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The Principle of Home Missions. A Call To Consider.

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WE live in a difficult age. The whirring of wheels, the passion for speed, the lust for power and materialistic philosophies of life are all conspiring together to drive a world crazy. It would be good for us all to take a day or a week off occasionally for some real hard thinking.

In the Bible the word "consider" recurs again and again—"Consider the lilies," "Consider your ways," "Consider one another," "Consider the work." Individuals and nations have paid heavy penalties because they did not consider. The world needs assistance; it must be saved from itself. There is only one way, the way of the cross and the application of Christ's teaching. We taught the Japanese to fight but failed to teach the principles of Christianity. Our home base was so weak we could not reach them with the message of "peace on earth, good will among men." We pleaded foreign missions, but the home church was not powerful enough either spiritually or financially. We must give serious consideration to the home base. A pyramid cannot be built on its apex. It is foolish to attempt a war of expansion without securing the home base.

Principle of Home Missions.

In a consideration of the work of the kingdom of God we discover the principle of home missionary activity is good and sound.

It is apostolic and has its beginning in the mind of God who sent Jesus. "He came unto his own." The apostles were sent to all, but the beginning was to Jerusalem and Judea. Strong churches were established from which went missionaries of the cross to all the world. The example of apostles, who, in face of tremendous opposition, commended the gospel to the many, merits again the consideration

of the church in Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne and Perth. We stand for the restoration of apostolic doctrines and practice. Let us build strongly in the home land.

The principle of the golden rule is operative in home missionary activity. It is the helping of the weaker by the stronger. When the story of home missions is fully told there will be a revelation of how churches have been saved and strengthened till they in their turn were able to help others. To those who know it is a thrilling story. Home missions are frequently promoters of new causes. We give to those who have not. That is Christian. While not in any degree depreciating the work of overseas missions, we submit that home missions must come first. This principle is sound in business, where expansion follows only on the establishment of a strong and solid home base.

The principle of missions is rooted in a universal law. We must give and use or lose and die. This world is so fashioned

of God that nothing can remain isolated, nothing can cut itself off from the rest or receive and not give without dying. The muscle must be used and exercised or it withers and ceases to function. The eye must be used; the sea that receives but does not give is a dead sea. The stagnant pool becomes a menace. The church must give, must pass on what it has received; it must be missionary or die. And we have shown that home missionary activity is fundamental and primary.

Home Missions at Work.

The principle, or the consideration of it, is useless unless it be made to work. Some differ from others concerning methods. This is no time for argument concerning methods. Evangelism and pastoral care and oversight, strengthening weak churches, planting new causes, are part of the work. Much depends on whether we have a missionary-minded people. What home missions have meant would fill volumes. Are we prepared to carry on with this work? If nothing but the preaching and practice of the principles of Jesus Christ can save the world from its apparent madness, will we not be held guilty if the world is lost? Loyalty to Christ and his programme is the urgent need of to-day. Many are making noble sacrifices. Success is not due to the gifts of the wealthy, but to the consecrated and devoted efforts and gifts of the general membership in all churches. Let us consider seriously the world's need, and strengthen the home base by means of a worthy offering on December 5. When it was suggested to David that he should make sacrifice to God of the gift of another, he replied, "Shall I make an offering of that which cost me nothing?" Home missions cost Jesus and Paul and the apostles a great deal. How much does it cost you?

Our Platform.

LOYALTY to Christ and his revealed Word.

The steadfast defence and proclamation of the apostles' doctrine.

The restoration of the New Testament church in its doctrine, ordinances and life.

The promotion of missionary, educational and benevolent work committed to these principles.

Unity in faith, freedom in opinion, and Christian love in all things.

Victorian Home Missions.

Looking Backward and Forward.

In Days of Yore.

Thomas Hagger.

IT was in July, 1895, that the writer started with the Victorian home missionary committee. He was sent north to work a huge



Hamilton Church Group.

circuit with headquarters at Echuca, and later at Wedderburn.

From Echuca he went north-west as far as Benjeroop and Mystic Park, and then turned southward to Fernhurst and Wedderburn, calling at Yarrowalla, and some other places on the way. Then after returning through Wharparilla he would go to Ballendella and Kyabram. There were eight churches in the circuit, and numerous preaching stations when he started, and during the term of service several more were called into being. A call came to render help to the revived church at Shepparton, and this enabled us to give assistance to the disciples at Toolamba.

During the first year a horse and buggy were used, and then the preacher took to a bicycle, and he rode many hundreds of miles a year.

We worked hard, but they were happy years, and we had the joy in two years and eight months of seeing about one hundred obey the Saviour in baptism.

In August, 1912, work was resumed under the Victorian committee, as State evangelist and organising secretary. In this capacity we continued for almost six years. During the term almost every church in the State was visited, while in association with Will. H. Clay and other brethren many missions were held, and new churches were organised. During that time nearly 700 confessions were taken.

During the first term the writer was impressed with the value of home missionary work, and this was deepened during the time when he was secretary and State evangelist. And he still thinks home missions to be paramount, and would urge the whole Victorian brotherhood to see all needed money is provided, and that most earnest prayer is offered that the present work may be sustained, and that the committee may be encouraged to help other weak churches and to reach out to the towns and districts where as yet the plea for unity by a return to the Christianity of the New Testament has not been heard.

It is a big work, and we must go about it in a big way.

THE aim, £1500, is an honest statement of H.M. requirements. Needy churches not being assisted cannot make progress without preacher help. Assistance to-day will obviate closing down to-morrow.—W.G.

Fruitage of Home Missions.

Reg. Ennis.

A KINDNESS done to the beloved Thomas Bagley in his last illness gave me the opportunity to spend some two years in closest touch with home missionary work and enabled me to discover its true worth. Home missions, like all other enterprises, must stand or fall by its fruitage. What do we find?

First, we notice churches that were founded or aided by the H.M. committee have now become very vigorous churches. We think of Bendigo, East Kew, Oakleigh, Ormond, Wangaratta and Yarrowonga.

Second, we find churches thriving to-day which are the offspring of former H.M. churches. We have in mind particularly the groups of district churches that have grown up around former H.M. churches in the Mallee and Wimmera.

Third, we discover that H.M. churches have yielded a rich harvest of lives for the ministry of the Word. The McCallum family, together with men like Bren. Clipstone, Patterson and Goodwin, are samples of this rich dividend from H.M. effort.

Fourth, we note strong financial support



The President, H. J. Patterson (right) and Secretary confer in the midst of their travels.

coming to-day from churches which were themselves helped in earlier days. Who can estimate the financial value to the brotherhood of churches such as Brim, Horsham and Kaniva?

Further evidence of the value of home missionary work is not needed. The appeal for funds is well grounded and most deserving.

The Foreign Mission Secretary and Home Missions.

H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D.

THE stronger the foundation the higher the structure that can be erected thereon. A growing church in the home land will mean a gain to our overseas work. As secretary for that work this fact alone would guarantee an interest in home missionary enterprise. Again, we must not forget how relative are our terms home and foreign. Australia to those to whom Christ gave the commission was an uttermost part of the earth as is Palestine to us. Further, in a land in which evil has its strong-

holds as truly as it has them in India, Africa or China, there is need for an aggressive presentation of the claims of Christ among those who are strangers to the way of life which he taught.

In America I realised how intimately related the home and overseas fields may be. Each year hundreds of students come from India, China and Japan to study in American institutions. Many of them are Christians trained in missionary schools. Too often the discovery that Christianity has only effectively touched but a small section of the community causes a discouraging shock. Some return to their home land without the faith they brought with them. In these days of many and varied international contacts the more Christian any part of the world becomes the better for all other parts.

200 Words on Home Missions.

S. Russell Baker.

I AM asked for 200 words on home missions, and the task appeals to me. Four times fifty!

My first fifty words will be about the thoroughness of home missions. I am always struck with the wholeness of their enterprises and activities. I have never met with any half-done work. Many churches to-day thank God for the completeness of home missionary oversight and enterprise by which they were set on their happy career.

Let the second fifty words be about the achievements of home missions. We have only to look at the home mission map of Victoria and see the great number of towns where by their efforts churches have been established and are being maintained to see the worthy achievements of home missions—churches planted, causes strengthened, congregations saved.

And now fifty words on the advance of home missions. Our leaders have never been content merely to rest on their achievements. They have always called us to advance. With the true spirit of Christ they have named towns to enter, fields to occupy. They have never forgotten there are more souls to be saved.

My last fifty words are upon the needs of home missions. The needs are on both sides. First we need home missions—to maintain a large section of our churches, to establish new churches, and to carry the gospel into every corner of this State. And home missions need us. Our gifts make certain a continuation of all their splendid work. So let us give well on Dec. 5, and on the basis that a growing work needs a growing offering.

HOME Mission Committee has given excellent service. It can only render help as the Brotherhood subscribes. Our hardest task is to help where needed and where prospects are promising.—W.G.

THROUGH HOME MISSIONS

WE ALL LEAD A HELPING HAND **DEC 5 1930 REQUIRED** **TO OUR NEEDY HOME MISSION CHURCHES.**

ALBURY	MIRREIN—RECLIFFS
ARARAT	ORMOND
CHELSEA	RINGWOOD
COLAC	WANGARATTA
DRUMCOURA	WARRAGUL
HAMILTON	WARRACKBEE—WINTO
	YARROWONGA

Make Yours a LIFTING HANDCLASP on DEC 5

South Australia.

"Work Shows Encouraging Features."

An Explanation.

Wm. L. Ewers, H.M. Organiser.

THROUGH our annual home mission offering is not taken in S.A. until March next, we gladly co-operate with the other States in this special home mission number of the "Australian Christian."

We are pleased to report a growing interest in the work of homeland evangelism, among the churches, and an evident desire and determination to lead out into bigger things in extending the cause throughout the State.

A Volunteer Mission Campaign.

Conference recently endorsed the action of the committee in launching such a campaign during this conference year, and the churches have been approached, seeking their hearty co-operation. So many have been the requests for the services of the organiser, it has been impossible for him to meet all the demands, and volunteer missions will make it possible for a much greater advance in the realm of evangelism.

Future Work.

At this writing Wm. L. Ewers is assisting the church at Wampony (in the Bordertown district) in a two-weeks' campaign, and will then conduct a similar effort with the church at Williamstown. A tent campaign will begin at Naracoorte early in March.

Maylands is holding a mission with home forces led by its own preacher, Geo. T. Fitzgerald, and other churches are contemplating missions.

Victories at Victor Harbour.

B. W. Manning.

AN ardent Endeavorer suggested that a letter might be written, telling of some of our experiences in the work here and seeking co-operation in prayer in the great challenge that has come to us. The prayer experience here has been such that we should tell it in order that the faith of others might be strengthened. The Holy Spirit is working very definitely in the hearts of many by the simple proclamation of the gospel, and the hand of the Lord has been laid upon others through personal witness.

How Christ Entered a Home.

The work amongst poor families has also been wonderfully blessed. Some months ago I was called into a home where, through unemployment, sickness and constant care, the mother of six children had found herself prostrate and helpless. As she was once a member with us, we felt that something had to be done. The case was taken up, back accounts were made right, clothing was secured, and a new outlook in life obtained. The outcome was that the husband, who had never been to church, promised to come with his wife, and the children came to Sunday school.

After about two months the wife felt she must renew her vow to the Lord. One Sunday morning, at the close of the service, she stepped out to reconsecrate her life. To the surprise and delight of all, the husband followed her. He broke down before us all and sobbed, and none of us could restrain tears. I have never witnessed an audience where all were so affected. We all knew the sad circumstances and the difference it would make. At night the eldest girl, aged 14, stepped forward to accept the Lord as her Saviour.

How Christ Changes Things.

The difference in this home is most marked. The mayor, town clerk, and both police officials, who are Roman Catholics, have come to me personally to say how pleased they are at the change.

We have secured a little government block of about four acres, two miles out of the township, and the family are clearing the little bit of scrub, and have started in their spare time to build a little home of their own. They are going to build it of wood and iron, sides to be a wooden structure, with wire-netting inside and outside the structure. The wire-netting will be filled with seaweed, and the outside and inside of the wall reinforced with concrete.

Please pray for this little family and their new home, which they hope to have finished by Easter. Please pray definitely for the needed material. These folk are going to be a wonderful witness in the town, as the husband's people are many and very old residents of the town.

His grandparents in the early days of this State lived in a big hollow tree and housed a big family by adding iron and bags to their improvised home. None are church-going people, and we are praying that through this family we shall reach many others.

Personal Witness Leads a Business Man to Christ.

Then a few weeks ago a business man of the main street went out to a home down Inman Valley where two lads had recently been converted. The conversation commenced on the frightful condition of the world, which soon led the young man, about 18, telling this business man that the only hope of the world was the return of our Lord. The business friend knew nothing about it, so Bibles were sought, and before an hour the man broke down in tears before his friends. He had been a worldly man and one of the keenest dancers in the town. He hardly missed a dance in the district, if possible. For two nights that man cried, and his eyes were so swollen that he had to wear colored glasses in the shop. Three weeks ago he stepped out at our gospel service again in tears, and made the good confession. Three others stepped out the same night. Last Sunday he went out to the Inman Valley and brought a car-load of people to the meeting, and three of those people who have been attending our meetings occasionally have signified to their friends that they are under conviction of their need of a full surrender to Christ.

A Church Home Our Great Need.

Now with this feeling that the Lord is putting his seal upon the humble efforts in this district we ask you to join us in an even greater challenge. As you know we are meeting in a hired hall, which is convenient and nice in many ways, but we only have it for Sundays at a rental. The only name on the hall is "Church of Christ," and in the hall are held dances, card parties, etc., and visitors passing have been heard to say, "Fancy—the Church of Christ!"

Further, we realise that there has never yet been an immersionist body in either Victor Harbour or Port Elliott. The interest in immersion must be keen when a Congregationalist preacher will immerse five of his young people in the River Inman before hundreds of people. We usually immerse at Goolwa, and feel that the atmosphere of that sacred service under more favorable conditions is better for all parties, and we have had as many as seven cars go to Goolwa to witness this service. But what an advantage, when, with a building of our own in the heart of the township, with an open baptistry, we can teach and preach, by a well-conducted service, this sacred truth.

Land Bought—Gifts Made for Chapel.

After two years of very definite prayer for a block of land and a new building, we are thankful to be able to say that in the last eighteen months a block of land has been secured and paid for in a splendid position for £300. Through sacrificial and prayerful giving over £300 is now in the bank toward the chapel.

Feeling that our numbers are so few, and having to cater for hundreds during the summer season, we decided not to build until the money was in hand or promised.

After much prayer we decided to place £10 on the conference table recently as a personal gift, asking the brotherhood to come to our aid in a much-needed chapel building and equipment.

The Lord has seen fit to use that humble gift as he used the five loaves and two fishes to satisfy the multitude.

A brother stepped forward almost immediately, and has very graciously offered us £100 if 19 others will join him.

It is the "Lord's doings and marvellous in our eyes."

As the Lord lays it upon the hearts of others to participate, and the building is erected, let us pray definitely also that we shall be spared and used to satisfy the hungry multitude with the bread of life. We pray that visiting friends and local people will be led to Christ both now in the waiting days, and especially when the house of the Lord is built to his glory and honor.

May God bless you as you co-operate with us in this happy challenge of prayer. "According to our faith be it unto us."



The Site for our Church Home at Victor Harbour—Sadly Incomplete Without a Building.

The Island State Seeks Support.

Aggressive Evangelism.

Harold Stevens, Conference President.

IT is now some three years since we have had any home missionaries laboring in Tasmania; but we believe that the time has now come for a genuine revival of New Testament evangelism in this State. Already the upward and onward march has begun.

Aggressive evangelism is the keynote of our work. The home mission committee members are in earnest; we are indeed enthused with the prospects. Brethren everywhere are talk-



Launceston Church.
Home Mission Headquarters.

ing unity and co-operation, and we believe the brotherhood has caught a fresh vision, with a heartfelt desire to see the cause of our blessed Redeemer advance. What a glorious enterprise this is, having as its object the salvation of souls!

For aggressive evangelism three things are necessary and of vital importance—prayer, men and money.

Prayer to our heavenly Father for divine guidance. Men, filled with his Spirit, to publish the glad tidings of great joy, and money to enable the work to go on. Three essential factors in aggressive evangelism.

We are depending on you, brethren, to make possible the work set before us. This you can do by accepting the opportunities of Dec. 5. Let your gifts be interesting and practical.

Firm Foundations—What Now?

Geoff. J. Pool, Conference Secretary.

IN early times the plea of the churches of Christ gained a very firm footing in Tasmania. This was due chiefly to the heroic pioneering work of the late Bro. Stephen Cheek. Many of the families who to-day lead in the work can trace their early church history to the work of this brother. His was the spirit that was never satisfied unless some worthwhile work was being accomplished for the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the spirit which we would inspire into our brotherhood to-day as we face up to the many difficulties of aggressive evangelism in the home fields.

Throughout the State, in districts scattered from the north-west to the south, there are small but strong groups of brethren. Many of these are the result, direct or indirect, of the aggressive tactics of Stephen Cheek. These brethren are steeped in the faith and teaching of the Master, and are eager for evan-

gelistic work, but in every case there is something vital lacking. Not all have the ability or the training to serve actively in the ministry of the Word, and in a small church or district this means that a great deal of the preaching has to be left to a very few brethren. Further, there is the lack of funds. Most of these districts are farming communities, and it is admitted that these brethren will be the last to feel direct benefit from the general upward trend of economic conditions.

In the course of the years the city churches at Launceston and Hobart have assisted in the establishment of suburban churches at West Hobart and Invermay. Both these last-mentioned churches are without the services of a full-time preacher, and the committee is anxious to be able to help them when an opportunity presents itself.

The rich dairying and tin-mining areas of North-east Tasmania have never had any attention from the churches of Christ. The mining towns of the West Coast, now within easy road communication of Launceston and Hobart, have not received any influence from our work. These districts would offer rich fields of harvest for workers for the Master could they but be opened.

At present, however, the more urgent needs are those of fields which have been established, and are looking for the help of the home mission committee and its funds to obtain and maintain the services of an evangelist to promote and consolidate the work.



Bro. Geo. R. van Eerde.

who is to take up duties in Devonport-Mole Creek-Caveside Circuit in January next.

We look with anticipation to the coming of Bro. Geo. R. van Eerde to take up the circuit work of Devonport-Mole Creek-Caveside. These churches have been long established, and the enthusiastic leadership and consecrated service which we feel sure the brother appointed will give should bring them right into the line of the committee's plan of aggressive evangelism.

We are very anxious to obtain the services of another brother for permanent service in this State, but here we are faced with a further difficulty. Continually we have been unable to obtain a brother who was able to take up the work. Please pray for the committee that

they may be led to the brother whom God would have serve.

The annual offering to be taken on Dec. 5 will give an opportunity to the brotherhood to support the attitude which the H.M. committee has taken towards progressive work. We have planned, and, to an extent, put these plans into execution. Will the brotherhood support us with the best offering yet?

Northern District Conference, Tasmania.

CONFERENCE was held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Mole Creek. Delegates were present from Devonport, Caveside, Margaret-st., Sandhill and Ulverstone. Bro. N. J. Warmbrunn led devo-



Devonport Church,
The centre of Bro. Geo. A. van Eerde's field.

tions. During the afternoon the following brethren gave messages: Bro. S. Byard (Mayberry), "The Unfailing Word of God"; Bro. A. Harvey (Caveside), "Service"; and Bro. T. Orr (Sandhill), speaking on "Building," made special reference to the building of the Mole Creek church. Sister A. G. Nothrop and Bro. H. Stevens rendered solos. A "basket tea" was partaken of in happy fellowship.

Since the conference was reorganised Bro. T. Wilnot has always brightened the meetings with his song leading. Sister K. Cooke and Bro. Wilnot gave messages in song. The president of conference (Bro. H. Crowden) gave an earnest message on "Forgiveness," and the State President (Bro. Stevens) stirred his listeners with a great message on "The Everlasting Church." An offering amounting to £2 was received.

The following motions were passed:—1. That the next conference be held at Devonport. 2. That it be held on June holiday, 1938. 3. That conference authorise the executive to utilise the funds which they hold for the purchase of a motor vehicle to use in the North-West District.—Ann G. Nothrop, secretary.

The Word of Life.

IF I am asked why I receive scripture as the word of God and as the only perfect rule of faith and life, I answer with all the fathers of the Protestant church, because the Bible is the only record of the redeeming love of God; because in the Bible alone I find God drawing near to man in Christ Jesus and declaring to us in him his will for our salvation. And this record I know to be true by the witness of his spirit in my heart, whereby I am assured that none other than God himself is able to speak such words to my soul.—Dr. Robertson Smith.

Western Home Missions.

What Makes It Possible?

HOME mission work in W.A. rejoices in ever-expanding horizons as the borders are extended for Christ. There are now 20 home mission preaching stations, seven in the metropolitan area, seven in the south-west and six in the wheat-belt. In addition, evangelistic work among the aborigines of the State, through our financial support of the splendid workers of the U.A.M., is now a regular H.M. activity. Marquee missions and tours to the isolated brethren are also frequent phases of



Western Home Mission Preachers.

Standing: Bro. F. M. Fewster, C. H. Hunt, T. D. Madden, F. H. Griffiths and S. E. Riches. Seated: Bro. L. G. Burgin, R. Vincent, W. Nightingale and A. Hutson.

H.M. ministry. A work worthy of Christ and the brotherhood is constantly being attempted to the very limit of our abilities.

What makes such work possible? Good team work. All brethren everywhere in the team, each pulling his weight, none kicking over the traces, or lagging back as a drag on the wheels—all at the work, altogether, all of the time—that gets this homeland job done.

With the growing confidence everywhere being manifested in the progressive work being carried out for the brotherhood by the home missionary committee we are daily enrolling new team-mates. What about yourself? Are you pulling your weight? Yes? Good work!

Team Mates.

THE brotherhood demonstrates its H.M. team spirit in many ways. Several splendid financial fellows are in the team.

For example there is Mr. Duplex Envelope, who makes his appearance regularly each week. Of course he pulls in other teams at the same time, helping provide for local church needs and supporting all conference departments. But the H.M. leaders recognise in this regular helper one of the best members of the H.M. team.

The women's auxiliary is in the team. All ladies know that the women of the W.A. churches are being spurred to raise this year £100 for home missions. And what group of church ladies ever failed to reach any worthy aim they seriously set themselves? Ladies, we salute you in advance. At conference time, through your year's co-operative effort, you will certainly make that £100 contribution for the needy homeland work. We are proud of such team mates.

The farmers are behind this H.M. work, pulling their weight. Many of these splendid brethren sow five acres of wheat annually for home missions. Last year this co-operation realised £120. Prospects this year are encouraging. These men know the value of good team work.

We even had teddy bears in the H.M. team. Did you see them on your church notice-board? They also graced much of our recent H.M. literature. They were urging the Western churches to pull the annual offering for home missions in November up to the urgently required amount, £250.

Team mates all! The weekly envelope, the women's special, the farmers' wheat scheme, the annual appeal! Yes, they are helping us cover the H.M. field for Christ.

Worthy Fellow Workers.

IN Western Australia 9 of the 17 preachers serving with our churches are supported by the home missionary committee. These men are fellow-laborers in the gospel, who regularly proclaim the message of Christ to hundreds of needy folk in city and country areas. Altogether they are responsible for 20 home mission preaching stations, 11 of which have been opened during the past 12 months.

These nine H.M. preachers are known to be men of one book, one Lord, one purpose—their book, the open Bible; their Lord, the Saviour of men; their purpose, to lead men to him. Their consecrated endeavors for Christ and his church mark them as brethren worthy of the continued confidence and support of the entire Western brotherhood.

The Home Mission Car.

THE "Bluebird," the H.M. car used by Bro. C. H. Hunt in his wheatbelt work, has just celebrated its first birthday. During the year 12,000 miles have been covered for Christ and the brethren. Not one spot of bother has been experienced with the car, which is very gratifying, since the total car mileage is now 44,000. It is impossible to record the full year's results, but 300 new families have been visited, five new preaching places opened, five people have been immersed, and two others restored, a Bible class has been started and scores of isolated Christians have been heartened. Such work wins our enthusiasm for home missions.



PRAYER CORNER.

Conducted by G. J. Andrews.

"I WILL PRAY THE FATHER."

HERE, O God, is a heart that is grateful for a home mission preacher in a country town. Back in the days when family fortunes were such as to get the home folks down, the spiritual ties were preserved unbroken through the faithfulness of a Christ-like man. So, dear God, let the brotherhood purpose to preach in the homeland proper more. Direct and enrich this spiritual service till all shall truly praise thee, Lord. Amen.

ROOM FOR PRAYER.

"There is a viewless, cloistered room,
As high as heaven, as fair as day,
Where, though my feet may join the throng,
My soul can enter in and pray.
"One hearkening, even, cannot know
When I have crossed the threshold o'er;
For he alone, who hears my prayer,
Has heard the shutting of the door."

CHECK SELFISHNESS.

In his book on "Christ and Human Need," C. P. Andrews says, "We shall also take more heed to our Lord's repeated command of watchfulness and prayer. For the selfish instincts of man continually return when they seem to be defeated. They can only be kept in check by the perpetual renewal in our midst of the Spirit of the loving Christ."

Cultivating Indigo.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S husband was much given to moods of melancholy. She used to warn him against this "cultivation of indigo," as she called it. It was a discerning word. How many cultivators of indigo, there are! What a number of people instigate and encourage "the bipes" in themselves!

Temperament, circumstances and many other things are cited as causes of the dark mood. But more often than not it is a matter of personal cultivation. Not, of course, consciously. We do not say to ourselves, "Go to, I am now going to make myself miserable." But we neglect certain elementary rules of physical, mental and spiritual hygiene—break the laws of health, health of body and health of soul—and the result is a fine blue crop. It is here, rather than on the usual convenient and over-worked scapegoats, that the blame is to be laid.

"I fear I have been in the dumps," R. L. Stevenson once wrote to his father, "which, as you know, sir, is a very great sin. . . . There is . . . no more abominable sin than this gloom, this plaguy peevishness." A sin—it is the right word. Despondency is nearly always a matter not for commiseration but for condemnation. If only the indigo cultivators would face up to this!—A.G.C. in "Christian World" (London).

"AND I would pass in silence, Lord,
No brave words on my lips,
Lest pride should cloud my soul, and I
Should die in the eclipse.
"But when, and where, and by what pain,
All this is one to me;
I only long for such a death
As most shall honor thee."

Here and There.

DECEMBER 5 is being observed as Home Mission Sunday in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria, and it is hoped that a liberal offering will be made in all the churches for the advancement of the work in the home land.

We are indebted to Bro. Wm. Gale for kindly collecting the articles and pictures for this special Home Mission Number.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. G. J. Andrews, preacher of Lismore church, N.S.W., is now out of hospital and is progressing favorably.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Granville, N.S.W.:—"Hinrichsen, Morris made good start Granville; four decisions.—Corlett."

The Federal Conference Executive has tentatively fixed August 13, 1938, as the day of commencement for the next Federal Conference to be held in Sydney.

We received the following telegram from Lismore, N.S.W., at noon on Tuesday:—"Helpful campaign with L. A. Trexise concluded; seven additions membership.—Andrews."

Bro. Chas. Schwab, preacher of Grote-st. church, Adelaide, paid an appreciated call at Austral office on Tuesday. With Mrs. Schwab he has been spending a brief holiday in Victoria. He expected to begin his motor journey home on Wednesday, in order to resume work at Grote-st. next Lord's day.

With deep regret we learned as we went to press that Sister Mrs. D. M. Wilson passed away on Tuesday night at Perth, W.A. As Miss Jeanie Dickens she is remembered in Victoria for her long and faithful service as organist at Lygon-st. church. Her musical talent has ever been at the service of the Brotherhood.

The splendid new building of the Burwood Boys' Home, Vic., was opened on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 13, by the State Attorney-General (Mr. A. L. Bussan). The committee had invited a considerable number of official guests, and in addition a large company assembled. The home has been re-registered, and prospects for effective service are bright.

The closing sessions of the College of the Bible are to be held at the end of this week. Some students then will leave to enter upon fuller service, and some go on vacation, while a considerable proportion will be busy with University public examinations for a few weeks. Applications have been received from a number of young people for admission in 1938. Candidates are again reminded that they should at once communicate with the secretary, Mr. F. T. Saunders, 250 Tooronga-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6, Victoria.

W. Gale writes: "H.M. teams went West on Sunday last. The president, H. J. Patterson, J. Holloway, and the writer left on Saturday morning in the 'Dodge.' J. Holloway was left at Horsham to take the morning service. The president and secretary went on to Kaniva and took the morning service there. Returning, the party reached Horsham in time to conduct evening service, after which they set out on the long drive through the night to Melbourne. The vice-president, T. R. Morris, and Mrs. Morris, and J. McG. Abercrombie and Mrs. Abercrombie, met with the brethren at Mlayip at 11, Brim at 3, and 7 at Warracknabeal. Both teams report good meetings at most of the centres. Assurances were forthcoming of interest in home missions. All churches will endeavor to increase on last year's giving. All reached Melbourne safely."

The following story is taken from the pages of the London "Christian World":—A smart-looking railway guard, wearing a rose in his buttonhole, was doing his work on the platform. A half-drunken man, as he came past, snatched the rose from the guard's buttonhole and flung it under the train, with a drunken grin on his face. The guard's face flushed red, but without a word he turned away. As he passed, a man complimented him, saying, "You took that splendidly, guard." The guard said, "I am on duty sir," and passed on. If we could only remember that a Christian is always "on duty," what a lot of trouble we should avoid!

Dr. L. Michael and Miss Boston, who early next year will sail for "Our India," were farewelled from Victoria on Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the Swanston-st. church. They were enter-

Secretaries' Addresses Wanted.

IN order to meet a felt need, occasioned by the lack of a Year Book or Church Directory, we intend to print early in January, 1938, a list of churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand, together with the names and addresses of church secretaries.

The Austral Publishing Co. has a list which, doubtless, is generally correct, but we should like to make certain. We therefore request that church secretaries, both in the Commonwealth and in the Dominion, advise us of their name and address, and especially we ask that this be done in cases where recent changes have been made. We desire to help all churches, and more particularly Brotherhood committees, by publishing a complete and accurate list. The co-operation of State Conference secretaries is solicited. We should be glad if they would send to the Austral Co. copies of their lists of church secretaries, which would be useful for purposes of comparison.

The information requested should reach Austral office not later than December 24.

tained at tea preceding the public meeting, Mr. H. Patterson, Mr. K. Jones, Mr. R. Lyall, Dr. Kemp and Mr. R. Coventry speaking words of appreciation and goodwill. The public meeting, which was large and representative, was preceded by a song service led by Mr. R. Lyall. Mrs. McGregor, president of the women's conference, and Dr. Hinrichsen, past conference president, spoke on behalf of Victorian churches. Miss Boston and Dr. Michael suitably responded, Dr. Michael giving a thoughtful address on "The Call of God." Box Hill choir and quartette party rendered appropriate music. The scripture lesson was read by Mr. T. H. Scambler. Mr. K. Jones and Mr. R. Coventry led the congregation in prayer. Mr. A. Hughes occupied the chair. During the meeting offerings raised, in connection with Children's Day were received.

The eighty-fourth anniversary of the church at Prahran, Vic., was held on Nov. 14. Large congregations attended all services, and a wonderful day of spiritual uplift and Christian fellowship was experienced. Bro. Reg. Enniss exhorted the church in the morning on "The Church the World is Looking For." The afternoon was devoted to a farewell gathering to Dr. Lindsay Michael and Miss May Boston, who

left a few hours later on the first stage of their journey to their task of love in India. Suitable words of farewell and appreciation were spoken by Bro. A. A. Hughes, H. A. G. Clarke, Dr. Hillier, C. P. Hughes, E. Staley and R. Geyer. On behalf of the church Bro. Geyer presented a special camera suited for mission work. In response Bro. Michael spoke on "Careful Evaluations." Bro. Webb at gospel service spoke excellently on "Can Christ Save Society?" Bro. K. Brush by faith and obedience, Bro. Senter (Horsham), and Sister Mrs. Melvor (Brighton) by letter of transfer, were welcomed into fellowship. Meals were provided for 250 guests during the day by the sisters of the church.

HOME MISSIONS AND GEELONG.

D. D. Stewart.

ON Oct. 31 the church at Geelong celebrated its 80th anniversary.

Looking through the church minutes I have found that the home missionary committee has played a very important part towards the advancement of the cause here. From small numbers meeting in a small building in West Geelong, progress has been made, and the cause transferred 30 years ago to the present building, centrally situated, in the heart of the city.

I find that in 1899 the committee decided to assist the church in supporting Bro. R. G. Cameron. Following him were such preachers as G. H. Browne, G. P. Pittman, Theo. Edwards and Gifford Gordon, in whose ministry the church in 1911 became self-supporting and has remained so. Since Bro. Gordon, the church has been served by Bro. Gilbert Chandler, Chas. Schwab, Stuart Stevens, H. M. Clipstone, and the present preacher.

In 1925 a cause was established by the committee at Drumcondra, to which a number of Geelong members became attached.

Early this year the committee made available Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen and V. Morris for a six and a half weeks' tent mission. As a result of the faithful presentation of the word 118 decisions were recorded; most of these people were received into the membership of Geelong or Drumcondra. A thankoffering approximating £350 was given, which exceeded all expenses. There is manifest a fine, healthy tone in the work. The membership to-day is 314, with a school enrolment of 130.

ADDRESS.

L. Maycock (secretary Rockhampton church, Qld.)—Gracemere, via Rockhampton.

COMING EVENTS.

NOVEMBER 26 (Friday).—"Wistaria Fete," Hampton church hall. Opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. McGregor, women's conference president. Toy stall, Christmas gifts, etc.

DECEMBER 4 and 5.—South Yarra, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., induction service conducted by Bro. H. J. Patterson and Dr. W. M. Hinrichsen to mark the commencement of ministry of Bro. and Sister A. W. Claude Candy. The Box Hill male quartette will assist with items. Sunday, Dec. 5, special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bro. A. W. Claude Candy, minister. Past members and friends cordially invited to all services.

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News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Collie.—The preacher commenced regular meetings for worship in Ewington chapel on Oct. 31, when two were welcomed to fellowship by restoration. Ten members met on Nov. 7, when Bro. H. Hicks presided and Bro. W. Skerzman exhorted. There are all members of Collie church, but are able to meet more regularly at Ewington. 15 new scholars were gained in Bible school rally at Collie. The event was celebrated by a tea to the winning classes and the giving of certificates to all who sat for scripture examinations.

TASMANIA.

Launceston.—Bro. W. S. Lowe, of Greymouth, N.Z., has accepted the unanimous invitation of the church to take up the work as evangelist. Attendances and interest are being splendidly maintained. Bible school annual picnic, held at Amaze Park on Nov. 1, was largely attended. Bro. P. C. Prichard has been ill for some weeks, but is improving.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Good meetings continue. A married woman, who had made the good confession and obeyed her Lord in baptism, was received into fellowship on Nov. 7. On Nov. 14 Bro. N. Cooper gave the exhortation, Bro. W. R. C. Jarvis taking gospel service. Bro. Bowes was at Margaret-st., Launceston, conducting anniversary services. Bible school is preparing for an exhibition of work.

Devonport.—On morning of Nov. 7 Bro. Crowden gave an encouraging message. At night he spoke convincingly on "Phillip in Samaria." Sisters Taylor and Nothrop rendered a dset. Church had fellowship with Bro. K. Mitchell, of Melbourne. Sunday school is practising for anniversary. Twelve members journeyed to Mole Creek for recent conference. All are looking forward to the coming of Bro. G. R. van Eerde to labor here.

QUEENSLAND.

Rockhampton.—At church annual business meeting on Nov. 5 the treasurer's report showed a substantial increase over last year's offerings, and other reports were very satisfactory. Attendances at various services have been very good during the last few weeks. On Nov. 7 Bro. Campbell gave a thrilling address to a large audience on "Labor's Sure Reward."

Roma.—At C.E. anniversary demonstration on Oct. 23 a good gathering assembled. Winners of competitions gave items, and were presented with awards; the shield for efficiency in leadership was tied for by Miss Myra Harland and Mr. Harold Thrupp. The conference president (Mr. Sanders) motored from Brisbane, and his week-end messages were inspiring at all services. Endeavorers gathered with Mr. Sanders at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Neil for a social evening. Mr. Street has been elected C.E. president. Bible school attendance has increased, 70 being present the last few Sundays. Miss Joan Thrupp received a silver brooch in recognition of seven years' unbroken attendance.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Berri.—Since opening the church at Winkle attendances both at Berri and Winkle have been up to expectations. Local brethren have ably assisted at services during illness of Bro. Bartlett. After nearly seven years' service with the church at Berri, Bro. Bartlett has accepted a call to labor with the church at Balaklava. Bro. L. H. Crosby spoke at gospel service on Nov. 7 on behalf of S.A. Alliance. All auxiliaries are in good heart. Winkle C.E. society visited Berri society on Nov. 11, when the question of gambling was discussed.

Owen.—At close of Bro. Jones' address on Oct. 24, on "What Love can Do," a young lady made the good confession. She was baptised and received into fellowship on Oct. 31. Two others have recently been added to the church by letter. Bro. Jones conducts midweek devotional services.

Stirling East.—The chapel has been renovated inside and out. Splendid meetings are being held. On morning of Nov. 7 Bro. Chappell gave a fine address. Bro. and Sister W. J. Rudd were welcomed home after a stay in W.A. In the afternoon Dr. Johnston, from Glenelg, with his class of men and quartette party, was present. He addressed men on the theme, "The Coming Crisis." Again in the evening he spoke to an audience of about 200 on "The Making of the Man." Both services were greatly appreciated.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On Nov. 7, owing to Bro. Schwab being away on holidays, Bro. Anderson spoke at morning service, and Bro. Woolacott, of Methodist social service, gave a stirring address on the betting and drink questions to a fair attendance. On Nov. 14 Bro. Don Beiler spoke in the morning on "Mottoes for Christian Lives." Evening, Bro. E. R. Manning spoke on "Power of Christ in Our Lives." Opportunity was taken to speak on the passing of our aged Bro. E. McPhee, who received the home-call during the week.

Naillaworth.—On Oct. 24 a male choir rendered well-known anthems under baton of Mr. Manger. A "Dad and Dave" banquet was held on Oct. 26. A large number of fathers and sons were present. Opportunity was taken to welcome Bro. Shipway back after his holiday, and to present him with a fountain pen on the occasion of his birthday. Girls' annual gymnasium display was a great success, and thanks are extended to Mrs. Shipway for the way she has carried on the work for the past year and the way she took charge of the display. Sister Mrs. Verco has again taken up her summer residence at Mt. Lofty. Bro. Morphett is still in hospital.

Glenelg.—Dr. Johnston's men's class visited Stirling on Nov. 7. It is hoped to make the visit an annual one. Local brethren entertained visitors at tea. Night service was conducted by Mr. L. H. Munn (S.A. Alliance), who gave a fine talk. As the result of a series of concerts, the kindergarten has secured a new piano. Bro. E. C. Redman has relinquished the position of church treasurer, his place being filled by Bro. A. C. Ransley. Bro. and Sister Waddell have gone to reside with their daughter (Mrs. Ira Paternoster) at Crow's Nest, Sydney. They will be greatly missed. Attendances at all meetings have been well maintained.

Wampony.—The brief mission conducted by Bro. W. L. Ewers closed on Nov. 12 with a splendid meeting. His message on "Crowded Out," with its stirring appeal, led three young people to confess Christ. They were baptised the same hour. During the campaign ten have been added to the church by faith and baptism, and a man and wife, formerly immersed believers, expressed their desire to take membership with the church. A splendid interest was maintained throughout the campaign. The questions answered by Bro. Ewers and his messages of inspiration have been a wonderful means of benefit and uplift to the church. Words of appreciation were extended to Bro. Ewers for the magnificent service rendered the church. Thankoffering taken at close amounted to £15/10/-.

Hindmarsh.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 14. In the morning there was a good attendance. Bro. T. P. Richardson, school superintendent, presided,

and beautifully explained to the children the significance of the feast. A teachers' recognition service was conducted, and at request of the officers Bro. W. W. Saunders gave the message that he gave at Bible school session of conference—"The Senior Scholar and the Adult Bible Class." Afternoon attendance was about 350. The children sang splendidly under leadership of Mr. C. Wood assisted by an orchestra. Bro. H. R. Hilford, from York, gave an illustrated talk on "The Bread of Life." In the evening about 340 were present, when the school again contributed items. Sylvia Moore recited Matt. 17: 1-13. Dr. Trevor Turner was speaker, and his message on "First Things First," primarily for the children, was enjoyed by all.

VICTORIA.

Ivanhoe-Hurstbridge.—Bro. Butler spoke at both services on Nov. 14. Bro. J. Brown assisted at evening meeting. Hurstbridge members were present, and a young man from that district was baptised.

Wedderburn.—Nice meetings were held on Nov. 14, when three lads from Bible school were welcomed into fellowship. At close of Bro. Bird's gospel address one young lady made the good confession.

Wonthaggi.—A splendid meeting was held on morning of Nov. 14. One young lady made the good confession, and one young man, a baptised believer, decided to associate with the Churches of Christ. Prospects for progressive work are bright.

Newmarket.—On Nov. 14 Bro. Burns, of Nth. Essendon, presided, and Bro. Goodwin addressed best attended service for many months. A brother was received by restoration. Visitors were welcomed. P.B.P. club has gained a new member.

South Richmond.—Work is progressing in all branches except Bible school, which is affected by the epidemic. Bro. C. Cole has been invited to take up full-time work, and has accepted as from Dec. 5. One lady made the confession at evening service on Nov. 14.

Northcote.—On Nov. 11 Mr. J. T. Green interested with lantern lecture relating to mission work in Belgian Congo, Africa. On Nov. 14 Bro. Ian Hinrichsen, Leslie Stirling and Evan Beach were welcomed into fellowship. C.E. societies assisted at evening service.

Maryborough.—There were good meetings on Nov. 7. Bro. Maxwell, of Dawson-st., Ballarat, spoke in the morning on "Living Dangerously," and in the evening on "A Message to the Blind." At evening service a duet was rendered by Misses M. Thomas and D. Taylor.

Merbain.—Both services on Nov. 14 were conducted by Bro. Martin, the evening being C.E. anniversary service, special singing being given by Endeavorers. Interest is well maintained at all meetings, several local brethren taking turns in conducting services on alternate Sundays.

Red Cliffs.—Women's mission band and guild held a birthday afternoon, completion of year's work, on Nov. 4. Bro. J. K. Martin gave good addresses on Nov. 7. Bro. C. Harrop, from Mildura, and Bro. Hollingsworth were speakers on Nov. 14. The church has had fellowship with a number of visitors lately.

Rochester.—On Nov. 14 the S.S. anniversary was celebrated, when singing of special hymns by scholars was well rendered. Bro. Hall in the afternoon spoke on "Fitting In." Bro. Thurrowgood (Echura) addressed a well-attended congregation in the evening. A happy day was spent, and Sister Fulford is congratulated on a successful anniversary.

Red Hill.—With the gospel service on Nov. 14 G. R. van Eerde closed a ministry of one year eight months. During the busy period of a college course, he has contrived to serve the church with a standard of high teaching and example. On Nov. 6 the C.E. society and friends made him a presentation. R. W. Marshall commences his work here on Nov. 21.

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Brotherhood.

(Matthew 23: 1-12.)

Prayer Meeting Topic for November 24.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

AS Jesus looked upon the man in authority and then upon the man oppressed, upon the differing strata in the society of his day, he said, "And all ye are brethren." He did not deny that there should be authority, for he recognised it, but all classes ought to remember that men were brothers. The greatest of all would be the servant. Jesus spoke to the multitudes, and these profit most when men are brotherly and suffer most when men are at enmity.

A Message for the World.

If the thought that men are brothers could govern world, and particularly national, councils, what a difference it would make! It seems that one nation treats the men in other nations as potential or actual enemies. When war-mongering is in the air this word of Jesus is needed, for how can I seek or plan for my brother's destruction? And with him we must think of wife and children to-day. Some day we shall realise the truth of Jesus' word. Families have given place to tribes, and tribes to states, and states to nations. National limits are widening, for the British people are more of a great federation than a nation. May the day soon come when all the world shall be more of a unity.

The question is, How shall we accomplish this? It will be a process of evolution, so some say. The very fact of unrest on such a huge scale is an evidence of movement toward a higher plane. Communism in Russia is an attempt at brotherhood. We deplore the atheism associated with it, but a church that had no sense of brotherhood in it had to go. Selfishness and brotherhood are opposites, and the multitudes are beginning to recognise the fact. Jesus taught brotherhood, and offers the greatest programme of peace and goodwill ever made to mankind.

A Message for the Nation.

It was for the people within the Jewish nation. Scribes and Pharisees imposed burdens upon the people for whom they had no sympathy. They did nothing to ease the burden. In national life of to-day we must act as brothers. The strong financially must bear the infirmities of the weak. The burden of taxation must be shared in proportion to the ability to pay. The cry of class taxation is beside the point. We must stand together, but only as we have ability we should contribute to the state life. We must be ready to forgive and assist the weaker brother. Joseph, badly treated by his brethren, did not recompense evil for evil. He freely forgave their murderous intent and made a new life possible to them. Instead of famine he gave plenty. "We are one people, and all ye are brethren," he reminded them.

A Message for the Church.

Jesus spoke to his disciples who were not to lord it over others. It is a comparatively easy thing to fall into the snare of pride and to adopt a superior air, treating our brethren as beneath us. In the church, if nowhere else, we should be all as one family. "Be not ye called Rabbi, for one is your teacher." "Neither be ye called masters; for one is your Master, even the Christ." Many church congregations would be saved to do a much greater work if Jesus' word were practised. Let us encourage the faint-hearted, train youth, fight together for right and truth, agree to differ on things that don't matter, and in all things be brothers.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 1.—A PLEA FOR HOME MISSIONS.—Romans 10.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—FAITH, PLUS—!

Monday, November 22.

THE revelation of the mystery . . . is made known unto all nations unto obedience of faith.—Rom. 16: 25, 26. The gospel was to be proclaimed was "kept in silence," hidden, concealed, "through times eternal"; yet now is clearly revealed. The main purpose is to produce "obedience of faith." Minus obedience, faith does not exist. Reading—Romans 16: 17-27.

Tuesday, November 23.

But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.—1 Cor. 13: 13.

Faith plus hope and love make the trio of Christian graces. I may have "all faith," yet if destitute of love "I am nothing"; "I should answer none of the great purposes which God has designed; I should not by this secure my salvation." Faith there must be, but to it must be added other graces.

Reading—1 Corinthians 13.

Wednesday, November 24.

Against such there is no law.—Gal. 5: 22, 23. Various fruits of the Spirit are here enumerated, showing the qualities which must accompany or follow faith, which forms the root, and produces the nine kinds of fruit mentioned. Such fruit producers are God's freemen, for there is no law to condemn them.

Reading—Galatians 5: 16-26.

Thursday, November 25.

Night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith.—1 Thess. 3: 10.

Paul fervently prayed that the faith of the Thessalonians might be made complete. The reference appears to concern Christian doctrine. The apostle was with them only a little while, and was able simply to give the ground work of Christian doctrine; he now longed for the opportunity of building them-up in their faith; instructing them more fully in the great doctrines of Christianity.

Reading—1 Thessalonians 3.

Friday, November 26.

Faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself.—James 2: 17.

Here, again, we are taught the imperative-ness of faith plus something else. Indeed, according to James, faith minus works is dead. All Christians need to remember that in the Christian life faith and works are inseparably linked together. Such teaching is in accord with the Saviour's utterance, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Reading—James 2: 14-26.

Saturday, November 27.

Building up yourselves on your most holy faith.—Jude 20.

So that faith is a foundation upon which we must build. Without the superstructure of Christian graces it is as useless as a foundation without a building. There must be constant adding of grace upon grace.

Reading—Jude.

Sunday, November 28.

That the proof of your faith . . . may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.—1 Pet. 1: 7.

A part of an ascription of praise to God because the faith of those to whom he wrote stood the test of the severest trials and sorrows.

Readings—Isaiah 40: 1-10; 1 Peter 1.

Studies in "Our Plea."

AS part of the 55th anniversary of the Brunswick church, Vic., a series of special services were held during the week, the connecting theme being "Our Plea." The unqualified success of this plan urges us to give further details, so that other churches may feel encouraged to undertake a similar educational plan.

Although there was nothing spectacular or specially attractive in the announcement, the meetings were very well attended by the members of the local church, and visitors from other churches. Variety was given to the meetings by special music, and by the visiting speakers, the following brethren gladly assisting: A. A. Hughes, W. F. Nankivell, J. McG. Abercrombie, H. G. Rasmussen, G. M. Mathieson and C. Young. Choirs and singers from Ivanhoe, Moreland, Preston and Brunswick rendered special music. Here is the list of subjects forming the series: "The Grandeur of Our Plea," "The Scope of Our Plea," "The Foundation of Our Plea," "The Aim of Our Plea," "The Growth of Our Plea," "The Practice of Our Plea," "The Testimony of Our Plea," "The Weakness of Our Plea," "The Strength of Our Plea," "The Nature of Our Plea."

One remarkable fact was that, although some of the subjects were closely related, there was very little repetition, and any which did occur was varied by the personality of the speakers.

Added interest was created by the display of watchwords of the church around the chapel walls, some of these being especially striking. Here are a few specimens:—

"Back to Christ then forward with him for the salvation of the world."

"The Bible is our only discipline, guide or authority."

"We will unite with anyone, anywhere, any time, on the Bible."

At each service a different statement of "Our Plea," selected from various sources, was read, so that all learnt of our freedom from creedal statements, yet had the various features of our position definitely before them. One night, instead of a reading, Miss A. Briggs, of Preston, recited the beautiful words of J. H. Garrison, which we reproduce here.

WHAT WE STAND FOR.

For the Christ of Galilee,
For the truth which makes men free,
For the bond of unity
Which makes God's children one.
For the love which shines in deeds,
For the life which this world needs,
For the church whose triumph speeds
The prayer: "Thy will be done."
For the right against the wrong,
For the weak against the strong,
For the poor who've waited long
For the brighter age to be.
For the faith against tradition,
For the truth 'gainst superstition,
For the hope whose glad fruition
Our waiting eyes shall see.
For the city God is rearing,
For the New Earth now appearing,
For the heaven above us clearing,
And the song of victory.

As a result of this series of meetings the members of the church have been definitely instructed and inspired to greater loyalty toward our distinctive position, while many non-members have a better understanding of the simple aim for the restoration of primitive Christianity.—A. J. Fisher.

LOVING is like music. Some instruments can go up two octaves, some four, and some all the way from black thunder to sharp lightning."

South Australian News-letter H. R. Taylor, B.A.

Changes of Preachers.

BRO. ALBERT JONES, after a short ministry at Owen, in the north, has accepted an engagement with the church at Henley Beach, a suburb of Adelaide. Bro. Walter Bartlett will leave Berri, a River Murray settlement, at the end of the year to take up work at Balaklava. This is an important centre in the middle north. Bro. Bartlett has spent seven years with the Berri church. This is his first located work after leaving Glen Iris, and it speaks well for him that the strength of the local congregation has been well maintained during the whole period.

Missions.

An effort in the tent at York, on the Port Adelaide Line, with Bro. W. L. Ewers as evangelist, resulted in fourteen additions. He is now at Wamponoo, in the Bordertown district, conducting a series of meetings in the chapel. Then he will proceed to Williamstown for a similar type of mission. Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald, with his wonted zeal, has just concluded a fortnight's effort in his own district at Maylands with satisfactory results. Circular letters have been sent to all the official boards in the State, asking if they are prepared to hold volunteer missions during the conference year, and if they are willing to release their preacher for special service with another church. The home mission committee hopes that a large proportion of the churches will respond to the appeal for greater evangelistic activity.

Morialta Protestant Children's Home.

In 1924 a beautiful gentleman's residence was purchased in the Mount Lofty Ranges near Adelaide by a committee representing the Protestant Federation, Loyal Orange Institution and the Baptist and Presbyterian churches, for the establishment of a Protestant Children's Home. Churches of Christ, the Congregational church and the Independent Order of Odd-fellows were afterwards linked up in support of the project. To-day there are 100 boys and girls in residence, and altogether, since the home opened, 322 have been admitted. A considerable area of land surrounds the stately house, allowing for an extensive orchard and garden, and pasture for cows and sheep, and making it possible for the home to partially support itself. At the annual meeting held recently it was reported that the assets are worth £15,000. Our churches are well represented on the board of management. Bro. E. W. Peet (Grote-st.) is the senior vice-president and a member of the executive committee; Bro. L. H. Crosby (Prospect), chairman of the estate and finance committee; Bro. T. M. Glover (Grote-st.), chairman of the admission committee; Sister R. E. Stokes (Unley) is one of the three representatives appointed by the conference to the general committee.

More than "Pious Resolutions."

Hitherto we have had to be content to pass resolutions in conference and committees against the twin evils of drinking and gambling. In view of the approaching elections for a new parliament the time has come for action. A joint committee, representing several social organisations, has been formed to arouse the conscience of the church people and others and to secure a guarantee that candidates who will pledge themselves to legislative reform will be supported by their votes. Children who are threatened with the stick but never get it, soon lose all fear of the consequences of wrong actions. The average politician goes his own way until words are matched with actions. Several well-attended after-church public meetings have already been held in the suburbs, and others are projected. Open-air meetings,

so effective in the six o'clock closing campaign years ago, are also suggested. The Council of Churches are asking associated bodies to set apart the first Sunday in December and the whole month of February to urge Christian people to let their voices be heard through the ballot boxes at the election.

New Zealand News-letter. W. R. Hibburt.

Our Overseas Work.

THE Associated Churches of Christ in the Dominion are committed to an extensive missionary work in Southern Rhodesia. Their centre of activity is the Lundi Reserve. The Reserve has a population of 9250. Throughout the Reserve there are 136 villages. The headquarters of the mission are at Dadaya, which has a grant of 50 acres for a main site. There are 29 schools and churches on the Reserve. Bro. and Sister Garfield Todd have recently compiled a roll of all church members, and report a membership of 1574, of which 1200 can be counted active members. In the village schools there are over 1000 scholars enrolled. The central day and boarding school established at Dadaya has 222 boarders, and 89 day scholars, of which 207 are boys and 104 are girls. To maintain this work the New Zealand brotherhood is asked to find for this year £1152, plus £288 exchange, plus £225 for home working expenses. Sunday, Oct. 31, is the day of our annual foreign mission offering.

A Church Holiday.

Labor Day was observed on Monday, Oct. 25. There was a slump in church attendance the previous Sunday. Public holidays on Mondays are forming the habit of Sunday holidays. People get a long way from home. Our Young People's Department is observing this trend, and when and where possible, endeavors to organise this leisure time period for youth by congregating them at a given centre under wise leadership, and in an occasion that yields spiritual gains. The writer was encamped with 80 young people at Wellington over the weekend. Buses conveyed the convention members to communion services in the suburbs. The study theme of the convention was, "Christ for the Crisis." Smaller groups were encamped at other Dominion centres under the control of Bible class or club leaders.

Fragments of News.

The general conference executive sounded a call to the New Zealand brotherhood to make Lord's day, October 31, an every-member-present day. The Wanganui church has offered Bro. Godfrey Fretwell a further three years' engagement. Bro. Fretwell conducts a

teaching mission at Gisborne during November. This is one of the volunteer missions arranged by the home mission executive. The Dominion church, Auckland, recently passed a resolution inviting Bro. F. A. Youens to remain with the church for an indefinite period. Bro. J. K. Robinson, of Nelson, has completed a tour of the North Island preparing the churches for the annual foreign mission offering. The Bible College terminates its year's work on Nov. 20. Bro. and Sister E. P. Aderman expect to spend the vacation in Australia. Principal A. L. Haddon will minister to the North-east Valley church during the vacation period.

National Thriftlessness.

Those in high places are recognising that the liquor traffic is a thriftless enemy. The Minister of Public Works (Hon. R. Sempie, M.P.) announces that men taking liquor into camps will be instantly dismissed. On the West Coast he is shifting a camp from the vicinity of a hotel in the interests of those in the camp. The Minister of Labor (Hon. H. T. Armstrong, M.P.) announces that men wasting their money on intoxicating liquor will be refused assistance. Liquor is not the working man's friend. The Minister of Native Affairs (Hon. F. Langstone, M.P.) is concerned about the heavy drinking and degradation amongst the North Auckland Maoris. His comments are supported by social workers. Liquor is not the Maori's friend. A proposal that it be made an offence for any person to supply by way of purchase or otherwise any intoxicating liquor to any person under the age of twenty-one years was reported in the press as adopted by the Federation of the New Zealand Justices of the Peace Association. This arose from statements made by Justices "aimed particularly at the persons who serve liquor to young girls at dances." Liquor is not the friend of youth.

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News of the Churches.

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VICTORIA.

Dandenong.—There were good attendances during the week of special services conducted by Bro. S. H. Mudge. On morning of Nov. 14 Bro. J. W. Lewis spoke to the church on "Tuning in to God." In the evening Bro. S. H. Mudge continued his very interesting and helpful mission series with a challenging message on "The Bible." 102 broke bread for the day.

Doncaster East.—Interest in the work continues. There was a fair attendance at both services on Nov. 14. Bro. Dallinger spoke at both services, subject of morning service being, "The Mind of Christ"; evening, "Seeking and Striving." The church enjoyed fellowship of a past member, Bro. Head, in the morning. A sale of work on Oct. 30 realised £20 toward building debt.

Preston.—On Nov. 14 Bro. T. Batty, of West Preston, presided at morning service, this being part of a plan of co-operation between the two churches. Bro. P. Foster, from North Fitzroy, delivered the exhortation. At gospel service Bro. Young commenced a series of addresses on "The Gospel We Preach." Endeavorers attended Northcote and Preston C.E. Union convention.

Kaniva.—Bro. Gordon Goldsworthy collided with a motor car while riding his motor cycle on the night of Nov. 7. His leg was broken in several places and his pelvis fractured. He is progressing as well as can be expected. A large meeting appreciated messages of Bren. Patterson and Gale on morning of Nov. 14, and again the chapel was filled to hear Bro. Withers' message in the evening.

Northcote East.—The gospel service on Nov. 7 was one of the best for a long time—good audience and an inspiring message by Bro. Payne. On morning of Nov. 14 Bro. McLoughlin gave a very instructive message on "The Kingdom." Bro. G. Chislett gave a telling gospel message at night. On Nov. 6 a social was held in aid of building fund; £3 was raised. Only about £40 is required before beginning building a chapel.

North Richmond.—The church has recently entered into the second year of Bro. Earle's ministry. Good meetings continue, and there has been success to mark his enthusiastic work. During last few weeks two young ladies and a young man, made their stand for the Master and have been baptised. After a period of forced inactivity due to illness, the Bible school is again gaining a hold, and attendances are steadily increasing.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—The half-yearly musical and elocutionary competitions commenced Nov. 10, and are being well attended. Bro. Hince, from Thornbury, gave a helpful talk to young people's society on Nov. 10. Bro. Rough gave an enlightening sermon on evening of Nov. 14. A young lady gave her life to the Master. The church regrets that Sister Phillips is seriously ill, and that Bro. Gillies' father is in Melbourne Hospital.

Black Beak.—There was a record attendance at morning meeting on Nov. 14. Bro. Marshall, from the College, was with the church all day. Reports at annual meeting were very encouraging. All showed progress except that of the Bible school, which is not up to normal, but teachers are keeping in touch with all scholars with lessons. A young man made the good confession during the month. Junior Endeavor was commenced three weeks ago, and attendances are improving. C.E. joined Berwick C.E. on Oct. 23, and Brighton C.E. on Nov. 2 for picnic and meeting to follow in each case; both were much enjoyed. Bro. Schurmann has been asked to continue for another year as preacher.

Gardiner.—Bren. W. H. Clay and Alex Wilson spoke at morning and evening services respectively on Nov. 14. Bro. G. H. Watts, a faithful member and a trustee of the church, passed away with tragic suddenness on Sunday night. He was present at morning service as usual. The funeral took place at Box Hill cemetery on Tuesday morning. The church deeply sympathises with Sister Mrs. Watts.

Thornbury.—A special series of sermons on social questions—war, gambling, dancing and liquor traffic—aroused considerable interest. Question box has been used each Sunday evening. Bible school and other youth activities for under 12 group have been closed again owing to further outbreak of paralysis in district. Several visitors were present on Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., including Bro. Buckingham, of Hartwell, who exhorted the church. Aim for H.M. offering is £25 and 25 red offerings.

Wangaratta.—On Nov. 14 the church commenced special services to commemorate the tenth anniversary. A roll-call of members was made, and 54 answered to their names. Several visitors were present for the day. Bro. Banks gave two inspiring addresses. At close of the gospel address, "In Debt and Able to Pay," two men, one the husband of Sister J. Campbell, made the good confession. Bible school had attendance of 80, with one new scholar.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—At worship service on Nov. 14 Bro. Schwab, of Adelaide, a former preacher, was a visitor. His fine address on "How can We Meet the World's Need?" was much appreciated. On Nov. 13 the marriage of Sister Evelyn Waterston to Mr. Bert Somerville was celebrated. On Nov. 11 a fine illustrated lecture was given by Bro. Burden on "The Australian Aborigine." Many members are absent through illness. Sister Vena Walker is in Heatherton Sanitarium.

Horsham.—A baptismal service was held on Nov. 11. A successful sale of work was held by the sisters in the school hall on Nov. 12. The church was pleased to have a visit from the home mission party on Nov. 14. Bro. J. Holloway addressed the church in the morning. Bro. W. Gale conducted the service at night, and Bro. H. Patterson preached. The officers met with the visitors at tea in the school hall. In the afternoon the Bible school presented a foreign missionary programme. Haven Bible school was present.

Hampton.—Church and Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 14. Bro. J. Tinkler spoke to a good gathering in the morning. Bro. L. Brooker gave an illustrated address in the afternoon, when prizes were presented and the annual gift of £10 for Dhond hospital was passed on to the P.M. committee. Bro. K. Jones presented prize and certificates won in S.S. examination. Singing by the children and teachers, under leadership of Bro. Machin, superintendent, was enjoyed. They assisted again at night, when Bro. Stephenson was preacher.

Boort.—The church, and Bible school teachers and scholars, enjoyed a visit on Oct. 19 from Bren. H. Patterson, W. Gale and K. Jones, and appreciated their talks on home mission and youth work. On Nov. 7 the Bible school anniversary was held. Bro. Hargreaves gave a good morning exhortation. In the afternoon the scholars sang well under Bro. Hargreaves' baton. He also gave a talk to the children on "Traps." At night Bro. Knight, of Barraport Baptist Church, gave a splendid illustrated message. Good numbers attended all day. On Nov. 10 the Bible school tea meeting was held, after which a splendid concert was given by scholars. On Nov. 14 Bro. Hargreaves, presiding at morning meeting, extended the church's sympathy and prayers to Bro. and Sister H. Lacy in the sudden loss of their brother, Mr. A. T. Lacy, of Bendigo. Bro. Barton Bartt gave the morning exhortation. At night Bro. Hargreaves gave a good gospel message. In the afternoon he went to Pyramid Hill.

Camberwell.—Services are well attended. On Nov. 14 Dr. E. R. Killmier conducted evening service. At annual business meeting on Oct. 27, Bro. J. Barnacle was elected elder emeritus; Bro. W. A. Fordham, elder; and Bren. V. Barber, A. Wilson, J. Rankin, A. Cleland, deacons. The church unanimously invited Bro. R. L. Williams to accept a further engagement for three years. Sister Mrs. Barrett is able to attend services again. Monthly young people's tea and service is becoming increasingly popular. Sunday school picnic was held on Nov. 2 at Doncaster.

Moreland.—The women's mission band spent a very nice afternoon on Nov. 10, when enjoyable home mission messages were given by Sisters Mrs. Clipstone and Mrs. Washfold. Bible school is suffering through absences caused by paralysis epidemic. Despite much suffering, Sister Mrs. Sharpe remains a radiant witness of the faith. Sister Mrs. Kelly is now out of hospital, and making steady improvement. Sister Miss E. Warne is again able to attend, having recovered from her accident. A very pleasant evening was spent on Nov. 15 to do honor to two young men, Bren. Trevor Howe and Geoff. Hall, who recently attained their majority.

Stawell.—Y.P.S.C.E. held a "news of the churches" meeting which proved interesting and enjoyable; letters were received from preachers in various parts of Australia. P.B.P. girls held a working bee and kaisombined the vestry. Sunday school had to be closed for a few weeks owing to outbreak of infantile paralysis. Bro. and Sister Shephard, from Gore-st., Fitzroy, have been enjoying fellowship with the church. A new and successful feature of the gospel service is that the after meeting is being conducted at close of service, before the benediction is pronounced. Bro. Holland preached on Nov. 7 on "The Lord's Supper." On the 14th Mr. Crosset and Mr. Ding took charge of services; Bro. Holland went to Hamilton for the week-end. Ladies' aid society held a social afternoon at the home of Sister Arnel, proceeds in aid of Christmas tree.

Brighton.—On Nov. 11, 130 ladies met to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Brighton women's mission band. Mrs. Forbes, president, presided, and Mrs. McGregor, conference president, gave the address. Greetings and goodwill messages were given by visiting sisters from other mission bands. Serving of afternoon tea by Brighton ladies brought an inspiring gathering to a close. The cricket club held the season's social on Nov. 13; about 60 young people were present. Good attendances at both services on Nov. 14. Evening service featured Armistice. The choir rendered special music, and Bro. Forbes discussed "The League of Nations and World Peace." Bible school reported further increase in junior department and the formation of a fellowship class for senior girls. After a few weeks' illness Bro. Arthur Howie was called home. He leaves a widow and three children. The church mourns the loss and sympathises with the family.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—To celebrate 72nd anniversary and home-coming day on Nov. 14 there was a large attendance of former members and friends, and the services were very enjoyable. Dr. W. A. Kemp (grandson of late William McGregor, one of the foundation members) read the New Testament lesson, and J. G. Hare and R. C. Edwards also took part. Bro. Scambler preached at both services. At the afternoon meeting Bro. W. F. Nankivell, of Surrey Hills, gave an interesting message concerning the work of the churches in United States and some of his experiences there during his stay of thirteen years. At the evening service the choir rendered special music, assisted by Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. F. L. Mitchell, Mr. Fred. Voight, and Mr. Robert Hardy. Mr. C. H. Mitchell and Miss Jenkin officiated at organ and piano respectively. Mr. E. Tippett conducted the choir. The women of the church entertained visitors and members at lunch and tea.

Berwick.—On Nov. 7, anniversary services were held. The visiting speaker was Mr. Fitzgerald, who addressed well-attended morning, afternoon and evening meetings. The morning theme was "Our Great Need." On Monday evening the concert and distribution of prizes took place, with a large programme of recitations, dialogues and musical items. Mr. Williams was the special speaker. Supper was enjoyed by all. An Endeavor social was held on Nov. 13 under the leadership of Mr. White, proceeds for church equipment.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Meetings were back to normal on Nov. 14. In the morning Mr. Baker's subject was "This is Your Vocation." At night his message was about "Hindrances to Baptism." Two young men responded to the invitation, and at the close of the service there was a baptism. Mrs. Wells, from Shepparton, was a visitor. Regret was expressed for the serious illness of aged Sister Mrs. J. Baker. At New Century Bible Class Mr. Ennis spoke on "Gideon—the Worth of Enthusiasm"; this was the first in the series of "Up-to-date Messages from Out-of-date Lives." During the week a social gathering was held in connection with the class.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Paddington.—Bro. Arnold, of Burwood, addressed the church on "Never Disappointed." The mission will be continued for a further four days. Bro. Flood's inspiring gospel messages have been appreciated by all.

Belmore.—J.C.E. society retained the "Mary Wilson" Memorial Shield for the most efficient society in the State, receiving it at the State Junior C.E. Convention. Under the leadership of Miss W. J. Everett, the membership has increased, and the meetings are bright and helpful.

Mosman.—G. E. Burns edited the church on Oct. 31; at night he completed the series on Protestant principles; subject, "The Heart of the Protestant Message." On Nov. 7, in the absence of G. E. Burns at Tarce, T. P. Dale exhorted on "The Preciousness of Time," and also conducted gospel service.

North Sydney.—Since last report another sister has been welcomed following her obedience. Improved attendances include many visitors. Bro. Paternoster's platform work and visitation are much appreciated. The first session of school anniversary was held on Nov. 14. Bro. Paternoster gave a splendid address on "Coins."

Marrickville.—On Nov. 14 Bro. Everett, from North Bexley, gave a good message at morning meeting. Bible school continued its anniversary services in the afternoon. Bro. P. J. Pond, organiser of Y.P. department, presented prizes won at the recent Bible school examination, and gave a talk. The school rendered a number of selections at evening service. In response to Bro. Wakeley's appeal, one of the older pupils took her stand for Christ.

Burwood.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 14. In the morning Mr. Greenhalgh gave a fine address on the work of the teachers. An interesting talk by Mr. Spencer, of 2CH, was illustrated by a radiolet; the children were given a surprise call from the station during his talk. Mr. Arnold delivered an excellent message from John 3: 16, 17. A Bible school scholar confessed Christ, making four decisions since last report. The singing of the children both afternoon and evening reflected much credit on Mr. George Marley.

Lidcombe.—The 54th anniversary services of the church were held on Nov. 7. The secretary of the Russian Missionary Society (A. I. Leeder) gave a fine address on "The Transfiguration" at morning meeting. In the afternoon Miss Ilye spoke to the young people. Bro. Crossman's subject at night was "The Church

Lidcombe Needs." A special offering of £25 was received during the day. During the week meetings were held each night with representative speakers. Bro. E. Andrews (elder), who has retired after 45 years with the postal department, was the recipient of an easy chair from the staff of the Auburn P.O. Bro. James Fraser, recently retired from N.S.W. Railways, was presented by the citizens of Homebush with gifts.

Obituary.

LACY.—With startling suddenness on Nov. 12 Bro. A. T. Lacy passed into the nearer presence of his Lord. He was apparently in good health, and the end of his earthly ministry was entirely unexpected. He was loved by all for his sterling Christian character and spiritual life. As a tireless worker in the Master's kingdom, his departure is a great loss to the brotherhood. He walked with God, and by his example and influence still speaks to us. He possessed a retiring and modest disposition, and was the embodiment of kindness and gentleness. Possessed of a genial nature, he was an elevating and unifying influence in the church. He was specially qualified to hold the offices of an elder and Bible school superintendent. He was also editor of the "Golden City Evangel," and reporter to the "Australian Christian" and "Bendigo Advertiser." Diffident by nature, he avoided publicity, but was a most acceptable speaker. From its inception he was shepherd of the Pyramid Hill work, until three years ago when he came to Bendigo. He was a staunch advocate of the temperance movement, and led the Band of Hope at Pyramid. Harcourt, too, was his debtor, for he willingly and frequently filled the platform at that centre. At the time of his death he was secretary of the Central North District Conference. He was an enthusiastic supporter of our overseas work, and devoted to the plea for Christian union on the basis of the New Testament. His three brothers, Samuel (Castlemaine), Harry (Boort), and James (Ballarat) are well known to our churches. The only sister (Mary) lives at Castlemaine. A widow and four sons, Ronald, Kenneth, Harold and Keith mourn the loss of an exemplary, affectionate husband and father respectively. Mrs. Lacy is the kindergarten superintendent and also superintendent of the mission band. As with her late husband so with her foreign missions is a passion. Ron and Ken are church members with pronounced abilities and full of promise. They are active workers in many departments of church service. We commend all the sorrowing to "our Father who art in heaven."—A. N. Hinrichsen.

MOORE.—Many "goldfielders" of olden days will regret to hear of the death of Bro. John Moore, carpenter and builder, of Boulder, W.A. Our brother lived to the good old age of 84 years. During his last three years he was totally blind. He died at the home of his daughter in Victoria Park. For many years he had been living in isolation from any of our churches, but he died triumphant in the faith of Christ.—A. J. Maloney.

[Other obituary notices appear on page 734.]

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MALONEY.—Janet, the beloved wife of Arthur, fond loving mother of James and Arthur, of Kalgoorlie, and George, of Mount Lawley, late of Kalgoorlie and Harvey, who passed away at Mount Lawley on Nov. 28, 1936.

"God shall wipe away all tears."

There's no death, no pain, nor fears,
And they count not time by years,
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THOMAS.—In loving memory of our dear father, Alfred J. Thomas, who passed away at Camperdown on Nov. 16, 1936; and of our dear mother, Isabel, who passed away on Aug. 10, 1934.

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Obituary.

HORSELL.—The church at Strathalbyn, S.A., has suffered the loss of a faithful and aged member in the person of Sister Mrs. Ellen Horsell. She attained a ripe age, being well over 85 years when she received her home-call. She became obedient to the faith and united with the church at Strathalbyn in 1901, being baptised by her son, Bro. H. J. Horsell, who is still active in the service of the churches in South Australia. Her witness for Christ continued during the subsequent 26 years, and as long as physical strength and hearing permitted she attended the meetings. Following a brief illness she received her home-call on Oct. 22, 1937. Two children survive—Horace J. Horsell, well known as conference executive secretary, and Sister Mrs. A. Verner, who has served the local church as organist for many years.—A.H.W.

MESSENT.—The church at Unley, S.A., has sustained a great loss in the death of Bro. Philip Samuel Messent, which took place on Wednesday, Nov. 3, after a short illness, in his seventy-seventh year. He spent 53 years in the civil service of his home State, retiring nearly seven years ago from the secretaryship of the Lands Department. His valuable work was recognised by His Majesty the late King George V., who granted him the Imperial Service Order, the possession of which he was justly proud. He was always actuated by a strong sense of duty even to the smallest detail, accepting the motto, "A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a great thing." His principles were high, and he was of unassailable integrity. He was a member of the State Bank Board for several years after his retirement from the public service. For nearly forty years Bro. Messent was a member of Unley church. He served as an elder for a short time, and as a deacon for over thirty years, and carried out the duties of secretary and treasurer with the same dominating sense of duty and care in detail which marked his public service. He loved his church and gave himself up for it. Even when his physical strength was failing during the past winter, he was rarely absent from the Sunday services. On the Lord's day before his death he acted as usher and served at the communion table. Bro. Messent was deeply interested in home and overseas missions, to which he was a liberal supporter. He will be greatly missed by the church in its administrative work. His only connection with conference committees was a two-year term with the home mission committee. The funeral service on Friday morning, on Nov. 5, at West Terrace, was conducted by H. R. Taylor, a large number of friends and business associates assembling. Bro. Messent leaves a widow, until recently president of the Y.W.C.A., and now a vice-president, two daughters and two sons, Dr. P. S. Messent and Bro. F. A. Messent, both officers of Unley church.—H.R.T.

McPHEE.—On Nov. 8 Bro. Edward McPhee departed this life in his 85th year. About 49 years ago he was baptised into Christ at Hindmarsh, S.A., by the late Bro. Thos. Bates. After, for a number of years, he was an active member at Grote-st. He was a great student of the word of life, and many are indebted to him for their knowledge of the Bible. As an intelligent Christian he became a valued member of the church. For nearly 30 years he was superintendent of our Chinese Mission in Adelaide. He had the joy of leading several Chinese to Christ. Bro. McPhee was 100 per cent. pure gold. Prior to his decease he attended the meetings at Forestville. Bro. Cornelius and McLean assisted at the service in the home. We lovingly sympathise with Sister McPhee and the children and relatives our dear brother has left behind for a little while. "Until the morning breaks without clouds."—A. C. Rankine.

Victorian Women's Conference Executive.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Friday, Nov. 5; attendance, 88. Mrs. McGregor, president, was in the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. C. Robinson. We were pleased to welcome our speaker, Mr. T. Hagger, also Mesdames Hannaford, Graham, West and Pratt. Mrs. Graham conveyed greetings from N.S.W. women's executive. A splendid address was given by Bro. Hagger on "Home Missions."

Mrs. McGregor represented the Victorian sisterhood at the women's centenary celebrations of the Congregational church in Victoria.

Home mission committee visited the churches at Parkdale, Prahran, Dandenong, Preston (Phi Betas) and Oakleigh. Much interest was shown.

Prayer committee reported that Malvern-Caulfield, Box Hill, E. Kew and South Yarra were visited, and inspiring messages given.

General Dorcas committee reported the receipt of many parcels of useful goods from friends, cash donations to general funds, and a donation of £10 to the Annie Moysey Memorial Fund. The proceeds of the gift store realised a profit of £3/16/5. Contents of mission mite box amounted to £2 for Christmas cheer overseas. At the close of a busy day 131 articles were despatched to two private cases, Convalescent Home, City Mission (Port Melbourne), and hospital committee. Thanks are given to all who have helped.

Mission band committee visited Ivanhoe, Surrey Hills, Glenferrie, South Richmond, Oakleigh. A new band has been formed at Bet Bet.

Temperance.—On Oct. 31 Bro. Mathieson delivered two very informative addresses: "Gambling" and "Temperance." Literature was distributed at each service. The importance of the No-Licence poll is being stressed at all meetings. Visits were paid to Balwyn and Malvern W.C.T.U.

Overseas Mission.—14 boxes were packed for India, containing 310 rugs, 610 scarves, 110 jumpers, 1890 singlets, 15 caps, a large quantity of old linen, bandages, cotton wool, pillowslips, sheeting, hospital coats, etc., also a large number of parcels for missionaries. One parcel was sent to N.S.W. for the islands.

Hospital visitation committee paid 63 visits to various institutions and 20 letters were written for patients. Three members of the committee are laid aside through illness. Gifts of cheer and comforts from General Dorcas, mission bands and interested friends, are gratefully acknowledged.

Next meeting of executive is to be held on Dec. 3 at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Youens will lead devotions, and the speaker will be Mrs. Cook, president of Hospital School for Crippled Children. All women are cordially invited.—Miss Remetch, secretary, 11 Florence-ave., Kew.

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THE monthly meeting was held at Grote-st. on Nov. 4. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. E. Shipway, who in commencing her term as president gave an appropriate message on "Realising Our Opportunities." There were 74 sisters present, 43 of whom were delegates. The collection amounted to £14/5.

"Conference Echoes," a paper containing constructive and helpful criticism, was read. This was followed by a discussion.

Treasurer's Statement.—Received on Oct. 5 for home missions, £3/11/9; for overseas missions, £2/13/7. Collection, £1/5/11.

Home Missions.—The committee met at the Botanical Gardens on Oct. 21, when plans for the year's work were discussed. A visit was paid to the sisters at York on Oct. 28, and a splendid meeting was reported. £3/16/1 was received from various churches during the month.

Overseas Missions.—The superintendent reported that during her recent holiday she had had the pleasure of meeting and talking to some of the country sisters in the interests of the work. £7/9/3 had been received from various churches during the previous two months.

Catering Committee.—Mrs. Downs reported on the work in connection with the recent conference, stating that the committee had a credit balance of £5/12/11.

Prayer Meeting.—The committee held cottage meetings at Glenelg and York. Four visits had been made to the sick by individual members.

Hospital Committee.—148 visits were made to sick and aged. Oranges were received from Unley C.E. society. These were much appreciated by patients at Northfield Hospital. Sisters were reminded that at next meeting a table would be placed in readiness to receive gifts for Christmas cheer for the sick.

Protestant Children's Homes.—In connection with the recent appeal for linen our representative, (Mrs. Stokes) would like all parcels to be in by next meeting. A strawberry fete will be held at the homes on Dec. 11, when the new wing will be officially opened.

Obituary.—Since last meeting Mrs. Lamming (Kadina), Mrs. W. Parham, sen. (York), and Mrs. Horsell, sen. (Strathalbyn) have received the home-call.

Mrs. H. T. Brooker is to lead devotions at next meeting.—H. R. Allan, assistant secretary.

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KEEP me from turning back!
My hand is on the plough, my faltering hand;

But all in front of me is untilled land,
The wilderness and solitary place,
The lonely desert with its interspace.
The handles of my plough with tears are wet,
The shares with rust are spoiled—and yet—and yet—

My God! My God! Keep me from turning back.

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