

Religious Notes and News.

PROPOSED EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION.

The following temperately worded letter appeared in Melbourne press of Nov. 21:—

A good deal of anxiety has been aroused over a proposal that leave should be granted for a Roman Catholic procession of the Host to march through some of the streets of Melbourne, concluding with the use of the steps of Parliament House for the blessing by the Archbishop. The signatories to this letter feel that the time has come when they should state publicly the reasons why permission should be withheld. This is not one of those ordinary occasions on which all that is required is a display of the spirit of religious toleration. Ever since 1829 Roman Catholicism has been generously treated in England and in the Dominions overseas, though Roman Catholics have never even begun to understand the toleration of Protestantism wherever they have the power to crush it out. The question here raised is one of official recognition by those in authority of the use of public streets and public buildings for the display of emblems and the performance of ceremonies which excite in large numbers of Christian people the most vehement dissent, and stir historical memories of the most painful kind. A Eucharistic procession is not an ordinary religious procession. Members of any Christian denomination may form a procession and go through the streets and hold a service in the open air or in a church. No one is offended by it, though he may think it misguided or vain. The proposed Roman Catholic Eucharistic procession is quite different, because ordinary citizens are inevitably involved as participants and not merely as spectators. In the belief of the Roman Catholic there is present for adoration in the Host the very God whom Roman Catholics and Protestants alike worship and adore. The ordinary citizen is therefore faced with a dilemma: he must either stand with covered head and thus give deep offence to Roman Catholics, or he must seem to consent to a doctrine which he holds to be idolatrous and an occasion of stumbling.

There is another point to be considered. The Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, and other Christian denominations will next year be considering the history of Melbourne, its place in the British Empire, and the part which these various branches of the church have played in the building up of both. But that Empire has grown up largely apart from Roman Catholicism. Only a few months ago there was a Eucharistic Congress at Dublin, when, if the newspaper reports are true, the Union Jack, the symbol of our Empire, was not allowed to be flown. We deprecate official sanction being given to religious proceedings which might strike a note of discord among those who love the Empire, in connection with celebrations in which it is most earnestly desired that the utmost harmony should prevail. The older citizens of Melbourne remember a time when processions were held at which Roman Catholics took such deep offence that turbulent scenes occurred in our streets. In consequence the Legislature passed a measure forbidding processions and the display of emblems which were deeply offensive to any section of our citizens. We desire to see this legislation honored by all concerned, for if it be waived in the interests of one section it will be impossible to withhold a similar liberty from others.

We are also disturbed at the inevitable results of holding such a gathering on a Sunday. Our British Sunday is to us a priceless heritage which the Roman Catholics do not really understand. It is for us a day of rest and peace. As far as possible we are trying to preserve it as

such for rich and poor, for employer and employed alike. But the numbers whom it is proposed to bring together for this procession must disturb the quiet and the peace of the whole of the neighborhood of Parliament House. There will be numbers of special trains and motor vehicles to be provided. Scores of people will be called upon to do the necessary catering, and many police will be required for special duty to marshal the crowds. We earnestly request those in authority to help us to keep our Sunday as a holy day, as we have inherited it from our fathers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We have no desire to restrict the liberty of our fellow Christians. But where a public assertion of the doctrine of transubstantiation is concerned we glory in the name of Protestant. For this reason we earnestly hope that our rulers alike in the State and in the city will respect the deep convictions of the great majority of the Christian population of Victoria and Melbourne, and say "No" firmly but courteously to the request for the Eucharistic procession.

F. W. Melbourne,
Archbishop of Melbourne.
R. Wilson Macaulay,
Moderator, Presbyterian Church
of Victoria.
C. W. Atkinson,
Ex-President of the Methodist
Conference.

MR. SPURR AND THE BIBLE.

Mr. F. C. Spurr was heartily welcomed on taking office as president of the Birmingham Bible Society Auxiliary, and spoke with his usual warmth and optimism about the study of the Bible in the light of modern knowledge. He said he wished those in Conference at Geneva would consult Micah, Hosea and Isaiah. Mr. Spurr had been making some rough calculations, and estimated that all the novels published in England last year did not amount to one-fifth of the copies of the Scriptures that were circulated.

SMALL BUT IMPORTANT.

I usually consign anonymous letters to the wastepaper basket (writes the editor of the London "Christian World"), but one signed "X" which came on Monday interests me, and indeed expresses my own feelings on a small but not unimportant matter. My correspondent protests firmly against the growing practice of omitting the customary "Mr." or "Miss" or other title of courtesy in platform references to distinguished speakers and leaders. This occurred several times at the Congregational Union meetings at Nottingham last week. As my correspondent says, church assemblies are important and dignified occasions, and it is surely a mistake to create the "tea-party atmosphere" in which undue familiarity replaces formal courtesy. He adds that he does not think any of the other great denominations have lapsed in this way.

QUEENSLAND DRINK BILL.

The figures show a distinct reduction in both the amount of money expended and of liquor consumed. Whatever may be the cause of this, the result is decidedly satisfactory.

The Drink Bill for 1932-1933, as estimated by Arthur Toombes, from data supplied by the Customs Department, is as follows:—

Spirits (imported)—21,963 galls, at 100/-, £109,815; Spirits (excise)—160,028 galls, at 8/5, £680,119; Wine (imported)—259 galls, at 80/-, £1,036; Wine (Australian)—236,291 galls, at 20/-, £236,291; Beer (imported)—20,905 galls, at 25/-, £26,131; Beer (excise)—5,106,663 galls, at 6/6, £1,659,665; Total, £2,713,057.

The following is a comparison for previous periods of five years intervals:—

Year.	Total Expenditure.	Per Capita.
1907-08	1,888,107	£3 8 0
1912-13	2,540,661	3 18 2
1917-18	2,717,144	3 18 9
1922-23	3,580,380	4 10 10
1927-28	3,939,918	4 7 4
1932-33	2,713,057	2 16 6

As the retail prices of liquor vary considerably over a period of years, it is usual to also publish the quantities of liquor used per capita per year. For the past fifteen years these comparisons are as follows:—

Year.	Spirits.	Beer.	Wine.	Total.
1917-18	0.63	9.45	0.36	10.44
1922-23	0.46	9.31	0.34	10.11
1927-28	0.40	6.70	0.34	7.44
1932-33	0.19	5.47	0.25	5.91

College Notes.

The regular sessions of the College came to an end last week with the conclusion of the final examinations. A number of the students who are preparing for the December University examinations will continue for two or three weeks longer.

The Annual Demonstration of the College was held in Lygon-st. chapel on Nov. 23. An interesting programme was presented by the students. The musical items comprised choruses by the students, a vocal solo by Mr. A. B. McDiarmid and a violin solo by Mr. A. R. Jones. After the presentation of diplomas, which were received by Miss M. W. G. Payne, and Messrs. A. O. S. Baker, R. M. Wilson and H. G. Norris, responses were made by Miss Payne and Mr. Baker. Addresses were delivered by Mr. R. M. Wilson and Mr. H. G. Norris. The outgoing students were addressed by Mr. B. J. Combridge on the theme, "Vitalise Your Ministry." The Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. R. Lyall, presided. The organist was Miss M. E. Pittman, and the pianist Mr. H. E. Paddock.

There was a very fine closing session at the College on Friday morning, Nov. 24. A large number of visitors attended, including many former students. A number of informal speeches of farewell and good wishes were made. Books were presented to Mr. M. T. Lawrie, who is College sports champion as well as tennis champion for this year; also to Mr. A. O. S. Baker, runner-up.

Early in the year prizes to the value of eleven guineas were offered by Mr. W. A. Brown, of Kaniva, to successful competitors in essay writing on the subject, "The Union Plea of Churches of Christ." The gift was made by Mr. Brown as a memorial to his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Stockton. A number of the students wrote essays, and at the demonstration prizes were awarded by the Principal to the successful competitors: First, Mr. H. G. Norris; second, Mr. P. C. D. Alcorn; and third, Mr. A. O. S. Baker.

The annual sports dinner was held at the College on Nov. 10. The Faculty and a number of visitors, including Mr. J. G. Hare and Mr. F. T. Saunders—members of the Board of Management—were present as guests of the student body. Mr. A. O. S. Baker, chairman of the sports committee, presided over the gathering in happy style. A number of toasts were honored, those of special interest being to the sports champion and the tennis champion, both of which coveted honors were this year won by Mr. M. T. Lawrie.

Principal A. R. Main announced at the demonstration that five of the seven exit men had received appointments as preachers.

Miss E. Jermyn, who last week underwent a serious operation, is making steady progress towards recovery.—T.H.S.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

SO I MARCH ON!

The open road and the golden sun
Will hold their rays till time is done,
And the hope in me its course will run
As long as the courses of road and sun,
So I march on!

For I have been made with marching feet,
And a will to go, and a heart to beat,
And a soul to garner the beauty fair
That stretches radiant everywhere,
So I march on!

I march with faith that the men to be
Will ever ride dauntless the tides of the sea,
And the boundless air, with compass set
For paths of daring uncharted yet,
So I march on!

I march with faith that the right will stand
Some day triumphant on every hand;
That brotherhood will rule the world,
And flags of discord all be furled,
So I march on!

—“Young People.”

HOW MUCH?

“You'll work yourself out of a job,” smiled George, when he saw how rapidly Harry worked. “Don't work too hard your first day or you'll be expected to keep it up all the time.”

“No danger but I can,” laughed Harry in reply. “I like to work.”

The days passed into a week and then another week. Still Harry kept busy all the time at his new job.

“Harry, you work as though you're the manager of the place,” spoke up George several weeks later. “How much are they paying you?”

“Oh, enough for a beginner,” was the reply, as he continued his work. “Why?”

“If you're not careful, you'll be doing twice the amount of work you're paid for,” warned George.

“I am not worrying about how much I am paid,” explained Harry. “That's for the company to take care of. My business is to do my best during the time I am working for them.”

Success depends upon where we place the emphasis of “How much.” It is a mistake to try to see how much we can receive for the least amount of work. The boys who are sought for the better jobs are the ones who see how much they can do during the time they are at work. Real worth in any boy will soon be discovered, and then the pay part will take care of itself. Our part is “How much work.”—Selected.

SOME JAPANESE RULES OF CONDUCT.

The “Rules for Daily Conduct” issued by the Director of Communication to the employees of the Postal Telegraph and Telephone services of Japan are certainly unique as an official document, and well worthy of preservation by everyone who wishes to make his life either successful or happy. The ten rules are translated as follows:—

Work earnestly and soberly with all your might.

Rely not upon to-morrow; without fail do to-day the work which should be done to-day.

In your daily social intercourse be whole-hearted and free; do not fail in discharging all obligations toward friends; be careful not to be a trouble to people.

Carefully observe all rules; be punctual; keep all promises; return borrowed money and other articles at the fixed time.

Forget not kind deeds; delay not to visit people who show favor, or write to them, or visit their graves after death.

Be kind to all; be sympathetic to those in trouble; be kind and helpful to the sick.

Always consider yourself as in limited circumstances; let it be a fixed principle to be simple and frugal, overcoming self and suppressing all passions, endeavoring to save money.

Since life is the seed of all achievements, guard your health and keep a strong body.

Be careful of yourself even when alone; morn- ing and evening turn your thoughts inward.

Frequently engage in innocent sports, and seek to be happy in your daily life.

Since the above ten rules should never be forgotten for a moment, let us together endeavor to put them into practice in our daily life and work.—“The Sentinel.”

“TAKE IT WHEREVER YOU GO.”

The song message, “Carry your Bible,” by my friend, Mr. Fred. P. Morris, an Australian hymn writer, appeals to me.

“Take it wherever you go” is the refrain, and it is the Bible Society that is making that possible. Mr. Morris has seen his hymn translated into Chinese, and has been informed that it is sung heartily in some parts of China. Better still, many of the Chinese Christians obey the injunction and take the Word of God wherever they go in that wonderful country.

In Australia, where the distances are so great and where our home missionaries can so seldom visit the families who are blazing the trail in the out-posts of our Empire, it is a boon to have the precious Word available at so slight a cost.

Many are the stories told by them of blessing bestowed by this silent but most effectual preacher. It speaks for itself, and it is its own best advocate.

In these isolated areas where there are few places of worship or Sunday Schools, it means much to have a Bible and to induce the father and mother to read it to their children.

The Baptist heart is warm to the Bible Society—for we believe more and more that as our representatives in the back blocks, as well as in our crowded cities, place the Word of God in the hands of the people, they bear the torch- light of hope to many a darkened soul.—E. A. Pearson, President, The Baptist Union of Victoria.

THE LOST SON.

“What father would not be amazed,
In searching for his son,
To find him in the house of God,
Instructing every one—
Matched with the doctors, keen as they
In all Mosaic law,
And asking questions broad and deep
That fill their minds with awe?
I wish that when my son is lost
He may, in sweet accord,
Be found amid the men of God
In the temple of the Lord!”

Jimmy's father sent him with a note to a very fussy old gentleman. Jimmy returned promptly and said, “Dad, it's no use to send any more notes to Mr. Thompkins; he's blind.”

“Blind!” said his father.

“Yes,” said Jimmy, “he asked me two or three times where my hat was, and it was right on my head all the time.”

“The time will come,” thundered the orator, “when women will get men's wages.” “Yes, mine gets mine every Saturday night,” shouted a man from the back seat.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.—Hosea 6: 6.

On two occasions our Lord is recorded as having quoted the first part of this verse (see Matt. 9: 13—12: 7), to justify doing good upon the sabbath. Mere religious observances, formal offerings and sacrifices, are unacceptable to God.

Reading—Hosea 7.

Tuesday.

Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein.—Hosea. 14: 9.

These concluding words may be regarded as a brief summary of Hosea's teaching. The wise and prudent understand; they know that God is too wise to err, too good to be unkind. Transgressors will learn by bitter experience that it does not pay to depart from the way of the Lord.

Reading—Hosea 13: 9—14: 14.

Wednesday.

Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.—Joel 1: 3.

God's threatenings and promises must be made known, that the disobedient may be warned and the obedient comforted. Our children must be taught these things, that they in turn may teach their children, and successive generations may know that in all times it is ill with those who disobey, and well with those who obey.

Reading—Joel 2: 28—3: 21.

Thursday.

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?—Amos 3: 3.

The similes contained in verses 3 to 6 all express the same truth, viz., that judgments upon the ungodly are according to the divine will, because the disobedient have alienated themselves; they have dwelt apart; lost touch with their Lord.

Reading—Amos 1: 1—2: 5.

Friday.

For, lo, he that formeth the mountains and creatheth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name.—Amos 4: 13.

A great text for a sermon upon the majesty of God. The writer calls attention to the name and work of the Almighty. “Jehovah Elohim Tsebaoth, that is his name. The self-existing, eternal, and independent Being. The God who is in covenant with mankind. The universal Commander of all the hosts of earth and heaven.” He is the Creator of the earth and the winds of heaven, of darkness and light; he knows the thoughts and purposes of man.

Reading—Amos 4.

Saturday.

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David, that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old.—Amos 9: 11.

Whilst the world stands Jehovah will hold communion with his people. Though one temple be destroyed, he will tabernacle with them elsewhere. He has built for us the greater and more glorious edifice of the church.

Reading—Amos 8: 11—9: 15.

Sunday.

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.—Obad. 4.

“Pride goeth before a fall.” Edom proudly exalted herself, and said, “Who shall bring me down to the ground?” That was easy work for God, who accepted the challenge, and dislodged her, cutting her off for ever.

Reading—Obadiah.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

December 6.

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART.

(1 Samuel 13: 14; 16: 1-13.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

"The Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart . . . because thou hast not kept that which the Lord thy God commanded thee." "I have found David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who shall do all my will" (Acts 13: 22). Because this is written and because of David's terrible sin the sceptic has sneered. But in spite of the sin David was a man after God's own heart.

In Obedience.

Israel asked for a king and God granted Saul, a man of splendid physique and with great possibilities. He was ultimately rejected by God in that he played the fool, as he himself confessed. He failed to give obedience to the God who raised him to the kingship. Disobedience has been the cause of the fall of many from the days of Adam to this present moment. "Who is the Lord that I should obey him?" said Pharaoh (Exodus 5: 2). But he learned at great cost that the God, Jehovah, must be regarded and obeyed. The writer to the Hebrews said, "He is the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him" (Heb. 5: 9). Jesus said, "He that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life" (John 2: 36, R.V.). In order to be a man after God's own heart one must be prepared to obey.

In Devotion.

The Psalms of David have been the comfort and stay of many thousands of men. "The Lord is my shepherd" has been recited on many occasions. The king's heart was evidently attuned to the heavenly music. No man can help but know that many of these psalms were born out of the king's own experience. In many there is revealed a humble spirit of devotion.

David at one time determined to build a house where God might be worshipped, but was only prevented by the expressed will of God. He was prepared to spend much time and labor upon it. He would never think of making a small or mean offering to the Lord. He had once protested against a gift which he might have used as an offering to God by saying, "Shall I make an offering unto the Lord of that which cost me nothing?" God was worthy of the best, and David would give him the best. Sacrifice is an indication of devotion to the will and word of God.

In Repentance.

There is, in the life of David, one very terrible sin. In Psalm 51 we have a glimpse of the heart of the sinner. No one can read this outpouring of soul without realising that David sincerely repented of the evil deed. David's story reminds us of the story of Peter, his going out into the night, his bitter weeping, his thrice repeated declaration that he did love the Lord. This is what our God requires. Repentance is a part of God's plan of salvation and a very essential part. We must plead no superiority here, the one over the other, for all are in need of the divine forgiveness. It is said that the Duke of Wellington on one occasion when he went to take the Lord's supper in his parish church was joined by a very poor old man. Someone came behind and asked the old man to move farther away or to wait till the Duke had received. But the Duke, with eagle eye and quick ear, caught the meaning, and he clasped the old man's hand to prevent him from rising, and in reverential undertone, said, "Don't move; we are all equal here." Yes, all need the forgiveness of God. All should be devoted to his will, and all should render implicit obedience.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 13.—"I AM NOT WORTHY."—Matthew 8: 1-13.

Our Young People.

Conducted by WM. GALE

How to Become a Better Teacher.

Mrs. Owen Still.

"The Wrecked Train."

Recently an internationally known man was asked to address a group of ministers. He chose as his subject, "Preach the Word"; and he began his message by referring to great ministers who were mutual acquaintances of his own and of numbers of the ministers present. Two days later the same man was asked to address a group of railroad men at noon. He spoke on "The Wrecked Train," and his talk, which was about the ability of Christ to regenerate lives, was made from the point of view of railroad men throughout. After a few more days the same well-known man addressed a group of students at a city high school. Here his address was on "The Word of God," and he began by speaking of God's wonderful world as an approach to his wonderful Word.

The real teacher will always plan his approach to the Bible School lesson most carefully. The teacher's approach to the lesson, other things being equal, measures the teacher's success in imparting the central thought.

How to Adapt to Needs of Class.

In studying our approach to any Bible School lesson, here are three suggestions to keep in mind:

1. The opening part of the lesson must be adapted to the needs of the class we are to teach. A primary teacher who has to deal with a lesson on the stilling of the tempest, for instance, will probably begin by showing her class some lovely and interesting pictures of the sea. She will dwell on the fact that the rowers of the boat were tired, and that wind was blowing, and bring out the ability of Jesus to help. She will not dwell on the storm unless she wishes to encourage fear of storms in the minds of the little children. In a class of junior or intermediate boys, on the contrary, the teacher might begin by asking about storms the pupils have seen, and go on by picturing the storm on Galilee and Christ's presence and power there. In a class of adults the approach to the same lesson will depend upon—

- (a) The interests of those present.
- (b) The approaches which the teacher has recently made.
- (c) The direction which the teacher desires the lesson to take. In every class there is a way to begin every lesson in such fashion as to make it meet the need and the interest of the pupil.

Variety is the Spice of Life.

2. The approach to the lesson should be changed from week to week. The teacher who uses any method, however good, over and over until the class knows how the lesson will begin, has made a grave mistake. Look at your own teaching. Have you been beginning the lessons the same way week after week? Think the matter over.

On Asking Riddles.

3. The approach to the lesson must be pedagogically correct. That is, it must really connect with the lesson and with the group you are teaching. To approach your group from one angle, make a point of contact, and then veer away from the point of contact to the lesson, is to waste all you have gained. The Eastern coin which would be helpful in the parable of the lost piece of silver is worthless in the lesson on the stilling of the tempest, because there is no connection. A teacher of boys who keeps his

class by asking riddles at the beginning of the lesson period, and then takes the attention of the group regretfully away from riddles to eternal truth, has chosen a wrong plan. But a teacher of boys who begins the same tempest-stilling lesson we have been considering by saying, "Boys, let me ask you a riddle: What is it which is not alive and yet moves all the time?" has chosen a right method; for he can, when they get the answer, be ready with, "But once there was a sea that for a little while was perfectly still." And the lesson moves right onward from the point of contact gained.

Five Methods of Approach.

1. The story or illustration method is a favorite and effective means of approach. Any story, from Scripture, from a joke-book, a reminiscence, is suitable if it leads toward the lesson.

2. The object lesson is an excellent means of approach. A picture or an object draws the minds of the people together, and gives the teacher a real approach to the lesson.

3. A question, especially a question which provokes class discussion, is one of the best approaches a teacher can make.

4. Comparison is now and then available to the teacher as a means of approach. One at least of the things compared must be something thoroughly familiar to the pupils.

5. An apt quotation will often serve as a means of drawing together the minds of the pupils from abstraction to the thing in hand.

How Jesus Made His Approach.

Let us notice how simply and yet how differently Jesus approached people. When he wanted to reach the heart of the woman of Samaria, his approach was to ask for a drink of water and to lead the woman on to a discussion of the living water. When Simon the Pharisee needed a lesson, the approach was a story. When he wanted Peter to follow him, he began with an object-lesson on fishing; and fishing for fish led to fishing for men. Should it not be possible for us who follow him to find access to the hearts of men as he found it, and so to reach men's hearts with his truth?—"The Lookout."

ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION.

The Victorian Bible School and Young People's annual concert was given in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday evening, November 13, and was largely attended. Mr. Keith Jones, chairman of the department, presided, and Miss M. E. Pittman, L.Mus.A., kindly assisted as pianiste. The items furnished by Sunday Schools within the metropolitan area were of varied character, beginning with a dialogue about "the magic soup" and ending with a dramatisation of "The Judgment of Solomon." The department expresses its thanks to all who took part in the programme.

The Young Worshipers' League, an auxiliary of the department, took opportunity to present the shield won by Wangaratta in the recently conducted tournament.

The items most applauded were the presentation of prizes—36 State and 5 Federal; and the award of gold medals for 10 years unbroken attendance. These latter were secured by Doris Beattie, Doris Squirrel, Rosie Squirrel, Sylvia Skinner and Lorna Skinner, of Moreland; Olive Hargreaves, of Carnegie; Violet Shaw, of Thornbury; and Alice Scott, of Collingwood.

The evening's programme was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the doxology and the pronouncement of the benediction.

Here and There.

We hear that Bro. Ira A. Paternoster, who is in the eighth year of his ministry at Enmore, N.S.W., has intimated his resignation, the same to take effect in April next.

Bro. H. G. Payne, preacher of the church at Albion, Q., is entering hospital for a week to undergo an operation. His many friends will hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

On hearing someone remark that liberalism was creeping into the churches, the old minister observed: "If that is so, I hope it will soon strike the contribution boxes."—*Boston Transcript.*

The other day we could not help overhearing a conversation. It brightened the afternoon for us. One lady was describing to another the glories of the caves, which she had visited. Amongst the wonders which she seriously recounted were "the stalactites and—gelnigites!"

Many readers have manifested interest in the series of articles on our Lord's Return. We asked writers for a frank, positive statement presented in a non-controversial manner. It is not intended to follow up the articles by an open discussion; the series is printed for the information of interested readers.

The Victorian and New South Wales Social Service Departments are requesting churches to observe Sunday, December 10, a gift day, when members are invited to bring gifts for Christmas and suitable Christmas presents to the services of that day, to help their less fortunate brethren. A Christmas cheer offering is also being requested at evening services.

Bro. A. G. Saunders, W.A., sends the following item:—Possibly many temperance workers in the East will know the name of James J. Mather. He was general secretary of the West Australian Alliance for just a few months more than a quarter century. Going home late at night, November 1, Mr. Mather collapsed in the street and died. He was 76. He was regarded as one of the greatest authorities in his field in the Commonwealth. The pity of it is that his organisation works apart from another temperance society. In no State is temperance more effectively challenged than here. Yet our two societies have not been able to find a way to unite.

Bro. Ross Graham recently returned from conducting Bible School anniversary services at Wudinna, the centre of the work on Central Eyre Peninsula, S.A. He writes: "It was a great anniversary. The brethren in the whole circuit are zealously carrying on until Bro. Harold Norris comes. Those leading the work are worthy representatives of the church in ability, life and service. They have put their all into the district, and are there to stay; and, despite the depression and demanded economy, they keep fit, look fit, and will not be daunted. Our brethren are looking eagerly for Bro. Norris; until he comes Bro. Leeson Vawser leads the work."

The Melbourne City Mission is now making its annual Christmas appeal. The value of the work of the mission cannot be questioned. Its representatives are constantly and consistently working in the following districts—Melbourne City, Carlton, Fitzroy, Brunswick, Coburg, North and West Melbourne, Williamstown, Port and South Melbourne, North and South Richmond—the population of this area being 385,160. At Christmas time the mission plans to do a great work of cheer. It is expected to help not less than 5,000 persons at this festive season. A confident appeal is made to Christian friends to help in this special effort. As they enjoy their own happy time, they are urged to think of the poor and the needy and bring to them something of the joys of Christmas.

The following telegram reached us on Tuesday from Western Australia:—"Nine decisions week-end, Collie mission; total to date, 18.—Mandry."

"Tell the World" is the title given to the popular report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the past year. It is the first of the books of the series to be prepared by Mr. John A. Patten, the new Literary Superintendent of the Society. We trust that many readers are familiar with the excellent books of bygone years prepared by Mr. Smith, Mr. Darlow, and others. It is high praise of Mr. Patten's work that he has produced a volume worthy of its predecessors. There are few annual reports which can be recommended as highly as those of the B. and F. Bible Society. "Tell the World" is as interesting as the latest novel, and vastly more instructive.

Bro. John Wycliffe Black expected to leave Brisbane on Tuesday, Nov. 28, for Sydney, where he was to remain till Friday, Dec. 1. He is expected to arrive in Melbourne on Saturday, Dec. 2. It is arranged for Bro. Black to speak at Swanston-st. church next Sunday morning and evening, and at the meeting of the Christian Men's Association on Monday evening, Dec. 4, at 8 o'clock, also at Swanston-st. He will take part in the meeting and give a final message. Bro. Black will leave for Adelaide on the following day, calling at Bordertown to visit Bro. Thomas Verco. He is planned to spend the next week-end in Adelaide, and is expected to leave by the "Esperance Bay" on Monday, Dec. 11, for England. He will probably spend a few hours at Perth while the steamer remains there.

The associated temperance societies of Victoria are arranging a fair, to be held in Melbourne Town Hall (Lower), on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. and the Victorian Prohibition League. The fair will be opened by Mr. J. A. Gray, M.L.A., on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m., Mr. W. C. Trewavis, D.C.R., of the I.O.R., acting as host on this occasion. For the following sessions the arrangements will be: Thursday, at 8 p.m., Mr. Robert Lyall will open the session, Dr. Law acting as host. Friday, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Commissioner Maxwell, of the Salvation Army, performs the opening function, with Mrs. Evan Rees, J.P., President of the W.C.T.U., acting as hostess. On the Friday evening there will be a special young folks' session, with Mr. Hubert Opperman officiating in the opening function, and Mr. A. J. Ingham, President of the Council of Churches, as host. Vocal and orchestral music will enliven all sessions. Mr. R. Ambrose Roberts and Mrs. Evan Rees, J.P., are co-operating as secretaries, with Mr. E. S. Nicholson as organiser.

Keeping in Tune.

Ira A. Paternoster.

I am writing these lines on the ferry, crossing over to Manly. Near me are a man seated at a piano, another standing with a violin, and another seated with a banjo. They are musicians, their very soul entering into their playing. No music is before them as they play piece after piece in perfect harmony. Some of their selections are lively jazz variety, while other pieces are of a richer, fuller harmony, and will live long after the former are forgotten. As I sit and listen a lesson comes to me. Three men playing different instruments, yet each keeping exact time and tune with the other. It is not difficult to visualise this orchestra of three as one of three hundred or even three thousand, with every note blending in perfect accord and making a perfect symphony.

What a picture of the church of the living God! What a contrast is presented! The lack of melody to-day as within the sacred inner circle of the body of Christ! One seeks to call a tune, and immediately others break in with a discord. There is surely too much jazz in our church life to-day. Jazz to us means discord. Instead of blending our lives into one grand harmony, we have a discord that is disconcerting to the faithful member and most harmful to the outsider.

One of the players has just left off playing, and has come to me with a collecting box. I place a coin in it as my expression of appreciation of the treat they have provided. Would I, think you, have contributed anything had they not touched my soul with the sweetness of their music? Should we be surprised when the looker-on refuses to co-operate with us because we strike a discordant note?

To me there is nothing more offending than an instrument out of tune. To have two or three of them would be most distressing, and I should have to place myself right out of the range of such sounds. How must the Lord of glory feel as he listens to-day to the jarring sounds from his professed followers! Surely it is time for us to bring all our instruments together that they might be set in tune by the great Master musician.

Some will say uniformity can never be in the Christian church. It would pall if all men were to think alike. But it does not pall to hear three instruments or three hundred if they are all in harmony. I sat one night in a large auditorium in Lexington, Kentucky, and listened to John Philip Sousa lead his great band, and three months later, from the same position, I heard a famous Italian handsman Creator. There were perhaps fifty instruments in their bands, and they sounded as one. When Creator played "Nearer, my God, to Thee," it sounded like a mighty pipe organ. I shall never forget the experience. Why? Because "they were all of one accord, of one mind."

Lack of harmony is what is troubling the world to-day. I have with me "Christianity and the Crisis," and in it I read: "And, alas, there was one aspect of human life which was not understood a hundred years ago; and to this our present miseries are mainly due. The very word 'international' had then only just been coined by Jeremy Bentham. The whole conception of moralising international relations was in its infancy. So the world went on to its doom. So, because the nations and their representatives have not yet learnt the elements of international behaviour, we stand at this moment of writing on the brink of irretrievable disaster. It is in a very real sense true that only Christ can save the world from ruin to-day. Are we prepared to let his spirit save the nations from themselves?"

It is also true that only Christ can save the church, and bring out of the broken melody a harmony that will gladden the soul of every believer, and compel the world to stand in admiration as again the Hallelujah Chorus rises from the great orchestra of his saints on earth.

Strike loud the anthem of his praise,
Let all unite and sing;
The men of every tribe and tongue
To Jesus tribute bring.

The tribute of united song,
In one glad harmony;
Sung by the nations of the earth,
The islands of the sea.

The saints on high join in the strain,
"Thy church, O Christ, is one
In faith and hope and love to men,
Till all mankind be won."

Let no one break th' harmonious strain,
Or note discordant sound;
But echo forth his wondrous praise,
The whole wide earth around.

News of the Churches.

Queensland.

Annerley.—Bro. Young's morning message on Nov. 5 was on "The Value of Endurance." After evening service a Bible School scholar confessed Christ. On Nov. 12 Bro. W. E. Reeve gave a helpful morning message, and a man and woman confessed Christ at gospel meeting. The help of the choir is greatly appreciated.

Mt. Walker.—At worship service on Nov. 19 there was a good attendance. Bro. Lars Larsen exhorted on "The Secrets of the Victorious Life." The circuit churches arranged a special tea and public meeting in Rosewood farmers' hall for Bro. J. W. Black's visit on Nov. 23. Bro. Cecil Neumann has returned home from hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. Sunday School has been temporarily closed owing to another outbreak of measles amongst the scholars.

Bundaberg.—Continued interest is shown in all meetings. On Oct. 29 three baptised believers were welcomed into fellowship. At midweek prayer meeting on Oct. 31 a young lady confessed Christ and was baptised. On Nov. 5 members of Loyal Orange Lodge were present at evening service. A powerful and appropriate message was given by Bro. Stirling. Bible class, under leadership of Bro. Stirling, continues to study "Present Day Errors in the Light of God's Word." The present theme is "Errors Concerning the Atonement." The studies are causing much interest.

Western Australia.

Victoria Park.—On Nov. 12 and 14 the three C.E. societies combined and celebrated anniversary. The Bible School at Queen's Park had a delightful picnic on Nov. 18; also the Victoria Park Endeavorers. Three members were welcomed by transfer on Nov. 19, when good services were held.

Maylands.—A week's mission conducted by the evangelist, Bro. Thomson, commenced on Nov. 19. A married man made the good confession. Miss Wilcox has succeeded Bro. Keith Matthews as superintendent of the J.C.E. society. A Sunday School evening resulted in £2/17/6 being raised for Dhond Hospital. Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. McWhinnie, sen., were again at church after illness.

Bassendean.—On Nov. 5 Bro. L. C. Peacock commenced labors with the church as part-time evangelist. His messages were much appreciated. On Nov. 12 Bro. Stan Jaques helpfully exhorted, and in the evening Bro. Peacock preached the gospel. The ladies' guild recently held special meetings in private homes. On Nov. 19 Bro. Gilchrist encouragingly exhorted, and at night Bro. Peacock delivered a fine address.

Subiaco.—Good attendances continue both morning and evening. Bro. Saunders' messages are proving a help to all. On morning of Nov. 12 a message from Bro. Lang was appreciated; also the evening address by Bro. Reyman. A home mission rally was held on Nov. 16 with a fair attendance. Splendid messages were given by three young men. The girls' club repeated the recent concert at Victoria Park. Other departments of the work are in a healthy condition. There were two adult confessions at meeting on Nov. 19.

Palmyra.—Since the opening of the new chapel morning and evening attendances have maintained improvement, and all departments are healthy. Gospel services for the last three months have been conducted by Bro. Fieldus, who has delivered splendid messages. Bible School work is encouraging, attendance on recent Sunday being 107, and a very enthusiastic

school. Following on the 41st anniversary commemoration of the parent cause (Fremantle), Bro. Raymond is conducting a week's special mission in Palmyra chapel, the first evening of which (Nov. 20) proved a great uplift and inspiration. Bro. Raymond's subject was "Conversion." Senior C.E. society has re-formed, and promises to be a useful and healthy auxiliary.

South Australia.

Henley Beach.—Good attendances on Nov. 19. Bro. Manning spoke morning and evening. Bible School celebrated Children's Day on afternoon of Nov. 26. Bro. Harold Norris spoke in the morning; Bro. Manning preached at night. Bible School held a successful picnic at Belair on Nov. 18.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Four were welcomed on Nov. 19, who were immersed during the week previous. Mr. W. L. Wright, president of Federal Council of the V.A.M., assisted in evening service. After the address three Bible School scholars confessed Christ. Miss Magarey, pianiste, left by the "Barrabool" on Nov. 18 for an extended holiday in Europe and America. The church suitably acknowledged her helpful services at a social on Nov. 16.

Fullarton.—The work continues steadily. On Nov. 19 a sisters' meeting was a great success, there being about 130 present. Sister Mrs. Storey had charge, and Sister Mrs. Russell, of Prospect, gave an able address. Several of the sisters took part, and at the close a man made his confession. Bro. Harry Maunder was received into the church on Nov. 19. The C.E. is having a very helpful time, with good attendances and bright meetings. Bro. Pearce continues to improve. The church has had helpful addresses from Bren. Burns, Johnston and Garnett.

Queenstown.—On Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., two girls from the Bible School were baptised and later received into fellowship. Bro. S. Matthews, from Flinders Park, gave a helpful address. In the evening Bro. Brooker's subject was "The Wisdom of Christ." Sympathy is extended to Sister Parslow in the loss of her sister, and to the family of the late Sister Lawton, who passed away on Nov. 26. She had for a long time been associated with the church at Queenstown. On Nov. 22 Mr. Cain, from B. and F. Bible Society, gave an enjoyable lantern lecture.

Tumby Bay Circuit.—Tumby Bay Bible School anniversary was a great success on Nov. 19 and 20. A car load of visitors attended from Pt. Lincoln. Mr. Walsh, from there, was speaker on Nov. 19. The school has record enrolment. Ungarra Bible School has record enrolment. Preparations are in hand for church anniversary. Mt. Hill Bible School is aiming for record. Increase and attendance campaign is making a great improvement. Work in the circuit is healthy. Mr. Ross Graham leaves for Henley Beach in the new year. Mr. Ira Durdin will be his successor.

Cheltenham.—The mission continues to be well attended, and help has been received from several visiting choirs. Bro. Lampshire has delivered forceful messages, and has been splendidly supported by Bro. Houston, who leads the singing. On Nov. 26 Bro. H. Watkins exhorted the church on "Closing Incidents in Christ's Life." In the afternoon the chapel was crowded, when several were immersed. Bro. Lampshire spoke on "Buried Alive." The gospel services had a splendid attendance. Bro. Lampshire's theme was "Three Fools in Cheltenham." 19 confessions to date. The mission is now in its fourth week.

Moonta.—Bro. Ken. Dyster closed his work with the church on Oct. 31, when at a social, arranged by the J.C.E., words of goodwill and apprecia-

tion were expressed. A happy time was spent by the young people, among whom Bro. Dyster did a good work. He also endeared himself to the church members during his short stay. Bro. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston arrived to take over the work on Nov. 7. A welcome social was held on Nov. 15, when a good number met. Words of welcome were given, and Bro. Johnston responded. A mission was commenced on Nov. 19 to continue for three or four weeks. Interest is growing, and attendances are increasing.

Strathalbyn.—Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 15. Bro. I. Durdin, from Long Plains, being speaker for all services. In the evening a fine congregation assembled, and a lad confessed Christ. On the Monday night the usual birthday party took place, a happy time being spent. On Nov. 4 the Bible School picnic was held at Pt. Elliott. The district officers' fraternal held their meeting on Oct. 24. Bro. Wilson led a discussion on "Our Isolated Members' Problem." At sisters' meeting Misses Graham and L. Pring read papers on "Ways in Which the Older Members may Help the Younger Ones." On Nov. 23 Mr. J. Morton showed lantern pictures to aid school funds. This was much appreciated.

Goolwa.—Services on Nov. 26 were a great joy, with good meetings both morning and night. Bro. Jack Meyer, from Grote-st., was speaker for the day. Others visitors were present. The morning address on "The Watchman" was a great appeal. Sister Story and Bro. Maunger, of Fullerton church, rendered a duet, and Sister Story a solo. A sister made the good confession. At evening service Bro. J. Meyer gave a splendid address on "The Judgement." Sister Story and Bro. Maunger again rendered a duet, Sister Story also rendered a solo, and Bro. Maunger a trumpet solo. Two Bible School girls made the good confession. The church is grateful for the help thus given. Bro. and Sister Rootes are on holiday at Port Noarlunga.

Prospect.—Attendances at Lord's day services and midweek prayer meeting have increased, and interest is being maintained. On Nov. 5 Bro. Russell spoke at both services. In the morning the annual offering for College of the Bible was taken. Two young women made the good confession at the gospel service. On Nov. 12 Mr. Keeling, of Prohibition League, spoke at Junior Endeavor, and addressed the church. At the close of Bro. Russell's gospel address a married woman confessed Christ. On Nov. 19 Bro. Russell commenced a series of addresses to the church concerning the work of the Holy Spirit. At night a Bible School scholar responded to the invitation. Nov. 26, good meetings. One brother received by transfer. Sisters Butler and Fraser, from Mount Hill, Eyre's Peninsula, were amongst visitors. A floral service, under the auspices of P.B.P., was held, when Mrs. Green, from Mile End, gave an earnest address on "The Garden of the Bible," and two girls from the Bible School, took their stand for Christ. A ladies' choir was formed, and the musical and other arrangements were carried out by members of the club, Mrs. Russell assisting Mrs. Green in the service. The men of the church, assisted by the boys' clubs, have been busy cleaning chapel grounds and inside walls of kindergarten room. The efforts of the choir at gospel service are greatly appreciated.

Victoria.

Geelong.—On Nov. 26 a boy from the Bible School was received in. The church enjoyed the fellowship of Dr. and Mrs. Cook. In the morning Bro. Clipstone spoke of the work and need of Home Missions.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Enjoyable meetings were held on Nov. 26. Two were received into membership by letter. Bro. Scambler preached morning and evening. There were two confessions—husband and wife—at the gospel service.

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Foreign Missions.

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

TO MEMBERS OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST,
Adelaide, S.A.,
November 21, 1933.

Dear Brethren,—

Your mites will weigh the balance for our work at Huelichow.

Imagine a pair of scales. On one side of them is our work at Huelichow. On the other side is the means—human and monetary—necessary to keep the work going, or in other words to balance with the requirements of the work.

The "means" side has become underweighted. We need your help to make it once more balance with the "work" side.

God has called Bro. Will. Waterman from the field. His death was a sorrow and yet a triumph of sacrifice. The state of Mrs. Waterman's health necessitates her return to Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, the remaining missionaries, cannot carry on the work unaided, and reinforcements must be sent or this mission station closed down.

The Foreign Mission Board cannot at present undertake on its own responsibility to send further help to China. It must abide by the decisions of the August special Financial Conference, which laid down that the Board should not increase its overdraft, and should apply 10 per cent. of receipts to the reduction of the overdraft.

Consequently the Board has decided to recommend to the States that a "Waterman Memorial Fund" should be opened to secure reinforcements to this fund will be in addition to donations to the ordinary F.M. work at present carried on.

The amount required to send a married couple to China would be £300 for outfit allowances and travelling expenses, and another £300 for salary for each year, including exchange. This would mean £600 for the first year and £300 each year for the remaining five years of their term—a total of £2,100 for the six years.

The appeal for donations to cover these amounts will be made by State Committees in the manner they think fit. In addition to general donations from the churches, it is suggested that a number of members in each State would be able to contribute £5 each.

The Tasmanian Federal Conference report gave our Australian membership as 34,200. Contributions of 1/2d from each member spread over six years, or about 2½d. per year per member, would yield the required £2,100. It may be objected that the 34,200 includes many children who have no earnings, and unemployed who have nothing to give. But supposing we strike 23,700 off our book membership, leaving 10,500, whom we can reasonably expect to help provide reinforcements for China. If each of these give 8d. a year for six years the needed £2,100 will be raised. So will we be able to answer the challenge that comes to us from the sacrifice by Mr. and Mrs. Waterman of the whole of their savings for more than six years and the giving of Will. Waterman's life.

Can any of us honestly say that we give so much now that we cannot contribute another 8d. a year to come to the relief of Bro. and Sister Anderson and our Chinese converts, who will be left like sheep without a shepherd if 10,500 members of the 34,200 whose names are on our church rolls do not spare 8d. a year to help them?

Some may talk of the difficulties and setbacks of the Chinese work, and urge us to seek an easier way for our missionaries. Peter used a similar argument with our Lord once when Jesus spoke of his coming crucifixion. "This shall never be to thee, Lord," Peter said. Do you remember what Christ's response was?

"Get thee behind me, Satan; thou savorest not the things of God, but the things of man."

The result of our appeal to the States so far has been very encouraging. Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia have agreed to try to raise their quotas. The necessary amount is not a large addition to our F.M. burden. For the whole of Australia it is only £350 each year. New South Wales has already promised its share. One brother in Western Australia has promised his State's amount.

Writing to the Board Bro. Anderson says: "Any suggestion of withdrawal has not come from us, but rather because of force of circumstances from your side—not that you wanted it, either. If, however, no reinforcements can be sent to us, and taking it for granted that we would stick it out until such time as we were forced to retire, would it not seem that the home folk had withdrawn from us? I know such a statement could not apply to thousands of our brethren, but when we appeal for an extra penny a week we cannot raise it. . . . Nothing would cheer us more than to know someone could come to us; but it does not soften the blow dealt by the loss of a comrade to have little hope of others coming."

The Board is confident that a vigorous appeal to the churches and individuals will ensure the reinforcements being sent.

On behalf of the Federal Foreign Mission Board.

Wm. Morrow, Chairman.
G. T. Walden, Secretary.

DUPLEX ENVELOPES.

At the sectional Foreign Mission Conference, held between the Federal Board and the State Committees in Launceston, the following motion was moved: "This sectional conference of State F.M. Committees and Federal Board recommends to the State Committees, and through them to the churches, the extension of the practice of regular systematic weekly giving in the use of the duplex envelopes, in the support of the F.M. work, and that money received from this source be remitted at least quarterly to the Federal Board."

Over and over again, the value of regular systematic giving has been stressed. Many brethren leave it until the F.M. day to make an offering. It is a good thing to make an offering then, but it is a wiser plan to lay aside on the first day of every week, to maintain our work. We need about 5/- each from our recorded membership. For many this is a large amount for one par-

ticular day, but it represents only a little over one penny per week. While we may not be able to give 5/- at once, the penny per week can surely be afforded by all.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

India.

In a letter urging the need of more prayer, Mr. Escott asks for our prayers, as follows:—

1. Pray for the Christians at Dourga, our Shrigonda outstation, where there are a number of weak Christians needing grounding in the faith.

2. Pray for the funds to build a church at Dourga. Someone in Wellington, New Zealand, gave the money to buy the land, and we have secured a site, with sufficient stone upon it to build.

3. Pray for the preaching and the touring of distant villages during the coming cold season. (The Indian cold season is December-January.)

4. Pray that the gospel portions and tracts distributed may be the means of bringing light and salvation to many.

5. Pray for the dispensary work here, and for the compounder and his wife (who is a trained nurse), that the Lord will use this branch of the work in saving power.

DR. OLDFIELD RECOVERING.

Word has been received from Mrs. Oldfield that the doctor has left for a complete rest. It is hoped by all that the holiday will restore him again to health and strength.

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J. Wycliffe Black in Sydney.

The visit of J. W. Black to Sydney has been one of the outstanding events in the history of the church for many years. Arriving from Canberra on Thursday, Nov. 9, he immediately won a place in the hearts of all by his gracious disposition and winsome personality.

At the opening of the new building at Tempe on Saturday, Nov. 11, Bro. Black was the principal speaker.

Large congregations assembled at Enmore and Chatswood respectively on Nov. 12, when our brother delivered addresses of a very high order.

On Monday, Nov. 13, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman R. C. Hagon, extended a civic welcome. The reply of Bro. Black revealed that he was equipped with a great knowledge of national affairs, but that he was more interested in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the afternoon the preachers were treated to an hour of inspirational gems. Old truths were presented in a new setting. A helpful discussion followed.

At the brotherhood welcome tea at Enmore Tabernacle 200 people sat down to a tea prepared by the Sisters' Conference. Opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Bro. and Sister Sandells prior to their departure for the New Hebrides. Bro. A. Allen, conference president, presided over the public meeting. This was one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the series arranged. A large gathering assembled, and all were gripped by the telling message of the visitor, who spoke for about 90 minutes. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, by invitation of the president of the Council of Churches (Bro. T. E. Rofe) 50 representatives of the council assembled for luncheon in Y.M.C.A. rooms. Replying to the welcome of the president Bro. Black delivered an address of a Christian statesman. It was a great discourse, presenting a mighty challenge to the leaders of Christian thought. Appreciations were expressed by the president of the Methodist conference, vice-president of Baptist Union, and others. In the evening representatives of the Parramatta district churches assembled at Lidcombe, 370 being present. Bro. Black spoke on "The Lure of Leicester."

In connection with the 25th anniversary of Mosman church, and in conjunction with the Northern suburbs churches, Bro. Black addressed a meeting at Mosman on Nov. 15.

By courtesy of the State Premier, Hon. B. S. Stevens, M.L.A., Bro. Black was privileged to see some of the beauties of the Sydney Harbor on Thursday afternoon on the Government launch "Premier." About 60 guests were present. Opportunity was here taken to present a small token to Bro. Black. Bro. J. Clydesdale, in making a presentation of a silver boomerang, referred to the great help received by the N.S.W. churches as a result of the visit. Bro. Black suitably responded. In the evening the South Kensington church was visited.

On Saturday a motor picnic to the South Coast was arranged. Luncheon was served at the Look Out, Bulli Pass, then the cars proceeded along the coast, through Lady Carrington Drive, arriving at Audley (National Park) for afternoon tea.

On Lord's day, Nov. 19, Bro. Black was at City Temple in the morning. In the afternoon a broadcast message was delivered from the studio of 2CH, and at night he preached at Rockdale.

Bro. Black left by car on Monday, Nov. 20, being due to speak in the evening at Hamilton. Returning on Tuesday to Sydney he left by aeroplane on Wednesday morning for Brisbane.

During the visit of the president-elect of the World Convention, Bro. and Sister T. Jackson, of Wahroonga, extended hospitality in their beautiful home.

CHRIST AND CHRISTIAN UNITY.

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in symbol the experience of his Lord in death and resurrection, dying to the old life and rising again a new creature in Christ.

The fruitage of that union on the divine side is the knowledge that we have been made partakers of the divine nature and recipients of the divine life, light and love. Union with the one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. On the human side a sense of wondrous fellowship.

It is recorded of the early church "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul." They had one common centre of inspiration, their divine Lord, whose life and love was their mighty dynamic, so that they gave themselves nobly to the rendition of selfless service. It is little wonder that the apostolic witness was made powerful, seeing that it was supported by the beauty and glory of a high spirituality in the life of the church. This inner heart unity must ever be the precursor of any outward or organic unity. A life harmonious with the life of Christ actuated by the constraining power of love must be characteristic of his people.

The New Testament gives clear indication of the nature of the Christian ministry and the basic principles of guidance in matters of church government. There was a distinctive ministry in New Testament times which was regularly ordained or duly set apart for the performance of its sacred duties. Most of the problems associated with orders in modern discussions on Christian union are due to later developments, rather than the primitive ideal of the Christian ministry. The church of our Lord was both an organism and an organisation. It was a spiritual democracy yet responsive to the guidance of the Spirit of God. There was no monarchical system of human creation dominating its life but its ordinary officials were chosen by the church and duly set apart for the performance of their functions.

(To be concluded.)

WOULD WOMEN STOP WAR?

"It is generally assumed," writes Lord Raglan in "The Science of Peace" (Methuen 3/6), "that women are, as compared with men, essentially peaceful, and that if women controlled the world there would be no more war. Is this assumption justified? As regards the less civilised part of mankind it certainly is not; it is a commonplace among administrators that raids against other tribes, head-hunting expeditions, the prosecution of blood-feuds, and even rebellions against the government, are more often than not undertaken at the instigation of the women, who are always ready to taunt their men-folk with cowardice and lack of spirit."

"When I was in Transjordan, I once had an experience of this nature myself. There was a village the two halves of which were occupied by two different clans. I heard that there was trouble there, so rode on, and found about forty men assembled in the sheikh's house, all talking excitedly. They would not listen to me, but became more and more excited, till at last those who lived in the other half of the village dashed off in a body to fetch their rifles. I mounted and rode after them, and when I met them returning with their rifles, turned my horse so that it blocked the narrow street. The men hesitated a little, and then gradually dispersed, but the shrieks of the women on the housetops urging the men on to fight were deafening."

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News of the Churches.

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Victoria.

Northcote.—Good attendances are being maintained. Bro. W. W. Saunders gave powerful messages on Nov. 19. A young man made the good confession. School staff is giving good support to efficiency campaign.

Preston.—On Nov. 26 Bro. L. Morffew addressed the church. At the close of Bro. Fisher's gospel address on "Apologising to God," one lady confessed Christ and four boys were immersed. Y.W.L. is practising for anniversary.

Black Rock.—On Nov. 26, at the morning service, a mother and her two daughters were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Morris, of Brighton, gave a fine address. The evening service was conducted by Bro. Smith, of the College. Attendances were good.

Brunswick.—On Nov. 26 Bro. Pittman spoke at morning meeting on "Giving." At night a question box was held, when Bro. Pittman ably answered many enquiries. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Rodgers. Junior C.E. auxiliary held an enjoyable social on Nov. 25. Visitors on Nov. 26 included Bro. Hocking, of Shepparton.

Red Cliffs.—Gospel meetings have been well attended recently. On Nov. 19 a young married man and a lad from the Bible School made the good confession. At evening service on Nov. 26 another Bible School lad confessed Christ, and the three were baptised by Bro. Robinson. Special services have been arranged for the month of December.

Parkdale.—On Nov. 22 S.S. teachers held a business meeting. Helpful messages are given at prayer meeting. There was a good attendance on morning of Nov. 26. Bro. and Sister Mrs. Lansdowne, from Preston, were welcomed into fellowship. Small attendance at gospel service. Bro. A. W. Stephenson spoke very helpfully at each service.

Noble Park.—Bro. F. A. Stewart closed his year's work as preacher on Nov. 26. The church has been spiritually blessed during his ministry. Bro. L. W. P. Smith, from the College, will assist the church from February next; until then only Sunday morning meetings and Bible School in afternoons will be held, Bro. C. R. Boak, from Ormond, in charge.

Hampton.—There were encouraging attendances on Nov. 26. Bro. K. Jones spoke morning and evening. At the gospel service a senior Bible School girl confessed Christ, and was baptised with one who came forward the previous Sunday. Bro. Jones is uniting with other preachers of Hampton in conducting beach services after school on Sundays.

Newmarket.—On Nov. 21 the girls' club held a successful social, proceeds to aid Dhond hospital, India. On Nov. 22 the quarterly business meeting was held, good reports being received from all auxiliaries; a healthy spirit prevailed. On Nov. 26 Bro. Burdeu, of Ascot Vale, delivered a helpful message at morning service. Bro. Gardiner gave an excellent address in the evening.

Dunolly.—On Nov. 26 Bro. Baker preached a farewell message on "If I had only one Sermon to Preach," the chapel being comfortably filled. Bro. Baker rendered a violin solo, and a beautiful quartette was sung by Sisters Scott and Willcox and Bren. Baker and Beasy. At the close of the meeting Bro. Scott, on behalf of the church, made a presentation of notes to Bro. Baker.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Mr. E. F. Gosbell delivered a lantern lecture last week on the work of the B. and F. Bible Society. Meetings on Nov. 26 were well attended. Bro. George Spry, who has been meeting with the church for some years, was received by transfer from Middle Park. At the morning meeting Bro. Enniss made reference to the H.M. offering; at night he preached on "Turning Home Again."

Chelsea.—Services have been fairly well attended, particularly at morning services, when visitors were present. The church is grateful to Bren. A. G. Searle, F. Manning, Allen Brooke and H. Rasmussen for help and inspiring messages. Sister Mrs. Hammond, sen., is back after illness. On Nov. 15 Sister Miss Unkenstein, from Frankston, conducted the combined prayer meeting, her message being greatly appreciated.

South Richmond.—During the month the C.E. visited South Richmond Methodist C.E. to hear convention echoes. On Nov. 19 Bro. Wilson, of Swanston-st., delivered a helpful address at morning service. On Nov. 26 Bro. Dudley spoke all day. In the evening he sang a fine solo and spoke on "My grace is sufficient for thee." This was the close of his first year's ministry with the church, during which a happy time has been spent.

Mildura.—Junior, Intermediate and Young People's C.E. societies enjoyed addresses by Miss Goodfellow, a visitor who was a delegate at the recent C.E. Convention in Tasmania. One baptised the previous Sunday was received into fellowship on Nov. 19. After Mr. Macnaughtan's address on "Restoring the Church that Jesus Built," three made the good confession. A young man who confessed Christ the previous Sunday was immersed.

Doncaster.—On Nov. 21 Bro. Connor gave an appreciated address on "The Blank Page in the Bible" to a good attendance of the young people's club. Fine meeting on evening of Nov. 28, when Bro. Connor spoke on "The Trial of Jesus." A young man made the good confession. Bro. John Tully, who has for twelve years been superintendent of the junior I.O.R. tent, which meets after school hour, was presented with a Bible and church hymn book by the members of the Order.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Meetings continue to improve at gospel services. The church enjoyed the visit of Bro. Candy, of Ringwood, on Nov. 19. His messages were much appreciated. At evening service two young ladies rendered an enjoyable duet. Services fair in attendance on Nov. 26. Bro. Holland speaking at both meetings. Two Bible class ladies sang a duet. All regret the removal of Sister Hollingsworth and the continued indisposition of Sisters Lewis and Monash.

Box Hill.—Attendances on Nov. 26 were well up to average. Bro. Alex. Wilson, of Canterbury, was the speaker, as well as at the senior Bible class. His addresses have been a delight. The efficiency lectures for Sunday School teachers have been well attended, Bro. R. Grafham, S.S. secretary, being the leader last Sunday. Bro. E. Hammond, choir-master, leaves this week for a three-months' health trip to China and Japan. All wish him Godspeed, and an early return to health.

Wangaratta.—Meetings are well attended. At the conclusion of Bro. Trezise's gospel message on Nov. 26, three girls from the Bible School confessed Christ. The annual banquet on Nov. 22 was an enjoyable function, a large delegation from Yarrowonga being present. The banquet offering for building fund amounted to £63. The young worshippers held a social at which the shield won for attendance was unveiled. There were three more decisions for Christ on Nov. 26.

Middle Park.—Meetings are well attended. On the morning of Nov. 19 Bro. L. Burgin exhorted very acceptably. At the gospel service Bro. Westwood gave an impressive address on "The Handwriting on the Wall," and a solo of the same title by Bro. L. Brooker was enjoyed. At the prayer meeting on Nov. 22 Bro. L. Brooker gave a helpful talk on "Happiness." On Nov. 23 the church gave a kitchen tea to Sister Alice Fryer, who was married in the chapel on Nov. 25. On Nov. 26 Bro. Westwood gave a home mission address on "Fishers of Men."

Carnegie.—On Nov. 21 the girls of the physical culture classes gave a splendid display, which reflected much credit on their leaders. On Nov. 22, at ladies' aid, Mrs. Scarcebrook gave an interest-

ing address on recent Federal Conference. On Nov. 23 the sisters' mission band visited Port Melbourne, and took the meeting for Sister Paterson in the Jubilee Hall. At monthly cottage prayer meeting on Nov. 25, an instructive address was given by Sister Mrs. Ward. Bro. Shipway spoke at both services on Nov. 26. Evening topic, "The Mount of His Sermon." A young lady confessed Christ and was baptised.

St. Kilda.—On Nov. 22 a farewell was tendered to Bro. Norris and a welcome to Bro. Alcorn. The chapel was full. Short addresses of farewell and a welcome were given by a representative of each organisation of the church. The chairman (Bro. Brown) made presentations to Bro. Norris, including an "Englishman's Greek Concordance," a travelling-rug, and a leather case. Bro. Smith, who for some time has helped the church and is going to Noble Park, was presented with a church hymn book. On Nov. 26 Bro. Alcorn commenced his work with the church. Morning meeting was very fine; gospel service well attended.

Berwick.—Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 26. Bro. W. Bolduan's subject at morning meeting was "Many Mansions." Dr. Kemp addressed afternoon meeting on "David the Shepherd Boy," and at night spoke on "Life Saving." Many visitors were present. On Nov. 27 the school and helpers presented a fine programme. Bro. Atkin's talk on "Giving Thanks" was appreciated by a large audience. Prizes were distributed, also three certificates, and supper was served. All were delighted to have Bro. McDiarmid home again, somewhat improved in health and able to preside over these delightful meetings.

Bentleigh.—On Nov. 7 Bible School held an enjoyable picnic at Rickett's Point. Bro. J. Holloway addressed the church on Nov. 12. Bro. R. Morris preached the gospel. Sister E. Dickinson rendered a solo. Ladies' guild held a successful fete on Nov. 17, which was opened by Sister Mrs. Mitchell. Messages were enjoyed from Bro. MacDonald and Bro. Morris, sen., on Nov. 19. Certificates and passes were presented to three successful scholars in this year's Bible School exams. Bro. D. Plummer was morning speaker on Nov. 26. Bro. R. Burns' gospel message was appreciated. The church is glad to have Sister Holloway back after illness.

Ascot Vale.—Morning and evening meetings are well attended. Song services each Sunday evening, under leadership of Bro. J. Burns, are much appreciated. Bible School is keeping well over 200 mark. Women's mission band made it possible to paint the chapel, raising £26. The four churches of the district still interchange presiding brethren, and speakers once a month, and also hold quarterly rallies in each district. In 39 weeks the Lord's table has been spread 55 times in the homes of shut-in folk. On Nov. 22 a quarterly business meeting was held. Reports were received from many committees. The deacons are now assisted by officers and junior officers, Bren. K. Higginbotham, G. Watson, F. Sterling, R. Jones being the juniors. All departments are working well.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Appreciated addresses were given on Nov. 19 and 26 by Bren. Shipway (Carnegie) and J. McG. Abercrombie. Four received into fellowship by transfer on Nov. 26—Sister Seath (from Carnegie), Bro. and Sister Muir and son (from Chelsea). Visitors included Mrs. Dawson, of N.S.W. Malvern-Oakleigh union held a successful C.E. Convention echo meeting in the chapel on Nov. 16; chief speakers were Mr. McIlroy, of Methodist Young People's Department, and Mr. J. E. Thomas (Balwyn). Bro. McPherson is progressing after operation, and Bro. Geo. Kimpton, a Bible class member, is in Alfred Hospital with concussion as result of an accident. On Nov. 18, after a season of prayer, Bible School workers left the church for the first of a series of house-to-house canvasses to obtain more scholars for Bible School. Five new scholars have been enrolled.

New South Wales.

Gilgandra.—On Oct. 11 Sister M. Butler, daughter of Bro. D. J. Butler, and Bro. W. Burrell were married, Bro. Lloyd officiating. A presentation was made by the members of the church to Bro. and Sister Lloyd prior to their departure for Auburn. Bro. Lloyd delivered his farewell address on Oct. 31.

Erskineville.—On Nov. 20 H. C. Stitt spoke on "How to Worship." At gospel service he gave a blackboard address on "How to Get Saved." Appropriate duets were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Stitt and by Ada Stapleton and Beale Stitt. We regret to report the death of Sister V. Hook's mother at Dulwich Hill after a long illness. The service was conducted by Bro. Stitt.

Grafton.—At its half-yearly business meeting the church in every department was reorganised. About 30 have come into fellowship since Bro. Larsen took charge about six months ago. Services are good, both Lord's day and week night, a fine spiritual tone prevailing. In the Bible School the new order is already revealing advantages. Y.P.S.C.E. shows quickened interest and larger outlook. The congregation has been heartened by the purchase of a building site in a central position. This has been made possible by generous donations from two members. Soon it is hoped to have a chapel erected.

Rockdale.—On Nov. 26 there was a splendid attendance at morning service, Bro. Toyer exhorting. In the afternoon the Bible School held its anniversary, the chapel being crowded. The singing of the children, under the leadership of Bro. Sainty, was of a very high order, and Bro. Greenhagh's talk on "Jack the Giant Killer" was appreciated by all. At night the building was crowded out, many being unable to obtain seats. The children again excelled themselves. After Bro. Alcorn's address a girl from the Bible School made the good confession. The women's fellowship was favored with a visit from Mrs. Wendorf, president of women's conference, Q., who gave a wonderful message.

ADDRESS.

W. Seaby (secretary Brookton church, W.A.).
—Brookton.

A FEW FEATHERS FOR THE GOSPEL.

Once upon a time a revival meeting was being held among the colored congregation of a certain church in the United States, and at its close, while the collection was being taken, a hymn was sung, the chorus of which went—"Fly, Gospel, Fly!" One old lady was so occupied with these sentiments that she failed to notice the plate which the church-warden was rattling under her nose, and finally, that pillar of the church became impatient: "Say, Sarah," he exclaimed, "how about giving it a few feathers to fly with?"

RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD.

Some interesting statistics on the numerical power of Christianity in the world are provided in the new "Directory of Foreign Missions" published by the International Missionary Council. World statistics of religious bodies provided by the Lutheran Almanack for 1933 show that out of a world population of 1,958,213,801, the Eastern Orthodox church has, in round figures, 127½ millions, the Roman Catholic church 297½ millions, Lutherans 62½ millions, Baptists 11½ millions, Congregationalists 2 1/3 millions, Episcopalians 11 2/3 millions, Methodists 15½ millions, Presbyterians 16½ millions. The total Christian population is 588 millions. Mohammedans number nearly 219 millions and the Jews 15 millions, leaving 1,166 millions of the world's population unclassified. The aggregate expenditure of the Foreign Missionary Societies is over £10,000,000, of which Great Britain's average share is £2,266,799.—"Christian World" (London).

DR. F. W. NORWOOD.

Mr. J. C. Martin writes as follows in "The Australian Baptist":—

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HANSEN.—On October 19, 1933, at "St. Rowans" private hospital, Wellington-st., Flemington, Vic., to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hansen—a daughter (Margaret Myrtle).

IN MEMORIAM.

HARDING.—In loving memory of Wilfred, loved husband of Ruby, and loving father of Don and Ken, passed away Nov. 25, 1921. "Loving memories."
—Inserted by his loving wife Ruby, Plenty-rd., Preston.

MALONEY.—In fond and affectionate memory of Janet, wife of Arthur and loving mother of James (Kalgoorlie), Arthur (Orabanda), George (Mt. Lawley), who was called to higher service on Nov. 26, 1930. Ever remembered.

COMING EVENTS.

DECEMBER 3.—Back to Dandenong. Reunion services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Former members invited to spend the whole or part of the day at Dandenong.

DECEMBER 3 and 5.—Ringwood Anniversary. Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m., Bro. Jas. E. Thomas; 7 p.m., Bro. C. Candy. Concert, and distribution of prizes by our first superintendent (Bro. W. Graham), on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

DECEMBER 7.—Annual Melbourne Concert in aid of Burwood Boys' Home, Central Hall, 203 Little Collins-st. (next Victoria Coffee Palace), Thursday, December 7, 8 p.m. Attractive programme arranged by Mr. Will Fielding. Front seats, 2/-; body of hall, 1/-. No tax.

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Bro. J. Wycliffe Black's last messages in Melbourne will be given in church at Swanston-st. as follows:—

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Obituary.

BEECH.—On Nov. 16 Sister Florrie Beech, aged 16 years, after a lengthy illness, passed peacefully away to be with her Lord. She came into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus during a mission conducted by Bro. Combridge in March, 1931. Our late sister was of a bright disposition, with a wonderful trust in Christ as her Saviour. Death held no terrors for her; she knew that there is "no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Her last words were, "Lord Jesus, I am thine." Her mortal remains were laid to rest in Echuca Cemetery (Vic.), the writer conducting the service. We lovingly commend her dear ones to our heavenly Father.—W.A.W.

MORRISON.—On November 5 Leslie Campbell Morrison passed to higher service. During the past year he had suffered greatly, having undergone several operations. He served with the Australian artillery in France in the great war, being severely gassed. As a lad our brother united with the church at Marrickville, N.S.W., thirty years ago, and continued in faithful fellowship with that church until 1919, when he transferred to Chatswood. Bro. Morrison was a splendid type of man, a loyal consistent Christian, loving his Lord and the church, and translating his religion into the terms of daily life, especially in the home and in his profession. He was the highly esteemed sub-accountant of the A.M.P. Society. The large assemblies both at the home and at Waverley testified to the high regard in which he was held. We commend his sorrowing brother and sisters to the God of all comfort and grace.—Joseph Whelan.

Swan Hill District Conference, Victoria.

The Swan Hill Circuit held its twentieth annual conference gatherings from Nov. 5 to 8. Bro. Hargreaves, of Boort, was visiting speaker, and gave some very helpful addresses. Bro. R. G. Cameron was also a welcome and helpful visitor. On Sunday, at 3 p.m., the conference opened with a District Bible School Rally, and at 7.30 a united gospel service was held. The wife of the brother who was baptised the week previously confessed Christ. A gospel service was held on Nov. 6, and one at Woorineen on Nov. 7. Bro. A. H. Pratt presided over these gatherings, and Bro. Hargreaves preached.

On Nov. 8 the business sessions commenced at 11 a.m. Bro. C. McDonald (president) occupied the chair. Good reports were received from all departments. The opening of Young People's Christian Endeavor societies was reported from Swan Hill and Woorineen. Bro. A. H. Pratt read a report of good work done, including 1,920 visits for the year; 11 additions, also four losses (two by death and two by removal). The district decided that transport must be arranged for the preacher, as his work had been seriously handicapped in the past. The following resolution was carried on the motion of Bro. A. H. Pratt, seconded by Bro. Redford: "That we, members of the church of Christ, Swan Hill district, deplore the conditions of organised sport and desecration of the Lord's day. In doing this we feel the time is over ripe for the citizens of the district to unite in their efforts to preserve the heritage of the Sunday to the Christian church and for the coming generations." Bro. H. J. Squires was elected president and Bro. D. A. Cockroft re-elected secretary. At 7.30 Bren. Hargreaves and Pratt gave grand messages. Vocal items during conference were rendered by Bro. and Sister A. H. Pratt, Sisters D. A. Cockroft and May McDonald. In the obituary report feeling reference was made to Bro. S. Gillispie, a past member; to our aged Sister W. Lawson; and to our young Bro. Ken. Pratt, son of the preacher. The sisters catered in a very capable way. Good attendances were noted at all meetings.

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