit-bearing
branches;
If Christ is the Bright and Morning Star, we are
to brush aside the clouds that will veil his
beauty from the world."

—"Maritime Baptist."

Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schwab.

At the brotherhood meeting held on Oct. 30 to say farewell to Bro. Schwab, Lake-st. chapel, Perth, W.A., was well filled, all the suburban churches being represented. Bro. Raymond (Fremantle preacher and vice-president of conference) was chairman. Mrs. Saunders, president of Sisters' Auxiliary, said a few words of farewell and presented Mrs. Schwab with a beautiful handbag. A little girlie presented a lovely bouquet. Bro. Rodier (Subiaco) spoke on behalf of the H.M. Committee, and Bro. Smith on behalf of the Bible Schools and Young People's Department. Bro. Saunders (preacher at Subiaco) said a few words of appreciation in the interests of the Foreign Mission Committee, and Bro. Keith Robinson represented the preachers' association. Bro. D. M. Wilson spoke on behalf of Lake-st. church. He said that Bro. Schwab had just about made a record with his six and a half years of service at Lake-st. He paid a tribute to Bro. Schwab's saintly character, and said that the best wishes of the brotherhood go with him as he goes to the church at Grote-st., Adelaide. Bro. Wilson read a letter from Bro. Albany Bell expressing appreciation of Bro. Schwab and wishing him success.

Bro. Wilson, on behalf of the Endeavorers, presented Bro. Schwab with a book, and from members of Lake-st. with a handsome study Bible and a fountain pen (both suitably inscribed); also some banknotes, being a balance of money subscribed. Mrs. Schwab made an appropriate response. She said that she had greatly enjoyed her two years of service as president of the Sisters' Auxiliary. Bro. Schwab also gave a farewell address. He and Mrs. Schwab would remember the many privileges and pleasures enjoyed in W.A., and especially at Lake-st. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Cosh and Mr. Henry Wright.

MISSION AT NORTH AUBURN, N.S.W.

The evangelistic mission at North Auburn, N.S.W., conducted by Bro. E. Davis, which terminated on Oct. 23, was born in the spirit of prayer. For some weeks prior to the effort intercession services were held in cottage homes. The whole district was canvassed with a judicious distribution of literature, and calico signs announced the mission. Bro. Davis delivered splendid messages, his presentation of the New Testament truths being greatly appreciated. There were four decisions. Bro. Schofield rendered splendid service as song-leader, as also did the soloists and Auburn choir. On Oct. 23 a reunion social was held, when a goodly company were present. Special reference was made to the great help that Bro. Davis had been to the church, and also to the work of the song-leader. A token of love was handed to the missionary, who suitably responded. The church has been strengthened and lives enriched.—W.J.C.

South Australian News-letter. J. Wiltshire.

Not a great deal has transpired during the month to excite us. Like three other States we have been enjoying Tasmania representatively, and have been thrilled by the reports which have come to hand of the wonders of both the landscape beauty and the unstinted generosity of the people of the island State. It is a singular thing that South Australia should have been the State to recommend the postponement of the Federal Conference on account of the hardness of the times, and at the same time send the largest delegation to both the Federal Conference and the National Convention of C.E. In all, more than five hundred people were absent from the State for these two events. It must be generally admitted that the after benefits to the Christian community of these great gatherings are very real. Numbers of our young people are led out into definite service for the Lord Jesus Christ, and the spirituality of others is definitely deepened.

The missions in course when I last wrote have been concluded with fair results. The effort by Grote-st. was much enjoyed. Bro. Fitzgerald proved himself a very brotherly leader, and the congregations listened to his addresses with marked interest. We have not heard the result of Bro. Paternoster's ministry in the tent at Aldgate, but Bro. James Johnstone had some good results at Torrensville, and for about five weeks preached the Word to good audiences. Encouraged by this he commenced an effort at Moonta on Nov. 12.

Bro. Reg. Lampshire, who is now doing week-end work with the little church at Cheltenham, commenced a tent mission of considerable promise on Nov. 5. The tent was uncomfortably crowded, and at the conclusion of the meeting seven friends confessed Christ.

In a short time the services of Bro. Garfield Rootes at Victor Harbor will conclude. Bro. Rootes has done a very fine work at this popular seaside town, and it is regrettable that he is to leave before he could enjoy the advantages of greater facilities. The work has been carried on in a hall with no possible provision for a week-night service. But our brother has won the love and esteem of the residents of the town, and in consequence the church is very favorably regarded. We hope Bro. Rootes will not be lost to this State. He has helped us very greatly for many years by his unwavering loyalty to the Lord Jesus and his Christian gentlemanliness.

It was our pleasure last night to welcome to the city from Western Australia Bro. and Sister Chas. Schwab. It was good to see them so well, and our brother seemed eager again to be in harness. They will spend a few weeks in the country while the present preacher at Grote-st. is finalising his ministry, and on Dec. 10 he will commence in the city work.

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On Saturday, Nov. 4, a tea arranged by the ladies' auxiliary was held. This was followed by a great inspirational meeting. Bro. Hagger spoke on "The Faith of Our Fathers," and H. G. Harward on "The Threefold Aspect of the Christian Life." A cake with fifty candles was cut by Mrs. Alex. Lacombe. During the evening a beautiful communion cloth was presented to the church. Nov. 5 was a great day in the history of the church. At the communion service Bro. A. Allen, conference president, gave a fine message on



Group of Officers of Lidcombe Church.

"The Spirit-filled Life." H. V. Lacombe was afternoon speaker. W. J. Crossman conducted a broadcast service in the evening, when 350 people were present. Monday, Nov. 6, a youth service was held. On Tuesday, 7th inst., all available space was occupied in the building. Extra seating in aisles and on platform and vestibule was necessary to accommodate the crowd that came to listen to the story of fifty years. Bro. Crossman spoke for two hours, and illustrated his address with 70 lantern slides, tracing the life and work of the church. It was a great night. The church takes courage and goes forward to commence "a festival of evangelism," to be conducted by Thomas Hagger from Nov. 19.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CAUSE.

Under the guidance of God the church owes its existence to William Stimson and Edwin Andrews, men of sainted memory. In the year 1856 (77 years ago) a small group of brethren began holding meetings at the home of Edward Lewis, Fairfield. Three years later services commenced at the residence of William Stimson, the Lord's table being set up and a Bible School commenced. Closely associated with this good man were Thomas Andrews and wife, Edwin Andrews, wife and family, and Edward Lewis. During those days several were immersed in a baptistery prepared in the orchard.

After some years of quiet steady work, on account of removals and other causes, the church decided to move its membership, and open a meeting at Rookwood, where a larger population was to be found. The first service was held in the Temperance Hall on Nov. 4, 1883, at 3 p.m., G. B. Moysey being the preacher. The membership was 13. Mrs. Alex. Lacombe is the only surviving foundation member. Until 1886 services were held in the hall, when it was decided to erect a chapel. Through the generosity of Edwin Andrews a block of land was secured in the main street for five shillings. The sum of £300 was loaned by D. Clark. The building was opened for worship on Dec. 5, 1886. Edward Bagley was the first evangelist. He was followed by Thomas Bagley, R. Verco and John Crawford.

Duncan Maclaren McCrackett commenced his ministry in 1891. He was followed by Bren. Donaldson and Clapham. R. C. Gilmour commenced his work in 1896, he being followed by L. A. Williams. Then came Theo. B. Fisher, that great brotherhood man, who in turn was followed by W. J. Way for a short period.

In the year 1904 G. H. Browne was welcomed. It was in that year that Bro. A. Allen, the present conference president, came into the church upon a confession of faith and baptism. W. B. Hayes and E. Neville then served the church, and in 1913 A. R. Brown, from Petersham, was invited to conduct services on Lord's days and Wednesday nights. Then came the great war. During those dark days John Clydesdale's ministry was one of consolation and guidance. He remained for five years. G. H. Browne commenced a second term in 1919, followed by H. D. Priestley in 1924, and E. R. Butler followed in 1925. In 1926 C. J. Puffett followed under a part-time engagement. In October, 1928, T. G. H. Westwood, of Victoria, was then invited. At this time it was decided to sell the old property, the land being sold for £2,750 early in 1929. The old building realised £50. To-day the church worships in a commodious building, its beautiful open baptistery lending a silent witness; there are a fine school hall, kindergarten room, retiring rooms, vestries, kitchen, etc. The property, inclusive of land, cost £3,080, and was opened free of debt on July 20, 1929. T. G. H. Westwood resigned on January 8, 1930. W. J. Crossman has served the church since April, 1930. All the auxiliaries are in a healthy condition. There is a thriving Bible School with a staff of 22 teachers.

Obituary.

WELSH.—Sister Mrs. Welsh passed peacefully away from this life after an illness of about ten weeks. Our late sister united with the church in Ararat, Vic., during a mission conducted by Bren. Hinrichsen and Brooker. About seven years ago the family came to Geelong, and were received into membership with the church in Latrobe Terrace. She was a quiet, unassuming woman, with a great love in her heart for spiritual things. Her remains were laid to rest in the Eastern Cemetery in the presence of a very large number of relatives and friends. To the bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.—H.M.C.

ELLIOTT.—On Oct. 26 Bro. F. C. Elliott, a member of South Yarra church, Vic., passed away to be in the safe keeping of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our brother was baptised seven or eight years ago during a mission held at Hobart by Bro. A. E. Forbes, and four years ago, on coming to live in Melbourne, brought his membership to South Yarra. He had been ill for many months, and towards the last he suffered a great deal. Through it all he was a splendid example of patience and of consideration for those who looked after him. Our brother was loyal in his support of the church, and regular in his attendance at the meetings. On Sunday, Nov. 5, a memorial service was held at South Yarra at evening meeting. A widow, four sons and three daughters are left to mourn their loss. We trust that the fellowship of the church, the spiritual companionship of our Lord and the hope of his promises may mean much to them all in this time of need.—A.W.L.

REYNOLDS.—Devonport church, Tas., has suffered a loss in the passing of Sister Mrs. W. Reynolds on Nov. 10, at the age of 69 years. In 1879 Bro. W. Moffitt visited New Grounds, Tasmania, and faithfully preached the word. As a result, on Feb. 22, 1880, our late sister, then Miss S. Barnes, was immersed. She was united in marriage about 1891 to Bro. W. Reynolds, also a member of New Grounds church. These two

faithful souls were the early pioneers of the work in north-west Tasmania. About nine years ago our brother and sister moved to Devonport and became foundation members of the cause in that town. Our sister was loved of all for her fine Christian character and good works. She has suffered much illness of late years, but proved a patient sufferer. The church extends loving sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a devoted mother, viz., Bro. Reynolds, Sister Reid, of Preston, Sister Kenzie, and Bro. L. Reynolds; also to the many relatives and friends.—E. J. Waters.

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News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 729.)

Red Hill.—The C.E. society provided some special features at gospel service on Oct. 25. Also on that day at Balnarring a fortnightly kindergarten and Bible School was commenced, followed by a public religious service. These will be continued, assisted by Les. E. Baker. He is leading in church and platform work in an earnest and good way.

Oakleigh.—On Oct. 19 there were fine meetings all day. Bro. Mudge spoke both morning and evening. Sunday School anniversary concert was a big success. There were also again splendid meetings all day on Nov. 5. Bro. Shipway gave a fine message at morning service. In the evening Bro. Mudge preached on "The Commencement of the Church." The choir rendered bright singing.

Gardiner.—There was a crowded morning meeting on Nov. 5, many visitors being present. Bro. J. W. Black's address was much enjoyed. Bro. Patterson is giving a series of evening "mountain top" addresses. He spoke at both services on Nov. 12, his evening theme being Mount Nebo. Mr. and Mrs. T. Peacock, of Maylands, W.A., had fellowship. The Bible School held a successful picnic on Nov. 7.

Yarrowonga.—Yarrowonga and Mulwala Bible Schools held the annual picnic at Mulwala Common on Oct. 28. A large crowd was present, and an enjoyable time was spent. Meetings continue to be good. On morning of Nov. 5 Bro. Searle spoke powerfully on "The Way of Faith." His evening subject was "The Greatest Commandment." The church extends sympathy to Bro. Houghton in the death of his wife.

Hartwell.—At Sunday School anniversary services on Nov. 5 and 12, there were splendid attendances; speakers, Bren. W. Graham, A. Hughes, Patterson and Baker. Six scholars were presented with gold medals for five years' unbroken attendance. Great credit is due to superintendent, Bro. A. Body, and teachers. On Nov. 12 Bro. A. Baker gave powerful addresses, speaking in the morning on "The Burning Bush," and in the evening on "The Boy Jesus."

Newmarket.—On Nov. 12 Bro. Dow, of Fairfield, delivered a helpful morning message. Bro. Black gave an inspiring address at night. At C.E. meeting on Nov. 9 Bro. Burden, of Ascot Vale, gave an interesting lecture on aboriginal work at Cummeragunja. Bible School annual picnic at Greensborough on Nov. 7 was very enjoyable. The school is well on the up grade; 105 scholars present on Nov. 12. All auxiliaries are progressing favorably.

Brunswick.—An enjoyable Bible School picnic was held at Campbellfield on Nov. 7. Cricket club held a novelty social evening on Nov. 11. On Nov. 12 Bro. P. Foster, of North Fitzroy, gave a helpful morning message. At night Bro. Pittman spoke on "Sinless Made Sin, and the Sinful Made Righteous." Bro. and Sister Pittman rendered a duet. An offering was received to assist distressed soldiers. Attendances at gospel meetings are increasing.

Middle Park.—Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 5 and 12 with great success. The scholars sang splendidly under the baton of Bro. Les. Brooker. Addresses by Bren. A. A. Hughes, T. G. Westwood, Les. Brooker and R. Baker were much enjoyed. The building was packed at gospel service. Bro. Westwood expressed regret at the resignation of Bro. D. Gray, who has capably served as Bible School superintendent, and extended a welcome to Bro. Les. Brooker as his successor.

Thornbury.—Meetings continue to be good. On Nov. 5 Bro. H. Robbins, of West Preston, gave a splendid morning address, dealing with the C.E. convention in Launceston. On Nov. 12 excellent meetings were held. Bro. W. Jackel addressed the church on "Partners with God." At a large gospel meeting there were two confessions, 200 broke bread for the day—a record for the church.

During the year many successful social gatherings were held, and were the means of raising a considerable amount of money.

Camberwell.—The church anniversary was held on Oct. 29. Bro. C. C. Dawson spoke in the morning, and Bro. C. A. Hughes in the evening. Special music was rendered by the choir, and the soloist was Bro. E. R. Berry. At the annual meeting of the church in October Bro. Barnacle was elected an elder of the church, and Bren. D. Brown, C. Brown, Hall, Clark, Mitchell, Peters and Huntsman deacons. Reports from all auxiliaries showed the work in a healthy condition. A pleasant Sunday School picnic was held at Upwey Convention grounds on Nov. 7.

Meredith.—Several visiting brethren and sisters have had fellowship. Bro. R. Lowne has recovered from his serious operation. Bro. W. G. Combridge and Sister Combridge have gone to Castlemaine district. The church met, and in presenting our brother with a token of remembrance, wished them prosperity and happiness in their future work. On morning of Nov. 5 Bro. Laird addressed the church. At night Bro. R. Goldsworthy conducted gospel service, his subject being "Popular and Inexcusable Excuses." Bro. and Sister Laird rendered a duet.

Castlemaine.—A fair held on Oct. 13 by ladies' help assembly realised £45, which was given to the church. For the past three weeks a "crusade of the cross," conducted by Bro. Hurren, of Bendigo, has been in progress. Bro. Earle led the singing. The meetings have been well attended, people coming from Harcourt, Bendigo, Kyneton, Maryborough and other districts. Solos and duets were sung each night. At some meetings the chapel was crowded. Much blessing was received. The crusade closed on Nov. 9 with a thanksgiving service. On Nov. 5 a young man was baptised.

North Essendon.—Bro. K. Jones, of Hampton, gave a fine spiritual message on morning of Nov. 5. Bro. Frank Griffiths' address at gospel service was appreciated. There are fair attendances at all meetings, and interest is well maintained in auxiliaries. Members are pleased that Bro. R. P. Williams has acceded to the unanimous wish of members to continue as preacher till November, 1934. Bible School picnic held at Greensborough on Nov. 7 was very successful. There were good meetings on Nov. 12, R. P. Williams giving thoughtful addresses at both services. A feature of services is the fine number of young people attending.

Parkdale.—On Oct. 31, Gardiner K.S.P. gave a good programme for Y.W.L. anniversary concert. Certificates and badges were presented to young worshippers. Through influenza Bro. Stephenson was unable to attend on Nov. 5. Bren. Bryce, morning, and Plummer, evening, gave helpful messages. Sunday School spent an enjoyable time at picnic at Aspendale on Nov. 7. A pleasant social evening on Nov. 11 for funds for C.E. stall at sale of work was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollingworth. Fair attendances on Nov. 12, when Bro. A. W. Stephenson gave instructive messages. Sickness continues among members. In five weeks, penny-per-week fund has paid 30/- off building overdraft.

Bayswater.—Church and Bible School celebrated anniversaries on Oct. 29. Bro. J. E. Shipway gave a helpful message to the church, also an interesting talk to scholars in the afternoon. Bro. Johnston's evening subject was "A Study in Profit and Loss." Scholars, under the leadership of Bro. Edwards, of Tunstall, sang very creditably. Audiences were large at all services. On Nov. 1 an entertainment was given by scholars, and prizes were distributed. Bro. Quirk delivered a bright speech. Two esteemed workers, Bro. E. Charles and Sister Elsie Finger, superintendent and secretary respectively of Bible School, were united in marriage on Nov. 11. Bro. W. Clay, assisted by Bro. Johnston, officiating. A kitchen tea in their honor was held on Nov. 7, and a presentation of a clock on behalf of the church was made. Gospel service on Nov. 12 was well attended.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Meetings were well attended on Nov. 5, Bro. Hollard speaking at both services. At evening service members of the cricket club took part. Bren. Hollard, Shephard and Murphy rendered a trio. Bro. Hollard spoke on "Playing a Straight Bat." Over 60 were present. On Nov. 1 a social was given to two young people about to be married. A suitable presentation was made on behalf of the church and all the departments. Good meetings on Nov. 12, Bro. Hollard speaking at both services. His evening address was much appreciated. Miss Elsie Baker rendered an enjoyable solo. Members who have been ill are progressing, especially Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Warrnambool.—Bro. W. Clay (conference president) was present on Oct. 29, the occasion being the Bible School anniversary. Teachers, deacons and deaconesses met at tea on Oct. 28, and were addressed by Bro. Clay. The induction of deacons was carried out at morning service on Oct. 29. Bro. Clay's exhortation was full of help and inspiration. Singing of scholars and teachers at afternoon and evening services was most enjoyable. Bro. Clay spoke to the children in the afternoon, and gave a much appreciated message at night. The concert and prize distribution took place on Oct. 31, when a good congregation enjoyed a fine programme by the children and adult members of the church.

Merbein.—All meetings are fairly well attended. On Nov. 5 Bro. Brooke's morning subject was "The Jericho Road." In the evening he spoke on "Courage." The "Climbing Mount Everest" competition, under the leadership of Bro. B. West, has roused enthusiasm in the Bible School. Interesting discussion follows addresses at mid-week prayer meetings. A church cricket club has been formed. On Nov. 12 Bro. Arrowsmith, of Red Cliffs, spoke at morning service on "Faint, Yet Pursuing." In evening Bro. A. J. Chislett's subject was, "What shall a Man give in Exchange for his Soul?" Women's mission band collected 24/- for children's Christmas cheer. At the meeting of the Y.P.S.C.E. on Nov. 8 special consideration was given to the meaning of Armistice Day, Bro. Brooke giving an address on "The Prince of Peace." Y.W.L. meeting has been changed to Sunday mornings again.

Footscray.—On Nov. 4 the marriage of Sister Marjorie Stewart (daughter of the preacher) and Bro. George Swallow was celebrated; Bro. Stewart officiated, assisted by Bro. W. E. Jackel, of Thornbury. Good services were held on Nov. 5. A sister was received into membership upon obedience; and at night a young man from K.S.P. club was immersed. Bro. J. W. Austin spoke at Tottenham. Services on Nov. 12 were very encouraging; 164 broke bread for the day (best for six months). A young man was received at morning service, Bro. Stewart speaking. At night Bro. J. W. Austin was preacher. The choir contribute to brightness of evening services. Bro. H. Pietzsch preached at Tottenham. Footscray young worshippers were placed second in the shield competition; Miss N. C. Burman is the enthusiastic leader. An enjoyable picnic of the schools of Footscray, Tottenham and Yarraville took place on Nov. 7 at Werribee.

New South Wales.

Grafton.—Sunday School anniversary was held on Nov. 5. At 2.30 p.m. prizes were distributed. Bro. W. E. Volkman (sec.) and T. J. Leonard (superintendent) spoke on "Thankfulness" and "The Garden of Remembrance" respectively. Secretary and superintendent of school have resigned their positions.

North Sydney.—Encouragement has been received from the decision and obedience of one young lady from the P.B.P. club, following Bro. Harward's gospel message. The value of Bible School work has been shown in the decisions of three scholars following Bro. Allen's gospel message on Nov. 12. The announcement was made of Bro. Harward's resignation. The new church hymn books have been introduced, over 60 being purchased by members.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN.

South Kensington.—Bro. Casperonn gave a beautiful message on Nov. 12. At the evening service there were two more confessions. The whole church is saddened by the sudden passing of Bro. Dale Agnew.

Petersham.—On Nov. 12 Sister Mrs. Cooper, of Collins-st., Hobart, was a visitor. R. P. Arnott, B.A., preached on "The Resurrection" in the morning, and on "Christ Above All" in the evening. Good attendance at night. Special reference was made to Armistice Day throughout all services. Midweek service was well attended.

Enmore.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 12, Bro. J. W. Black gave a splendid message on "The Supremacy of Jesus." His visit will long be remembered. In the afternoon Sister Mrs. Sandells, and at night Bro. Sandells, gave farewell messages. Bro. Paternoster preached on the subject, "I shall be satisfied when I awake in his likeness."

Rockdale.—At a recent prayer meeting Miss Cameron gave an interesting account of work in India. At the men's fellowship Bro. Arrow-smith gave impressions of the C.E. convention in Tasmania, which all enjoyed. Bro. Pond addressed the morning service on Nov. 12. Fellowship with visitors from Brisbane was enjoyed. Bible School is practising for anniversary.

Erskineville.—On Nov. 5 Bro. H. C. Stitt gave an expository talk on the Lord's supper. In the evening a united temperance open-air meeting was held. The gospel meeting was also supported by temperance workers. Bro. Stitt, who is grand chaplain of the I.O.G.T., spoke on "Lessons from Gideon." Bro. Stitt recently visited the northern line, where he conducted ten temperance meetings and services.

Mosman.—Roy Acland's morning topic on Oct. 29 was "Prayer." There was an improved attendance at the gospel service. On Nov. 5 L. Harbutt exhorted on "The Divine Secret." At night R. Acland's subject was "What, How and Whom to Hear?" Alterations to approaches to the chapel, now completed in time for silver jubilee celebrations by K.S.P. and others, are a great improvement. The church is praying for and expecting a revival. Bro. Bignall, of Queensland, was a recent visitor.

Wagga.—Sunday School anniversary services on Oct. 15 began with a family worship service in the morning. At afternoon and evening services, under the leadership of Mr. A. Midgley, and Miss A. Mowsar at the organ, the school assisted by the choir rendered two splendid programmes. Mr. Wakefield spoke to the children in the afternoon on "The Importance of Little Things," and at night on "Heirs of To-morrow." A tea meeting held on Oct. 18 was largely attended. The new superintendent of the school (Mr. W. Blyth), who succeeds Mr. Midgley, was introduced. A fine programme was rendered by scholars, after which Mr. Wakefield distributed prizes.

Broken Hill.—On Oct. 29 Bro. H. J. Horsell, secretary of S.A. Conference, exhorted Railway-town church. At night he preached at Wolfram-st. On Oct. 30 Bro. Horsell was in conference with officers of both churches concerning future work. On 31st he gave a live illustrated talk on home missions. About 90 were present. Our brother's visit did much good. On Oct. 22 Bro. Dickson, from Goodwood Baptist church, S.A., gave an earnest exhortation. He also delighted senior C.E. society on Oct. 24 with an uplifting address. The church sympathises with Sister Mrs. Gourlay and her loved ones in their hour of sorrow. Bro. Cremer is home from the hospital, having made a splendid recovery. The work in both churches is going along well.

Paddington.—Well-attended mid-week meetings continue; 23 present on Nov. 2. Nov. 5 marked the opening celebrations for the fortieth anniversary. Bro. Avenal spoke at morning meeting, at which there were two decisions. Children sang at gospel meeting, and Miss Goode's orchestra supplied music. Miss Walters, Sunday School secretary, conducted. Bro. Greenhalgh

spoke convincingly on "The Debts and Duties of Parenthood"; 168 present. On Nov. 9 Miss Cameron spoke on missionary activities in India. Nov. 12 marked the 40th anniversary of Sunday School. At morning service Bro. Greenhalgh spoke on "Peace Within"; 80 broke bread. Afternoon meeting full, Bro. Hagger giving an illustrated address on "Pencils." Bro. Goddard, a former student, presided. 66 former students stayed after the meeting and had tea in the school hall. Evening service, crowded meeting, attendance of 300. One confession. The first S.S. superintendent presided. The first scholar and teacher were present, each being presented with a bouquet.

Queensland.

Rockhampton.—Bible School anniversary was held on Sept. 10. Meetings continue to be very encouraging. On Oct. 22 two more made their confession, and on Nov. 5 two more accepted Christ. The young people's league is growing in numbers, Bro. Watson being in charge, while the Sunday School is holding its numbers. We regret to report the death of Sister Maggie Knight which occurred in Brisbane on Oct. 20.

Charters Towers.—Good meetings continue and interest in all departments is well maintained. Bro. and Sister H. S. Coward attended Federal Conference. On Oct. 15 a young man confessed Christ. The C.E. society recommenced its work under the leadership of Mrs. I. Purcell. On Oct. 29 Sunday School anniversary services were held. The scholars sang splendidly under the baton of Bro. W. Giezendanner. On Nov. 1 the anniversary tea and demonstration were held. Bro. Boettcher, from Townsville, was the special anniversary speaker.

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NOVEMBER 24 and 25.—Balwyn Ladies' Aid will hold a sale of work. Cakes, refreshments. To be opened by Miss N. Ellis, Pres. Sisters' Conference, Friday, 7.30., continuing Saturday afternoon and evening. Sister churches are invited to help us. Welcome.

DECEMBER 2.—Surrey Hills Ladies' Guild will hold an "Australian Tea" in school hall, The Avenue; opened by Miss Ellis, Conf. President, 2.30 p.m. Past helpers and friends cordially welcomed. A grand concert will be held in the evening of the same day, at 8 o'clock, in the school hall. A splendid programme has been arranged. Tickets 1/-, children 9d.

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Monday.

I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.—Ezek. 34: 15.

A promise of guidance and protection for God's people when brought back from captivity, to be fulfilled completely when Christ, the good Shepherd, should seek for and find the lost sheep scattered among the nations.

Reading—Ezekiel 34: 1-10, 23-31.

Tuesday.

Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do, according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.—Ezek. 36: 11.

Because of Edom's "perpetual hatred," her shedding the blood of Israel in the day of calamity, her exultation in Israel's overthrow, her boasting and blasphemy, God set himself against her. The tables should be completely overturned. Others shall rejoice in her downfall, even as she rejoiced in them.

Reading—Ezekiel 36: 1-15.

Wednesday.

My tabernacle also shall be with them; yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.—Ezek. 37: 27.

When men profaned the temple, it was taken from them: yet here is a promise of a new tabernacle for a renewed people. They shall enjoy communion with Jehovah in his sanctuary, and find comfort in the realisation that the Lord Jesus, in whom dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, dwells continually amongst them.

Reading—Ezekiel 39: 17-29.

Thursday.

In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.—Ezek. 40: 2.

This was not the first time that Ezekiel had been transported in vision to Palestine. Chap. 8: 3 tells of a vision of Jerusalem's iniquity and shame, but this records a very pleasant and glorious vision. It is of the new Jerusalem, restored, redeemed; the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, where God would dwell with his obedient children.

Reading—Ezekiel 40: 1-7, 38-47.

Friday.

And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.—Ezek. 44: 28.

God's priests possessed but little land or worldly goods; yet they were provided for. Special offerings were made, which were considered as belonging to God, who gave them for the maintenance of the priests.

Reading—Ezekiel 44: 15-28.

Saturday.

Thus saith the Lord God, Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel; remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God.—Ezek. 45: 9.

God's charge to unjust rulers of Israel.

Reading—Ezekiel 45: 1-9; 18-25.

Sunday.

Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the fore front of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.—Ezek. 47: 1.

Not till now did Ezekiel take note of these waters, though he had frequently walked around the house. It is generally thought that these waters signify the gospel of God's grace, which went forth from Jerusalem, and spread amongst the surrounding peoples and nations abroad, with its accompanying blessings and happy results.

Reading—Ezekiel 47: 1-12.

"EVOLUTION CROSS-EXAMINED."

The Lutheran Publishing Co. Ltd., of Adelaide, S.A., has published an attractively printed booklet of 44 pages written by Mr. David Simpson. The title is "Evolution Cross-examined," and it is announced as "a critical examination of the theory from matter arising out of public debates and discussions." The booklet is in the form of a dialogue between Christian and Evolutionist, and, of course, Christian wins. The author seeks to point out the weaknesses of the evolutionary theory. At the end of the discussion he sums up the conclusion of the whole matter: "If evolution be true Christianity is a travesty; on the other hand, if Christianity be true then evolution is a tragedy." Evolution is declared to be "a tragedy because it bereaves men of their active faith in God as Creator, Preserver, Redeemer, Friend, and ultimate Judge. Evolution nullifies the fact of sin, and dulls the sense of personal responsibility; it dissipates the idea of a future judgment, and, as a consequence, prepares the way for license and lawlessness." This quotation well shows the point of view of the author.

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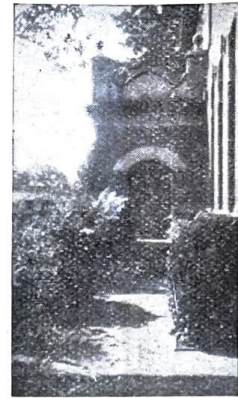
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The meeting held at Grote-st. on Nov. 2 was well attended, 82 sisters being present, 51 of whom were delegates. Mrs. P. Verco (vice-president) led devotions, her subject being "The Indwelling Spirit." Her message was most helpful. Collection for the afternoon, £1/4/9. Mrs. A. Downs, having attended the Federal Conference, gave a greeting from Tasmanian sisters. A letter was received from Mr. Walden, on behalf of Mrs. Waterman, expressing her thanks for letters of sympathy.

Hospital superintendent reported 191 visits paid. Any fruit or other dainties will be gratefully received by the hospital committee.

Home Mission committee met at Miss Norman's home on Oct. 27. Two prayer meetings have been held, one at the home of our aged sister, Mrs. Nesbit, and one at the home of Mrs. Hales.

Foreign Mission report from Oct. 3 to Nov. 2—donations received, £6/9/9.

Receipts for month: Home Mission, £2/13/-; Foreign Mission, £7/18/3. Expenditure: Foreign Mission, £4/18/9. General fund, £10/6/9; expenditure, £9/7/6. Balance general fund, 19/3. Total amount for catering, £31/17/6. Balance in hand, 17/7.

Letters of sympathy have been sent to the following sisters: Mrs. J. Pascoe, York; Mrs. Mauger, Kensington; Mrs. F. Harding. It is with deep regret that we report the home-call of Sister Mrs. Corbett. Miss Grant offered prayer for the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Blight, Thomas-st., Hyde Park, is the Dorcas superintendent.—F. M. Bristow, asst. sec.

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Next year (1934) we are to observe the centennial of the birth of Charles H. Spurgeon. Next year will also mark the centennial of the death of William Carey. While paying all honor to the memory of Spurgeon next year, we ought also to remember William Carey (says the "Watchman-Examiner"). As Adoniram Judson was the first of American Baptist foreign missionaries, so William Carey was the first of English Baptist foreign missionaries. It was to Carey that Judson went with his burdens when he arrived in India. What Carey meant to Judson during his first weeks in India it is hard for us to estimate. But utterly apart from his relation to Judson, William Carey's memory should be kept green among the people of our denomination. It is not too early for our ministers and denominational leaders to plan services in honor of this good and great man. Our pioneers should be introduced to the boys and the girls of the present generation. The young people should be taught something of the history of the men who have made the denomination great in the eyes of the world.—"Australian Baptist."

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