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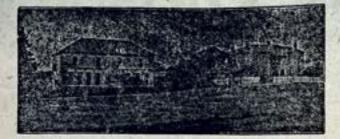
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The Strike as it Affects Us.

Again we have a reduced issue. The printers' strike continues, and at time of writing the eod cannot be seen. We are clad that we have not had to suspend pub-lication, as some of the well-known religious wreklies of Victoria-such as the " Presby-terian" and the " Southern Cross "-had to We appreciate the efforts of those who do. enabled the "Christian" to appear. To bring out an issue under present conditions is a much more arduous matter than may appear to the casual reader. We have regretfully had to omit some regular depart-ments. "The Family Altar" would be missed by many. " Reports from the Field" have appeared in a new and condensed form. Articles have had to be held over. We trust ere long to resume our normal working. In the meantime we ask our readers' forbearance, and would like them to know how earnestly the Austral Publishing Co. is striving to reduce our inconvenience to a minimum. Almost certainly one result of the strike will be a still further increase in the cost of publication, which during the past few years has been steadily mounting up. It appears inevitable that an appouncement will shortly have to be made regarding the financial position of the "Christian." We have already received a hint from the Directors of the Austral Co. that, as the paper is now being conducted at a loss, an increase in the subscription rate must shortly be made.

Unity is Strength.

In response to a very influential deputation dealing with temperance reform, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, some weeks ago, remarked on the lack of unity among the advocates of temperance reform. The evil, he said, had been that when, during the war, the temperance parties might have united on getting much more than we now have, it was found that temperance folk were disunited and quarrelling among themselves while the Trade was quite solid. At one point in the discussion the Bishop of London laughingly put his fist up to Mr. Lloyd George at one point, and said : " The churches will fight the Government if they do not move forward against the Trade." Mr. Lloyd George said, " If the churches of Britain only unite on any matter, they can carry anything." Here is a striking statement. One of the most terrible thoughts in connection with the evils which are rampant in our own land is that they exist by the sufferance of people avowedly Christian. Take the drink traffic. If the professed Christians of Australia will unitedly act against it, they could sweep it out of existence. We might work with a Mohammedan

in such a worthy cause; yet the sad fact remains that it is often impossible, for a great variety of reasons all of which are comparatively unimportant, to get Christian folk to unite and fight the common foe. It is a pleasure to us to note the recent amalgamatien of temperance forces in Victoria. This month the Victorian Anti-Liquor League comes into being, uniting the old associations, the Victorian Alliance, and the vigorous Strength of Empire Movement, in one body, These for the past two years have been doing practically the same work, and some wondered at the duplication of machinery. We wish the Victorian Anti-Liquor League every success in its good work. The officers of the new organisation are : president, Mr. E. W. Greenwood, M.L.A.; vice-presidents, Archdeacon Hindley, Mr. Robert Purnell, M.L.A., Mr. A. E. McMicken, Mrs. S. B. Cumpston : hon. treasurer, Mr. H. A. Francis; hon. director Juvenile Depart-ment, Mr. John Vale; organising director, Mr. C. M. Gordon, M.A., B.D.; financial manager, Mr. Gifford Gordon.

"Else were your Children Unclean."

"Will you please explain 1 Cor. 7: 14." writes a correspondent, "especially the latter clause, viz., 'else were your children unclean, but now are they holy.'" The context suffi-ciently explains this verse. The question had evidently been raised, Should a believing wife depart from her heathen husband, or the Christian husband from his pagan wife ? It may be that Paul's own teaching against being unequally yoked with unbelievers had led to the thought that separation must take place. It probably frequently happened in apostolic days that one partner was converted while the other remained in the beathenism in which both had been when the marriage took place. Paul declared that if the pagan partner wished separation, the Christian was not bound. But he urged that the Christian should not seek to be separated : he, or she, might yet lead the unbelieving partner to Christ. He held that, for purposes of the marriage relation, in such a case the unbelleving partner was "sanctified" by the be-lieving spouse. To enforce his point, the apostle added : If in such a marriage the believer was desecrated by intercourse with a heathen, then the children would be unclean; as it is, they are holy. As Findlay says, Paul appeals to the instinct of the religious parent; the Christian father or mother cannot look on children, given by God through marriage, as unclean. It should be noted that Paul does not merely speak of holy children ; he speaks also of a hallowed parent. The "sanctified" of verse 14 is a verb cognate with the adjective "holy." The unbelieving husband is "sanctified" by the wife ; " the sanctification of the one includes the other so far as their wedlock is concerned." Sometimes, to-day, the holiness of the children referred to in 1 Cor. 7: 14 is alleged as a ground for infant baptism. But the holiness of the pagan husband is as clearly referred to, and we never heard that holiness advanced as a reason why a pagan husband should be baptised. The comment of Dean Stanley is interesting. Though he would find in the text an approval of the principle of the extra-scriptural and modern denominational rite, Stanley says this passage "is against the practice of infant baptism in the apostle's time. For (1) he would hardly have founded an argument on the derivation of the children's holiness from their Christian parent or parents, if there had been a distinct act by which the children had themselves been admitted formally into the Christian society ; and (2) he would not have spoken of the heathen partner as 'boly' in the same sense as the children were regarded as ' holy,' viz., by connexion with a Christian household, if there had been so obvious a difference between the conditions of the two, as that one was, and the other was not baptised."

Fairest of All.

- Jesus, my life, my Immortality, Fairest of All1
- I owe my hope and sacred joy to Thee,
- To Thy sweet call, To Thy sweet call, That wooed me from the world and all its guilt, No longer as I will, but as Thou wilt.
- Into Thy hand I place the helm, O Lord!
- Just pilot me
- By Thine unerring eye, and with Thy Word Across the sea.
- Then, in the haven of eternal rest, Thy face I'll see, and lean upon Thy breast.
- Jesus, my hope, my soul's supreme desire, My morning star!
- Thou art the source of love's undying fire, Pointing afar
- Beyond life's troubled sea, and rock, and gale, To that serene abode within the veil.
- I fain would stand with those who overcame
- By faith in Thee, In that refulgent light and golden home
- Prepared for me,
- By those dear hands once mailed to transverse wood.
- Purged from all guilt in Thy atoning blood.
- Jesus. Thou art the anchor of the soul, The first and last. I crave to day that Thou wouldst make me whole :
- Upon me cast The mantle of Thyself and perfect love, That with Thee I may walk in white above.
- - -W. J. Way.

Isaiah 40: 12, etc.

The Infinity of God.

Alan Price, B.A.

"God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth."-" Shorter Catechism."

Man measures things in units of himself. He counts in tens because he happens to have ten fingers. His hand, his foot, his forearm, his stride, his height, are each a recognised standard of length. When, however, he ventures to count or When, however, he ventures to count or measure infinity his standards are all too small. Even the sand by the sea and the stars of the heaven exhaust his conception of number. He represents numerical infinity by the symbol or but his finite mind cannot conceive its full significance.

Unlimited by space.

He talks glibly of a sun that is distant ninety three millions of miles, but he does not grasp his own meaning-he speaks of stars whose light took one hundred years to reach this planet, but the distance is unthinkable-yet beyond such a star may be thousands of other stars, a thousand times as far. Infinity of space still remains unfathomed, unconceived.

Space is the creation of an infinite God who per-vades all and is in all. David's conception of such a God carried him to the uttermost parts of the earth-he knew not of worlds beyond-and he realised he would find God in those distant places, With our longer range of scientific knowledge. "the wings of the morning" take us to the utter-most parts of the universe. There God is and works, but such vastness is too great for human mind to grasp.

Before time was.

To measure time we turn for standards to the sunrise, to the changes of the moon, to the season cycles of the year. With these we measure time cycles of the year. With these we measure time backwards through myriads of centuries, through creative and glacial epochs, through acons of years to a vivid and formless earth-to an earth that was red hot and encased with steam-to an earth that was molten-to an earth that was merely a mist of gases. Long before that our standard of time has failed, but time has not been exhausted. Beyond those incomprehensible millions of years to the birthday of the universe, there must have been a God to plan and move-an infinite God of infinite years.

Infinite in power.

Our standard of power is the work done by an imaginary standard horse in a minute of time. Fifty, five hundred, or ten thousand of these may represent the power of a motor car, a steam engine, or an electric plant, but when we apply our little standard to the forces of nature its inade-quacy becomes apparent. We may indeed repre-sent the power of Niagara on paper, but it is be-yond our conception, and Niagara is only a trifling fraction of the work in a day's sunshine. We may calculate the work of cuting a Panama or a Kiel calculate the work of cutting a Panama or a Kiel Canal and piling up the debris along its banks, but what of the power that raised a Vesuvius or a Stromboli, that made the mountains to "skip like rams," that squeezed up the Himalayas and "the roof of the world." If the forces that worked in our own little planet are so beyond our compre-hension, how can we measure the power that has flung it into space? How can we imagine the forces astir in the great universe, where millions of suns throw their heat into space, and millions of worlds revolve in their orbits? The mind is staggered at the thought. How, then, can use onceive God in the majesty of his might? Isaiah's conception of power, like David's of space, was limited to mundane things, for he asks in this chapter whether one can be found to measure God's ocean in the hollow of his hand, or put the mountains in scales to ascertain their weight. If such a one could be found, in the mind of Isaiah he would be as great as God-but the question comes with it, its own negative.

Our idea of the infinite power of God is not so much of infinite physical power, as of a power that can bring into being infinite physical and spiritual forces. Physical force is theoretically indestructforces. Physical force is theoretically indestruct-ible. The powers exercised by man are merely the dipping into the eternal well of physical power for his particular use and such power ultimately leaks back to whence it came. His natural "spiritual" powers are much the same-the spirit goes back to God who gave it-but the spirit of God is for the Christian an eternal well springing up unto everlasting life. God accomplished his purposes in nature by allowing natural law to work out its own destiny. The marvels of nature demonstrate the constructive power of an infinite mind. The marvels of grace in a similar manner, working on spiritual lines, are proof of an infinite spiritual power behind the plan of redemption.

Infinite in Spirit and in mind.

Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord? asks Isaiah. "Who taught him? Only an infinite mind is beyond the scope of education. Finite minds must learn. Science is the accumulation of ages. To know it, one must learn what others knew. If we could master all that others knew, and add thereto our own observations, we would then begin to discover how little we know. Ninety-nine per cent. of science consists of knowing the laws God worked to from the beginning of time. When the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters, his intentions took concrete form. When he breathed his spirit into man, man became possess-ed of a mind in a measure like God's. When he spoke through Christ, the spirit of salvation and peace was manifested to the world.

The brain of the infant is far removed from that of the lower creation, but the developed mind of a full-grown man is God's masterpiece. But what of the mind that planned a mind capable of such achievement!

The spirit of man is only understood by him-self. That being he calls "I" inhabits a body of tlay. Of the earth it is earthy, naturally selfish, prone to sin. When the Spirit of God takes hold of such a spirit, it transforms, directs, and con-trols until selfishiness to a certain extent is eliminated, and the character is changed. The reformed life of the saved man is proof of the power of the infinite Spirit of God.

Infinite love and grace.

The picture in the eleventh verse, of the shepherd gathering the lambs, in his bosom, and caring for the sheep with young, reveals the infinite ten-derness of an infinite God. "Where sin abounded grace did much more abound." However black the list of abominations committed by man, however far the human mind is removed from the divine, there is still an infinite beyond into which God's love and grace stretches to enfold the sin-ner. The sacrifice of the Son of his infinite love is a guarantee to us that God's love to humanity is unlimited.

Human love and human grace have their limits. The love that would forgive a brother seven times was Peter's limit of forbearance, but he after-wards gained a better insight into the character of God. He measured his threefold sin of denial alongside the grace of his Master and found that grace exceeded the transgression. There are no bounds to love and grace as provided in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Infinite resources.

The closing words of this 40th chapter of Isaiah fittingly apply the facts discussed within the

chapter. The Lord is infinitely strong-"they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," "they shall mount up on wings as cagles," their apirits

shall soar up into heavenly things, they shall set larger visions of human things, "they shall set and not be weary," they shall not the source Christian course, "they shall walk and not is the Yea, though they walk through the valley of the shadow of death, they shall fear no sell, for ites shadow of death, they shall fear no sell, for ites is love and in grace.

Chandler-Clay Mission at Moonta

The mission is now a thing of the past. Month of waiting and prayer have at last been satisfied. The church has been wonderfully strengthesed, but initially, numerically, and financially, and we The church has been wounder any screeginened, but spiritually, numerically, and financially, and we are spiritually, numerically, and manchally, and we as on the verge of becoming a solid self-supporting cause. We have added 75 names to our church recause. We have much were as low as two points and the offerings which were as low as two points and the offerings which when the two points on a Lord's day morning have risen to five points. This is indeed good for Moonta, because the missi and the state of This is indeed good for mounts, because the mine have been practically closed down for a whole have and hundreds of men have been out of work, while have left the district in search of the and hundreds or met district in search of english

ent. The mission has had truly wonderful result, ind the missioners have had a strenuous time. the missioners nave and appreciated. It was wry Clay's singing was much appreciated. It was wry unfortunate that he should have been taken it m unfortunate that he about a double burden on he the third night, for if threw a double burden on he Chandler for a fortnight. Every night the test was Chandler for a forthight. Every hight the test was well patronised. I do not think that on one octains we had less than 350 people present, but we man often had nearer 500 in the tent. On a number of often had nearer oou in the tent. On a number of occasions the tent was packed through the week of Sunday it was never large enough, for many had to stand outside. During the first week of the min-sion there were thirty two confessions; the second sion there were thirty two confessions; the second week we had sixty-seven; third, fifty-two; forth week, sixty-two. In the last four nights of the night sion there were eighty-seven confessions. "Let us have you here at least another fortnight " was the have you here at least another forthight was the request of scores of people, but it was impossible as Bren. Chandler and Clay were booked to sar their campaign at Kadina on the following Sender.

and were only having a couple of days rest. What a glorious total, three bundred souls he Christ in a place like Moonta ! This community has for the past half century been monopolised by a certain denomination, and in this particular locality a spirit of intolerance has prevailed against to For a week the word baptism was not mentioned and the people who came to the tent went and told their neighbours that it may as well be a Methodist affair for baptism was not mentioned, and the neigh-bours came. When the "Union" rermon was announced for the following Sunday night, we could not get the people in the tent, and at one time during the service there were quite 250 people standing outside and well over 600 within. The talk our Mr. Chandler's clever " Union " oration went north. south, east and west, and literally made our mission When baptism was brought forward on the Monday night is was rammed home with all the strength of the preacher's power, and hit the right spot. Today we have a different Moonta, not the old intolerant township but a people who have never studied their Bibles as they have during the last few weeks People who had opposed have been publicly hap tised.

Let us point out the possibilities for the cause at Moonta. At Cross Roads, a suburb of Moonta, with a population of about 800 or 1000 people, we have numerous requests to hold services, but my services cannot be cut up. We must keep the main church together. From Bast Moonta and Moonta Ninck suburbs whose total population runs into two or three thousand, come similar requests. What are we to do, to cater for all these thousands? We have partly met the position by running a charabane on Sunday mornings to the central church for more ing worship, and then taking the people home after ward. We ran the charabane for the first time from East Moonta last Sunday, and it was filled with passengers. Next Lord's day we will start a vehicle from Cross Roads with a notice theron. "Stop of for a free ride to the Church of Christ." All this work is at the suggestion of Mr. Chandler, and is

working well. One of the most pleasing results of the mission in the Bible School. Mr. Chaodler supervised the reorganisation, and we have it running in splendid reorganisation, and we have it running in splendid order now. The biggest school in the church's

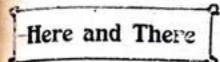
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experience assembled last Sunday, total attendance ng 234, about 100 increase in attendance.

teng 134, about two interests in attendance. The improvement at our morning services has freed the church to buy a new communion set to tered. What an improvement of the second served inc people. What an improvement on an aver-It has been necessary for the church to age of 48. age of 45. It amotor bicycle for my use to see the parchast also a membership and adherents of the result inorcased membership and adherents of the chareh. We raise our bearts in thankfulness to chareh. God for the wonderful blessings he has

It is the intention of the officers to approach the ber. escutive regarding the employment of another preacher for this district.-Hamoud L. Vawsen.



Still reduced ; strikes continue,

All reports received are noted in this department. One confession at Mile End, S.A., last Sunday, J.

Wiltshire preaching. A contract has been let to extend the church building at Ewington, W.A.

Bro. H. Long's advent was eagerly looked for at South Wellington, N.Z., and great things are hoped Acres.

Bro. F. Collins, owing to a slight accident, was mable to take the services at Maylands, S.A., last Sunday.

Meetings at Port Pirie, S.A., continue to be well amended; 65 at breaking of bread, and 61 at Bible School on February 29.

L. J. Moigsard spent Lord's day, Feb. 22, with the church at Harvey, W.A. This is a good centre. The brethren are faithful,

Bro. Larcombe, for some years choir master and acortary of Kadina church, S.A., has had to resign, using to his early removal from the district.

There was one confession at Kyneton, Vic., on Feb. 22, Bro. H. Saunders preaching. Meetings heep up. Aim for H.M. offering was reached.

Victorian saters are reminded of meeting of General Dorcas Committee and workers-the last elere Conference-in Swanston-st. Hall on March 17, 10,50 to 4,30.

The church at Hawthorne, Q., is looking forward to the advent of liro. E, P. Adermann as preacher. free, Burrows and Kingsford helped with addresses in Feb. 22 and 29.

Federal Conference Programme has now been repared. Other arrangements are well on their my. A great gathering of visitors from all States a espected in Melbourne for April 7 and 8.

Roma miraion, Q., conducted by G. E. Burns, af a good start. One girl confessed Christ the Much interest exists. The church first night. mently paid off balance owing on the building.

Collie, W.A., rejoices because of the decision for Christ of three boys and three girls of the Bible the school is rapidly growing. Bro, Stir-ing from West Guildford, will shortly hold a mission at Collie.

Gaster, S.A., sends a cheering report. 7 have in received in by letter, and three who were tently baptised. E. G. Paternoster paid a welne visit on Fcb, 28. Two young people coninsed Christ.

is regret to learn that Bro. Gifford Gordon, this driving to his appointment at Numurkah, V., the optimed from a joker, and received injuries that will incapacitate him for his duties for a few

The church at Launceston, Tas., has invited P. R. the of Fitzrey, Vic., to take up the work in remote the W. J. Taylor, who concludes his labors Harch 14. Three young men were baptised on 10.25

in N.Z., where Bro. Adams preaches, faces face with optimism. A good deal of sickness Peralls. The combined church and school was so accessful that it is hoped to make it atoral event,

Bren. Toogood and Campbell, from the College of the Bible, are student preachers in the Emerald districe. A lady confessed Christ and was baptised at the close of Bro, Toogood's address on Feb. 22.

B. W. Huntsman has accepted a short engage-ment with the church at Middle Park, Vic. Some years ago, before taking the work at Unlay, S.A., Bro. Huntaman had a happy and successful period of service at Middle Park.

A successful combined Bible School demonstra About £3 was expended for prizes. Home Mission offering was £31/10/0. Bro. Reeve preaches during G. E. Burns' absence in Roma.

To the great sorrow of the church, Bro. Breach has for health reasons declined an invitation to continue the work in which he has successfully engaged for the past year. After a rest, it is hoped that our brother will be ready for further work.

Maryborough, Q., held its annual business most-ing and elegtion of officers on Pcb. 25. The work advances. Two confessed Christ and one other was baptised on Peb. 29. On March 14 Bro. Larsen commences his fourth year of service in this district.

Bro. Enniss reports excellent progress with the new building at Glenhuntly. On Saturday last a fine company of skilled and unskilled men continued the work. Bro. Boniss is annious to secure all the help possible for next Saturday, when it is hoped the building will be completed.

Bro. Pond and family have removed from Booie, Q. On Feb. 22 the last service was held in their bome. For years this has been the meeting place of Boole church. A second meeting was recently held at Coslabunia. Two adults in the district recently expressed a wish to be baptised.

Prahran, Vic., reports growth of school in interest and numbers. School has been divided into class-rooms. On afternoon of Feb. 29, the Kindergarten department held a Marvest Festival. Gifts were received for the poor of the district, while the collection was to be given to the Kindergarten at Glen-

Grote St., S.A., has been enjoying a season of reaping. 11 confessions in six Sundays; several others added by letter as baptised believers. Meetings are very good. Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Feb. 29 was crowded. On Feb. 22 the old Grote St. Quartette sang delightfully. Bro. W. D. Ran-kine's presence, he being in Adelaide on holiday, made this possible.

The Victorian Bible School Committee is grateful to those who have forwarded money towards the Glenhuntly building. The response, however, has not come up to expectations, and others are urged to have a part in this new work. One pound each from those who can afford such a gift would lighten the burden of the Treasurer very greatly. Send donations to Reg. Ennias, College of the Bible, Glen

Geelong annual business metersting reports " Peb. 26, when " optimistic and interesting reports " Descons were appointed. The Bible Geelong annual business meeting was held on School supports two Indian orphans. Mrs. Whalley's presidency of Ludies' Aid for seven years was recogpresidency of Labres And for seven years was recog-nised by the gift of a fine blackwood pedestal. Bro. W. Whalley has been awarded the Military Medal. On Feb. 29 a son of Mrs. Combridge confessed Christ. Bro. C. Schwab is doing a fine work

A fine missionary farewell meeting was held at Lygon st. on Monday last. Miss Ethel Jones and Miss Redman, former students of the College of the Bible, received a most hearty send-off. R. T. Morris presided, and addresses were delivered by W. B. Blakemore, B.A.; Miss Smith, one of Pandita Ramabai's helpers; H. Watson; and Misses Jones and Redman. There was a splendid spirit in the gath-ering. Our sisters sailed for India by the "Manon Tuesday afternoon. tua '

H. C. Stitt has visited Ma Ma Creek, Q., on several Lord's days recently. He praises the brethren for their Christian perseverance, and declares that the field presents a splendid opportunity for an evangelist, for whose early advent the church sincerely longs Flagstone, Helidon, Grantham, and Gatton are towns within easy reach, presenting great opportunities. A comfortable preacher's residence-or a preacher's comfortable residenceawaits the evangelist. Who will go ?

South Kensington, N. S. W., continues to have good meetings. A Young People's Social was a great SUCCESS

Lt. Col. Chaplain G. T. Waldon, O.B.E., landed in Melbourse from the transport Friedrichsruh on Tuesday.

Correspondence for Radina, S.A., should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary, J. H. Thomas, 27 Christie St, Kadına.

Two were received into fellowship at South Richmond, Vic., last Lord's day. Ero. Killmier gave helpful addresses to good audiences.

On Feb. 25 fit Berwick, Vic , a girl from the school confessed Christ and was baptised, Bro. Watson gave a fine talk on Indian work.

A sister was received into fellowship at Horsham, Vic., on 29th Peb. One confessed Christ on that evening and was baptised on the 7th inst.

There were nine decisions the first week of the Chandler-Clay Mission at Kadina, S.A., and ten more last Sunday night. 173 were in the School on Sunday.

The churches at Henley Beach, Murray Bridge, Semaphore and St. Morris have each increased their subsidies to the S.A. Home Missionary Committee by 5/ ..

The Victorian C.B. choir practice for senior and intermediate societies will be held in the Lygon at. chapel on March 10, at 8:30, and will continue for three weeks.

Burnley church, Vic., reports some record attendances. 50 were at prayer meeting on March 3. One was received by letter on March 7, when 59 broke bread.

S.A. Home Missionary Committee is planning for a tent mission at St. Morris about end of April or beginning of May. J. C. Ferdinand Pittman is the selected missioner.

Bro. W. W. Baird, who came to us from the Baptist churches some months ago, has accepted an engagement to labor as evangelist with the Nth. Adelaide church.

The Training Class which is conducted in the Grote-st. chapel under the Adelaide Bible College, commenced work for 1920 on Tuesday, March 2nd, when 22 students were enrolled.

C. R. Hall, late with the forces in Mesopotamia. gave an instructive address on that ancient land at Moaman, N.S.W., on Mar. 2. On March 7, J. Whelan conducted services.

During W. C. Brooker's absence through illness, Bro. Horsell arranged plan of speakers for Queens-town, S.A. Evangelists of suburban churches willingly assist. Bro. Brooker is getting stronger, but cannot undertake active work for some time yet.

Last Sunday Petersham church, N.S.W., celebrated the fourth anniversary of Bro. R. P. Arnott's work. 200 were present in the morning. H. G. Harward addressed a men's meeting in the afternoon. All the services were good. Our reporter says that the church "has been built up during our brother's stay with us."

Tho S.A. Home Missionary Committee congratulates Cottonville on becoming self supporting. Bro. Horsell, secretary, writes : "We have been amply repaid by the good results achieved by Bro. Man-ning. We have never had to ask this church to increase their subsidy; as thay felt they were able to advance, voluntary increase was made from time to time. Such action is highly appreciated. The Committee is ever ready-so far as possible-to help those people who do their best to help themselves.

At City Temple on March 7, Sister Hutchinson, from Semaphore, S.A., was received into fellowship, Bro. J. Green was welcomed on his return from active service. On Tuesday, March 7, a welcome home from the war was tendered to liro. Arthur Riddell and his wife. The Comforts' Club, which has attended to such matters, held its final meeting on that date. A presentation was made to one of the Club members. Miss Jean Morris, who later in the week was united in marriage to Lieut, H. Palmer.

A brother writes :- " I came across quite a fine tribute to the 'Australian Christian' the other day. That lady said a brother has been reading the 'A.C.' for years, and she told me that she had for years, and she told me that she had been for years in sorrow over the loss of a little

child that had not been 'christened.' One day she picked up the 'A.C.' and was astonished to find that infant sprinkling was not taught in the Bible at all, and that her little one had with all the little ones been redeemed by the precious blood. The power of the church paper is wonderful, and would probably do as much for hundreds of suffering souls if only it were sent out more freely."

During February 20 people were received into fellowship at Grote-st., Adelaide ; 11 by faith and baptism, 7 by letter, 1 by restoration, and 1 baptised believer. The work there is progressing.

The Prohibitionists of Palmerston North, N.Z. including some of the leading citizens, presented Bro. H. Grinstead with a very beautiful biscuit barrel as a token of appreciation of himself and his work.

Bro L. McCallum began his work with the Bex Hill church, Vic., last Sunday. There were good attendances. One was received by letter in the morning. In the evening there was one decision for Christ.

Hindmarsh church. S.A., is making a big special effort this month. 80 were present at the midweek service on Mar. 3. Attendance fast Sunday night was one of the best for a considerable time. Bro. Cuttriss preached.

Sunday last was the anniversary of Bro. A. E. Illingworth's commencement of service with the Malvern church, Vic. Attendances were very good. On Saturday the Juniors conducted a very successful garden party and concert.

Essendon church, Vic., had a great day last Sunday. It was fifth anniversary as well as opening of new building. Bro. H. Clark began his work aus-piciously. Four confessions at night. Prospects are very bright in this fine district.

Two were received into fellowship at Enmore, N.S.W., last Lord's day morning. H. G. Harward, as President of the C. E. Union, visited Stanmore Baptist Church, while Pastor Tinsley spoke at Enmore Tabernacle. Bro. Williams recently passed away.

A. Cameron, after four years' experience with the troops, will shortly begin work at Lake Bonney, S.A., where he will assist Bro. Hunt. With these two men in the district, there will be good opportunity to build up the cause at Berri, Winkie, Lake Bonney and Cobdogla.

Three were welcomed into the membership of the Auburn church, N.S.W., on Feb. 29. At eight two more confessed Christ, Bro. Forbes preaching. On Mar. 7 a young man decided for Christ. The Young People's Band holds open-air services prior to the index Charad metical indoor Gospel meeting.

Bro. R. Raymond, who had to leave Murray Bridge owing to his wife's ill bealth, will be located at Williamstown and Kerabrook. B. W. Blackburn willingly moved on to Eyre Peninsula to make this possible. These changes are one in many. Bre long it is hoped to provide a man for Murray Bridge.

Lismore officers have recommended the church to purchase a floe site for the rebuilding of the Taber-nacle. Arrangements for transfer of hall at North Lismore have been completed by a generous gift of the balance by Bro. J. P. F. Walker, who also don-ated \$25 for the completion of the Kindergarten

" It was mother's wish that her children should, after her death, make up the sum of \$25 for Foreign Missions. So in obedience to that wish I now send you a cheque for that amount, and I pray that God's blessing may go with it." The above is from Bro. R. M. Williams, of Kaniva, Vic.; it is worthy of note

At Merewether, N.S.W., on Sunday evening last a sister was baptised and a young man confessed Christ. Bro. Martin was the preacher. Seating accommodation was taxed to the utmost. Extension was discussed at a business meeting on Tuesday. The Kindergarten room will be enlarged to accommodate 80 or 90.

Bro. Jos. McKenzie, M.A., arrived in Adelaide last week by the "Osterley." He is the preacher at one of the Churches of Christ in Toronto, Canada, and is on a visit to his mother, who resides in Adel-aide. Bro. McKenzie spoke last Sunday morning at Norwood, and preached in the evening at Grote-st. He was formerly a member of the church as Nor He was formerly a member of the church at Nth. Richmond, Vic.

A number have responded to the appeal made by Bro. Enniss for 100,000 penniss for the Glenhuntly building. Are there not many others who could render financial help for this splendid enterprise ? Gifts, either large or small, will be received with gratitude.

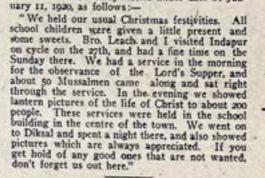
An American secular paper thus writes : " Rev: George Collins, who some weeks ago tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the Christian Church here, was recalled by the songregation for another year's service at a recent meeting of the officers and members of the church. Rev. Collins' recall is pleasing to the general public as well as to the church membership. A preacher of rare talents and pulpit ability, and possessing, withal, a likeable personality, the church is fortunate in securing his services for another year." The reference in the above is to Bro. G. Collins, the eldest son of G. E. Collins, Secretary of the Norwood church. He has been study-ing and preaching in America for about 9 years.

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