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The Rock of Moral Heroism.

"I am the Rock, black midnight falls;
The terrible breakers rise like walls;
With curling lips and gleaming teeth
They plunge and tear at my bones beneath.
Year upon year they grind and beat
In storms of thunder and storms of sleet—
Grind and beat and wrestle and tear,
But the Rock they beat on is always there!
I am the Rock!"

—Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

At Santa Cruz, California, I have watched the huge waves march in great battalions up to the sea-cliffs and with mighty roar fling their spray high into the air. The more yielding portions of the precipices have been worn away, making deep gashes or holes in the rocky formation, but the firmer sections stand like adamant against the savage assaults of the sea. So it is with the Christian character of many men and women. Their adherence to conviction makes them the unanswerable exponents of the religion of Christ. The following simple stories may help to interpret my meaning:—

Not many years ago, in the reign of Edward VII. of England, the mayor of Doncaster was the late Joseph Firth Clark, a Friend or Quaker. During his mayoralty, the celebrated Doncaster races occurred and the mayor received an invitation—a royal invitation being a command—to meet the King on the race-course immediately after the St. Leger race had been run. Clark refused the proffered dignity, replying in a strain that must have been appreciated by the broad-minded monarch whom he addressed. He wrote to Edward:—

"I have a profound respect and regard for the most gracious King whom I desire to honor in every way as one of his most loyal subjects. Though I have lived in Doncaster all my life I have never once attended the races, and did not therefore feel I could consistently break through the rule even for so great an honor."

This incident created a sensation at the time. Many people were scandalised because the mayor of Doncaster had declined to meet the King. But the moral value proved to be very great—an open blow had been administered to a demoralising sport.

A few years since Baron Morimura, president of one of the great banks of Japan, and a commercial leader of that country, landed in America, and with his suite took apartments in one of the large hotels of San

Francisco. Pressed with business cares, and desiring to avoid intrusion, he commanded that if visitors wished to see him they should be told he was out. Before long a caller unexpectedly appeared in his presence. The baron was very angry. Upon investigation, he ascertained that a chambermaid had disobeyed orders and had acknowledged that he was in. He called for the disobedient servant and severely reprimanded her. She flung at him the reply, "I cannot lie for any man!"

After his anger had subsided Baron Morimura began to think. He became impressed with the belief that the strength of character indicated by the chambermaid must have been based on Christianity. He said: "Nobody but a Christian would stand for not lying." He commenced to study the Bible, and became a secret believer. Finally he made public confession of his faith and has been a sturdy advocate of his Lord from that day to this. It has since been his great joy to preach Jesus all over Japan, whilst his large influence and gifts have in numerous ways been dedicated to the cause of righteousness. So much for the fearlessness of

a hotel servant! So much for the possession of genuine conviction and living up to it!

The moral heroism of some men and women is as impregnable as the rocks of Santa Cruz, and withstands the "curling lips and gleaming teeth" of sin and fear. This splendid heroism is what the world needs to-day—shall we not practise it?—Wm. C. Allen, in "Christian-Evangelist."

Stonecracker John.

Here is the philosophy of a Road Mender—
"Stonecracker John"—as recorded by Alfred Leete in "The King's Highway."

"The good Lord made the earth and sky,
The river and the sea—and me!
He made no roads, but here am I
As happy as can be;
For it's just as if He'd said
'John, that's the job for thee.'
And so in my appointed place,
By God's good grace,
I work, according to His plan,
And would not change with any man."

If our treasure be on earth, we are going from it; if in heaven, we are going to it.

If God writes "opportunity" on one side of open doors, He writes "responsibility" on the other.



At the Federal Conference a motion by Mr. Alwyn Fischer, of Adelaide, was unanimously carried for the appointment of a committee to devise and inaugurate a scheme whereby churches may be encouraged and enabled to secure a preacher's residence. Above is a photograph of a beautiful building in Princess Hill recently secured by the Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, as a home for its preacher.

Federal Conference.

Federal Conference is over, and delegates can look back with satisfaction at the amount of work accomplished. All have reason to rejoice over the plans that were formed and the work that was augmented, and to feel encouraged by the great messages which were given.

The Vice-President, A. R. Main, M.A., presided in the absence of W. C. Brooker, Federal President, whose illness prevented his attendance.

W. C. Craigie, President-elect of the Victorian Conference, extended a welcome to delegates from all States, and responses were made by several representatives.

Bro. Brooker some time ago sent a congratulatory letter to the British Prime Minister, and received the following reply:

10 Downing Street,
Whitehall, S.W.,
17th April, 1919.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of the 25th January.

The Prime Minister wishes me to express his very sincere appreciation of the kind message which you have sent on behalf of the members of the Associated Churches of Christ in the Commonwealth of Australia, and to thank you for the generous sentiments to which you have given expression on their behalf.

Mr. Lloyd George trusts that the Conference which is being held at Easter will prove to be of great benefit to the members and an inspiration to the Churches to continued and loyal activity.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST EVANS.

W. C. Brooker, Esq.,

President.

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FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

As a result of an appeal to the brotherhood in connection with the F. G. Dunn Memorial Scholarship in the College of the Bible, the sum of £146/8/5 was received by the Treasurer of the College.

A helpful discussion on evangelism took place on Wednesday morning, and was continued in the afternoon. An appeal for a guarantee and Capital Fund met with a fine response, £1200 being subscribed as Bank guarantees, and £581 as a Capital Fund.

A. R. Main delivered the Vice-President's address on Wednesday afternoon. This was listened to by a large assembly with close attention, and received enthusiastic applause. A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

A great Foreign Mission demonstration was held on the evening of April 7 in the Collins Street Independent Church. Bro. and Sister Black, who are proceeding to the New Hebrides as our missionaries, were welcomed heartily. Both responded in brief messages. Bro. Watson, who is soon to return to India with Sister Watson, gave a stirring message. Chaplain Lieut-Col. G. T. Walden, Organising Secretary of the Federal Foreign Mission work, told the story of our work in India; J. Wiltshire spoke upon "The Call of China"; while A. C. Rankine's theme was "The Church's Opportunity." £281/3/8 was the amount of the offering in cash and promises. Musical items were contributed by the Swanston-st. choir.

FEDERAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The report dealt with the Commission to India, appointment of Secretary, reports on various fields, and several other matters, including appointment of new workers. W. Morrow and I. A. Paternoster visited India, and collected much useful information.

After a term of fifteen months Bro. Paternoster, for private reasons, resigned, and Bro. A. G. Saunders was appointed to the position, but he, after having served the brotherhood with zeal and marked devotion for a period of thirteen months, resigned to return to his post in the Philippine Islands. In November, 1918, G. T. Walden was invited by cable to hold the position, to which he heartily and favorably replied.

Changes have taken place in respect of both fields and workers in the fields. Bro. and Sister Stratton,

after years of faithful service, withdrew in January, 1917, to take charge of the criminal Colony at Sholapur, where we are pleased to say they are being blessed and used of God amidst this needy people. Sisters Caldicott and Blake, also Bro. J. R. Leach and Bro. and Sister Escott, have been added to our staff in India.

Bro. and Sister Watson have been detained at home on account of Sister Watson's health, but we are glad to state that there is a reasonable prospect that they too may soon be able to resume their loved labors. Bro. and Sister Palmer have resigned their post in the Islands. Bro. and Sister Black are proceeding to the Islands to take up the work there.

The missionaries, not including native workers, representing us on the Foreign fields are:—Sister Mary Thompson, Bro. and Sister Coventry, Sisters E. M. Caldicott and V. Blake, Bro. J. Leach, Bro. and Sister Escott and Miss F. Cameron, in India; Bro. and Sister Waters in New Hebrides; Miss Tonkin (who is soon to return to Australia), in China.



MR. W. C. BROOKER,

whose services as President of the Federal Conference for three and a half years have been much appreciated. Deep regret was felt at Bro.

Brooker's absence from the recent Conference, and prayers were offered for his speedy and full recovery of health.

Sisters E. Jones and L. Redman are on their way to India; Bro. and Sister Black to the New Hebrides; and Bro. and Sister Watson are soon to return to India. Bro. and Sister Anderson are ready to go to China as soon as the Committee complete their plans in respect of that land.

Orphanage work has grown considerably in India. Upwards of 100 orphans are depending on us. The Blake Memorial Orphanage has been made possible because of the generosity of Miss Blake, who passed on to the funds the sum of £300, which had been left to Sister Blake by her brother.

Bro. Saunders went to China on behalf of the Committee, and made a careful survey of the needs there.

In Australia work among the Chinese has been carried on in most of the Capital cities. Bro. James has done good service. Unfortunately illness has prevented him from doing as much as he would have liked.

A manual has been prepared by the Committee with a view to supplying information to missionary candidates.

The F.M. Treasurer's Statement showed that in the year ending Feb. 28, 1919, the total of £5837/8/5 was raised, and in the year ending Feb. 29, 1920, the sum of £7423/8/7.

In the clause concerning China, it was stated that Miss Tonkin, our devoted missionary in Shanghai, has been recalled owing to a combination of circum-

stances. The work in Shanghai is being carried on by a committee of brethren living in that part. A resolution, printed elsewhere, was passed concerning affiliation as an Associate Mission with the China Inland Mission, with a view to work in inland China.

Bro. and Sister A. Anderson, who are awaiting orders to go to China, received a hearty reception, and suitably responded.

The report expressed thanks for the work of J. Wiltshire, who acted as Federal Organising Secretary.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

Some items of the reports can be reproduced here:—

Especially in the Board grateful for the very handsome response to the appeal made at the Federal Conference in Adelaide, in 1916, by Mr. John Hindle, of New South Wales, for contributions to liquidate the amount of the mortgage on the College property. The Treasurer's Statement submitted herewith shows since that date no less a sum than £1952/11/3 has been given for that purpose. £1400 has been paid off the mortgage, and it is hoped that the balance now owing will be wiped out at an early date.

The College is now 13 years old. Though just entering its teens its usefulness is being abundantly recognised, the demand for its trainees being insistent; nearly 50 per cent. of the preachers employed by our Churches in Australia and New Zealand are men from the College. Two hundred and eight students have been enrolled in its different classes since it was opened in 1907. The current session opened with 49 students enrolled (44 men 5 women). It is expected this number will be increased.

The policy of encouraging students to continue their studies at the Melbourne or other Australian Universities is being maintained. Financial help is given and residence at College is allowed when possible. At the close of the 1919 session 13 Glim Iria men were taking studies at Melbourne University, and one other at Sydney University. At the date of the last Federal Conference there were two scholarships open for competition among the students, to-day there are six scholarships, and an annual prize of £5/5/- for the most improved student in all round work, for distribution.

The Principal (Mr. A. R. Main, M.A.), Mr. H. E. Knott, M.A., and Mr. R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip. Ed., take the Biblical subjects. Mr. R. T. Pittman and Mr. J. S. Taylor, B.A., have charge of the secular subjects; the first-named also takes a Biblical subject. Mr. Reg. Ennis has classes in Bible School and Practical Church Work. Mr. J. Howlett Ross is elocution master.

Visitors to the College know that hitherto Mr. Main has been in residence there. It has been left for some time that it would be conducive to greater good among the students if he could be relieved of the duties which residence incurred. Recently it has been found possible to make arrangements to enable him to reside elsewhere, and Mr. Reg. Ennis, who has already entered upon his duties, has been appointed Resident Master. The Board believes that the new arrangement will be beneficial to all concerned.

Between July 1, 1916, and Dec. 31, 1919, the total receipts in the General Fund amounted to £8839/4/2.

Our men have distinguished themselves in their University work, and a number have received honors, while all the time attending to Church work. Three have just qualified for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Melbourne University, viz. Messrs. A. C. Garnett, L. C. McCallum, and F. J. Sivyver. These men came to Glim Iria from South Australia, Victoria, and Queensland respectively. Bro. Garnett also obtained first-class honors at the March Final Honors Examination, winning the Laurie Prize, and qualifying for the Degree of Master of Arts.

There is a strong missionary spirit in the College. Since last Federal Conference, four students have gone to India, viz.: Miss Blake, Mr. J. R. Leach, Miss Jones, and Miss Redman. The last two have just recently left our shores. When they reach India, five of our students will represent us in our Indian field. Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson—both ex-students—are awaiting the Foreign Missionary Committee's word to go, either to China or to India.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND.

Contributions from churches and individuals provided £373/15/-, S.A., N.S.W. and Victorian churches contributing almost the whole amount. £353/11/9 came from contributors to an Endowment Fund. While these contributions are in a safe position, there is great need for the general relief fund to be increased.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—A. R. Main.
 Vice-President—H. G. Harward.
 Secretary—H. E. Knott.
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 Treasurer—W. C. Craigie.
 State Executives—Victoria: A. Millis, R. Lyall, J. E. Thomas, W. B. Blakemore, A. E. Hingworth, T. R. Morris. South Australia: G. D. Wright, S. P. Weir, T. H. Spotswood, A. J. Gard, W. C. Brooker, W. I. Neil. New South Wales: L. Rossell, J. Whelan, A. Morris, R. Arnott. Queensland: E. Davis, A. C. Rankine. Tasmania: N. J. Warmbrunn. West Australia: W. L. Ewers, C. A. G. Payne.
 Federal Foreign Mission Committee—President, J. W. Cosh; Secretary, G. T. Walden; Treasurer, O. V. Mann; J. Fischer, T. Hagger, A. L. Reid, J. Wiltshire.
 College Board of Management—W. B. Blakemore, W. C. Craigie, C. Hardie, R. Lyall, A. Millis, T. H. Scambler, F. J. Sivyver.
 Preachers' Provident Fund Committee—J. Hunter, W. Hall, J. Stimson, L. Rossell, Dr. Bardsley, T. E. Rofe, A. Morris.
 Hymn Book Committee—Victoria: J. E. Thomas, R. Lyall, W. B. Blakemore, R. T. Pittman, A. E. Hingworth. South Australia: A. J. Gard, E. W. Pittman, W. M. Green, G. T. Walden, T. Hagger. New South Wales: W. Gale, J. Whelan, W. Crossman, Bro. Tingate, J. Clydesdale. Queensland: W. Trudgian, J. Cane, E. Davis, A. C. Rankine, W. Sochting. Tasmania: Bren. Nightingale, Jarvis, Arnott, Warmbrunn, Baker. West Australia: H. Wright, D. M. Wilson, W. R. Hibbert, E. R. Berry, A. Bell.

EVANGELISM! EDUCATION! SOCIAL SERVICE!

The above title in striking words indicated the objects of the meeting in Collins St. Independent Church on Thursday evening, April 8. Appropriate addresses were delivered by H. G. Harward, who spoke on "Education and Evangelism"; C. M. Gordon, M.A., who dealt with the subject "The Church and Social Reform"; and J. E. Thomas, who took as his theme, "The Future Outlook." The musical part of the programme was provided by the North Fitzroy choir and students from the College of the Bible. This great session brought to an end the series of meetings, and formed a fitting close to a most successful and profitable Federal Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

That this Federal Conference expresses its deep sympathy with Bro. Brooker in his illness, and records its appreciation of the faithful and efficient way in which he has discharged his duties during his term of office.

That the next Federal Conference be held in Melbourne about October, 1922. The definite date to be fixed by the Acting Executive.

That this Federal Conference urges the incoming Acting Executive to consider and if possible make arrangements with the various States and with a team of evangelists in order to more aggressive Federal Evangelistic work.

That a fund be established now in this Conference to be used as a Capital or Guarantee Fund for the purpose of Federal evangelism.

That the Federal Executive Committee be asked to confer with the Directors of the Austral Publishing Co with a view to bringing the institution under the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia.

That the Conference expresses sympathy with Bro. Albany Bell, of W.A., in his sickness, and its appreciation of his work as a Y.M.C.A. worker at the front.

That this Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of and gratitude to the Victorian Bible School Committee for their enterprise in publishing the Austral Graded Lessons, and earnestly commends them to the use of every school in our brotherhood.

That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to Bren. W. Morrow and I. A. Paterson for their work upon the Commission to India.

That this Conference registers its deep appreciation of the beautiful deed of our Sister Miss Vera Blake in the gift which has made possible the Baramail Girls' Orphanage.

That the Churches of Christ of Australia, through their Federal Foreign Mission Executive Committee, make application to the China Inland Mission for affiliation as an Associate Mission with them for the purpose of establishing a work in Inland China.

That this Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the splendid and statesmanlike services rendered to the Foreign Mission work of the brotherhood by Bro. Morrow, of S.A., and its regret at his retirement from the Committee.

That it be a recommendation to the Board of Management and Faculty of the College to consider the question of arranging courses of study suitable for training classes in the different States.

That this Federal Conference acknowledges the excellent services of the Preachers' Provident Fund Committee for their management of the fund, and commends the fund to the cordial support of the churches, and asks for their hearty response to the appeal of the Committee.

That in the opinion of this Conference the time has arrived for immediate steps to be taken to provide assistance for young women desiring to qualify for missionary service.

That the Federal F.M. Executive Committee be authorised to assist, as they think desirable, any candidate who is preparing for service in the Foreign Mission Field.

That the Federal Conference asks the Board of Management of the College to establish, if possible, a hostel for young women students at the College, and promises to ask the churches to support such a movement.

That the name of our Indian Mission shall be "The Indian Mission of Churches of Christ in Australia." (The name as it stands at present is: "The Indian Mission of the Australian Disciples of Christ.")

That this Conference appoint a committee for the purpose of devising and inaugurating a system of co-operative lines, by which all churches in Australia, which may desire to do so, can be enabled to secure a building to be used as a Preacher's residence. Such committee to consist of a secretary, a treasurer, a chairman, and two other members, all of whom must reside in one State, either N.S.W., Victoria, or Sth. Australia.

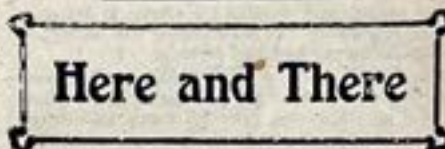
That the South Australian Executive Committee of Federal Conference, together with Bro. Fischer, be the Committee under above motion.

We, the representatives of Churches of Christ of Australia, in Federal Conference assembled, view with deep concern the general unrest and discontent abroad in the world, and particularly the strife and bitterness which have entered into our political, religious, and industrial life. And, believing that these

conditions are the result of the failure to apply the principles of Jesus Christ to the common problems of life, individually and socially, we, as disciples of Christ, take this opportunity of reaffirming our unsectarian and non-partisan attitude on all these questions, and of restating our belief in the great social principles of Jesus as the basis for all right human relationships and as the ultimate guide for national and international policies; and in the gospel of the Cross as the divine and only means whereby human reconciliation can be accomplished, war can be abolished, and the wounds of the nations can be healed. To this end, therefore, we earnestly appeal to our brethren throughout the Commonwealth to give themselves in prayer and unselfish devotion to the ministry of peace and goodwill, and to the disseminating of the teachings of Jesus in word and in deed. Furthermore we would respectfully and earnestly appeal to followers of our Lord Jesus Christ of all creeds and communions to discountenance the spirit of sectarianism, and turning back to Christ and the simplicities of His religion as set forth in the New Testament Scriptures, to stand together as one united army of God against the hosts of evil, that His will may be done and that His Kingdom may come.

That this Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia tenders its sincere thanks to the authorities of the Independent Church, Collins St., for the use of their buildings in connection with our Conference and for courtesies connected therewith.

That thanks of Conference be expressed to all who helped in making the meetings such a conspicuous success, especially to the President, A. R. Main.



Bible School Day and Annual Offering in Victoria, Sunday, May 2.

At Marburg, Q., on April 4, seven were baptised. There were two confessions.

Two confessions and three added to membership at Rockdale, N.S.W., on April 4.

Bro. Newburn preached at Merewether on April 4 on "The Pre-eminence of Jesus Christ."

The address of W. J. Taylor, preacher of the church at Kadina, is 10 Railway Terrace, Kadina, S.A.

Geo. Woolnough, now of Ashburton, has accepted an invitation to labor with the church in Christchurch, N.Z.

Bro. Adermann is doing good work at Hawthorne, Q. On Conference Sunday Bren. Mason and Burns were the speakers.

One young lady was received into fellowship at Brighton, Vic. Bren. J. E. Thomas, A. R. Benn and F. Killey were recent speakers.

On Tuesday evening, April 6, the Masonic Hall was overcrowded, the occasion being the Victorian Bible School Demonstration. A good programme of items was rendered by representatives of various schools.

Mrs. E. S. Sloggett, "Marathon," Merthyr rd., N.P., Brisbane, has been appointed superintendent of Hospital Committee by Women's Conference, and would be glad to receive donations of any kind for her work amongst the sick.

Last year Victorian churches contributed £200 at the time of the Annual Offering for Bible School work. It is not too much to expect that the splendid work accomplished by the committee will lead to an even greater response on May 2.

Brisbane church had many visitors on Conference Sunday, April 4. Bro. Pratt spoke morning and evening. The church rejoices at the appointment of Bro. Gale as Conference President, and thanks its sisters for help with meals for Conference.

By the kind invitation of Bro. and Sister Mudge and the sisters of the Cheltenham church, the Old Boys' Club of the College of the Bible enjoyed a very happy function on Tuesday, April 6. After a business session in the chapel, dinner was served in the schoolroom, and a delightful season of social intercourse was spent. F. J. Sivyver is the newly elected President, and C. Schwab retains his position as Secretary.

Federal Statistics.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.	1920.		Increase.	Decrease.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	1918.	1919.			Scholars.	Teachers.
Victoria	9816	10162	246	—	9073	1185
South Australia ...	6747	6918	171	—	5861	765
New South Wales ...	3947	3886	—	91	3036	408
Western Australia ...	1729	1725	—	4	1584	224
Queensland	1125	1792	667	—	1054	120
Tasmania	776	898	122	—	590	75
Totals	24240	25351	1206	95	21198	2777

West Guildford, W.A., reports continued good meetings.

Reluctantly we have been compelled to hold over many items.

At Ballarat, Vic., five were baptised during Easter week.

H. B. Robbins began work at South Kensington, N.S.W., last Lord's day.

Seven confessions at Kadina, S.A., on Sunday last, W. H. Nightingale preaching.

A new Bible School was opened at Semaphore, S.A., by W. C. Brooker on April 11.

E. W. Pittman has consented to act for a time as preacher of the church at Dulwich, S.A.

A young woman was baptised at Rochester, Vic., last Sunday. Good meetings and fine interest.

At Glenelg, S.A., there were recently received by letter five members—four from the Baptists and one from Grote-st.

Four were recently received into fellowship at Mile End, S.A. The church is planning meetings for the local Town Hall.

Last Sunday, J. Clydesdale, of Sydney, preached for the Chinese church, Melbourne. Brev. McClean and Bagley recently exhorted.

Croydon, Vic., reports good meetings. Bro. Hughes gave an appreciated series of addresses on the "Second Coming of Christ."

The report of the Federal Conference in this issue is from the pen of Bro. R. T. Pittman, B.A. We are indebted to him for his kindness.

One young man decided for Christ at Malvern, Vic., last Sunday. In the morning Bro. Arnott, of Sydney, delivered a helpful message.

The sisters received special thanks at Victorian and Federal Conferences for the most excellent manner in which they provided meals and served tables.

At South Yarra last Sunday night there was a crowded attendance at L.O.L. service. Bro. Hinrichsen, father of the evangelist, and Miss Hinrichsen were present from Queensland.

Last Lord's day Thos. Hagger commenced his third year with the Grote-st. church. There were good meetings; five were received into fellowship, and four made the good confession.

Two baptisms and one confession at Maryborough, Vic., last Sunday. Bro. Renton has presented a beautiful lead-light window in memory of members who have "fallen asleep."

The meetings at Gawler, S.A., are being well maintained. Bro. H. J. Horsell was with the church on Easter Sunday, and at the evening service two young men confessed Christ.

The sisters of the Victorian General Dorcas, and all sisters interested in working for the poor, are invited to attend on Wednesday morning next, from 10.30 a.m. till 4.30 p.m., at the Swanston-st. Lecture Hall.

J. Larsen, of Maryborough, Q., recently paid an appreciated visit to Ma Ma Creek, and gave helpful addresses. Preaching there is at present carried on by J. Larsen and E. Rosenberg. Bible School is progressing.

G. T. Walden may be addressed care of Commonwealth Bank, Sydney, from April 10 to 20; care of Commonwealth Bank, Launceston, from April 24 to May 3; and from May 5 to June 5 at 74 Edmund-av., Unley, S.A.

The Victorian Women's Executive will meet in the Hall, Swanston-st., on Friday, May 7, at 2.30 prompt. Suggested Syllabus will be read, and Reports from Conference given. All sisters, especially delegates, are requested to be present.

Crowded house at Hobart, Tas., to hear Bro. Southgate's farewell message. Four decisions. Bro. and Sister Southgate were each presented with a wallet of notes. Also a presentation was made to Bro. and Sister Adams, who have gone to reside in Victoria.

Bro. Horsell, Secretary of the S.A. Home Mission Committee, writes asking the one or two churches, and also isolated members who have not sent in their annual H.M. offering, to kindly send it in at once. Funds are urgently required, and a complete list should be published very soon of all amounts given by the annual appeal.

Two former preachers—C. Young and R. Arnott—were at Burnley recently. Bro. Enniss spoke last Sunday morning.

One was received into membership at Prospect, S.A., on March 21, and one confessed Christ. On the 28th two were welcomed to membership. Anniversary day (March 28) was a great success. The debt on the building was liquidated. A happy time was spent at the annual social on March 31.

Swanston-st. had great meetings on Easter Sunday; many visitors from other States. G. T. Walden spoke in the morning. The choir, under Bro. Tippett's leadership, rendered most beautiful music in the evening. On April 11, many Conference visitors were again present. Bro. Will Beiler preached at night, when one confessed Christ.

The special month's mission at Hindmarsh, S.A., which closed on 31st ult., was a great success. On 4th inst. Bro. Cuttriss conducted a service in memory of the late Sister T. H. Brooker, an old and faithful worker. In the afternoon, Bro. T. H. Brooker, superintendent of the school, gave a resume of the life work of his late wife.

The S.A. Home Mission Committee have made arrangement whereby R. Raymond, who concludes his work at Murray Bridge on April 25, shall commence work with the churches at Kersbrook and Williamstown the following Sunday. Bro. R. Blackburn will give farewell addresses at Kersbrook, April 25, and proceed to Eyre Peninsula in time to begin a period of service on May 2. He will preach that Sunday at Tumby Bay.

Recently three were received by letter at Enmore, N.S.W., and one by faith and obedience. Last Sunday Bro. and Sister G. T. Walden received an enthusiastic welcome. Services were very impressive. Bro. Walden spoke morning, afternoon, and night. Over 100 visitors stayed to luncheon in order to hear our brother's address to the school. At night a lady confessed Christ; the building was crowded.

W. H. Nightingale writes from Kadina, S.A.:—"The Chandler-Clay great mission closed on Tuesday night with 104 decisions for Christ. Of this number 57 have been baptised already, and 46 have been received into fellowship. Others will follow. Some have been restored also to active life in the church. The spiritual life of hundreds has been strengthened. Record meetings for worship each Lord's day, and the building crowded to hear the gospel to-night. The missionaries left a splendid impression in the town. We shall welcome Bro. W. J. Taylor as evangelist next week."

On Monday, April 5, Bro. and Sister Eagle were tendered a farewell social at Erskineville, N.S.W. Bro. Eagle, after two and a half years of devoted service, voluntarily resigned the work. A presentation was made to our brother of a wallet of sovereigns as a token of appreciation. The Town Clerk spoke of his good work during the influenza epidemic. Various brethren testified to his worth and work. Bro. and Sister Eagle had many years' experience of mission work in India, while for some years past they have rendered faithful service in Australia.

From the address given by Bro. Thos. Hagger to the Grote-st. church last Sunday morning it was learned that there had been 37 additions by faith and baptism during the year, that the average attendance at the Lord's table had been 183 as against 167 for the previous year, that the midweek prayer meetings were still large and enthusiastic, that the church had contributed an average of £27 per week for all purposes, that the evangelist had paid 630 visits during the year, and that the S.S. was in a healthy condition but needed a few more teachers.

Bro. A. Tucker gives the following advance summary of some important points re Tasmanian Conference:—"Launceston Tasmanian Conference a great success. Splendid meetings, spiritual uplifts, fine addresses by leading brethren, fine progressive spirit shown. Devonport our next objective; centre of 7000 inhabitants; about £100 in hand towards same. Large meetings all day Sunday. Home Mission cash and promises, £53; Foreign Missions, £33. Bro. Nightingale new President 1921 Conference; Bro. Warmbrunn re-elected Secretary; Bro. P. R. Baker next year's Conference sermon preacher. Easter Monday picnic fine enjoyable outing."

Bro. L. Johnston gave a farewell visit to Ararat, Vic., on April 11. The school is progressing.

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One of the most delightful of Conference functions, and one which linked State and Federal Conferences together in beautiful fashion, was the reception tendered to delegates and visitors by the President of the Victorian Conference and Mrs. Craigie at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, on Tuesday afternoon, April 6. There was a very large attendance, including representatives from all the States and the Dominion of New Zealand. Bro. Craigie gave a fitting word of welcome, which was responded to by representative brethren, all of whom expressed appreciation of the President's hospitality.

On Friday last the Federal Conference picnic was held at Fern Tree Gully. The weather was perfect, and a happy day was spent by the large number who attended. During the day Mr. J. Mahoney, president of the Fern Tree Gully Shire, tendered a welcome to the visitors. This was heartily responded to by States representatives. Bro. Mahoney also kindly arranged for our comfort at the Gully, and he with others added to the pleasure of the day by using his motor car to let visitors see the beauties of the district. Much credit is due to Mrs. J. E. Allan and J. E. Webb for their work in arranging a most successful picnic.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 18, 20, 22.—South Yarra Anniversary Sunday, 11, H. Clark; 3, E. Allan; 7, W. Hinrichsen. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Public Meeting, J. E. Thomas and T. Bagley. Thursday, S. S. Demonstration. Good programme. Free.

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