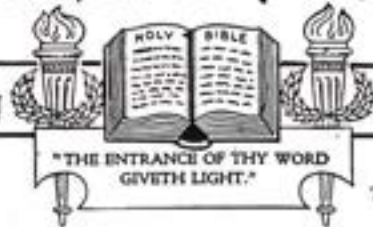


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Portals of Opportunity.

WE borrow the title from the annual report of the Melbourne Young Men's Christian Association. The phrase is appropriate when we consider the inviting fields of service presented by our youth work in the various States.

We are about to enter on Youth Week, which should be one of the best in our church calendar. It is well that Christians consider the importance of winning and holding the young people for Christ and his church. We all seem to agree that it is of primary importance, that here we have the easiest, cheapest and most productive of all works. We declare that if a church succeeds here, its future is assured and it will succeed everywhere. If it fails here, it will fail everywhere.

It may be that we both exaggerate the ease of this work and hinder it by our boast of cheapness. There does not seem to be any easy field of service, and he who waits for such will die an idler. Youth work seems to be getting harder, partly because of the heritage which youth has received from the generation which criticises it. There are very many things which tend to draw boys and girls away from church associations, and recent years have added much to the difficulties of the adolescent.

Compared with other forms of work, this gives the best returns for the labor put into it; but we ought not therefore to think that less than our utmost endeavor is called for. Alas, we make it the cheapest work, withholding the liberal support which might bring abundant blessing and success. We have few churches with anything like adequate accommodation and equipment for youth work, whether in school or club. Our conference committees, called by us to act for us in this matter, are handicapped by lack of funds. We do not give much to this vitally important work and then congratulate ourselves on its cheapness. Rather because of its wonderful productiveness we should give the more to it, believing that the

dividends, received from investment of funds in this work cannot be excelled.

A great and effectual door of opportunity is open to the church—and to any local congregation. Oh, that it might have the wit to recognise it and the willingness to enter in.

The Varied Aims.

In our youth work there are at least four objectives. In a measure these, or most of them, may all be realised in the working of one department; but for their proper development more than one group seems desirable or necessary. The general purpose—the thing which justifies the church in giving thought and time and money to the projects—is the winning and holding of young people for Christ. Unless this is the paramount aim, all else is futile.

Evangelism comes first. The Bible School has the pre-eminence in this. As an evangelistic agency it has neither superior nor peer. But there is room for almost illimitable improvement in the school regarded as such an agency. Though

we have boys and girls under our charge for the most impressionable years of their lives, a large proportion goes out from the school unreached and unimpressed. This is the tragedy of the Bible School. Why is the proportion so great? Is it because something else has been allowed to come as the first objective? Is it because not every teacher has realised the opportunity and the responsibility? Have we made efforts to secure teachers of ability and evangelistic fervor, adequately prepared for their task? We rejoice in the splendid service being rendered, yet our figures seem to declare the necessity of yet more diligent effort.

Education and evangelisation cannot wholly be separated. Again our Bible School is our chief ally. It is a *school* in name, and it should be one in fact. There should be careful, systematic teaching, given by competent teachers, in the things that are vital. In ways suited to the age and intelligence of the children the story of Jesus and the will of his Father should be taught. Memorising of Bible facts, place names, lists of kings, etc., cannot be a substitute for instruction regarding the Saviour and the way of life.

Practical service is another objective. The familiar maxim that there should be no impression without a corresponding expression is not yet outgrown. If we can get children and young people to do something, we shall be the more likely to hold them. The Christian Endeavor society still holds the field as the best young people's agency in this regard. Its combination of spiritual aims and practical service can hardly be excelled. We should foster Endeavor work.

Social life is essential to young people, as to old, if there is to be harmonious development of character. Young folk need companionship, recreation and play as well as instruction and practical service for others. They need it, and they will have it. It is good when a church shows sympathy with and makes proper provision

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for this requirement of its young people. When sport and entertainment are allowed to come first, they are a menace; in their rightful place, they are good and very helpful. Here, as in all our work, the supreme requirement is for leaders of the right kind. Youth will generally respond to leadership. Unless we get leaders who are fully Christian and who believe that the supreme objective of club life is a spiritual one, namely, to win and to hold folk for Christ, the result cannot be satisfactory. Some churches are having great blessing and success largely because of the devotion of able and unselfish leaders.

Let us stand behind our conference committees and the leaders of our youth work in their endeavors to advance the cause of Christ and enlist our young people in his service. Happy is that church which is known as a young people's church.

Portals of opportunity are before us. Alas, too soon the young folk pass through our schools. If they go out unsaved, the doors may be shut for ever.

Making Saints.

ACCORDING to last week's newspaper, the Pope on Easter Monday "created three saints."

This is a statement as quaint as, doubtless, the ceremony was interesting. How extraordinary it sounds to an ear accustomed to the speech of the New Testament! "The Catholic Dictionary" defines canonisation as "a public and official declaration of the heroic virtue of a person and the inclusion of his or her name in the Canon (roll or register) of the Saints." The canonisation is carried out in St. Peter's by the pope in person.

"Canonisation," this Dictionary continues, "involves that the saint not only may but must receive public honor; a day is appointed for his feast and a liturgical office composed therefor; his relics are publicly venerated, churches and altars dedicated in his honor, statues or pictures displayed in churches, and prayers to him made publicly. This judgment of the Church is infallible and irreformable."

It would be difficult to crowd into one short paragraph more error than is to be found in the quotation just given. Every reader should know how far removed the veneration of saints and the offering of prayers to them are from the teaching of the Word of God. The pope does not make men saints. We prefer the New Testament phrase "Called to be saints." For saints are made by the grace of God operating in the hearts of men. In the apostolic church saints did not constitute a spiritual aristocracy. All Christians are saints. "They are so called because they are separated from the world, consecrated to the service of God, washed from the guilt of sin by the blood of Christ."

Happy Conferences.

GLAD fellowship was experienced at all the State conferences held at Easter. Each State had some cause for rejoicing. Tasmania has now a greater number of preachers than formerly, and the work has been blessed. Queensland rejoices in the coming of its State evangelist and his successful opening mission. Victoria had two causes for rejoicing—the success of the tent missions recently held and the establishment of the Christian Guest Home. New South Wales churches were happy because of the opening of the splendid Ashwood Home for aged women, and also because of the signs and determination of advance in evangelism as evidenced by the great £3000 offering for the work. In Western Australia the setting aside of Bro. Roy Raymond as State home mission organiser should give an impetus to the work. Altogether, a spirit of optimism rightly prevails.

Shepherding of Seats.

NOTHING but a desire to help in stopping a growing evil prompts this brief note. For some years, at our great gatherings—conference rallies and other meetings—a habit has been developing which is either very thoughtless or very selfish. We refer to the practice of "shepherding" seats. Women are the chief offenders. The technique is as follows: One or two ladies come early, and not only secure seats for themselves, but put articles on other seats and tell people as they come in that these are being reserved. By these tactics folk who come comparatively late secure favored positions which were denied to early comers, who have accordingly to take back seats merely because they are too modest to assert their rights. We have watched this evil habit grow for some years. It should be stopped, preferably by a recognition of its selfishness and a change of mind on the part of the offenders, but, failing that, stopped by those in authority.

Much Speaking.

BEFORE our Queensland conference was held, the president issued an appeal to those who would attend that they would help to the utmost. Included in it was the following exhortation: "Speak only when you are convinced that the best interests of the Brotherhood will seriously be menaced by your silence, and even then be brief." A too rigid application of that principle might spoil a conference, but that is not the way conferences are usually marred!

It is desirable that there be free discussion at conferences and that the discussions

be spread. Instead, it is frequently the case, as it was once again at the recent Victorian conference, that a disproportionate amount of the speaking is done by four or five brethren, some of whom not only speak with an inordinate frequency but more than once to the same motion. We are not saying that a man must never be allowed to speak more than once on the same question, but as a rule he should not. We do say that it is harmful, and an undue limitation of the privileges of others, if some speak on every theme. Let us consider one another. What we have endeavored mildly and kindly to say has been much more forcibly expressed by delegates and visitors who either were too diffident to call public attention to a feature calculated to impair the value of our conferences or else did not get an opportunity to do so.

Misunderstood Texts.

THE Words on the Cross.—Sometimes it has been made an objection to the absolute truthfulness of the Gospel narrative that no two of the four recorders give exactly the same words when they tell us of the superscription which Pontius Pilate caused to be placed on the cross of Jesus. The objection, to people of practical commonsense, seems a weak one; for the statement of each evangelist is substantially the same, and it can quite reasonably be urged that a mere verbal change would neither alter that fact nor impugn the essential truthfulness of the writers. But it has to be borne in mind that John informs us that the title "was written in Hebrew, and in Latin, and in Greek"—that is, the Aramaic of the people of Palestine, the Latin of the Romans, and the Greek of the foreign population. The variations then, it could be contended, are due to this difference of language. It has been suggested that the Aramaic inscription ran "Jesus, the Nazarene, the King of the Jews"; the Greek, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews"; and the Latin most briefly, "The King of the Jews." There is another thing to be noted. As given in our translation, the titles in the records of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John respectively were:

"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews" (Matt. 27: 37).

"The King of the Jews" (Mark 15: 26).

"This is the King of the Jews" (Luke 23: 38).

"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" (John 19: 19).

It will be seen that the one sentence, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," contains not only every word of each record but also retains the order of words in each case. It is altogether too much to suggest discrepancies in the Gospel narrative on this point.

West Australian Conference.

W. Alexander.

THE forty-first annual conference of the churches in Western Australia was held in Lake-st. chapel, Perth, from April 12 to April 19. A combined choir, under leadership of Bro. A. E. Siggers, with Bro. Cyril Cook at the organ, supplied excellent music, and there were large gatherings at every meeting.

The conference opened with the Bible schools' demonstration on Tuesday evening. Bro. Allen Brooke, conference president, presided. Items were given by Bassendean, Cottesloe and Subiaco schools, and the young people's choir of the schools at Lake-st. and North Perth. Bro. R. Vincent, secretary of the Bible Schools' Department, delivered an address, teaching some great Christian truths from the story of Peter Pan. Bro. W. Smith, the Bible schools chairman, made presentations of a copy of God's word, seals, certificates and gold and silver medals to successful competitors from the schools at Bassendean, Carlisle, Fremantle, Maylands and Victoria Park.

The preachers' session was held on Thursday in the afternoon. The speaker was Dr. H. R. Trenaman, M.A., Ph.D., of the Methodist church. He gave a helpful talk on "Some Thoughts on Christian Unity." In the evening the overseas mission meeting took place. A missionary item, "The Lost Coins," was given by a number of young people from the church at Cottesloe, and a solo by Mrs. Hollands, of the Baptist church, Victoria Park. Mrs. A. E. Jefferies, the retiring president of the women's auxiliary, handed to the chairman, Bro. Brooke, a cheque for £76.16.6, a special gift from the sisters for the work in far-off lands. Stirring addresses on "Our Own Work" and "A Modern Act" were delivered respectively by Bro. S. E. Riches, chairman of the State committee, and Mrs. W. G. Crofts, a missionary of the Baptist missions, East Bengal.

The business session began on Good Friday morning at 9.40. Bro. A. Brooke presided. The new churches at Narroben and Morawa-Gutha were admitted into the conference.

The executive in its report expressed high appreciation of the staunch support given by the women's auxiliary all through the year. The statistical table showed a membership of 2637, a net decrease of 163 over the previous year's figures. The clause on finance revealed that the contributions of the churches to the conference fund amounted to £712.11/-, against £774 received the previous year. Despite the drop in the year's offerings, most of the departments were allotted more money because the brotherhood's overdraft was removed last year. Mention was made of the Federal Conference to be held in Sydney from August 11 to 19 inclusive, and the hope expressed that the next conference, due in 1940, the jubilee year of the Western Australian churches, would be planned for Perth.

The State paper, "The Western Christian," now in its fourth year of publication, still renders splendid service to the brotherhood, particularly to members in the country districts. The circulation was increased this year to 1400 copies.

Overseas mission report dealt with the work in the New Hebrides, China, India and amongst the Chinese community of Perth. Dr. Lindsay Michael and Nurse May Boston, who were married during the year at North Perth, their home church, visited almost every church in the State before leaving for India. An appeal for their support, coupled with that for a new steriliser at Dhond Hospital, realised £128, including £30 promised by North Perth as an annual contribution. The Chinese church in Perth continues its faithful service and wit-

ness to Christ. Various speakers, together with the C.E. societies of North Perth and Subiaco, gave valuable assistance throughout the year. Miss M. P. Smith, a worker in the mission for more than 30 years, was warmly thanked for a substantial donation to the work at Hong Kong. The net income of the department reached £900.11/5, being £179.7/4 better than the previous year's amount.

The report of the Bible Schools and Young People's Department shows that the teachers number 285. There are 2473 scholars, compared with 2666 enrolled the previous year. For the annual scripture examination 324 sat and 213 passed. A new school was opened at North Fremantle in the course of the year. The attendance and increase campaign was re-organised this year. Progress reports showed that the schools at Northam, Maylands and Claremont are leading in their respective



A. E. Hurres.
Newly appointed President of W.A. Conference.

divisions. By a teachers' training class, many youth meetings and social activities, the young people of the churches were greatly helped in their work for Christ.

Upon resumption of business in the afternoon, a hearty welcome was extended to Bro. T. Bamford, new preacher for Northam church. The obituary report, presented by Bro. C. H. Hunt, told of 27 who had been called home during the year. The congregation sang the hymn commencing with "For all the saints who from their labors rest." Afterwards, Bro. A. Hulsan, of Harvey, spoke on "The Place Called Calvary." The Church Building Extension Committee reported that a loan of £370 had been granted to the church at North Perth and a block of land purchased at Carlisle, costing £30. The capital amount had increased this year by £85.2/- to £1311.0/1. The H. J. Banks' memorial fund now totalled £507.15/3. The secretary's proposals for the consolidating of all church loans were agreed to after consultation with representatives from the executive and home mission committees. Emphasis was laid upon the need of greater support by members of this important brotherhood work.

The report of the Home Mission Department pointed to the results in some country centres of extensive visitations throughout the State by

Bro. Allen Brooke, conference president. In September last, Bro. C. H. Hunt accompanied the president on a tour through the Eastern and Northern wheatbelts, and at Narroben there were three decisions for Christ. At Morawa-Gutha a new church was established with 20 foundation members. The year's work also met with success in the fields at Bunbury, Collie, Inglewood, Harvey, Holywood-Stenton Park, Palmyra-Claremont, Victoria Park-Carlisle and in the south-west districts. Contributions to the Farmers' Wheat Scheme totalled £56. Bro. F. Fowler, W. H. Nightingale, R. Vincent, A. Hulsan, L. G. Burgin, P. Griffiths, S. E. Riches, T. D. Malden and C. H. Hunt enthused conference in accounts of their past year's work in the various home mission stations. Recently the committee appointed Bro. Roy Raymond, of the Fremantle church, to the position of home mission organizer. He will commence his duties early in May. In regard to the country churches, the department proposed in the new conference year to explore the possibilities of new work in the Morawa-Gutha district, to give every possible help to workers in every country district, particularly in the extensive circuits recently formed, to keep in touch with isolated members by personal contact or correspondence, and to rally the youth of the churches to the help of home missions, especially our aborigines' work. In the metropolitan area efforts will be made to establish one new cause at least, and to hold four tent missions. Added to the organizing of the honorary preaching forces to provide regular preachers for all churches, there will be a teaching campaign on the salient features of our movement.

As to the finance, a more extensive use of the duplex envelopes will be urged and the present wheat scheme developed to its widest possible extent. Bro. Raymond lucidly explained these proposals, and made an eloquent appeal for the brotherhood's wholehearted support of his new work. In the course of the afternoon's proceedings, Mrs. Thorne rendered a solo. Dr. J. A. Munro Ford, of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. C. E. Taylor, secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, attended as a deputation from the Bible Society. They outlined the proposals for the commemoration of the fourth centenary of the printing of the English Bible.

On Friday evening the home mission demonstration was held. Bro. A. Brooke, conference president, presiding. The valued assistance rendered by the women's auxiliary was recognized in a presentation of the Holy Scriptures to Mrs. A. E. Jefferies, the retiring president. Mrs. Jefferies suitably acknowledged the gift and handed to the chairman the sum of £140.19.2, a special contribution from the sisters to the home mission funds. A presentation of God's Word was also made to Bro. Brooke, who, in addition to his presidential duties, acted as secretary of conference for some portion of the past year. Helpful messages were given by Bro. A. E. Hurres and Roy Raymond, whose respective subjects were "The Forward March of the Church" and "The Value of a Vision."

On Saturday morning, the business session was continued at 10 o'clock. The report of the Social Service Department showed that financial assistance had been given to the Sanatorium Hospital Committee, some needy persons, and to the Chinese relief appeal. The department decided to co-operate with the West Australian Alliance in a campaign for the closing of all liquor bars at 6 p.m. The literature department reported that the sales of literature had amounted to £438.15/5, earning a profit of £88.16/8. The patent account now totalled £908.18/10. The patronage of all church members was solicited.

Further consideration was given to the executive committee's report. The Wooreloo visita-

tion work of the Sisters' Auxiliary was helped by Bro. H. Gray, E. J. Miles, S. E. Riches and others. The annual offering of the churches to the College of the Bible had amounted this year to £34,0/2, the highest for many years.

The weekly Thursday morning broadcasts still continued by Bro. Allen Brooks through the national station 6WF. Perth church had represented the brotherhood in the broadcasting of the gospel services. In the evening the Young People's Department conducted an Easter service. The speaker was Bro. F. Pewster, whose subject was "Adventuring with Christ."

On Lord's day afternoon the conference sermon on "The Christian and Christ's Conquest" was preached by Bro. Hugh Gray to a gathering which taxed the Lake-st. chapel to its utmost extent. The conference choir rendered two anthems, and an offering was taken for the preachers' provident fund.

The picnic was held on Easter Monday at Peppermint Grove, where young and old enjoyed a day of sports and Christian fellowship.

A successful conference closed on April 19 with the rendering of the oratorio, "From Olivet to Calvary," under the leadership of Bro. J. H. Hoskin.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:—President, Bro. A. E. Hurren; president-elect, Bro. C. J. Garland; secretary, Bro. A. M. Bell; assistant secretary, Bro. A. O. Elliott; treasurer, Bro. W. S. Bowen.

The committees are:—Home Mission, Bro. E. F. Black, J. A. Evers, O. Fieldus, H. Gray, J. W. Gordon, A. E. Jefferies, B. Wesley, W. H. White, H. J. Yelland. Foreign Missions, J. W. Alldrop, A. M. Bell, C. Nelson, J. Rhodes, S. E. Riches, J. H. Yeomans, H. J. Yelland. Bible Schools and Young People, O. Biddle, A. Brooks, Mrs. Digwood, A. G. Elliott, Miss E. Johnson, R. Prince, R. Raymond, J. Rhodes, W. Smith, R. Vincent, L. Thornhill, T. Short. Church Building Extension, E. R. Berry, J. Collingwood, H. F. Dawson, A. B. Povey, W. H. White, R. L. Wolfenden (secretary). Social Service, L. O. Burgin, J. Gordon, H. Gray, Mesdames Crist and Scott. Literature, A. M. Bell, A. E. Hurren, A. C. Oida.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) This conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia registers its unanimous loyalty to the Throne and person of His Gracious Majesty King George VI.

(2) This conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia records its appreciation of the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the facility extended to Christian churches of broadcasting religious services on Sundays and for short periods on week days. Conference is of opinion that such broadcasts are of moral and spiritual value, especially to listeners in isolated places, many of whom so testified in writing. Furthermore, conference registers its appreciation of the Commission's decision to continue the broadcasts referred to herein.

(3) This conference of Churches of Christ again protests to the government against the continuance of State lotteries, and urges that all facilities that foster the gambling spirit be rigorously prohibited.

(4) This conference is of opinion:—(a) that the universal preparations for war are unethical and contrary to the teachings of Christ.

(b) That all Christians should teach and practise goodwill as between individuals and nations.

(c) That war should be outlawed. (d) That all movements for the non-recognition of the gains of aggressor nations, and collective action of persuasion, be supported.

(5) This conference reaffirms its decision to press for a reform of the liquor traffic, especially in the reduction in the hours of

sale, and urges the government to uphold and enforce the law relating to the practice of trading in prohibited hours, and that the right of the people to a referendum on the prohibition of the liquor traffic as provided by the laws of this State should be restored.

W.A. Women's Conference.

THE 33rd annual conference was held in Lake-st. chapel on April 12. Mrs. A. E. Jefferies (president) occupied the chair in a most efficient manner.

The Morning Session.

Morning devotions were led by Mrs. Digwood. Mrs. J. Gordon contributed a solo.

The obituary superintendent, Mrs. P. Jefferies, being unable to carry out her usual task owing to the sickness of her husband, Mrs. Mitchell conducted the session, assisted by a solo from Mrs. Cook. Five churches had suffered the loss of 32 sisters.

At the roll-call 19 churches responded. There were 70 sisters present.

The hospital report, presented by Mrs. J. Brown, superintendent, told of a tremendous amount of toil on the part of many faithful women throughout the city and country hospitals. Institutions regularly visited included Perth Public and Children's Hospital, Fremantle, Bunbury, Brookton, Kalgoorlie, Harvey, Northam, Devonleigh and the Solferino Chain Homes.

Woorloo Sanatorium is visited by a special committee, and the report was presented by Mrs. Ellis, superintendent. She had been spent on this work during the year, besides other gifts of comforts. An appeal was made for gifts of bed-sacks, before the winter, and a motion was adopted requesting the churches to respond to this appeal. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to the medical officer (Dr. R. Mitchell) and Matron Dunne, for their kindly co-operation and assistance of the visiting committee.

The unique honor of life membership of the executive was conferred upon Mrs. G. W. Elliott, in recognition of her long and varied association with the conference. From its inception thirty-three years ago, Sister Elliott has filled some executive offices, having been president for several terms, and secretary for many years.

Afternoon Session.

Mrs. W. Seaby (Brookton) led a short devotional service. The attendance was considerably increased when the president took the chair. Welcome greetings were expressed by Mrs. Allen Brooks. Responses were made by Mrs. T. Bamford (Northam), Mrs. P. Pewster (Bunbury), Mrs. A. Hatoon (Harvey), Mrs. D. McDiarmid (Kalgoorlie).

Mrs. Driver (W.C.T.U.) brought greetings from that organisation, and Mrs. Curtis brought fraternal greetings from the Baptist Women's Missionary Union.

Greetings included letters from Mrs. D. A. Evers; Mrs. J. K. Robinson, N.Z.; Mrs. F. Dean, South Africa. Mrs. D. A. Evers, a founder of the conference, was celebrating her birthday this day, and it was resolved to send her a telegram of goodwill and congratulation.

Mrs. P. D. Pollard, secretary of the conference, presented the executive committee report. Special mention was made of the death of Mrs. D. M. Wilson, whose musical talent had long been used in the conference. The late Mesdames Fishwick and H. Berry were also kindly remembered.

A very high tribute was paid to the presi-

(6) This conference heartily supports the action taken by the magistrate of the Children's Court, Mr. Schroeder, in bringing to the notice of the Censor of the Commonwealth Government Department the type of pernicious literature on sale at our local bookstalls.

gent (Mrs. A. E. Jefferies) for her outstanding work among the churches, particularly in the country, all of which had been visited, as well as tours to isolated homes in the wheatbelt.

The financial statement was presented by Mrs. W. Beck (treasurer). Receipts for year were £317/14/1; expenditure, £224/14/5. A credit balance as at December 31 last was shown to be £220/3/11; most of this was handed to major committees during conference.

Mrs. Allen Brooks (superintendent) presented the report of the home missionary committee. It was a most inspiring statement, showing that records had been established in various ways. The financial aim of £100 was exceeded by £40/19/2. Several sisters spoke to the report, and in appreciation of the work of the superintendent.

Overseas mission report was read by the superintendent (Mrs. J. Yeomans). A great deal of work is done in regard to Indian work and sending of goods in Christmas box. £75/16/6 was also raised in cash. The committee was congratulated on its splendid work. It was resolved that each church forwarding articles for the Indian box be requested to state the value of the gifts. The aim for home mission effort was set at £150, and for overseas missions £100 cash, and as big a Christmas box as ever. Mrs. K. Campbell sang a solo.

The prayer committee report was read by Mrs. W. Alldrop, and Mrs. Gibson presented details of the Dorcas committee's activities.

A report of work among the isolated folk was presented by Mrs. Digwood (superintendent). Mrs. C. H. Hunt spoke of the value of the many letters sent to folk far out in the country.

An interesting report from Kalgoorlie sisters revealed good work in many directions. The work of young women's clubs was reviewed in a report given by the superintendent (Mrs. Hutchison), showing considerable activity of an encouraging nature. This work was commended to conference for all possible encouragement.

The report of the social service committee was read, and a financial statement showed that £21/3/9 had been disbursed to needy cases.

The Bible Schools and Young People's Department report was taken as read, and spoken to by the superintendent (Mrs. I. Digwood) and others.

Evening Session.

The crowning experience of the day was the great evening meeting. The chapel was fully seated, and every item was an inspiration. Mrs. Jefferies rose to her task magnificently, and her presidential message on "Presence and Power of Christ in Personal Experience," was particularly helpful. Mr. Roy Raymond gave a challenging address on "The Patriotism of Paul" which left a deep impression. Several very fine musical items were rendered, including North Perth music quartette party, and solos by Mesdames Thornhill, J. A. Evers and Miss Gray. Incoming officers were introduced, and Mrs. T. Semple (president) responded, and paid further tribute to the work of the retiring president. A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. A. Lucraft to all helpers.

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Dangers

1 Cor.

Prayer Me.

H. J.

THE early Church was not exactly the same as the Old Testament. Paul wished to be by way of what do, he looked to the children of Israel. In this chapter of the Christian. In this chapter of failure, and say unto them by way written for our count three of their parallels in

Danger No. 1.

Paul tells us of the ing of the people were hardly out before the sea, a ing on behind, a as rate in a hole. Moses. Some w Egypt.

Isn't that much Christian? Some world and its blaming to-day the gospel—for most perplexing reason than the ing Moses. "Thy ye shall hold ye out. "Fear ye salvation of the you to-day" cf.

Danger No. 2.

After travelling wilderness the p there was no covered the wall were high as it soon dashed to drink discovered to murmur after taking the wilderness. Many Christian church and their of this life for to the experienced words and back even in Christian bitter waters a back to their Eg showed Moses a men shall revile say all manner of my sake." Does sweet? (cf. Exo.

Danger No. 3.

Some consider grew tired of thought again of appetizing and t onions and garl Christian! We food ceases to a spicy things of such turn again which appeal to aires. Beware wilderness of the bites of the use and die. standeth take he 11: 1-6; 21: 4

TOPIC FOR M THE SERIOUS-

Dangers of the Way.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13.

Prayer Meeting Topic for May 4.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THE early Christians had a Bible, but it was not exactly the same as ours. The New Testament took time to grow, and in the main the Old Testament was their Bible. So when Paul wished to cite an example or to exhort by way of what others had done or failed to do, he looked to the experiences of the children of Israel. As there were dangers ahead of the Christian so there had been for Israel. In this chapter he tells of such danger and failure, and says, "These things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition." We shall recount three of Israel's dangers and refer to their parallels in the Christian experience.

Danger No. 1.

Paul tells us of the complaint—the murmuring of the people. This began before they were hardly out of Egypt. They were encamped before the sea, and with the Egyptians pressing on behind, they were apparently trapped as rats in a hole. Immediately they reproached Moses. Some were in favor of returning to Egypt.

Isn't that much like the experience of the Christian? Some are for returning to the world and its slavery in sin, while many are blaming to-day the leaders—the preachers of the gospel—for the awkward situations and most perplexing problems. This with less reason than the people of Israel had for blaming Moses. "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." There is a way out. "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you to-day" (cf. Exodus 14: 1-14).

Danger No. 2.

After travelling three days out into the wilderness the people began to be thirsty, for there was no water. Eventually they discovered the waters of Marah. Expectations were high as it was sighted, but hopes were soon dashed to the ground, for those first to drink discovered them bitter. So they began to murmur afresh. You see, they were mistaking the wilderness for the promised land. Many Christian people are mistaking the church and their experience in the wilderness of this life for heaven. Some Christian new to the experience soon discovers that bitter words and bad actions are not unknown even in Christian circles. Because of the bitter waters some are tempted to turn back to their Egyptian home. But the Lord showed Moses a tree. "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Doesn't this make the bitter waters sweet? (Cf. Exodus 15: 22-26.)

Danger No. 3.

Some considerable time after the above, they grew tired of the heaven-sent bread. They thought again of the fish and especially of the appetising and tasty cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic of Egypt. How like the Christian! We become a bit peckish, and good food ceases to appeal. We desire more of the spicy things of life and go after them. So such turn again to things sensational and which appeal to the lower instincts and desires. Beware lest ye be overthrown in the wilderness of this life, lest ye be poisoned by the bites of the fiery serpents of sinful pleasure and die. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (Cf. Numbers 11: 1-6; 21: 4-9.)

TOPIC FOR MAY 11.—THE SEEMLY AND THE SERIOUS.—1 Corinthians 11: 17-34.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

The Values of Religious Plays.

THERE is a good deal of interest aroused and enthusiasm expended in these days on religious plays. Perhaps the most popular are of two kinds: missionary plays and scenes, either as tableaux or as acted incidents, from the Bible. It is worth while to examine the question. What are the positive values in such plays? What is it which makes them worth while? Or are there no positive values at all? For, if they are of doubtful value, we should give them up.

Acting is Natural.

In the first place, it is worth while noting that there is something natural about acting. A very young child—long before he goes to either day or Sunday school—will play at certain activities which his mother or older boys and girls engage in. Children of two or less begin to do this; and as Wordsworth has said, the child of six plays—

As if his whole vocation
Were endless imitation.

If, therefore, we are to suppress the instinct which leads to acting, we must start at a very early age—and it almost looks as though we are attempting the impossible, as if this tendency is innate. It is difficult to deny that in its childish expression this impulse to imitate and to act is adorable—every parent knows it.

If this is so, we are on the right lines in our beginners' and primary departments, and in the corresponding sections of our day schools, in fostering this ability and developing it for constructive, useful and cultural ends.

Further, if as parents we encourage it; if as teachers of little children we foster it; can we do other than carry our training to its logical conclusion by giving older boys and girls, and even adults, the opportunity to express themselves in this way? I would say that rather than give grudging assent to the consistency of this line of thought, we should gladly acknowledge the ability to portray character and life in this way as one of the activities of the human spirit, which is both implanted and blessed by God.

Value to the Players.

But anyone who has had contacts with missionary and Bible plays is aware of the values which come from producing them. And these values remain even when we remember the difficulty of getting everybody there for rehearsals. The players themselves, whether young people or adults, gain a great deal from taking part in plays of this sort, quite apart from the public performance.

A person who really takes his part seriously is enabled to enter into sympathy with the feelings and life of a person who is probably entirely different from himself. This in itself is a valuable experience, and the more seriously it is undertaken the more valuable it is. The attempt to enter into the experience even of bad characters seems to have some positive value—though usually these characters are few and not central in plays of the type under discussion. In general the types of character represented are worthy of some understanding and emulation.

Value of Missionary Plays.

There is nothing better than taking part in a missionary play for arousing real concrete interest in the life of the people of the country represented. When you have to hire (or

make) African or Indian costumes, to eat an Eastern meal, etc., you simply have to know what kind of clothes Africans or Indians wear and what kind of food they eat. This kind of knowledge cannot be gained without a good deal of other knowledge incidental to it—but all of value in forging links between the two countries. The same is true of the attempt to represent scenes and characters from the Bible—the greatest themes of all. The attempt to discover manners and customs of people in Bible times and lands is of great value in deepening knowledge of the Bible; and this information is acquired in an interesting way and with a definite purpose—and so much of our Bible teaching misses fire because it does not link on to the pupil's need and interest and purpose in life.

From the side of co-operative effort, there is immense value in producing a play. It cannot be a success unless all the actors work in harmony. The achievement of a common purpose in this way is powerful in creating friendliness and harmony of spirit. There is no experience quite like the sense of successful co-operation and contentment which comes when the play is over and has been well done—everyone feels on good terms with all the rest. If nothing else were achieved this would stand as a spiritual fact of lasting worth.

The actual acting has the value of helping young people to overcome self-consciousness, shyness and diffidence—and opportunities of doing this are very limited. It gives young people the feeling that they are doing something worth while, and this self-expression, even in a very small part in a play, is a fine thing in the life of an adolescent.

Value to Others.

All these values would be secured even if the play were never performed publicly; but their effect is heightened when there are people watching and listening. But missionary and Bible plays are of real value to those who see and hear them.

Almost equally with the players—and sometimes even more so—the spectators are able to enter into the life of the scenes enacted, whether Biblical or missionary. Such scenes make the work of the missionary come alive before the eyes of many whose imagination is often not very active in the absence of definite stimulus. The Bible times and incidents are seen with a new understanding when they are acted out before one's very eyes. I have heard again and again from those who have been present at such a Bible pageant that "it has been as good as a church service" or "better than a dozen sermons"—and surely this tribute is sufficient evidence of the spiritual values which can be produced in this way.

Through this medium spiritual truth may be taught; the beauty of goodness portrayed; the finest things in life manifested more eloquently than in mere words.—James Gray.

MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8.

THE destiny of the nation lies far more in the hands of women—the mothers—than in the hands of those who possess power or those who are innovators, who seldom understand themselves."

Here and There.

A YOUNG man was baptised and received into a fellowship at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Sunday, April 17. On April 24 a young lady made her decision for Christ.

Anzac Day's falling on Monday this year interfered with mails and therefore with our news reports. All church news which came to hand at time of going to press has been inserted.

Dr. James Moffatt, the well-known theologian and Bible translator, is relinquishing next month his position as Washburn Professor of Church History in Union Theological Seminary, New York, U.S.A. He will become Professor Emeritus.

At the conclusion of the Victorian Social Service demonstration on April 19, it was announced that the offering for the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, amounted to £150 in cash and promises. Another liberal promise for this fund was also received after the meeting, so that total result now is cash, £72/13/-; promises, £128/3/-; total, £200/16/-.

In all churches on Sunday last references were made to Anzac Day and the men whose sacrifice and devotion the day commemorates. On Monday special services, civil and religious, were held. The brave men who died were remembered and also those who yet suffer from the effects of war. In many places the horror of war and the necessity of cultivating a spirit of peace were stressed.

Dr. A. E. Garvie has published a new book which has attracted much attention. The title is "Memories and Meanings of My Life." Writing in the "A.C. World" Mr. F. C. Spurr says of Dr. Garvie: "He is an amazing linguist. He was born in Poland. He can speak as easily in French, German, Spanish and Italian as in Scotch. And, of course, he is at home in all the 'dead' languages and in Arabic. The legend is that he learns a new language each year, and that he has lost count of all he knows."

At Rosewood, Qld., on March 15, there terminated a short series of special meetings conducted by the preacher, Bro. L. Larsen. The church has been richly blessed. Eight who made the good confession were baptised, Mr. Geo. Miller, a baptised believer, who has spent three years in college studying for the Methodist ministry, has united with the church. At a baptismal service on April 17, the building was crowded, and after a fine gospel message by Bro. L. Larsen a young woman confessed Christ. The addition of ten members to the church will be a wonderful inspiration.

With the approval of the Victorian conference executive the Christian Union committee requests our churches in this State to observe Christian Union Sunday on June 5. This is Pentecost Sunday, and it is believed the observance will be made by other communions in Australia and overseas. The Victorian committee would be glad to know that our churches in other States were prepared to co-operate on June 5. It is suggested that special addresses should be given on this Sunday to our congregations and Bible schools, and that any other suitable methods of observance in each centre should be considered by preachers and secretaries.

The working bee held at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, on Saturday, April 23, was most successful, about 50 men rendering aid in many ways during the day. Much clearing and preliminary renovation work was done to fencing, garden, building, etc. In this way a considerable saving has been effected and the committee is grateful to the brethren who worked and the sisters who provided the meals. Be-

fore long the renovations will be in full swing, and this week the installation of lighting, water-heating and cooking systems will be in hand. Beautiful wrought-iron gates have been fitted to the main entrance. Contributions to the building and renovation fund will be welcomed.

Rotary International is dedicating the period from May 1 to 8 to youth and its problems, and the Welfare of Youth Committee of Rotary has approached all religious denominations soliciting support by references from the pulpit, and in any other direction which may commend itself, for the stimulation of interest in youth and its difficulties in our modern world. It is a wholesome and stimulating thing that a body so representative of every walk of life, commercial, industrial, financial, has taken seriously to heart this problem. It is a problem to which the churches year by year are giving increased attention, recognising as they do that the changed and ever-changing conditions of life to-day impose upon our youth continuously added responsibilities. At the beginning of May, churches of Christ are themselves giving special attention to youth work, and this Rotary Club action is highly appreciated by them.

The British "Christian Advocate" reports the remodelling and beautifying of the Moseley-rd. church building, Birmingham, England. New seating, a fine open baptistery, lectern, pulpit and beautiful communion table are special features. The church had a great day at the reopening services on March 5. The editor of the "Christian Advocate" writes: "The church which now meets in Moseley-rd. is the 'mother' church of Birmingham, and one of the oldest and largest in the brotherhood. It owed much in its early days to the ministry of David King, that stalwart defender of the faith, with whom, at the beginning, was associated the scholarly J. B. Rotherham. And through its eighty years of history many names significant in story of the Restoration churches in this country have been associated with it: Lancelot Oliver, John McCartney, Albert Brown and William Robinson—successors of David King in the training work; Herbert Johnson, over forty years a member of the training committee. All these have been honored by their brethren by being elected to the chair of conference." At the close of the article, the following tribute is paid to the work of the present preacher, Bro. Walter Hendry, who is well known to our Australian brotherhood: "During its long history the church has been served by a number of able brethren; but five years ago it was felt that if we were to meet the challenge of the day within changing conditions, more adequately, we must call some gifted brother to the whole-time ministry of the church. It was in answer to our prayers that God led us to Walter Hendry who, in his public and private ministrations has done much to build up the church in her most holy faith, and to extend the kingdom of the Master in this part of a great city."

Open Forum.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

IN Bro. Fisher's article texts which refer to the Holy Spirit being given to obedient believers as an indwelling presence are used to support the contention that all Christians receive the baptism of the Spirit. Indeed, the bald statement that "at baptism believers receive the baptism of the Spirit" is made without even a text being produced in its support.

Who told our brother that "Spirit baptism is the divine side," signifying that "God accepts" his obedience? The baptism of the Spirit is nowhere, in so many words, promised to all obedient believers, but the gift of the Spirit certainly is (Acts 2: 38).

The "giving" and the "receiving" of the Holy Spirit are evidently broad terms used to cover three distinct measures of the Spirit: (1) The three distinct measures indwelling the obedient Holy Spirit's presence (1 Cor. 6: 19; Eph. believer (Acts 2: 38, 5: 32; 1 Cor. 6: 19; Eph. 1: 13, 4: 30; 1 Thess. 4: 8). (2) Some fuller measure of the Spirit, in which the Spirit's presence and power were manifest in special miraculous ways (Acts 8: 15-20; 19: 2, 6; 20: 22; 21: 11; Heb. 2: 4). (3) An even fuller measure, called the baptism of the Spirit, in which the Spirit is "given" (Acts 10: 45; 11: 17) and "received" (Acts 10: 47) to such an extent that the spirits of the recipients are overwhelmed by and immersed in the Holy Spirit, as, of course, Bro. Fisher knows, only two incidents are definitely referred to in scripture as being occasions of the baptism of the Spirit (Acts 2 and 10).

In the same way the "filling" of the Spirit appears to be a term which covers: (1) a deep indwelling of the Spirit in the believer's heart (Eph. 5: 18; Luke 11: 13); (2) a measure of the Holy Spirit resulting in miraculous signs (Luke 1: 67); (3) the even greater measure or pouring out of the Spirit resulting in the baptism of the Spirit (Acts 2: 4).

If the above observations are correct the term "gift" of the Spirit includes those measures of the Spirit usually referred to by members of the Churches of Christ as (1) "gift of the Spirit," (2) "spiritual gifts" and (3) "baptism of the Spirit." So, too, the term "filling" may denote: (1) a deep, non-miraculous indwelling, (2) a measure of the Spirit resulting in "spiritual gifts" and (3) the "baptism of the Spirit."

The point to be observed, however, is that while the gift and reception of the Spirit may include the baptism of the Spirit (Acts 2 and 10), the contrary does not hold good—there can be a "gift" of the Spirit without that gift being a "baptism" of the Spirit. In other words, while the Spirit had to be "given"—in great measure—for men to be "baptised in the Spirit" (Acts 11: 17), yet the Spirit may be "given" without the recipients being thus "baptised." This latter is the promise, obviously, to all obedient believers (1 Cor. 6: 19).

1 Cor. 13: 8 does not mention the baptism of the Spirit, and certainly lends no support to our brother's cool assumption of "miracles temporary, baptism permanent."

Water baptism is a complete and distinct baptism. Holy Spirit baptism was also a complete and distinct baptism. Two complete and distinct baptisms together cannot complete the "one baptism" of Eph. 4: 5 as, again without scriptural support, Bro. Fisher affirms.

Our brother's article is to be deplored only because of the support it may seem to give to the contentions of Pentecostians and the like. If, however, it arouses some to a keener study and better understanding of this subject it will do good.—K. A. Macnaughtan.

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Tasmanian Conference.

T. W. Bate.

THE 42nd annual conference of the Churches of Christ in Tasmania is one which will live long in the memory of the Tasmanian brotherhood. The coming of new workers to the field and the presence of Bro. Thomas as guest speaker helped to make it one of the best yet held.

Delegates representing all sections of the State's brotherhood assembled at Margaret-st., Launceston, on evening of April 14. A welcome was extended to visitors, including Bro. and Sister Berry, from Western Australia. The fine addresses of Bro. H. Stevens, conference president, and Bro. J. E. Thomas, struck the key-note for the rest of the meetings.

On Friday, April 15, a devotional period was led by Bro. Heard. The business session was ably presided over by Bro. Stevens. The report of the home mission and executive committee was well received, although statistics show a slight decrease in membership, there being some 864 members in the 14 churches. New workers have been secured for the fields—Bro. G. R. van Eerde, laboring with the churches at Devonport, Mole Creek and Caveside, and Bro. T. W. Bate, with the church at West Hobart. Bro. J. E. Thomas, at the request of the home mission committee, has been laboring with the church at Invermay. It was with great joy conference learned that Bro. Thomas had consented to return to the State after a brief stay in Victoria. The work of home missions has been greatly advanced by the evangelistic zeal of the sisters.

The editor of the "Tasmanian Evangel," Bro. N. J. Warmbrunn, presented a very frank report regarding their paper. In the discussion tribute was paid to the fine work of Bro. Warmbrunn as editor and business manager.

Election of Officers.

The next conference was fixed for Hobart, Easter, 1939. The following brethren were elected to office for the ensuing year:—

Home Mission Committee (to be situated in Launceston).—President, H. V. Stevens; vice-president, N. J. Warmbrunn; secretary, R. Edmunds; assistant secretary, G. J. Foot; treasurer, N. B. Warmbrunn; J. P. Foot, W. S. Lowe, C. Nicholls, E. J. Stevens.

Foreign Mission Committee (to be situated in Hobart).—President, T. Lillye; vice-president, J. Park; secretary, L. A. Bowes; treasurer, H. Cooper; Sister Mrs. Bowes, Sister Mrs. Cooper, A. E. Heard, M. Taylor, Sister Miss Swinton.

Bible School and Young People's Committee (to be situated in Hobart).—President, A. E. Heard; vice-president, T. W. Bate; secretary, Sister I. Lillye; treasurer, S. Cooper; Sister G. Eaton, Sister J. Tippett, R. Boxhall, L. Bowes, J. Woolley.

Social Service Committee, Hobart.—President, W. R. Jarvis; vice-president, L. A. Bowes; secretary, J. Park; treasurer, D. Pearsall; J. Boxhall, T. Bate, T. Lillye, A. E. Heard.

Nominating Committee: Hobart, J. C. Woolley, N. A. Cooper; Launceston, R. Edmunds, G. J. Foot.

Auditors: Foreign Mission Committee, Hobart.—J. A. H. Boxhall, H. Nicholls; Home Mission Committee, Launceston.—T. D. Best, J. H. Harrison.

Church Building Extension Committee.—President, N. J. Warmbrunn; secretary, H. V. Stevens; treasurer, G. J. Foot; C. Nicholls, J. Park.

"Tasmanian Evangel," Launceston.—Editor, W. S. Lowe; manager, N. J. Warmbrunn; J. Harrison.

At lunch a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the sisters of Margaret-st. for their

kindness in providing so well for the meals enjoyed.

At afternoon session reports were received from home mission fields. Fine work is being done by G. R. van Eerde in the North Western District. A report of West Hobart was presented by T. W. Bate, and Bro. Thomas gave his first report as a home missionary.

The report of the foreign mission committee was presented by Bro. L. A. Bowes. The work has been kept keenly alive during the year. Sister Mrs. Sulzberger is performing splendid service in Margaret-st. as agent for "Goodly Pearls." She has secured forty paid-up subscribers. She has also rendered valuable service in helping to check and repack the Christmas boxes. In regard to the boxes, tribute must be paid to the kind gesture of Messrs. Holyman and Sons for transporting them free of charge. The annual offering amounted to £148/2/11, the previous best being £112/11/10. The total amount collected for foreign missions during the year was £261/5/10. The increase in the offering was due, in no small measure, to the itinerating of Bro. John Turner, representing the Federal Board. Bro. Bowes stressed the claims of Dhead hospital upon the C.E. and Y.P.S. The Tasmanian brotherhood rejoices in the splendid work being done by our missionaries, and is eagerly anticipating the coming of Miss Edna Vawser.

The young people's committee report was presented by Sister I. Lillye. During the year helpful rallies had been held. The epidemic has largely hindered the work of Bible school.

Obituary report was presented by Bro. N. J. Warmbrunn, assisted by the double quartette.

Margaret-st. chapel was crowded at home mission rally on Friday night. Bro. Stevens, who presided, was welcomed to his office as president by Bro. N. J. Warmbrunn. Enjoyable items were rendered by the conference choir, led by Bro. T. Wilmot, and by the Launceston double male quartette. Bro. T. W. Bate spoke on "Let us Tell." The president of the Sisters' Conference, Mrs. Cole, presented to the home mission president a cheque for £60. The sisters had exceeded their objective of £50. Bro. W. S. Lowe, in an appeal for funds, gave a heart-searching message. Before the conference closed over £100 in cash and promises was given.

Saturday's Sessions.

Reports of the Council of Churches and social service committee were presented. Tributes were paid to the fine work done by these committees. Bro. Bowes, as president, and Bro. Park, as secretary of the Council of Churches, have earned the respect of all. It was resolved "That each of the preachers of the Churches of Christ in Tasmania, and one representative from the churches where no preacher is located, be appointed to act as probationary officers to the Children's Court, and that the Attorney-General be advised of the same."

No calls had been made upon the church building extension committee during their five years of office. A motion that an annual offering be made to assist the funds of this committee was carried.

A hearty vote of thanks for the way in which the president had conducted the meetings was carried.

In the afternoon a cricket match was played between the north and the south. Bible school workers were entertained to a tea in Margaret-st. Sunday school hall. One of the highlights of conference was the foreign mission rally, held on Saturday night. A crowded audience enjoyed a fine musical programme

and listened spellbound as Bro. Thomas told the story of the needs of India. The offering amounted to £97. This has been increased since to £100.

Sunday Meetings.

On Sunday the united communion service held at Margaret-st. was presided over by Bro. W. S. Lowe. Bro. L. A. Bowes gave an inspiring address. In the afternoon the young people's demonstration was well attended. Items from various schools were enjoyed. The banners and shield were presented by the secretary, Miss I. Lillye. Bro. Woolley, the retiring president, welcomed Bro. Heard, the new president. A very fine address was given by Bro. van Eerde. The chapel was crowded on Sunday evening, when Bro. J. E. Thomas preached the conference sermon.

On Monday a happy picnic was held at Cataract Gorge. The conference concluded on Monday evening, when we followed Bro. Thomas on the trip through England and saw the castles and cathedrals of the motherland.

Resolutions.

Amongst the resolutions carried were the following:—

That this conference re-affirms its attitude of uncompromising opposition to the largely increasing facilities for gambling, and deplors the widespread prevalence of gambling in our midst.

That we once more pledge our wholehearted support to all movements which have as their objective the securing and maintenance of world peace.

Other resolutions expressed appreciation of the College of the Bible, and of the services of the retiring principal, A. R. Main; good wishes for the principal-elect, T. H. Scambler; gratitude that Bro. Lowe, van Eerde and Bate had come to the State; the work of "The Australian Christian" and "The Tasmanian Evangel"; the daily press for its reports of conference; and of the excellent service rendered by the president (Bro. H. V. Stevens) and the secretary (Bro. Geoff. Foot). It was resolved to send cordial greetings to the missionaries in the fields.

ADDRESS.

T. C. Dawson (secretary Geelong church, Vic.).
—41 Villamanta-st., West Geelong.

DEATH.

KIPPAX (nee Lawson).—On April 17, 1938, Ena Florence, beloved wife of E. McIntyre Kippax (minister Auburn Baptist Church), of 79 Harcourt-st., Hawthorn, E.3, Victoria; devoted only daughter of Florence D. and the late William T. Lawson (late of Canterbury); also mother of wee Barbara Florence. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

IN MEMORIAM.

BLAIR.—In loving memory of our little daughter Lois, who passed to be with Jesus on April 29, 1933. Ever remembered by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Blair, Griffith, N.S.W.

MURPHY.—In loving memory of my dear husband Ted, called home April 30, 1935.

I keep in my heart the love of the past,
To me it is as bright as gold;
For deep in my heart it was planted to last,
And in absence it will never grow cold.

My pal.

—Inserted by his loving wife, Sylvia.

PETTERD.—In cherished memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Richard Petterd, who was called home May 2, 1935, at Warrnambool. In God's keeping. 'Till we meet again.

—Inserted by his loving wife, son and daughter.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—WILFULLY BLIND.

Monday, May 2.

HEAR, ye deaf, and look, ye blind, that ye may see.—Isa. 42: 18.

To those who were professedly God's servants were these words addressed. In stubbornly remaining deaf and blind they were infinitely worse than the Gentiles. The iniquity of these priests and prophets was far greater than that of the Gentiles, consequently, unless they heard God's voice which continuously pleaded with them, and beheld the light which always shone around them, their condemnation also would be greater.

Reading—Isaiah 42: 18-25.

Tuesday, May 3.

His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.—Isa. 56: 10.

Those who should have watched the flock of God were blind, and consequently unfit for their task. "If the seers see not, who shall see for us?" Beasts come to devour the flock, but the watchers see not. They were worse than dumb dogs, who can give no warning. They slept while they should have watched, and cared not though beasts of prey attacked the sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Reading—Isaiah 56.

Wednesday, May 4.

Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a ditch.—Matt. 15: 14.

If one is ignorant of truth, how can he teach others? In professing to do so, he commits a twofold sin, in causing himself to fall and dragging others with him.

Reading—Matthew 15: 1-14.

Thursday, May 5.

Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside thereof may be made clean.—Matt. 23: 26.

"None so blind as those who will not see." The Pharisees knew quite well that to wash the outside of dishes and leave the inside unclean would not be tolerated, yet they did worse than that, in making themselves appear clean by their outward ablutions, whilst guilty of extortion and selfish excesses.

Reading—Matthew 23: 23-29.

Friday, May 6.

But their minds were blinded.—2 Cor. 3: 14.

The Jewish people failed to understand the meaning of the scriptures they revered, especially the doctrines of the Messiah. So, their minds were blinded, hardened, made full and stupid, so that they did not see clearly the design and end of their own institutions.

Reading—2 Corinthians 3.

Saturday, May 7.

Darkness hath blinded his eyes.—1 John 2: 11.

Only those who love abide in the light. Those who hate walk in darkness, and know not where they go. It is only by treading the pathway of love that we follow the light, "that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Reading—1 John 2: 1-11.

Sunday, May 8.

Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye would have no sin; but now ye say, We have no sin; your sin remaineth.—John 9: 41.

If only these Pharisees had acknowledged their blindness and sought for sight they would either have found it or been unblamed for not doing so. The trouble was that they could see if they wished to, but wilfully blinded their eyes.

Readings—Proverbs 4: 13-27; John 9: 13-41.

Foreign Missions.

Conducted by

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ISLAND MAIL.

Aoba.

THIS morning I conducted a service on the seashore at Matindan, when a young woman was baptised. After this brief service, which took place between showers of rain, we repaired to the church building, where a communion service was held. A goodly number attended both services, which was encouraging to all of us. The weather is so rough just now that we fear that "Morinda" will not be able to deliver our stores to-morrow. However, we just hope for the best.

I am, with the natives' assistance, building an office. The building is to be small, with lime walls and native leaf roof. I shall have to purchase a little cement, which will be the only expense. The natives have given the material for same.

School commenced very well, as I indicated in the previous letter. Unfortunately we have been surrounded with illness. The epidemics of German measles and whooping cough have stricken most of the natives. The former has been mild and passes after a week, but the latter has been severe. In many cases it has resulted in bronchial pneumonia and death. We have done our utmost to assist the people. The problem has been to impress upon the natives the danger of exposure. In cases where our treatment and advice has been followed, children have recovered, but few folk have persevered. Naturally enough, school has been upset, although we have kept it open, and some children have never failed to attend. There has been a slight improvement, generally, during the last week, but with the return of torrential rains we fear a further outbreak of pneumonia, as most natives will not keep their clothes dry. They seem to think that dampness has to be endured rather than avoided. The weather of late has been very depressing. Rain, rain, and more rain, is the order of the day, hence the many cases of pneumonia.

On Thursday last we were favored by the visit of the French commissioner and several other government officials. A week prior to his coming the natives were notified of the proposed visit. The announcement set them to work, thus roads and villages were soon spic and span. We wish that government officials would call more frequently, as roads would always be in order. On the appointed day a French man-of-war dropped anchor off Ndindui. The commissioner and his retinue came ashore amidst squally seas and heavy rain. It took but a short time to conclude the business with the natives, after which I was invited to

conduct the ship's doctor to a patient we thought was suffering from bronchial pneumonia. The commissioner accompanied us, and was interested in the treatment of the child. The doctor confirmed our diagnosis, and gave the child some medicine. As Glenys was developing a slight rash, we thought it a good opportunity to get professional advice; thus the doctor, commissioner and other officials came to see the white babe. Doctor set our minds at rest, as he indicated that the attack of German measles was not serious, and advised us as to treatment. We were very grateful to these folk, who went out of their way to assist us. We have found that the French people are very genial and friendly.—L. E. Dudley.

Pentecost.

There is not much to report, as the weather has been such that it is almost impossible to travel. I was over to see the Dudley family about a fortnight ago, but was unable to stay long, as there was a heavy sea running. On our way over we got caught in a hurricane, and had to shelter at Lolouai for a week. From Aoba I crossed over to Maewo, and saw some of the brethren. They are a very friendly lot, similar to these people. We could not stay long, as it was very rough, so I promised that I would return in a week's time to baptise some people for them. It is rather difficult for Bro. Dudley or Tarlie to get over for some time. However, I was unable to fulfil my promise, as the launch could not get back in time, and now I am suffering from ulcers on the tongue and in the throat, which is very painful at times.

I will go before the month is over, as I want to visit the stations in the north. There has been a lot of sickness here lately, German measles and whooping cough. Several have died in the last month, and we had to close the school for a while. However, it seems to have passed over now, and we are back at school again.

There is a shortage of food again, so I have bought a large bag of rice. February, March and April are always bad months with them, because the yams are done and the first blow that comes destroys all the breadfruit and bananas, which only leaves them with taro and island cabbage.—A. Dow.

AN interview between Dr. J. B. Mott and A. Gandhi has been recorded in which Mr. Gandhi said to Dr. Mott, "You must not make conversion the price of your service to the 'untouchables.'" But the Christian feels that the greatest service he can render to the "untouchable" is to bring him to Christ.

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W.A. Women's Conference.

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Resolutions.
 We, the women of the Churches of Christ in conference assembled, express our sincere loyalty to the Throne and Persons of their Majesties the King and Queen. We pray that wisdom shall be given them of God in the troublous times through which they are passing.
 We affirm our conviction that war is ineffective as a means of settling international disputes, and call upon the women of Western Australia to continue to work for the establishment of peace, by the application of the teachings of Christ, and pray that a greater measure of co-operation may be developed between the nations.
 This conference deplores the increasing use of the Lord's day for sport and general pleasure and Sunday trading, thus weakening our churches and Bible schools. We urge upon our women the importance of guarding against personal conduct which in any way lowers the Christian ideals of the Lord's day.
 The conference strongly disagrees with the continuation of lotteries as a means of raising money for charities, and especially urges the

women of our churches to discourage, by every means possible, the purchase of tickets. We also protest against the use of the broadcasting stations for the advertising of lotteries and the results, and the advertising of intoxicating liquors.

That we urge the women of W.A. to take a firm stand against the use of alcoholic liquors in any form, and that in view of the efforts of the liquor trade to capture youth, we recommend that the women of our churches give whole-hearted support to organisations which are working for the abolition of the traffic.

This conference expresses disapproval of the sale of indecent literature which is in circulation. We promise support to government officials in the event of a decision prohibiting the introduction of this literature into Australia.

The Holy Spirit.

Study No. 4.—The Evidence of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction.—Holy Spirit promised to all Christians, Acts 2: 38. Some question their own reception. Romans 8: 9. Obvious by simple evidence. Gal. 5: 22, 23; Matt. 7: 16.

I. Love Abounds Through the Fullness of the Spirit.

1. The reservoir of love.
 God is love, 1 John 4: 8.
 Christ loved us, Eph. 5: 2.
 The love of the Spirit, Rom. 15: 30.
 "Love is the crown of crowns worn by the triune God."

2. Love is essential for service, Gal. 5: 13. Not needed in worldly profession. Surpasses other gifts; 1 Cor. 12: 31. Vital for co-workers with Christ, 1 Cor. 13. Received through the Spirit, Rom. 5: 5.
 3. Overflowing love is needed. Not merely "first love," Rev. 2: 4. Not confined by any law, Gal. 5: 23. Love fulfilling the law, Rom. 13: 10. Overflowing through all life, 1 Cor. 13.

II. Hope Triumphs Through the Power of the Spirit.

1. The source of hope, Rom. 15: 13. Spirit-filled saints are hopeful saints, 1 John 3: 3.
 2. Hope at work. Hope inspires vision, Heb. 11: 1. It inspires perseverance, 1 Cor. 15: 19. It inspires patience, Gal. 5: 5. Without hope—despair. With hope—steadfast, Heb. 6: 19.
 3. Hope victorious. An enduring hope, Heb. 6: 11. A living hope, 1 Peter 1: 3, 4.

III. Freedom Experienced Through the Gift of the Spirit.

1. Gospel age is the age of freedom, 2 Cor. 3: 17. Free from the law of ordinances, Rom. 6: 14. Free from the law of sin and death, Rom. 8: 2.
 2. The freedom of the Spirit, Luke 4: 18. Above physical bondage, 2 Cor. 4: 17. Above social bondage, 2 Cor. 5: 13, 14. Above worldly bondage, John 16: 33.
 3. Spirit-filled Christians are free, Rom. 8: 6. Free from sin, sorrow and strife, Gal. 5: 1, Heb. 10: 19 (margin).

Conclusion.—We know the Spirit's presence because he imparts love, inspires hope, bestows freedom.

If these are ours he is ours.
 If he is ours we will—
 By service show love.
 By enthusiasm show hope.
 By loyalty show liberty.

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News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Fremantle.—A well attended farewell meeting to Bro. R. Raymond was held on April 11. Representatives of local and brotherhood interests spoke in appreciation of the preacher's services, and Bro. S. G. Taylor, church secretary, made a presentation of a suit case and a travelling-rug. Bro. Raymond spoke of his regret in leaving, and stated that, for some months at least, he would be in Fremantle at his present address. His farewell addresses were given on Easter Sunday. Bro. P. N. Jefferies is mending after a severely painful attack of nervous trouble.

Bicton-Palmyra.—The fifteenth Bible school anniversary services were conducted on Apr. 3 and 5 with record school attendance of nearly 160 at kindergarten and cradle roll service on Sunday afternoon. Mr. S. Millar, B.A., of Fremantle Baptist church, was speaker. The scholars' demonstration was presented successfully and repeated on 12th inst. Bro. Griffiths continues to serve in the circuit of Claremont-Palmyra, and reports encouragingly. Ladies' Dorcas society has recommenced work under leadership of Sister Mrs. Griffiths. Sympathy of the church has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Perkins and Misses Elsie and Violet Perkins in the home-call of their daughter and sister, Mrs. T. F. Isbister. A men's organisation known as the "Men of the Church" has been formed, and promises an active and interesting programme along spiritual, social and practical lines for winter months.

QUEENSLAND.

Charters Towers.—There were good services on Easter Sunday. Bro. Chellingworth spoke in morning and Bro. Glendanner preached the gospel. Bro. Greenwood will conclude his ministry at end of May. He has accepted a call to labor with the church at Rockhampton.

Maryborough.—Special services were held on last three Lord's days, topics being "From Olivet to Calvary," Bro. Mason giving inspiring and helpful messages. The service at 10 a.m. on Good Friday was one of the best. Solos by Sisters Mrs. Daw, Mrs. Cumminskey, Miss E. Price and M. Will, and a duet by Brea. A. C. Popp and L. Anderson, were very helpful.

Rosevale.—Bro. Larsen continues to do good work. After a gospel address at mid-week meeting on March 16, a married couple took their stand for Christ who were baptised and received into fellowship on March 20. During a special effort held at Rosewood, two adults made the good confession and were received into fellowship at Rosevale on April 17. On that day the church listened to Bro. G. Miller, who united with the church during Bro. Larsen's effort at Rosewood. Bro. Larsen left on Apr. 19 for a fortnight's rest.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Aldgate Valley.—On April 10, a young lady, who confessed Christ in Stirling East mission, was baptised and welcomed into fellowship. Two Sunday school girls came forward the following Lord's day and were baptised on Thursday evening.

Nailsworth.—Easter addresses were delivered by Bro. J. E. Shipway. At night special singing was rendered by the choir under baton of Bro. Long. On April 24 meetings were very good, many isolated members and friends being present. Girls' gymnasium classes have resumed work under leadership of Mrs. Shipway and Miss Wally as teacher. A number of members are sick. Sister Mrs. Shipway has been laid aside for last fortnight. Young Sister Joyce Gaston is very ill.

Berri and Winkle.—Lord's day meetings are gradually improving in attendance. On Apr. 10 Bro. Holland spoke at Winkle and Bro. Manger at Berri. On April 17 Bro. Malcolm Rowan gave a splendid morning address on "Easter, Its Meaning and Challenge." At night Bro. Holland spoke on "The Resurrection—the Crowning Factor of the Ages." Mrs. Hughes delighted with a solo. Visitors were present from Maylands, Glenelg and Grote-st. On April 11 Bro. Holland baptised a lady.

Stirling East.—Bro. H. G. Norris, of Dulwich, has completed two weeks' gospel meetings. A very fine interest has been aroused. Lenswood and Aldgate Valley had part. Visitors from Maylands, Mile End and Dulwich attended during the campaign. There were four conversions, and one candidate from Lenswood was baptised on April 10. A thankoffering was taken up for home mission work. On April 11 the mission closed with a basket social. A small parcel of books was presented to Bro. Norris as a token of appreciation of his excellent services.

VICTORIA.

Chelsea.—There were several visitors on April 24, amongst them being Bro. Wm. Quirk, from Hartwell, who exhorted the church. Bro. Watson preached at night.

Sunshine.—On April 21 Bro. T. Hagger, who is to conduct the mission next month, attended prayer meeting and put forward some useful suggestions. Weekly cottage prayer meetings are being held to prepare for mission, and members are enthusiastic.

Preston.—On April 17, three were welcomed into fellowship from West Preston. Bro. H. Clinton delivered the exhortation at worship on April 24. Prior to gospel service two young women were immersed. At close of Bro. Young's address two Sunday school girls confessed Christ.

Northcote East.—On April 17 Bro. Bowerman exhorted at morning service, and at night Bro. Ward spoke on "Christ, the Perfect Man." A duet was rendered by Sisters Pawkes and S. Edwards. On evening of April 24 a Sunday school service was addressed by Bro. Payne; 60 attended. Bro. Beard is still in hospital.

South Yarra.—A successful garden fete at the home of Mrs. Bunney on April 9 resulted in substantial addition to building fund. A special offering for the same purpose on April 10 amounted to about £19. Thirty attended an early prayer meeting on morning of Good Friday, and at 11 a.m. Endeavorers visited Elizabeth Fry Retreat. On April 17 a tea was given by C.E. for elderly brothers and sisters. Bro. Searle, of Maryborough, presided on morning of April 24. At night the Rover Scouts conducted an Anzac commemoration service. Miss Searee sang, and Bro. Candy delivered an appropriate peace address. A number of members are ill.

Geelong.—Women's mission band united with Drumcondra at their last monthly meeting, and a profitable time was spent. Young men's club annual banquet on April 9 was a very fitting finish to a successful cricket season. All auxiliaries were represented. Appreciated Easter addresses were given by Bro. D. Stewart. Several members were away on holidays, but many visitors were welcomed. Bro. C. E. Jackel, of Drumcondra, exhorted helpfully on morning of April 24; subject, "An Illusion." At evangelistic service Bro. D. Stewart spoke inspiringly on "The Way to a Warless World." Prayers are with relatives of Bro. W. Brownhill, sen., in his serious illness.

Kaniva.—On Easter Sunday, Brea. J. C. Williams and E. Howe spoke helpfully morning and evening respectively. Good attendance on April 24. Bro. Reg. Goldsworthy gave good message at morning meeting. Bro. Wheaton's subject in evening was "Judgment." Miram Sunday school, conducted by our members, had successful anniversary service in the afternoon.

Middle Park.—On April 10 Bro. Robinson completed a series of addresses on "Crimes of the Bible." A solo by Miss G. Annear was enjoyed. The church enjoyed fellowship of several visitors during Easter. Good attendance at the gospel service on April 24, when Bro. Robinson delivered an earnest address appropriate to Anzac Day. Sister Mrs. Smith was welcomed back from New Zealand.

Wangaratta.—Mrs. Scott Brown, from Launceston, Tas., was received into membership on April 17. At Bible school picnic on April 23 a happy time was spent. Attendance at gospel meeting on April 24 was an improvement on recent weeks, and suggests enthusiasm for the mission for which the church is preparing. The removal of Bro. and Sister A. Combridge to Albury means a loss to Wangaratta.

South Melbourne.—A helpful exhortation was presented by Bro. J. K. Martin at worship service on April 17. The youth council enjoyed fellowship message of Bro. Keith Jones at monthly meeting on April 24. A teachers' recognition service was held at 7 p.m., Bro. Jones preaching. Bro. J. E. Brooke is putting much earnest work into visitation. Bible school and J.C.E. attendances are improving slowly.

Moreland.—Many visitors have met with the church during recent days, while many members have been away. On April 24 Bro. Mathieson conducted an impressive service in memory of the late Sister Mrs. Perry. Sympathy is extended to Sister Mrs. Hare and family. Mr. Hare met with an accident on April 17, and passed away the following morning. The choir welcomes the return of Sister Mrs. Smyth, recovered from illness.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—On morning of April 24 Bro. Streader spoke and two young ladies were received into membership. At night Bro. Streader preached on "The Desert shall Blossom as the Rose." Attendances were good. Bro. Streader has taken charge of Bible class. Bro. Will Mildern, presiding in morning, gave an interesting talk to juniors. Sister Evans, Sister Chalk and Sister Phillips, who have been sick, were able to attend service.

Ormond.—On April 17 Bro. C. L. Lang gave very good messages both morning and evening. At night Bro. Lang and Rose Lang sang a beautiful duet. At prayer meeting on April 21, Bro. Lang gave a good talk on "Power." There was the largest prayer meeting attendance for some months. On April 24 Bro. Lang spoke well in the morning, and at gospel meeting gave a very good message. The church grounds have been cleaned up, expense being met with money from the garden fund.

Bendigo.—On April 17 Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen spoke at worship service on "The Thesis of the Gospel." Visitors were welcomed. At night Bro. Hinrichsen's address on "The Heart of the Gospel" was an inspiration. Bro. Jack Streader, Glen Iris student, rendered a message in song. On April 24 Bro. E. H. Duns gave the morning message on "The Homeward Way." Sister Mrs. James was received into fellowship. In the evening a stirring message was given by Bro. Hinrichsen on "The Scarlet Cord." Sister Fulford, of Rochester, rendered a delightful solo. On Good Friday, Y.P.S.C.E. and I.C.E. societies assisted in the services and distribution of bouquets at Bendigo Benevolent Home.

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The president (Mrs. Shipway) presided over business session, and extended welcome to Miss Vawser, from India, also to a visitor from Tasmania. 89 sisters were present, and 52 delegates responded to roll-call. Collection, £1/8/9.

Treasurer's Statement.—Receipts for March 3: For home missions, £5/9/11 (including special collection of £3/9/-); for overseas missions, £3.

Home Missions.—Items of interest concerning work at Victor Harbour, Murray Bridge and Naracoorte were reported by superintendent. A greeting was forwarded to Congregational Women's Home Mission Conference. £5/18/4 was received from churches during previous month.

Overseas Missions.—A letter was received from our living link, Miss G. Lambert. Receipts from churches for month, £3. The missionary prayer was offered by Mrs. Riches.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—One cottage meeting was reported, also visits to sick members in hospital.

Hospital Committee.—During two months 254 visits were made to sick in hospitals, institutions and private homes. Comforts and dainties were distributed, also 181 books and magazines.

Literature Committee.—Papers, books and magazines were distributed among hospitals and institutions, also to many friends and sisters sick in private homes.

Deccas Committee.—The superintendent reported on work accomplished by Unley sisters. Temperance Committee.—Mrs. Tippett reported W.C.T.U. news.

Mortality Protestant Children's Homes.—A letter was received from the secretary and organiser, thanking sisters for splendid response made to appeal for bed linen. Sisters were reminded of the annual fete to be held in the town hall on May 12 and 13, when our churches would be responsible for produce stall.

Obituary.—Since last meeting Mrs. Johnson (Grote-st.) and Mrs. Harriet Neville (Norwood) had received the home-call. Mrs. House led in prayer for bereaved families.

Mrs. Fitzgerald will lead devotions at next meeting, May 5.—H. R. Allan, assistant secy.

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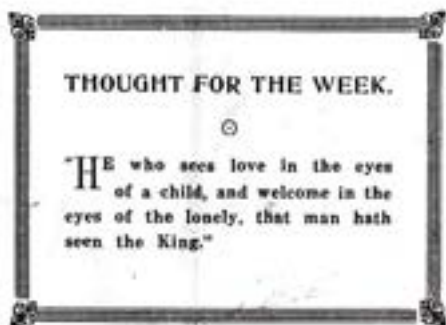
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