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## The Scars on the Hills.

B. W. Huntsman.

An Easter Meditation.

Among the charms of the city of Adelaide are the beautiful hills that surround the city, reminding one of the familiar utterance of the Psalmist: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people." In the heart of these hills one may find beauty, quietness and peace; he may revel in glorious scenery; at the bend of the road or through the narrow openings between the hills he may discover entrancing views of the city lying in the plains, with the blue waters of the Gulf beyond. At certain seasons of the year he may gather the mountain heath and other forms of wild flowers. After the bounteous winter rains the green hills shine gloriously against the sky, though the parching heat of summer makes them in places dry, and liable to be swept by devastating fires. But for the most part they are "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever." Their beauty is only marred by the great scars which have been made by the hands of men, as they robbed the hills of their treasure of stone. Great and ugly scars they seem, breaking into the evenness of God's delightful handiwork. Deep caverns, rough and steep, places of danger for the steps of a child. Why have men broken the crust of these beautiful hills? Why have they stabbed the flesh of mother earth? Why have they blasted the rock beneath the green grass and made these ugly scars on the hills? It is the reason of all the ages. The same reason for felling the trees of the forest, for robbing the land of its virgin beauty and building cities where flowers once grew. Man needs what God has planted and stored. Those needs are ever increasing. Necessity rides over all sense of beauty; so he takes what he needs and leaves the scars. Out of the hills comes the rock for building schools and churches; crushed rock for the streets of the city; pathways for the people, and highways through the country. These scars are the marks of service, sacrificing itself for the good of all; giving its best to make others comfortable and happy; losing some of its beauty to be the servant of all.

Such is the life of man in the world when scarred not by sin, but by sacrifice and service for others. He who has given

his best bears the marks of his toil and love. Even so were the hands of the Saviour marked. Scars of honour, not shame, which speak of glory and power, for they are the price of his sacrifice for others. We are not surprised that the artists of all ages have attempted, in vain though it may be, to depict the perfect beauty of Christ. There must have been more than a touch of heaven about his person and personality. The thing that too often leaves its ugly scars on the faces and bodies of men is sin; Jesus Christ was without that. He received in a large measure the Spirit of God and the approval of heaven. He lived in calm and personal relationship with God. He saw God's love and work everywhere. He lived, the unparalleled life without sin, without remorse for wrong-doing, and added to this a daily life of unselfish love and service, especially for those who were in dire need. Such a character and such a life must have left its stamp upon his countenance. The vision of that true inward glory found expression in the scene on the Mount, when the disciples saw his glory above the brightness of the noon-day sun. As his life was holy, godlike and unselfish, so his body must have been perfect and glorious. Yet at last that body was sorely marred. The hard fist of a soldier struck his cheek; his hands and feet and side were pierced, shamefully mistreated, until he was left to die, a bruised and broken body. Why all this? It is the lesson of the hills. He was willing to be marred for the sake of others. He came as the bright morning star of a new day of hope and glory. He came as the fairest flower of God's garden. He came as the Father's chosen one, "the express image of his person." Yet to bring men into a new life, to lift them out of their sin and sordidness, he was willing to be marred, that with his stripes they might be healed.

But that was not only the experience of the Son of God. It must find expression in the life of his followers. Two things must characterise those who walk in his steps—sacrifice and service. That is not an acceptable message for these times. It is out of harmony with the wishes of the modern man. He wants the easy road of possessing and enjoying. But after all,

"there is no other way but the way of the Cross"—the kind of life which leaves its mark. That has been the price which all Christian heroes have been willing to pay. The apostle Paul was "in labours more abundant" on sea and land, enduring all manner of hardship for the sake of the gospel, and he could say, "I bear branded on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Livingstone gave his heart to Africa, and though his body found an honoured place in England's mausoleum among the great men of the nation, yet his heart lies buried where he was found on his knees pouring out his soul to God such words as are engraved upon his tombstone: "May the rich blessing of God rest on every one, be he English, American, or Turk, who will help to heal the open sore of the world." Lincoln was the Greatheart of America; he took into his own soul the sorrows and anxieties of others. Behind a smiling face he carried a great burden. That tall, gaunt man, with his wrinkled face, loving everybody and everything that God had made; labouring to keep his people one; seeking the best for white and black alike; anxious to save the South as well as the North, was branded with the marks of martyrdom because some misunderstood his great heart. Have we not seen in our own day the marks of sacrifice and service in the scars on the faces of soldiers, who faced the storm of battle and never hesitated in the midst of danger and death? Some are bruised and battered until in the glory of the resurrection they are made anew. Some will never see or hear again. Some are disfigured in spite of all that modern skill can do to restore their former appearance. But we do not shun these men; we are not ashamed of their scars; they have reason to glory in the marks of honour that show the price that was paid to keep us free. So it is in the Christian sense. The Lord Jesus Christ calls upon his disciples to show the two characteristics of his own life—sacrifice and service. They were seen in all the experiences of the Son of God; they showed the fidelity of the disciples to the Saviour; they are demanded of those who would follow him now. Without these no really good work can be done in the world. The true statesman

—who is not a mere politician—devoted to the real welfare of the people, knows what they mean. And any man or woman who does any work that is really worth while must pay this price. Nothing that is lasting or good can be accomplished without them. Because of these, Peary reached the North Pole and Scott the Antarctic. Because of these, our missionaries are labouring in India and China. Because of these, churches have been built and the work carried forward; and only with them can we be true followers of the Prince of Life, Jesus Christ.

Can we show these scars of service? Can he discern branded on us the marks of his character?

He took our sorrows and our pain,  
And hid their torture in his breast,  
Till we received them back again,  
To find on each his grief impressed.

He clasped our children in his arms,  
And showed us where their beauty shone;  
He took from us our grey alarms,  
And put Death's icy armour on.

So gentle were his ways with us  
That crippled souls had ceased to sigh;  
On them he laid his hands, and thus  
They gloried at his passing by.

So tender was His love to us  
(We had not learned to love before),  
That we grew like to him, and thus  
Men sought his grace in us once more.

### Grandma Morris.

1820—1920.

H. G. Harward.

One hundred years ago, on March 23, 1820, a baby girl was born in the parish of St. Saviour's, London. On the register of births her name was recorded as Ann Morris. On March 23, 1920, at Victoria-st., Roseville, Sydney, the child of a century ago celebrated her hundredth birthday. To her relatives and friends she is known as Grandma Morris.

"The life of man is summed up in birth-days and in sepulchres." And to how few of earth's millions is it given to live one hundred years. What a remarkable century it has been! The most unique in the millenniums of the past. Remarkable for its progress in science and art; for its development in discovery and commerce; for its advancement in education and invention; for its achievement in communication and transportation. To have lived through the wonderful experiences these changes have wrought; under the reign of five monarchs of the British Empire from George IV. to King George V.; from the time of the slow communication by the post boy to the rapid message of the wireless telegraph; from the days of travel by stage coach to those of the aeroplane; from the time of the slow sailing ship to the fast travelling steamer of modern days; has been the experience of the subject of this brief sketch. As a child, from the window of St. Thomas' Hospital, where her mother was a nurse, she saw the first train start on its trip from London to Greenwich.

Ann Morris was married at Trinity Church, Newington, London, on September 4, 1847. Unlike most married women she did not change her name in the ceremony, and through her long life has spelt it in the same simple way. Six years later, with her husband, three children, mother and brother John, she sailed for Australia in the ship "Mirza-Poer." After an eventful voyage, including a mutiny on board ship, a safe arrival was made at Sandridge (Port Melbourne) on February 1, 1854.

Housing conditions were almost as unfavorable as they are to-day, and this family showed its foresight by bringing out two houses of four and two rooms ready to fit up on arrival. The Rolls-Royce car of that day was the useful spring dray which they also shipped from the old land.

For many years the family home was at Richmond, Victoria. Here Mr. Morris worked at his trade as a hatter, and in 1856



GRANDMA MORRIS.

Photo taken March 9, 1920.

started in business for himself in Bridge Road. Five children were born in Richmond, two dying in infancy.

It was under the ministry of H. S. Earl in 1867 that Grandma Morris first became associated with Churches of Christ, uniting with the church at Lygon St., Carlton. For more than half a century she has been a faithful member, living a life fragrant with the spirit of Christ and beautified by the life of Christ. About 1890, with her son Tom, she came to Sydney, and from that time has been in fellowship with the churches of that city. Until a few years ago it was her great joy to meet with the brethren at the City Temple.

"We talk of human life as a journey, but how variously is that journey performed. There are those who walk on velvet lawns, and smooth terraces, where every gale is arrested and every beam is tempered. There are those who walk on the Alpine paths of life, through stormy sorrows and over sharp afflictions." In the one hundred years Grandma Morris has travelled over many a rough path, and climbed many a steep hill; there have been many days of storm and

trial along the way; suffering and afflictions have often come to her. But through it all she has been safely kept. For the past twenty-five years she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Ashwood, where comfort and the loving care of dear ones, have doubtless helped to lengthen out her days.

"The mother lives again," says Grandma Morris of herself after her manner, her speech, her conduct, and her methods of life. Her traits become theirs, and her character is vividly repeated in them. "As a child," says one of her children, "I always had a feeling that God and Jesus were such particular friends of mother, and we were honored more than words could tell." We appreciate these sentiments as we think of the children and grandchildren of Grandma Morris. Four children are living: Mr. Charles Morris and Mrs. A. E. Lilburne, of the Balarat church; Mr. Tom Morris, of the Balston St. church; and Mrs. Ashwood, of Sydney. The history of the Balarat church, and of Bro. Chas. Morris is one. His service and gifts and money have from the beginning been generously and cheerfully given to the cause of Christ in that city. No name is more highly nor more deservedly honored than his. His sister has been a faithful member too for many years. Bro. Tom Morris has divided his time between Melbourne and Sydney. Though less prominent, he too has been a faithful helper of the work in both these cities. Mrs. Ashwood, twin sister of Mrs. Lilburne, has been a tower of strength to the Lord's work in New South Wales. Among the sisters she is one of the choice spirits, full of good works, and earnest in the service of Jesus. There are nineteen grandchildren, and twenty-nine great grandchildren living. One grandson was killed in the war. It would require a whole volume to tell all the good things the writer knows about many of these descendants. T. R. Morris, of the Brighton church, is perhaps the best known of the grandsons. He is a tower of strength to the cause of Christ, taking time from a crowded business life to push every interest of the kingdom of God. Most of the others are in the church and loyally supporting the work of God.

"Our lives should be like the day, more beautiful in the evening; or like the summer aglow with promise, and the autumn, rich with the golden sheaves, where good works and deeds have ripened on the field." And this late evening of life with Grandma Morris has been wondrously beautiful, and aglow with promise to younger folk who have met her. While the memory has weakened, she has been able to scan the paper, look at pictures, and walk about the house and garden. Her quaint humor has a gracious charm in it. To hear her recite portions of the Scripture, some of the old hymns, "The spangled heaven a shining frame," is a rare treat which gets a grip on one's emotions. If "they only have lived long who have lived virtuously" is true, then this dear old saint of God has not only lived a life crowded with years but full of grace and goodness. The influence of these still radiates from her presence.

She may not linger much longer with her dear ones. But for her there will be no death. For the last time her tired body will

seek earth's repose, and her purified spirit will pass into the presence of Him whom she has loved so long, and who has been her stay and staff through long years. Then it will not be a century of life, but an eternity.

"Live whilst you live," the epicure would say,  
And seize the pleasures of the present day;  
"Live whilst you live," the sacred preacher cries,  
And give to God each moment as it flies;  
Lord, in my view let both united be,  
I live in pleasure whilst I live in Thee."

## Here and There

Horsham church, Vic., is appealing to the brotherhood for help to clear off a debt of £400 on the chapel.

Mrs. E. J. Abercrombie, a faithful member of Fremantle church, W.A., fell asleep on Mar. 17, aged 78 years.

On March 21 a young man confessed Christ at Hawthorne, Q. Thus Bro. Adermann's work has been happily inaugurated.

The work is in a healthy condition at Shepparton, Vic. Recently there were three baptisms. A visit and an address by C. M. Gordon, M.A., on Mar. 21 were much appreciated.

The work at Collingwood, Vic., continues to prosper. 150 broke bread last Lord's day. The gospel meeting was well attended, and there was one decision for Christ.

Brisbane Bible School anniversary was successfully celebrated on Mar. 21. The sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. Ash and family, who mourns the loss of his mother.

Bro. and Sister H. P. Leng and family were welcomed at South-Wellington, N.Z., on Mar. 9. Our brother has made a good beginning with his work in this important centre. The church is optimistic.

The address of F. Cornelius, preacher of Colac church, is c/o Mrs. Elston, Calvert-st., Colac, Vic. The work in this district is reported to be on the upgrade. New scholars are being added to the school.

123 scholars were present at West Guildford Bible School on Mar. 21. At night there was one confession, Bro. Stirling preaching. The secretary of the church now is J. Grafham, Ida-st., West Guildford, W.A.

On March 16 the Inverell (N.S.W.) Bible School anniversary concert, which had been postponed from the 2nd owing to rain, was held. Good programme, good audience, and splendid singing by children led by Bro. Cust.

Two young men were baptised on Mar. 21 at Belmont, N.S.W. Bro. and Sister Bunnock were received by letter from Paddington. Mrs. Moffatt of Brisbane, mother of Mrs. Hutson, has been on a visit. A good deal of sickness prevails.

Two sisters from Devonport, England, were received into membership at Hobart, Tas., on Mar. 14. Bro. Southgate was indisposed and confined to bed for a few days. He closed his work at Hobart—owing to health reasons—last Lord's day.

Empire had a successful Bible School anniversary on Mar. 21. 55 were present at the J.C.E. morning meeting. H. G. Harward spoke morning and night, and A. T. Eaton in the afternoon. Visitors were present from Los Angeles and New Zealand.

The 28th annual Conference of Northern District churches in S.A. was most successful. For the new year A. Doley, Balaklava, was elected President; J. E. Shipway, Port Pirie, Vice-President; F. T. Saunders, Secretary and Treasurer; R. J. Finlayson, Auditor.

A visit by S. J. Southgate was much appreciated by the brethren at Cavese, Tas. We regret to report that Bro. D. Crowden, an esteemed member of the Cavese church, has had to go into the Devon Hospital for an operation. Prayer is solicited on his behalf.

Perth, W.A., recently held successful Harvest Thanksgiving services, Bro. Albany Bell and J. J. Silvester delivering fine addresses. Bro. G. T. Walden's visit was much appreciated. At the close of his excellent Gospel address, a Bible School scholar confessed Christ.

Northam school, W.A., had a happy Children's Day. Bro. Hibbert, of Fremantle, helped the church on Mar. 14, staying for a few days after uniting in marriage Miss Amy Joyce and Mr. Norman Braybrook. Miss Maggie Kennedy, "full of hope and trust," passed away in Wooroloo Sanatorium last month.

During recent Sunday mornings the church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, enjoyed addresses from Bro. Robbins and Bro. Gibson, the latter undertaking the services while Bro. Blakemore paid a visit to Castlemaine. Last Sunday morning Bro. Whately gave an excellent address. In the evening a young man confessed Christ.

Good reports were presented at the annual meeting of the church at Christchurch, N.Z.; 12 were added to membership for the year. Bro. Franklyn's addresses have been much appreciated. As he is due to leave for America in April, the church is anxious to secure a suitable successor. On Mar. 14, six young people made the good confession.

Two serious accidents recently befell brethren in West Moreton Circuit, Q. At Rosevale, Bro. Harold Primus was seriously injured; presumably his horse fell and rolled upon him. At Marburg Bro. W. Feeny was killed; his horse bolting, threw him with great violence. At a special memorial service at Marburg on Mar. 21, conducted by Bro. Rodger, five persons confessed Christ.

S.A. Bible School superintendents are asked to note that the Conference Sunday School Executive has decided to hold a competitive examination for teachers and scholars on July 28. Lessons for scholars are taken from the Austral Series for quarter ending June 30. We hope to give more details later. H. R. Taylor, of 35 Rose-st., Glenelg, will be glad to supply information.

Northern District Conference, S.A., on the motion of Bro. Ingham, carried the following resolution: "That this Conference appoint a C.E. Committee to help and advise the C.E. Societies of the Northern District Churches." It was also decided that a representative should be appointed to represent the Conference on State Executive of the C.E. Union of the S.A. Churches of Christ.

From report of Northern District Conference, S.A., we call the following: "During the year the receipts were £301/19/11½, and expenditure £295/11/2½. For all purposes the churches of the district had raised £2362/15/9. The amount of £258/1/8 had been contributed to Foreign Missions, being £26 in advance of last year. The Statistical report showed a membership of 1122, and there had been 114 added by faith and baptism, and 94 in other ways. The losses totalled 125. The Bible Schools reported 1142 scholars, and 127 teachers. From the schools 62 had been received into church fellowship. There were 4 young men from the Northern Churches studying in the College of the Bible. The C.E. Societies reported 116 members of Y.P. Societies, and 199 members of Junior Societies."

At the S.A. Northern District Conference, at the close of an address by A. J. Ingham on "Our College and the Need for Men," a resolution was carried unanimously: "That we, the brethren of the Northern District Conference of Churches of Christ in S.A., desire to express our gratitude to, and confidence in, the Faculty and Board of the College of the Bible in their efforts in equipping men and women for the great work of preaching the gospel, and to our heavenly Father for his blessings upon the work of all associated with the College; and assure the Faculty and students of our deepest interest and constant prayers for the future years of labor." Further, a resolution was carried "That we suggest to the Executive of Conference that they formulate a scheme to undertake the support of a student from the Northern District in the College of the Bible." A further resolution was carried "That a letter be forwarded to the Federal Conference stating the action taken, and recommending an extension of this course under the Federal Conference."

Geelong, Vic., held a successful Men's Tea and Social Hour on March 24.

We hear that Bro. S. J. Southgate has accepted an engagement with the church at Bendigo, Vic.

Ararat, Vic., appreciated the address of Bro. Payne on Mar. 28. The school is progressing.

Two were received by letter at South Richmond, Vic., on Mar. 28. At night there was a baptismal service.

Anniversary services last Sunday at Cottonville, S.A., were a great success. Two confessions on March 28.

Meetings at Burnley, Vic., keeping up well; eleven new scholars in Bible School. Bro. Watson has helped with his beautiful solos.

For Victorian Benevolent work the sum of £7/16/- was received during February, and £4/3/9 was expended. Clothing will be acceptable as well as money.

Bro. G. T. Walden spoke at Norwood, S.A., last Sunday morning, and Bro. Beiler in the evening. It was anniversary day, and the services were very successful.

York, S.A., Sunday School prize night was a great success. One lad from the Bible Class confessed Christ and was baptised on March 28 by Bro. Chappell.

At Dandenong, Vic., last Lord's day a man confessed Christ. Bro. Way spoke on the Sabbath question in the morning, two "Seventh day" missionaries being present.

Services were held on Sunday last in the new building at Glenhuntingly, and were well attended. Fifty scholars were enrolled in the school. Prospects are exceedingly bright.

Forestville church, S.A., held its first business meeting recently and elected officers. Good meetings on Mar. 28. Progress marks the erection of a building for school purposes and gospel proclamation.

South Yarra, Vic., held Harvest Thanksgiving services on March 21; good attendances and fine addresses. Recently Miss Matthews received a presentation from the church prior to her marriage to H. G. Griffin.

The Sunday School at Murray Bridge, S.A., is having record attendances; 20 new scholars for quarter. Two scholars confessed Christ on March 28. Bro. R. Raymond finishes his work here first Lord's day in April.

The new building at Glenhuntingly was formally opened on Saturday last in the presence of a very large and representative company. Surprise and pleasure were expressed at the size and quality of the structure and all agreed as to its suitability for both church and school purposes. An appeal for funds resulted in £335 being contributed.

The Chandler-Clay Mission at Kadina, S.A., is nearing conclusion. 98 decisions to date; 25 for the week. 48 baptisms to date, and 22 this week. On Saturday Elder D. Wright laid the foundation stone of our new building before a large crowd. The Mayor, L. H. Shipley, L.L.B., Bro. J. N. Pedler, M.L.A., Bro. W. J. Neill, ministers of the town and W. H. Nightingale delivered addresses. £325 was raised toward the new building. 144 broke bread on the morning of March 28.

May 2 will be observed in South Australia as an Annual Sunday School Day. Special instruction will be given to the scholars to influence them for the service of Christ. Bro. W. Taylor, Convener of the Sunday School Day Committee, writes:—"Our propositions for utilising the money received from the special morning offerings are as follows:—(a) £100 to finance the 3 months tour of our newly appointed S. S. Organiser, Bro. Bart. W. Manning, throughout the State, and to provide him with the necessary equipment for the work. (b) £56 to meet our annual liability with regard to the building erected at St. Morris. (c) £27/10/- balance of repayment of loan. (d) To acquire land in promising districts (suburban or country). (e) The erection of a portable S. S. building for despatching to any forward movement (town or country) to generally assist any school requiring financial help. The afternoon offering will be devoted to the upkeep of our Church of Christ Cot in the Children's Hospital. £31/10/- annually is required for its maintenance."

The school at Chatswood, N.S.W., held an enjoyable picnic at Lane Cove River on March 27. There were good attendances at the meetings last Sunday.

The extension of Merewether, N.S.W., building was commenced on Saturday last. Bro. Martin has completed a series of addresses on "The Second Coming." Bro. and Sister Martin left for a holiday on Monday.

The mid-week service at Grote-st., S.A., last week was conducted by the young men of the church, when eight took part. There were 84 people present, and at the close there was one confession. Two confessions last Sunday evening, when Bro. G. T. Walden was the preacher.

Sunday last was the anniversary of the commencement of Bro. H. G. Harward's work at Enmore, N.S.W. There were good attendances, and our brother spoke with great earnestness and power. The projected visit on April 11 of G. T. Walden (for many years preacher at Enmore) is eagerly looked forward to.

Our Hurstville, N.S.W., reporter writes: "Several of the members were present on Saturday afternoon at Dumbleton at the opening of the church, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Stimson, Conference President. Brethren Jeffreys, Rush, Carter, Buckley and Harward were amongst the speakers. A baptismal service is to be held tonight at Hurstville."

Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., Lismore, N.S.W., desires to thankfully acknowledge the following to fund to cover loss by recent fire:—North Melbourne (per Bro. Dale), £14/6; Warwick (per Bro. M. Wilson), 10/-; Bro. G. Stimson (Canley Vale), £2, and Bro. F. E. Withers (Melbourne), £1. Last Sunday Bro. P. J. Pond baptised a grandson of Bro. J. P. F. Walker. He lived 28 miles from Lismore, and as a result of Bible study, decided to obey Christ in baptism.

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The Annual Offering from the churches will be published fully at a later date. Churches who have not sent in their offerings are requested to send in at once in order that a full statement may be published through these pages.—H. J. Horsell, Financial Secretary, Kilkenny P.O.

## OBITUARY.

**GRIMMER.**—At Dome Valley, N.Z., on Jan. 15, Bro. Harold Grimmer fell asleep in Jesus, aged 35. He was the son of Bro. and Sister W. Grimmer, of revered memory, and was himself a faithful follower of the Lord. For fifteen years he was a member of the church, and endeared himself to all for his sterling Christian qualities. He was treasurer of the church and collector for Foreign Missions. He was laid to rest at Warkworth on Jan. 18.

**HURLEY.**—The late Sister W. Hurley, of Gympie, Q., who passed away some time ago at the age of 66. She was a member of the Gympie church. She was ever faithful and true, and did good work in the church and school. "For many years she was a strong supporter and helper in the church, given to hospitality and instruction." After much weariness and pain she fell asleep—"faithful unto death."

**GRANT.**—After a prolonged illness Bro. Geo. Grant passed away on Jan. 23, at the age of 39 years. He was the first to be baptised in the Chatswood chapel, N.S.W., having confessed Christ at the opening services on Sept. 6, 1914. "His strong Christian faith and patient fortitude were an inspiration to all who knew him."

**VANDERWOLF.**—On Feb. 10, at his daughter's residence in Maryborough, Q., Bro. Vanderwolf passed peacefully away, aged 63. For four years illness kept him from the services. Prior to his physical affliction he was ever regular in attendance. He was a devoted Christian, patient in suffering, and faithful to the end. Rom. 1: 16, his favorite text, was the text of Bro. Larsen's memorial address.

**ANDERSON.**—Bro. John Anderson, of Kermodest church, Adelaide, was recently called home at the age of 72 years. Bro. T. J. Gore writes of him: "Bro. Anderson was one of our very best men. He was a consistent follower of the Lord Jesus. He was a very lovable and faithful man in the church of God. Mrs. Anderson and four sons and their daughters survive him. Wherever he lived, his influence was felt. Every one that knew him loved him and esteemed him."

**SIMMENS.**—On Feb. 23 Sister Simmens, a faithful member of Croydon church, S.A., passed away at the residence of her son in Mile End. She fell asleep at the age of 71. When 17 years old, our sister was baptised at Flinders-st. Baptist Church by Mr. Silas Mead. Later she was in membership with the Hindmarsh church, and finally was in fellowship at Croydon. She was a daughter of the late Dr. Kidner's wife. She was laid to rest in Hindmarsh Cemetery.

**MACDONALD.**—On Feb. 28, after long sickness, Mrs. J. MacDonald, of Marrickville church, N.S.W., entered into rest, aged 62. Our sister was baptised at Enmore in 1895. She was a true and faithful Christian. A few years ago one of her sons died. In 1918 another son, Cpl. W. McR. MacDonald, M.M., died of wounds received in France. Two sons and a daughter remain. Our sister's remains were interred at Sutherland Cemetery on Mar. 1.

**WILSON.**—Bro. David Wilson, an honored member and elder of Norwood church, S.A., was called home on March 1 at the age of 75 years. He had been associated with the Churches of Christ for 56 years—at Mallala, Owen, Alma and (for the past 16 years) Norwood. He loved the church and her Lord. His faith was absolute and implicit, and his character was beyond reproach. The large company attending the funeral at Barraba Cemetery bore witness to the esteem in which he was held. Will Beller, assisted by Ross Graham, conducted the service.

## COMING EVENTS.

**APRIL 4.**—Easter Sunday, Swanston-st. Church, Darkest Hour," will be sung by the Choir under the direction of Mr. Ernest Tippet. Principals, Miss Bessie Martin, Messrs. Percy Blandell, E. Watson, C. Moysey and V. Harding.

The Church at Swanston St. desire to intimate that on account of limited accommodation it will not be convenient to entertain other than country delegates and visitors on Easter Sunday at lunch and tea.

**APRIL 7 & 8.**—Tenth Australian Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ, in Melbourne. Secretary, B. W. Manning, Carlisle-road, Westbourne Park, South Australia. Melbourne Organiser, H. E. Knott, Guildford-road, Surrey Hills, Victoria.

**APRIL 11 & 13.**—Semaphore, S.A., official opening of new Bible School and Lecture Hall, by J. W. Wiltshire. Special Services: 11, Worship; 3, Cantata, "Esther," 7, Gospel Service; special singing by choir. April 13, Grand opening concert of elocutional and vocal items. Come one, come all.

**NOVEMBER, 1920.**—North Melbourne Church Jubilee. Old members please send addresses to A. E. Hurren, evangelist, or W. J. Woodbridge, secretary, 19 Wood-st., North Melbourne.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN VICTORIA. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thurs., Apr. 1, 2.30, Preachers' Session, Lygon-st., 7.45, Temperance Demonstration, Lygon-st. Fri., Apr. 2, 9.30, Business Session, Lygon-st.; 1.45, Home Mission Session, Masonic Hall; 7.30, Home Mission Demonstration, Masonic Hall. Sat., Apr. 3, 9.30, Business Session, Lygon-st.; 1.45, Bible Schools and Foreign Mission Sessions, Lygon-st.; 7.30, Y.P.S.C.E. Demonstration, Masonic Hall. Sun., Apr. 4, 2.45, Conference Sermon, Auditorium. Mon., Apr. 5, 9.30, Unfinished Business, Lygon-st.; all day, Picnic, Wattle Park. Tues., Apr. 6, College of the Bible Old Boys' Reunion; afternoon, Vic. President's Reception to State and Interstate Visitors at College of the Bible, Glen Iris; 7.30, Bible School Demonstration, Masonic Hall. Wed., Apr. 7, 9.30, Federal Conference, Lygon-st.; 7.45, Great F.M. Demonstration, Independent Church. Thurs., Apr. 8, 9.30, Federal Conference, Lygon-st.; 7.45, Evangelism! Education! Social Service! Independent Church. Fri., Apr. 9, Federal Picnic, Fern Tree Gully.

## DEATH.

**GILL.**—At Kadina, S.A., on March 24, 1920, Allan, the dearly loved infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gill. "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

## IN MEMORIAM.

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