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## The Approaching Conferences.

Conference season is approaching. At Easter in New Zealand and in all the Australian States, excepting South Australia, brethren will assemble to consider the work of the year and to devise the best means of furthering the cause in the future. Those who are accustomed to attend our Conferences know the value of the gatherings. They are occasions of great spiritual good. Enthusiasm is generated when reports of victory are presented or thrilling messages are delivered. The devotional services—often rather poorly attended—are of much benefit to those who on this occasion alone in the year are able to meet with brethren beloved before the throne.

Every church should see that it is directly represented at Conference by some of its own members. There is none so strong and self-sufficient as to be beyond the reach of the benefit which a Conference can bestow; and none so weak or humble as to be unable to contribute something to the sum of spiritual good. The very presence of great numbers of faithful Christians means enthusiastic and successful Conferences.

This year, after the war-drums have ceased to beat, we can hold Federal Conference again. The last Conference was held in Adelaide in September, 1916. Sufficient time has therefore elapsed to make the Conference to be held in Melbourne on April 7 and 8 of more than ordinary interest. It is to be hoped that a great number of delegates and visitors from all the Australian States will make it convenient to attend. Our Federal work is most important, including as it does Foreign Missions, College and Preachers' Provident Fund. Preachers and Secretaries should urge the members to endeavor to be present.

## Generated Sins.

This title is suggested by the oldest manual of church order of the post-apostolic days. The "Didache," or "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles"—which dates probably from the early part of the second century—has the following interesting instruction for Christians:

"Be not soon angry, for anger leadeth to murder, nor given to party spirit, nor contentious, nor quick-tempered, for from all these are generated murders.

"My child, be not lustful, for lust leadeth to fornication, neither be a filthy talker, nor a lifter up of the eyes [to sin], for from all these are generated adulteries.

"My child, be not thou an observer of signs [for divination], for it leadeth to idolatry, nor a charmer, nor an astrologer, nor a user of purifications, nor be thou willing to

look on those things, for from all these is generated idolatry.

"My child, be not a liar, for lying leadeth to theft, nor a lover of money, nor fond of vainglory, for from all these things are generated thefts.

"My child, be not a murmurer, for it leadeth to blasphemy, neither self-willed, nor evil-minded, for from all these are generated blasphemies."

These practical reflections are like an expansion of scriptural injunctions. The Apostle James uses language of which the "Didache" instruction is strongly reminiscent: "Everyone is tempted as he is beguiled and allured by his own desire; then Desire conceives and breeds Sin, while Sin matures and gives birth to Death."

The relation between desire and sin, evil thought and wicked deed, was by none so strikingly taught as by the Lord Jesus Christ. He told men that God would judge not only the external act, but the inward thought. Deeds, words, motives were all open to the eye of God, who shall in judgment pay regard to all. He was but repeating the lesson learnt from the Master who wrote—

"Sow a thought, and you reap an act;  
Sow an act, and you reap a habit;  
Sow a habit, and you reap a character;  
Sow a character, and you reap a destiny."

It is an important piece of practical advice, and a corollary to the foregoing, that we shall watch the beginnings of evil. The apostle says a great forest is set on fire by a tiny spark. A sin could easily be checked in its beginning which unchecked will wreck a life. With the fingers one may pluck up a plant which let alone may develop to a giant oak. A little hole in the dyke lets in a trickle of water which speedily enlarges the breach so that a torrent rushes in to overwhelm the land. So with sin:

"We are not worst at once. The course of evil Begins so slowly, and from such slight source, An infant's hand might stem the breach with clay; But let the stream get deeper, and philosophy, Aye, and religion too, may strive in vain To stem the headlong current."

But sins do not only grow: they multiply. One leads on to another. One untruth needs a dozen to back it up. Sins are like people, mostly gregarious. Give one demon house-room, and be not surprised if "a troop cometh."

Be not "willing to look on these things," says the writer of the "Didache." It is surprising how looking accustoms us to shameful sins. The looker-back is not fit for the kingdom, for looking back inclines to drawing back, and drawing back to perdition. Israel looked towards Egypt, and fell into grievous sin. Lot's wife looked back, and never reached the haven. "Look not back"

is a scriptural message. "Look not" is a frequent scripture prohibition, as it is in early church literature. "Look not on these things" was the advice which the monk Philammon received, and which he should have heeded as he stood before the heathen temple. He had wisdom enough to pray, "Lord, turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity"—but he went in and looked!

Many a man has with indignation repelled the thought of his committing a crime, who yet has committed the little sin which led inevitably to the deprecated offence. "Is thy servant a dog that he should do this thing?" one may vehemently inquire, who yet later does that very thing. We think that once Judas with horror would have thought of his betrayal of the Master. But the love of money, the "covetousness which is idolatry," had a hold of him; and it was never checked. So at last he performed the world's darkest deed of treachery.

Watch the beginnings of evil:

"It is the little rift within the lute,  
That by and by will make the music mute,  
And, ever widening, slowly silence all;  
The little rift within the lute's lute,  
Or little pitted speck in garnered fruit,  
Which, rotting inward, slowly moulders all."

## I Pray.

I cannot tell why there should come to me  
A thought of you, friends miles or years away,  
In swift insistence on the memory  
Unless, for you, it needs be that I pray.

You go your way, I mine; we seldom meet  
To talk of plans or longings, day by day;  
Of pain or pleasure, triumph or defeat,  
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spare thought,  
For days together, of the friends away;  
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought  
To heed the memory as a call to prayer.

Perhaps just then that one has Serger fight,  
A more appalling weakness, a decay  
Of courage, darkness, a losing hold of right—  
And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me! If I intrude  
In thought upon you, on some crowded day,  
Give me a moment's prayer, as interlude—  
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.

And as you hear my name before the throne,  
Perhaps in prayer for you, I'll meet you there!  
Oh let us not neglect this holy gift—  
What blessings God hath wrought thro' prayer.

—Julia E. C. Dorr.

All our earthly mornings have evenings  
The day is followed by the night. The fairest  
days hasten toward the sunset. But here is  
a morning that shall expand into high noon;  
the sun shall never go down. There shall be  
no sun to go down nor moon to shed her  
light, but "the Lord shall be thine everlasting  
light" and the lamp thereof shall be the  
Lamb. We are moving towards it.—W. W.  
Weeks.

## "Do Not Stand in the Gangway"

A. R. Benn.

An earthly admonition applicable to the heavenly journey.

Most people have common sense; that is why it is common, and your very common sense may lead you to try and get on an electric car when nearly everybody else, that has the same journey to make, is trying to do the same thing. If your sense were less common, you would travel when the car had plenty of room. But when you get on, there is scarcely room to stand; and you stand, thinking yourself very lucky to be on the car at all. After the pleasure of being on the car, even as a stander, has somewhat subsided, one gets very tired, especially if the journey is long; and if the journey of life has been fairly lengthy, then the tired feeling is more pronounced still, and you come to be in that "fed-up" condition of which we have heard the soldiers talk. If there is room even for your eye to move, it may come to rest on a notice which commands, "Do not stand in the gangway." It is nearly a relief to know that what is so hard to do, and what you are so tired of doing, is unlawful and never ought to be attempted; and you wish that it had been impossible to do what now you find so hard.

Oh, yes; this is all a parable. The forbidden act, like the forbidden fruit, is generally within reach, and almost always very enticing. The conductor never stands with drawn sword to make transgression impossible, and there seemed to be an advantage in doing what so many people were doing or wanted to do; in fact, it almost seemed to your democratic nature that there was no immorality in breaking a law so long as there were plenty of others in the same boat (though in this case it is a car). But later on comes the inevitable penalty. Added to the discomfort of mind and body is the harm you may do to others. You are an impediment to the conductor, you make it harder for him to do his almost superhuman work. Though unable to do, or even help in, work which is good, never hinder; that is something that the tram text teaches. Then you are in the way of the passengers who want to get in or out. Our parable reminds us that some one may be inclined to accept Jesus, and you who are near by have never taken that step. If that is so, then you are a discouragement to such a one. A passenger to eternity has it in his heart to come to Christ, and your influence with that one is considerable; though you may not actually or consciously oppose, you are making it harder—not impossible it is true, but still harder for that one to take the all important step. You are causing "one of these little ones" to stumble. Hear the admonition of the tram authorities—"Do not stand in the gangway."

Even the Christian may be standing in the unlawful place. If his life be a discouragement alike to saint and sinner, he needs the injunction of the tram text. What I do, what I do not; what I am, what I am not,

may fill up the gangway or leave it clear. Disobeying this law, you interfere with somebody's vision. Though he has asked the conductor to call out his stopping-place, he is not too good at hearing, and he is looking with all his powers of vision for his street, and you are standing in the gangway, and therefore in the eye-way, and he cannot see. This is bad enough when the destination is an earthly one, but it is terrible beyond word or thought when the traveller is trying to make heaven. He may have the open Bible in his hand, but your life, your



Chaplain Lt.-Col. G. T. Walden, M.A.

As announced Chaplain Walden returned by the last transport, the Friedrichruh, last Tuesday. He entrained for Adelaide in the afternoon, reaching home after five years of strenuous service. Bro. Walden was looking remarkably well, fit and happy. He eagerly awaited reunion with his loved ones. We all rejoice at his safe arrival. He was the first of our chaplains, and has in every way most worthily represented the churches. Many men have testified to his good work. The honors he has received bear their own witness. Mr. Walden may be assured of the good wishes and hearty support of the Brotherhood as he enters upon his great work of Federal Foreign Missionary Secretary. We trust that he may long be spared to carry on his work. Permanence of office and continuity of service are necessary to the framing and carrying out of such a policy as will raise our missionary work to the lofty position it should occupy. Bro. Walden's experience, ability and indefatigable energy augur well for the future. He will receive a hearty welcome at the forthcoming Federal Conference.

attitude towards certain doctrines and precepts of Holy Writ, are obscuring his vision. He is going to miss the way because you are in his light. By the debt of love you owe to Christ, by the price paid by the Light of the World that they might see their way to heaven, do not stand in the gangway. You may be that a blind man, or one nearly so, has taken his place on the car, and he may depend, especially if he be on new ground, wholly on his hearing; and people standing in the gangway will interfere with his hearing and he may lose his way. If you are not helping the preaching of the gospel, both at home and in foreign lands, by prayer, church attendance, consistency of life and liberality of giving, then you are preventing some one from hearing the gospel of his salvation. The ordinary backslider, the degraded wretch who has "come down and out," the woman who has fallen from God and heaven; whatever the cost, keep the gangway clear.

### An Outline Chapter Study.

A. W. Connor.

(1 Thess. 1)

*The glory of the church of the Thessalonians.*  
"For from you sounded out the word of the Lord," verse 8.

Introductory.—The story of the founding of the church by Paul, Acts 17. This letter written shortly after, from Corinth, A.D. 53. Note, only 23 years from the earliest written Christian document extant. Hence of greatest value. Note its teaching on the Person of Christ, the content of the gospel, and the church. Chapter 1 reveals the church evangelical and evangelistic, holding the true faith; spreading the faith.

#### 1. The evangel.

1. The good news concerns our Lord Jesus Christ and our God and Father. Came with power, in Holy Spirit, in certainty.

2. The word of the Lord presents Jesus as the Son of God who died, rose, ascended and was coming, v. 9, 10.

3. The witnesses were ready to die for their testimony.

#### 2. The evangel received.

1. As from God, not from man. Jesus the deliverer.

2. Turned from idols; to serve God, wait for Christ.

3. Acceptance meant "deliverance from the wrath to come."

This the gospel story and way in A.D. No time for myths to grow up.

#### 3. The evangel lived, v. 3, 6, 7.

1. Christianity primarily is a life. The power is incarnate in the gospel.

2. "Work of faith and labor of love," the proof of conversion.

3. Followed pattern of apostles and Jesus, Lord. Became a pattern to other churches.

#### 4. The evangel preached.

1. Sounded out the Master's message and wide. Gospel for others. The church alive, because each member was alive.

2. Their Christianity impressed the neighborhood and beyond. Christianity

to them a torch. What is ours? Lighted for others' sake.

3. Make our church services warmly evangelistic. Let missionary responsibility be real. "Preach the gospel." "Go!" Evangelise or fossilise.  
*This was their glory. Let it also be ours.*

## Here and There

One was received into fellowship at Mt. Walker, Q., on Feb. 29.

Glenhuntingly building is to be formally opened on Saturday, March 27.

The secretary of the church at Subiaco now is O. Fieldus, 9 Derby Rd., Subiaco, W.A.

J. Metcalf, of Mount Whitestone, Grantham, Q., is now secretary of the Ma Ma Creek church.

The address of P. W. Beechenow, secretary of the Brighton church, Vic., now is Lees St., Bentleigh.

There is a growing cause at West Subiaco, W.A. The Bible School does good work, Bro. J. Pearce and L. Watters helping much.

Henley Beach, S.A., celebrated its anniversary on Sunday last. Services are being well attended. Bro. McKie is doing good work.

Bro. W. H. Clay has decided to discontinue special mission work at the close of the mission at Wallaroo, S.A., during May of this year.

H. U. Rodger is busily engaged in organising work in connection with a special united Gospel Mission to be held at Rosewood, Q.

At Ma Ma Creek, Q., times of refreshing are being experienced. Addresses by H. C. Stitt and J. Larsen have been much appreciated.

J. E. Allan is now secretary of the Victorian Preachers' Association. His address is 41 Bennett St., Nth. Richmond. Phone No. 1923.

On March 7 a brother and sister from the Baptists were received into membership at West Guildford, W.A. Good meetings are being held.

South Australians are reminded of the welcome home meeting to Bro. H. R. Taylor and G. T. Walden at Grote-st. on Monday, March 22, at 8 p.m.

At Queenstown, S.A., in the absence of W. C. Brooker, J. Wiltshire preached on Feb. 29 and Thos. Hagger on March 7. Their addresses were much enjoyed.

P. R. Baker is expected to begin work in Launceston prior to Conference. W. J. Taylor closed his labors there on March 14. He takes up work at Kadina, S.A., shortly.

Church secretaries are kindly asked to send the names of sister delegates to the Victorian Women's Conference to Miss Rometch, c/o Swanston-st. chapel, as soon as possible.

Elliott, Q., reports good meetings. The church has been cheered and much helped by visits and addresses from L. Larsen, of Maryborough, and E. P. Adermann, of Hawthorne.

Splendid progress has been made with the new building at Glenhuntingly. A number of men will be working again on Saturday next, and the formal opening is fixed for Sunday, March 28.

The N.S.W. Conf. President was a welcome visitor at Inverell from Feb. 28 to March 4. He addressed the church, and spoke at the Bible School Anniversary, and also presided at Spencer's Gully Band of Hope meeting.

W. J. Crossman gave a lantern lecture at Nth. Auburn, N.S.W., on March 4. It was greatly enjoyed. The labors of Bro. Mercer, evangelist, are appreciated and producing fruit. Two confessed Christ on March 7.

The Kindergarten scholars of Tarce, N.S.W., will be removing into their new hall next month. Bro. P. E. Thomas preaches faithfully and well. The district preachers on March 7 were Bro. Edwards, Wingham, and P. G. Saxby, Cundletown.

There was one confession at Kaniva, Vic., March 7, Bro. A. R. Benn preaching.

Three young men confessed Christ at Lygon-st., Carlton, on Sunday evening.

Ararat, Vic., had its largest Bible School on Sunday. Bro. Johnstone, of Stawell, preached.

First week of mission at Roma, Q., conducted by Bro. G. Burns, resulted in 10 decisions for Christ. Interest is good. For Mission fund the church has raised to date £24/19/8, apart from usual offerings. For the annual H.M. collection the church gave £15/8/8.

A. J. Fisher, late of Marrickville, N.S.W., has moved to "Wah Gonyah," Old South Head Road, Watson's Bay. Address private letters there, and letters connected with the Temperance Campaign to c/o N.S.W. Alliance, MacDonnell House, Pitt-st., Sydney.

Our Subiaco reporter writes: "Subiaco, the leading suburb of Western Australia, is without a preacher. We hope to get 'a wise man from the East.' He must be a man with State-wide vision, and he should know that W.A. wants him for 'keeps.'"

Since last report one was baptised and three were received into fellowship at Oakleigh, Vic. A sewing guild has been formed to aid the Building Fund. There was a splendid gathering on "Every Member Present Sunday," and a fine address by Bro. Anderson.

## Federal Conference.

Melbourne.

April 7 and 8, 1920.

Business Sessions, Lygon St. Chapel;  
Evening Meetings, Collins St. Independent Church.

Wednesday, 3.30 p.m., President's Address, Lygon St.

Wednesday night, Foreign Mission Demonstration.

Thursday night, "Education; Evangelism; Social Service."

Friday, Picnic to Fern Tree Gully.

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Guildford Rd., Surrey Hills.

On March 6 a baptismal service was held at Marburg, Q. There was a fine attendance. A man confessed Christ. On March 7 there was a splendid morning meeting, when a father, mother, and daughter, baptised the previous day, were welcomed to fellowship.

The preachers of Adelaide and suburban churches are systematically visiting the Adelaide Hospital, and will be pleased to hear, through the secretary of their Fraternal (A. H. Wilson, Henry-st., Croydon Park), of any members of our country churches who are sent to that institution.

Hobart church, Tas., expresses deep regret at the resignation of Bro. Southgate because of ill-health. The church hopes for a suitable successor. Bro. Ross, a faithful deacon for forty years, was tendered a social on March 3 and presented with a wallet of notes as a token of appreciation.

Money is still needed to defray the cost of the new building at Glenhuntingly, Victoria. An earnest appeal is made to the brotherhood for donations to help the Bible School Committee in this big undertaking. Send donations to Reg. Ennis, Glen Iris.

Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., Lismore, N.S.W., writes: "The church here has secured a splendid block of land right opposite the public school on which to re-build. It will mean a very heavy burden for the time, and the brethren are prepared to bear it. In response to appeal for help towards covering the big loss by fire, we gratefully acknowledge the following: Bro. R. C. Edwards, £10; and Bro. Geo. S. Stewart (Tyalgum), £5."

Tasmanian Conference will be held at Launceston, April 1 to 5. P. R. Baker will help with several addresses.

Bro. G. O. Burchill, of Lake St. Perth., has arrived in Melbourne. He has come to attend State and Federal Conference.

There were ten confessions at Geeves and Dover, Tas., during February. Bro. W. Stewart's labors are being blessed.

We hear that Bro. Lionel Johnstone, now of Stawell, has accepted an engagement with the church at Preston, Vic.

North Auburn, N.S.W., continues to have good and happy services. One confessed Christ last Lord's day, Bro. Mercer preaching.

One confession at Brunswick, Vic., recently. There were fine attendances at Harvest Festival on March 7. Bro. Corlett is doing good work.

All departments of work at Burnley, Vic., are reported to be healthy. One sister recently baptised has been received into fellowship.

G. Stimson, N.S.W. Conference President, paid a much appreciated visit to Lismore, Bungawabyn, Bangalow, Tyalgum and Murwillumbah.

The Bible School at St. Arnaud, Vic., is prospering under the leadership of Bro. H. Hurren. Bro. W. Russell is preaching with much acceptance.

Successful school anniversary services were held at Rockdale, N.S.W., on Sunday last. 200 present at night. Two were received into membership.

Bro. S. B. Hibbard has begun his labors with the church at St. Peters, N.S.W. The school is growing. On March 14 five young people were received into the church.

On March 14, L. Larsen commenced his fourth year of service with the church at Maryborough, Q. One was baptised on March 7, and another confessed Christ.

On March 7, five young people were baptised at Prospect, S.A., three from Ingewood. Two Bible School girls confessed Christ. One was received into fellowship on March 14.

One of the Bible School lads confessed Christ at Collingwood, Vic., last Sunday, Bro. J. E. Webb preaching. During this month, a "members' attendance campaign" is being held.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wakeley were at Taradale, Vic., on March 7. Bro. Wakeley's messages were much appreciated. He did a good work in this field before going on active service.

At the big Protestant service in the Chandler-Clay Mission, at Kadina, S.A., a Roman Catholic led the way to the front and was followed by nine Protestants. Ten more decisions on Mar. 14. 41 to date.

Strathalbyn, S.A., held a most successful Jubilee anniversary on Feb. 29. Bro. Beiler, of Norwood, was the speaker. On March 14 Bro. Godden, of Norwood, conducted services. The work is steadily progressing.

The Tasmanian F.M. Committee rejoices in two women candidates for F.M. service, and congratulates Bro. S. J. Southgate on the success of his advocacy of the needs of the great work of world-wide evangelism.

Harvest Thanksgiving services at Glenelg, S.A., on March 7 were very successful. Bro. and Sister Rivett were received into membership from the Baptists on March 14. Mrs. S. A. Bailey passed away on March 4.

W. Carpenter, of N.Z., now of the College of the Bible, spoke at Geelong last Lord's day morning. At night he led the singing and rendered a solo. Bro. Barrett last week met with a serious accident, breaking his collar-bone.

On Mar. 11 there was a crowded meeting at Box Hill, Vic., to say farewell to H. Clark and to welcome L. C. McCallum. Bro. Clark was presented with a purse of sovereigns as a token of appreciation of 44 years of faithful service.

At Hindmarsh, S.A., £233 was raised during the last two months in connection with the special effort to raise £500 in a year. Special mission services are being conducted. The addresses of Bro. Cuttriss are doing much good. Mrs. Young, after 40 years' strenuous work in the school, is leaving on holiday. On March 13 a tea in her honor was arranged by the teachers.

At Wallaroo, S.A., cottage meetings are being held in preparation for the Chandler-Clay mission. Bro Ingham is working hard and arousing an interest. C.E. Society has been reorganised and is issuing a monthly paper, "The C.E. Echo."

We regret to report that the accident to Bro. Gifford Gordon was more serious than would be gathered from a reading of the note in our last issue. A broken leg will keep our brother inactive for a considerable time. We understand he is progressing as favorably as possible.

Wanganui, N.Z., held anniversary services on Feb. 22 and 25. Bren, T. Edwards, I. Paternoster, and Wilson spoke. Offering for new building amounted to £25. Bro. N. G. Noble is holding a fortnight's mission. On Feb. 29 a Bible School scholar confessed Christ. Mrs. Slater has been welcomed from Christchurch.

Sunday last was a day of great spiritual uplift at Norwood, S.A. It was "home coming day" and for the most part the oldest members helped in the service. Col. S. P. Weir presided. T. J. Gore spoke on "Past Blessings" and Will C. Beiler on "The Hope of the Future." In the evening Bro. Beiler referred to the sterling character of Bro. D. Wilson, elder of the church, who recently passed away. Attendances for the day were very good.

A farewell social was tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor at Launceston on March 13. Regret was expressed at their departure. Our brother was presented with a wallet containing sovereigns. The Sisters' Sewing Class farewelled Mrs. Taylor on March 12, and presented her with a bag and purse. Bro. and Sister Taylor and family reached Melbourne on Tuesday and went on in the afternoon to South Australia. Bro. Baker is expected in Launceston by March 29.

Marrickville, N.S.W., has held a most successful Bible School anniversary and picnic. One was baptised recently, and Sister Williams was received by letter from Inverell. The Sunday School anniversary was postponed from Feb. 29 on account of the death of Mrs. McDonald. On the afternoon of that date, a beautiful clock was unveiled which had been presented to the school by Mrs. McDonald in memory of her son Cpl. W. R. McDonald, M.M., who died of wounds in France.

All reports for Victorian Women's Conference must be in hands of superintendents not later than March 24, and must not exceed five minutes. Secretaries of Prayer Meeting should send to Mrs. Baker, 25 Alexandra-st., E. St. Kilda; Home Missions, Mrs. Procter, Park Avenue, Burnley; Foreign Missions, Mrs. Pittman, Orlando-st., Hampton; Dorcas and Church Aid, Mrs. Moysey, 16 Albert-st., Surrey Hills; Hospital Visitation, Mrs. J. Tully, Main-rd., Doncaster; Girls' Missionary Circles, Mrs. Knott, Guildford-rd., Surrey Hills; Women's Mission Bands, Mrs. Dickens, 14 Waterloo-st., East Camberwell.

A very cheering report, indicative of much good being done by Bro. W. G. Oram, comes from Wolfram St., Broken Hill. Four young men were recently baptised and received into fellowship. Several others have made the good confession since last report. Bro. Oram's addresses reviewing the doctrines of various cults, such as Russellism and Spiritualism, have done good. Evening services are well attended. The prolonged strike continues to cause much distress. Benevolent Societies are very busy. Bro. Oram has been helped by the generous donations of distant brethren and C.E. Societies to relieve distress amongst our members. The church is grateful to all who helped.

G. T. Fitzgerald, who is taking up the work at Mornington, N.Z., was farewelled at Subiaco, W.A., on March 3. Striking tributes to the value of Bro. Fitzgerald's labors were given by Bren. Evan (Chairman), W. L. Ewers (Conference President), D. R. Stirling, Gratham, H. Rodier, and O. Pieltus. A purse of notes was presented to Bro. Fitzgerald, who suitably responded. The representative gathering was itself an evidence of the esteem in which Bro. Fitzgerald is held. Bro. Ewers particularly dealt with his work as a member of the H.M. Committee, and also of Social Questions' Committee, Conference Representative on Temperance Alliance and Strength of Empire and other social movements, and as President of our Bible School Committee and preparer of Bible School Supplemental work.

### North Island, N.Z., Home Mission Notes

Arrangements are well in hand for Conference, which meets in South Wellington during Easter. The Conference Sermon will be preached by H. Leng. The Palmerston Mission closed with end of February. There were nine baptisms, one restored, and one baptised believer added. Bro. Greenwood has taken up the work to allow Bro. Phillips longer time to rest. The prospects are bright for the future. Bro. Fred Marshall is having a time of reaping at Petone, and enters upon an eight day mission with home forces. This is a good idea and should be widely copied. Bro. Edwards of Gisborne visited Wanganui for the anniversary, and the Organising Secretary went up for the Wednesday evening, when a happy time was spent. We have had visits from Bren. Jones of Unley, S.A., and Surrey Hills, Vic. They brought a breath of the Homeland which was appreciated. We are again back at Vivian-st., and our address is Box 500 Wellington. Bro. H. Leng commences to-day at South Wellington. He has a fine field in which to use his talents for the Master. Bro. Bull supplies in Auckland during the absence of Bro. Greenwood.—I. A. PATERNOSTER.

### Brim District Conference, Vic.

The Conference meetings began on Sunday, Feb. 29, with services at Warracknabeal and Brim. The evening meeting at the latter place took the form of a Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Bro. L. McCallum, of Box Hill, gave a splendid address on "The Passing Harvest."

Meetings were continued on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Wednesday afternoon Bro. Everett presided over the Conference. Greetings were received from Home and Foreign Mission Committees. Bro. McCallum conducted a short devotional service, and later presented the claims of the Foreign Mission Committee. Reports presented by the different representatives of the churches showed we were holding our own. We were greatly cheered at the meeting again of the disciples in Minyip. At present monthly services are held here. Also our offering to Home Missions this year was a record one. Reference was also made to the good work done by the Brim Women's Mission Band. Our membership for the Circuit remains the same as last year. We have lost a number of members through removal.

The election of officers resulted in Bro. Everett, of Warracknabeal, being re-elected President, and Bro. White, of Brim, re-elected Secretary.

The evening session took the form of a Foreign Missionary demonstration. Bro. McCallum gave an excellent address on "Our Mission Fields," and the evangelist spoke on "The Challenge to Christianity." Bro. McCallum's visit was greatly enjoyed.—W.W.

### Notes re Victorian State Conference.

1. Church secretaries will please send names of delegates.
2. Delegates who wish accommodation provided will please forward their names to T. Bagley, Conference Secretary, 537 Lyggon-st., Nth. Carlton.
3. Large posters have been sent to all the churches, giving details of the meetings. On account of Printers' strike we are not able to get the usual printing matter, but will do our best under the circumstances.
4. We look for large meetings.
5. All church secretaries are asked to give good announcement of the Conference.

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### MARRIAGE.

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MARCH 23.—The next meeting of the Church of Christ Football Association will be held in Lyggon-st. church on Tuesday next, March 23, at 8 p.m. Any teams wishing to enter are asked to send delegates. Applicants for field umpires will be received by the secretary, W. A. Pordham, 28 Spencer-rd., East Camberwell. 'Phone, Canty. 403.

MARCH 27.—Opening of the Glenhenty Building, Saturday, March 27, at 3 p.m. Chairman, W. B. Blakemore, B.A., President of Conference. Prominent Speakers. Members of all churches cordially invited.

MARCH 31.—The Victorian Women's Conference will be held in the chapel, Lyggon-st., on Wednesday, March 31, commencing at 10.45 a.m. The essay by Mrs. A. E. Illingworth is entitled "Modernism." Miss Holder, of West Australia, will give an address on "No License, the Opportunity of Womanhood." Soloist, Mrs. P. L. Mitchell. Recital by Miss Nina Youlden. A cordial invitation is extended to all sisters.—L.R.

APRIL 3.—Tasmania! Tasmania! Come and spend Easter in Launceston. Monster Foreign Mission Rally, April 3. Speaker, Bro. P. R. Baker. Particulars for accommodation, P. Prichard, Trevallyn.

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