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The above picture represents the home of Bro. Arnold Smith of Lake Bonney, one of the Soldier Settlements on the River Murray, S.A., some 9 miles from Berri. Our brother kindly allows the children to gather for Sunday School on the verandah. Large canvas tarpaulins are dropped, assisting to shut out the heat, and giving a fair-sized room. Gospel services are also held. As there are now 26 children enrolled, and no other religious body holds services, the Home Mission Committee are pushing on with the proposed chapel. This is most urgent. With confidence they look to the brotherhood for a liberal offering on February 1st, to help the soldiers, their women and little children.

This scene shows a few of the children of Lake Bonney, with Sister Smith and Bro. Hunt in attendance. Owing to an epidemic of measles, several children were not able to be present when the photo was taken. The little ones are very happy because of the opportunity which has been given them to come to Sunday School. A copy of the New Testament has been given to each child. We shall be glad of the price of a few dozen hymn-books.

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Our Aim: £1250 for Home Missions on
Sunday, February 1st, 1920.

THE "MUST" OF HOME MISSIONS.

W. B. Blakemore, B.A.,
Victorian Conference President.

The imperative call to the church to engage in missionary endeavor rests primarily upon the command of our Lord. He did not leave the determining of his programme to the discretion or inclination of his followers. He uttered a definite, unequivocal command—"Go ye," "preach the gospel," "make disciples." "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Herein lies the "must" of missions. These words of Jesus have back of them the authority of heaven and earth.

Therefore it is not for us, either as individuals or churches, to determine whether we will or whether we will not take part in the work of preaching the gospel. Our very claim to be disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ makes the work imperative. Necessity is laid upon us. Woe unto the Churches of Christ in Victoria if they preach not the gospel.

In addition to the Divine command, the open doors and the waiting fields increase the urgency of the call. The splendid reports from various Home Mission churches are a challenge to the Victorian brotherhood. There is no lack of opportunity, brethren. The calls are loud and insistent. While many are bemoaning the impotent state of ecclesiasticism and discussing ways and means of reviving interest in religion, let us enter these open doors of service and go forward at the King's command.

Gen. Smuts has said, "Humanity has struck its tents and once more is on the march." It is true. The world is on the move. We have a unique opportunity in these days of pointing out to the restless, moving masses, "the old paths, where is the good way," and of leading many to the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is the opportunity and the task of the disciples of Christ. If we fail to respond we will be recreant in our loyalty to the great Head of the church.

God's blessing which has rested upon our Home Mission work during the past year is an earnest of the greater blessing awaiting us. He is calling us not to sit nor stand, but go—go forward to a year of wider vision and larger service, and to

the greatest offering on February 1st the Victorian churches have ever made. For the fields are white already unto harvest, and necessity is laid upon us. We "must."

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSION WORK.

Thos. Bagley, Organising Secretary.

1. In Victoria we have 110 churches and over 10,000 members. At some period most of these churches have received assistance from the Committee.

2. We have a staff of 31 workers, and through these the gospel is being preached in about 50 different places.

3. We are financially assisting 34 churches.

4. Large churches have been built up and made self-supporting.

5. Extensive circuits have been formed and made self-supporting, viz.:

(1) Kaniva, which includes six preaching points.

(2) Brim, which includes three preaching points.

(3) Horsham, which includes six preaching points.

6. Swan Hill and Ultima circuit includes five churches, and they are asking for a third evangelist in order to open up two other places.

7. The church at Collingwood has become self-supporting, and recently decided to repurchase the great Tabernacle at a cost of £2000. This is a great triumph. It was lost to the brotherhood many years ago at the time of the severe depression. By the aid of the Home Mission Committee in assisting to provide good preachers this great work has been made possible.

8. Two new church buildings have been erected this year—the church at Oakleigh and the church at Rochester. Good work is being done in both places.

9. During nine months of the present Conference year over 250 additions have been made to the churches in our Home Mission fields.

10. During the year the following churches have become self-supporting: Collingwood, Croydon, Oakleigh and Echuca.

11. The salaries of several of our Home Missionaries have been increased, though none of them as much as the Committee would like. But our funds would not permit us to do more.

12. In most of our churches a good work is being done, and the prospects are most encouraging.

13. Home Mission work is the business of the brotherhood.

14. The work is organised and requires the deepest interest of every church member.

15. To carry on this great aggressive work we must raise £1250 on Home Mission Sunday, Feb. 1st.

16. £1250 on Feb. 1st will enable the Committee to meet Conference free of debt.

17. The Committee has faithfully carried out its task. No unnecessary expense has been incurred. It would gladly have done more had funds permitted.

18. We have confidence in the brotherhood, and believe that no preacher, board of officers or church will fail to make the best effort in this great soul-saving work.

19. Let our offering be an expression of thanksgiving to God for the splendid work of the past, and a sincere trust in future achievements.

20. During the coming year we purpose placing a man in the new field at Glenhuntingly. We hope to do something for Ararat, East Ballarat, and several other fields, as funds permit, in addition to supporting our present organised work.

These facts have been related in order that members everywhere may know of the work they have been supporting. We ask for your deepest interest and most liberal offering on Feb. 1st. Let our aim for £1250 be more than realised.

WHAT HOME MISSIONS HAVE MEANT TO COLLINGWOOD.

Jas. Webb.

It is my purpose to show from the results of the church at Collingwood the advisability and necessity of Home Missions.

A little more than three years ago the church here was without a regular preacher. The Home Missionary Committee recognised the unlimited

possibilities in this densely populated field, and at once advised the church to engage a man who would devote all his time to the work. However, there were financial difficulties in the way of such a forward move. The Committee promised to assist the church to the extent of £1 per week. This encouraged the members here, and the writer, who was then finishing his course at the College of the Bible, was engaged.

By harmonious and united effort difficulty after difficulty vanished, and the church continued to make steady progress.

Viewing the situation after three years, we can see the wisdom of the Committee, and commend them for their vision and advice. The membership has increased from 116 to 255. The church has also improved her financial position. Three years ago the church raised for all purposes during the Conference year less than £200. This Conference year the income will be about £600. As a result we were able during the past year to thank the Committee for their kindly interest and practical assistance, and to inform them that henceforth we would be a self-supporting church. Since then the church has met all its obligations, financed a Chandler-Clay mission, and increased the preacher's salary.

Encouraged by past progress, the church determined, if possible, to purchase the magnificent building, which we were renting as a house of worship, for we feared it would be sold and devoted to other purposes. It gives us joy to announce that we have purchased the Tabernacle—once built by the church here, and then lost—for £2000. All this has been made possible through the Home Missionary Committee coming to the assistance of the church three years ago.

WHAT HOME MISSIONS HAVE MEANT TO THE WEST WIMMERA.

A. R. Benn.

Churches of Christ Home Missions are responsible for a large army of Christians who are pleading for Christianity as it was at the first, and who have been, and still are, advocating union on the scriptural basis. From this Home-Mission-constituted-army have gone forth missionaries both to Home and Foreign fields. City and suburban churches in all the States have in their membership men and women who have been won in this Home Mission field. Not only does this mean a group of healthy churches self-supporting, giving liberally and largely to Home and Foreign Missions, supplying members to churches all over Australia, evangelists and missionaries laboring for Christ in various parts of the world, a church home for those who come to the district, but souls for whom Jesus died have heard the message and have been born again. As far as the writer knows we are the pioneers of believer's immersion and weekly communion in the West Wimmera. I do not know of any baptistry except those in the chapels of these Home Mission churches. "History repeats itself." Like causes produce like results. What has been done in the West Wimmera in days past can be done in other places in days present. One of our troubles, which is more and more accentuated as we increase in membership, is that our members move away to places where we have no churches. Many of them and their children are thus lost to us. To make the most of what has been given, we must give more. "Let us go unto the other cities also."

These West Wimmera New Testament churches are the fruit of Home Mission giving, but they are fruit which contains seed which will go on multiplying to the end of the age.

IN THREE YEARS.

A. Anderson tells how a fine Home Mission Church has been built up in Oakleigh and made Self-supporting in three years.

To begin a new church with war clouds and financial burdens troubling us, was a serious undertaking. Yet it was a task accomplished at Oakleigh, under the guidance of our Home Mission Committee.

Our late secretary, Bro. Hagger, was quick to see the opportunity that presented itself. Twenty-three members were found willing to attempt great things. These faithful few, guided by Bro. Hagger, decided in September, 1916, to meet and break bread. Interest soon was aroused, and in December, 1916, gospel services were held by Bro. Hagger in the Mechanics' Hall. A Sunday School was also formed at the same time. The efforts of our brother were successful, and members had visions of soon having a building of their own. So quickly had the work grown that the Committee decided to engage Bro. Whately to lead the young church. Bro. Whately started his labors in June, 1917. His was a labor of consecration and love. Much hard work and planning was done during his faithful labors. As a result many souls were won, and the church enthused.

The work was well in hand when the present worker in September, 1918, was called to this field. Early in this year the new building was commenced, and guided by the Home Mission Committee we decided to hold a Chandler-Clay mission. This was successful, and 36 new members were added to the church when we were

and cash into that phase of Christian work that will count most for the kingdom of God. If I ask them to examine the records of the Church of Christ in this flourishing district. From a handful of members meeting in a house they have increased to 275 (exclusive of the many removable). We have a strong church in a house removable of the best, if not the best congregation, in the town, with a fine brick chapel in a good position, and of which all the brethren who have seen it are justly proud.

At Polkemmet we have one of the finest bands of Christians in Victoria. At Pimpenio the church is just organized, and the prospects are bright for the building up of a strong church. At Haverly we have a band of earnest Christians. The work is carried on by a band of earnest workers, not less than ten men, beside the evangelist, taking appointments, not counting brethren with horses and traps taking speakers out to preach. The workers also have played a large part in helping financially with the work of their hands. Trace all this to its source, and you find yourself in the midst of the Home Mission Committee, who are now waiting for that fine donation you have decided to send.

HOW THE BIG SWAN HILL CIRCUIT HAS BEEN BUILT UP, AND THE FUTURE PROSPECT OF THE WORK.

D. A. Cockroft.

The work in the Swan Hill district has from its beginning been Home Mission work, and if further new fields are to be entered, it can only be with the assistance of Home Missions.

Real progress began when the Home Mission Committee sent Bren, Bagley and Shipway to Swan Hill; when a mission was held, a church organized, and the present chapel built. Bro. Shipway remained as first evangelist, the church being subsidised from the Home Mission funds. Two years later a church was organised at Uhlina.

The greater work of the district commenced some five years ago, when a district conference was formed, and the Home Mission Committee took over the full responsibility of the district. The result of the impetus given at this time was the organising of churches at Kancira and Lake Boga. An organising secretary was appointed, which resulted in the linking up of about fifty isolated members, another evangelist, in the person of W. Wakefield, secured, the reopening of a church at Kerang, and the holding of services at Wainch and Rosevale.

About this time a new irrigation settlement was opened at Woorenin, some ten miles from Swan Hill. Our district committee took the opportunity, and to-day we have a chapel there, and a fine church of enthusiastic members, a live Bible School, and no denominational opposition.

The district has gradually been getting nearer self-support. It has increased its contributions to the Home Mission Committee from £8/10/- per month in 1915, to £21 per month at present. Its aim has been to plant the Restoration movement in new centres wherever possible. During the past ten years work has been done in eight new centres. Our great aim at present is to secure the services of a third evangelist, and open up the rising town and settlement of Nyah, where the Restoration plea has never been heard, and to commence meetings at Gowan, where a State school is being built, and where no religious service of any kind has yet been held.

This district expects to have to bear a part of the expense of this new work, and that the Home Mission Committee will bear the rest. May our offering on Feb. 1st enable our brotherhood to do this and other pioneer work for our Master.

CLARENCE L. LANG WRITES THE FOLLOWING ABOUT SHEPPARTON.

Shepparton is the capital and distributing centre of the Goulburn Valley, and a town of growing importance. It is also a strategic point in the Home Mission field, and a strong church should



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on February 1



ready to open our new building in July. All this work was accomplished in under three years. Our building is of solid brick, comfortably seating 200; estimated value, £1300. Surely this is a glorious triumph for Home Missions. "It was a glorious victory."

Now we are in a happy position, only a little over £600 is owing on our building, and soon we hope to become self-supporting. Over £2 a week has been put aside for building fund since the church was established. This would not have been possible had we to carry during these years our own financial burdens.

Without the Committee the mission would have been impossible, for we had their fine tent, also financial assistance. Again, without the Committee a preacher could not have been supported.

With a membership to-day of over 140 we press forward in the Master's work—but for the valuable assistance rendered by the Committee we tender our grateful thanks.

WHAT HOME MISSION ENTERPRISE HAS MEANT TO THE GREAT HORSHAM DISTRICT.

J. R. Combridge.

We live in a commercial age, and the question on every hand is, Does it pay? The working man seeks to employ his energies in the enterprise that will yield him the largest return, the commercial man is looking for the soundest concern likely to pay him large dividends. And I trust Christian men and women everywhere are examining the records of the past in order to put their energies

be established here, one that would be worthy of the cause which we represent. The church consists of 66 members, who are working faithfully for the extension of the cause. We have made splendid progress during the past six months. Last November, with the assistance of Bro. J. E. Webb, of Collingwood, the church conducted a 15 days' mission, with the result that the work was more firmly established and 15 converts were added to the church. Since the mission, two more have been added by faith and obedience, and one as a baptised believer. Our Bible School has also grown, and now we have a fine school of 60 scholars and 10 officers and teachers. We have a kindergarten department with the necessary equipment for conducting same, which was provided by the members of the church. We find that our building is far too small to accommodate the numbers that come and efficiently carry on the work. There are splendid opportunities in this town. The church is respected by all, and enquiries are constantly being made as to what we believe and teach. Gospel services are conducted at Cosgrove once a fortnight, where there is a fine union chapel. A few members have been meeting together here for some time, and now it has been made possible to begin regular services. The work in this important centre has been made possible by the assistance received from the Home Mission Committee. We want to build a stronghold in this town from which we could evangelise the rich Goulburn Valley and the great North-east. In order to make this work possible, we appeal to the brotherhood to be most generous in the coming Home Mission offering.

**W. C. CRAIGIE, OUR TREASURER,
SAYS WE MUST RAISE £1250 ON
FEBRUARY 1st, AND THAT WE CAN
DO IT EASILY.**

The Home Missionary Committee is asking our churches in Victoria to raise £1250 on February 1. The money is needed to maintain and forward the preaching of the gospel throughout our State. There is no doubt that we are in a position to raise this amount and even more. Twelve hundred and fifty pounds among ten thousand disciples is not a formidable sum. As a matter of simple division it amounts to 2/6 per member. A few of us may not be able to give this; but the greater proportion of us can afford much more. We are, on the whole, not a rich people, neither are we a poor people. But while possessing neither poverty nor riches, the majority of us are walking that middle pathway along which there lie health, happiness, and money enough for all the necessary purposes of life.

We are wonderfully blessed. Out of our storehouse let us give a portion toward the great work of spreading the gospel. Whether this money will be raised or not is not a question of ability; it is a question of consecration. It is a question of the willing mind and the generous heart. As treasurer I have every confidence that our brethren will respond generously on February 1st. They have not failed us in the past; they will not fail us now.

**A. E. ILLINGWORTH TELLS HOW TO
RAISE £1250 ON SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 1st.**

The raising of money for the work of the Lord has been in all ages a fruitful source of controversy. Objectors have been found ever ready to question the methods employed. Devout Christians and earnest advocates of truth and righteousness cannot possibly find fault with voluntary offerings from the people of God themselves. Since this method is approved by all I suggest that the way to raise the £1250 we need is—

First. Let one and all of us realise that this sum is our minimum. We could do good work with more, we cannot keep the work we are now doing at its right level with less.

Second. Let those who have the money recognise the fact that the cause of Home Missions languishes for lack of funds. This is a business man's proposition. We have ten thousand members on our church rolls in Victoria. Some of

them are in easy circumstances, many living in affluence. Quite a goodly number are well able to give large sums to the committee. What is £1250 among so many? An analysis of reserves, to say nothing of incomes, would disclose a big margin still in the banks after the £1250 was deducted.

Third. Let all of us, from the least unto the greatest, practise apostolic precept, and lay by as the Lord has prospered us. What we need is primitive spontaneity and Christian enthusiasm. Few of us give as freely to the calls of the church as we do to the calls of society. Many give far more pounds to sport and pleasure than they do to missions. One week-end motor trip costs more in petrol alone than the Lord's treasury envelope contains in a month of Sunday! The picture show tickets on Saturday night are often in excess of the offerings given by our young members on Sunday mornings. To evangelise Victoria we must take up this matter all the time seriously and face the demands and responsibilities of the new age.

Fourth. Let preachers, elders, deacons, or who ever is charged with the work of leadership and guidance in the churches see to it that the Home Mission envelopes are placed in the hands of every member in good time. Let the require-

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£1250
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ments of the committee be put before the churches in a plain, straightforward, business-like fashion. Tell them we have to support 31 laborers weekly. Tell them we have to support 31 churches to keep going their evangelistic services. Tell them that these men have no reserves, and freely make sacrifices to tell the glad story of the Saviour's love. Tell them we really ought to have 100 men hard at it all the time. Tell them that the urgency of the hour, the insistency of the Master's call, the efficacy of the life-giving Word all speak to us in loud tones, "Give," and "give freely."

"Give all thou canst; high heaven rejects the lore Of nicely-calculated less or more."

Prove that the good old method of direct giving cannot be surpassed. The response on Feb. 1 will be commensurate with your faith. The organising secretary deserves encouragement in his arduous duties, and I feel sure he will reach his objective.

**NO CHURCH SHOULD FAIL,
BECAUSE—!**

T. H. Scambler, B.A.

No church should fail to do its utmost in the interests of Home Mission work, because—! Well, because! That's a woman's reason, they say. In some things it is an all-sufficient reason, too, leaving no more to be said. Really there is no more sense in trying to argue Home Missions than there is in trying to argue someone into loving, or into the exercise of courage. There may

be a call for stimulation, for the display of enthusiasm, but if a Christian does not see, as instinctively as he sees the love of God, the imperative need that there is to maintain and extend the work of Home Missions, no words are likely to bring him to realise it. Because! That word includes God's love, our heart's response, the need of every unsaved man in our land, the articulate cry of the world for the redemption in Christ Jesus—everything that can move our hearts, quicken our gratitude, stir our noblest impulses, and give us the joy of salvation. No church should fail, because—!

**F. J. SIVYER SAYS WE MUST NOT
FAIL TO TAKE GOD INTO ACCOUNT.**

**We Must Pray About It. Let Our Members
Everywhere Pray, and the Result Will
Be Assured.**

"Ask no one but God." This is the motto of the China Inland Mission respecting the raising of funds for the sending out and the maintaining of their missionaries. Up to the end of last year (1919) this mission board had sent out 130 missionaries from Australasia alone, and to none of these workers was there a salary guaranteed. Their financial needs are made known through the agency of speakers and papers, but no one's aid is directly solicited—they depend on God, and he has never failed them. Recently nine missionaries were sent out by the s.s. "Eastern," and up till within a few days of the boat's sailing none of the passage money was in sight; but prayer was persisted in, and the whole of the necessary amount came to hand all right.

In the light of such a splendid demonstration of the way in which God provides through human agency for the carrying on of his work, should we not rest our financial requirements more on the Lord than on ourselves? In theory we hold that God is quite the biggest factor in all the undertakings of his church; should not this apply equally as much in the raising of cash as in saving the souls of mankind? "Paul planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." We hold this to be the Divine method for the saving of men. Surely in the raising of the necessary funds for such work we should stress as much the Divine part as the human!

When the apostle first preached at Philippi we are informed that Lydia, "whose heart the Lord opened, to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul," constrained Paul and his companions to partake of the hospitality of her house. The giving of support to the servants of God was as much due to the Lord's work in the heart of Lydia as was her salvation. We may seem to have more control over the getting and the spending of money than in regard to the saving of men and women, but in the last resource all the getting and the giving depends on the Great Provider. "In him we live and move and have our being," Paul told the Greeks, and that, at least, means that when we undertake anything for him, he is the most responsible one for the supply of energy and materials necessary for that work.

Paul in urging the Corinthians to help by their offerings the needy Judean brethren, emphasised that God was abundantly able to make them sufficient for their task, saying, "And God is able to bestow every blessing on you in abundance, so that, richly enjoying all sufficiency at all times, you may have ample means for all good works" (Weymouth). This is the Master's own way for supplying workers and equipment for mission fields. When he viewed with deep compassion the poor misguided, shepherdless Galileans, and from them turned to the handful of disciples by his side, his solution to the great problem was prayer, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." He could give them no better method to meet the great need, for there was none. If prayer is anything, it is everything. If it can command any power, it can make available the greatest power. "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me," said Paul, and this referred to the very question of wants and how to meet them.

South Australia.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

R. Harkness, B.A.

Once again, brethren and sisters of South Australia, like the famous Oliver, we are before you asking for "more"—not simply another offering for Home Missions, but a larger one.

We remember with feelings of gratification the splendid effort of last year; but our obligations are greater to-day, and there is before us opening up an ever-widening field of possibilities for evangelisation in our State, and so we appeal for a still more generous offering this year.

It would indeed be a calamity if we should ever reach a dead level, or worse still have to inform our brethren that we need less money than before.

As a committee we do not need to look for opportunities; they are forced upon our notice with a steady persistency, and it is a bitter experience to the members of the committee to have to refuse appeals for help for lack of funds. It is a harassing question often asked when a promising proposition is placed before us—"Can we really afford to do this?" Since our State was founded there perhaps never was a better opportunity for planting new causes. In the country new settlements are being formed, and around the city fresh suburbs are springing into existence; and as members of the churches are now scattered everywhere throughout the State, this gives us the opportunity of getting in early.

We are frequently reminded that in life youth passes quickly, and comes but once; and as it is with the individual, so it is with the life of a nation. Australia as compared with the hoary civilisations of the old world is but a youth, or as Shakespeare would depict it, as "The whining schoolboy with his satchel and shining face creeping like a snail unwilling to go to school." It is surely the impressionable period in the history of our nation, and it must be our desire that as young Australia with all his getting, should get an understanding of the simple truths of the gospel of Christ.

We find that in most cases it is not a question of doing something within the next few years, but to take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to us we must act now.

We feel sure that the brotherhood in South Australia would wish that every opportunity of extending our Master's kingdom should be availed of, and so we confidently appeal to our brethren to help us to make known the plea we advocate in the land we love.

Undoubtedly, brethren, this is our task; and so let us rise to the occasion, and on February 1st show faith in our splendid plea by giving a record amount as our Home Mission offering.

RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE.

H. J. Horsell.

Our heavenly Father has graciously blessed the work of the Home Mission Committee, and the several preachers engaged during the year 1919. In every respect this has been a very successful year. A splendid aggressive work has been done. The support which has been given—appreciated by the committee—is surely well merited.

Retrospective.

The attention of the reader is directed to a few outstanding features. Space forbids the mention of many others.

1. Thirty months ago a church was reorganised at Port Pirie. To-day there are nearly 90 members and a Sunday School of some 80 scholars. This work has been done in a rented hall under cramped and unsuitable conditions. The church paid a deposit on a property costing £950,

and have wiped off the whole of this amount. This is a magnificent achievement for a Home Mission church. The cause at Port Pirie has proved more than worth while.

2. Work in the mining towns of Moonta and Wallaroo has been somewhat interfered with because of the copper slump. Then Bren Allan and Taylor both resigned, and for some time the churches were without a preacher. H. L. Vawser, however, took up duty at Moonta in October, and good results have accrued. A. J. Ingham is to commence at Wallaroo in January. With the Chandler-Clay mission commencing January 25th, great success is anticipated.

3. Murray Bridge district has done well. There are 17 members, and as many as 50 are attending gospel services. Murray Bridge is developing into a large town. Church work is progressing under the committee's representative—Bro. Raymond. Audiences steadily growing, and some have confessed Christ.

4. The cause on the fruit settlements is full of abundant promise. Berri and Winkie have fine meetings. Schools are on the up grade. Bro. Hunt appears to be the man for the field. Open-air service is held every Sunday night during summer; not only are the audiences larger than indoor meetings, but several confessions are reported.

5. Gospel services are now regularly held at Lake Bonney, some nine miles from Berri. The Sunday School is nicely attended—a picture of which appears on another page of this issue. Visitation in and around Cobdogla has been done with a view to opening work very soon. The S.O.S. from Bro. Hunt will give full particulars as to what is being done. Read his article.

6. Altogether 30 services are conducted every Sunday on Home Mission fields. There have been 17 preachers wholly engaged and about 150 persons have been baptised.

Prospective.

Allow me to direct further attention to contemplated work.

1. We must place an evangelist at Lake Bonney and Cobdogla as speedily as possible. A great work can be done among returned soldiers as well as civilians. Bro. Hunt has more than sufficient work to engage his attention at Berri and Winkie.

2. A chapel will be erected at Lake Bonney very soon. Plans and specifications are ready for a nice chapel with vestry. We estimate £350 will complete the job.

3. Another motor cycle will need to be bought for Eyre Peninsula to replace the machine sent to Lake Bonney. Another £70 to £80 will probably be wanted.

4. At present Eyre Peninsula and Narracoorte are without evangelists. Consecrated brethren are doing the preaching on Lord's day. As it is nearly six months since the preacher wholly engaged was removed to another field, it is time we secured a man. And Narracoorte simply cannot keep on much longer without we send some assistance. This is our one field in all the South-east. Must we lose our standing in this great district, and shut the door to that fertile country? We must put a preacher in this town of 1600 people.

5. And we surely desire the work in all the present occupied fields to be continued. After expending so much money, and with the prospect of self-support in a number of instances, it would be a calamity to close down. We cannot afford to discontinue assisting one such field. All are worth while.

The past twelve months' record is so good, and the important work requiring close attention should demand that we go right ahead with the King's business.

6. Our financial position is such as to cause grave concern. We shall be quite £500 in debt by February 1st. Up to date about £1100 has been received this financial year, and as we shall need £3500 to see the year's operations through to July 31st, 1920, the brethren can see the seriousness of the position. As secretary, one who is constantly moving in and out of all the fields, and thus having a knowledge of the whole position, and thus earnestly urge every member of every church, together with those isolated, to make a special effort on February 1st, 1920, to secure £1111, so that the committee shall not be hampered.

Will you help call up the right number, please! "One double one one."

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

Geo. P. Cuttriss.

There are many people who indignantly protest against the number of appeals for the wherewithal for carrying forward the work of the church both at home and abroad. No one regrets more the necessity for making such appeals than those entrusted with the task of maintaining existing causes and extending, as opportunity offers, the operations of the church. It is generally agreed that it should not be necessary to so constantly appeal to the churches. All should be sufficiently seized with the importance and imperativeness of the work to give as they are able without being especially appealed to. Great generosity was excited on behalf of special funds during the progress of the great European conflict, and though money which ordinarily would have found its way to the treasury of the church was devoted to various patriotic purposes, it was wonderful how the church managed to "keep house" on the restricted income. One of the first institutions to suffer in the great aftermath in the throes of which we are to-day is the church, which is unable to vigorously prosecute a progressive policy in consequence of the lack of funds. If we could but see things in their right perspective, it would be generally conceded that the highest form of patriotism is to stand by and support the church of God. The church is the bride of Christ. We certainly would hesitate to ask wives to keep homes as what we ask the church to keep Home Missions. Can anybody imagine a husband informing his wife that in view of what had been given in the past, and owing to the increased cost of living and the growing size of the family, he intended to reduce the allowance for household purposes. There are many good people who assume that they are generous to the extreme. They, too often, confuse the number of appeals which they have heard with the number of times they have given, and the mere remembrance of the appeals makes them perspire under the burdened sense of their liberality. Would that people had better memories, or that they had some reliable system that would aid them. One reason why people have not more is because they do not give much away. We have yet to learn that there is some mysterious connection between giving and receiving. "There is that which scattereth and yet increaseth," seemingly contradictory, yet wonderfully true. The question which leaps perennially to the lips of the members of the Home Mission Committee is, "What shall we do?" It is imperative in the highest interests of the cause of Jesus Christ and the movement for the restoration of primitive Christianity that something be done. The need has never been so urgent. The opportunities never so easily turned into possibilities. In South Australia the suburbs are growing apace. Erstwhile vacant areas have been converted into populous districts where churches of Christ should be established. Clamant calls come from the country for assistance. The existing as yet

not-self-supporting churches must be maintained. Confronted with these great obligations and opportunities, and the terrifying spectre of a gradually increasing overdraft, the members of the committee may well and wisely ask, "What shall we do?" Shall they withdraw from recently entered fields? Will support be withheld from those churches which are speeding towards self-support? Has a deaf ear to be turned to the cry from those new districts where it is desired and desirable to organise churches? Money is urgently required, and if it be not forthcoming, the Home Mission Committee will be able to do little or nothing. The answer to the question will be furnished by the churches on the first Lord's day in February. What we shall do then will determine the policy of the Home Mission Committee. What shall we do? Every member of the churches in South Australia shares the responsibility of this work with the members of the Home Mission Committee. We must do something. We must do something soon. We must do something worthy of the occasion and the great opportunities and to wipe out the overdraft which saddles the Committee at the present time. Shall we give as we are able, "as God has prospered us," cheerfully, as proof of our sincerity and love, which should be the great incentive to liberality? Little love forgot to wash the Master's feet, but much love broke the box of alabaster. We cannot come without sacrifice, and upon such sacrifices the gods themselves throw incense. What shall we do? That is the question.

BEGINNING AT HOME.

Graham McKie.

"Charity begins at home" is an old adage, and whilst we should not employ it to bolster up a policy of selfishness like that of which the poet sings—

"Our charity begins at home,
And mostly ends where it begins."

yet there is a profound truth underlying it. When our Lord Jesus Christ gave the great command, so aptly termed "The Church's Marching Orders," "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," he amplified it, as Luke tells us, by these words: "Beginning at Jerusalem, and both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Here, then, is the Saviour's own injunction, that in all the proclamation of the great amnesty of grace, his apostles (and all Christians are apostles)—"sent ones"—upon a specific mission) are to commence that mission, as it were, on their own doorstep, ere they extend it "to the uttermost part of the earth." Now Foreign Missionary work is pre-eminently Christlike; it is God's will. Alas for the churches which lack a Foreign Missionary spirit and propaganda, for age-long experience has shown that such churches become decadent, while a truly Foreign Missionary church will prove itself a Home Missionary living and ever-prosperous church. It is as disobedient to neglect the Home as to neglect the Foreign aspect of missionary effort. Both phases are God's will for his church. In fact there is only one mission, though for our convenience it may be spoken of as possessing two departments, viz.: The Home and the Foreign. "All the world" includes the crowded populations of our home cities and the scattered settlers of our country-side, just as it includes the teeming multitudes of strange and foreign lands.

As an ardent missionary of long years' service on a foreign strand, and of only recent arrival in this fair land of the Southern Cross, the writer is impressed and dismayed at the urgent need here of the preaching of New Testament Christianity. On all sides there seems to be a dearth of the apostolic presentation of God's grace. It would appear that the times spoken of in Amos 8: 11, 12, are rapidly approaching. The simplicity that is in Christ is ever growing more conspicuous by its absence, and it is for a return to this simplicity, to this inspired infallible Word, to this New Testament Christianity, that we Churches of Christ find our *raison d'être*, and proclaim as our mission.

It is for these, and other reasons, that we must place and keep the Home aspect of our great mission to the forefront of our platform. If Home Missions lag, then Foreign Missionary effort suffers with it. If our Home Mission agencies flourish, then the same is true of our Foreign Mission agencies. The two are one, and stand and fall together. We repeat that for the sake of the plea for which as Churches of Christ we stand, namely, a return to the simplicity of New Testament Christianity, and for the sake of the success and prosperity of the Foreign Missionary spirit and effort among us, let us obey the repeated command of our Lord and Saviour by "beginning at Jerusalem," that is, "beginning at home." Home Missions first, then expanding naturally to "the uttermost part of the earth." That is the divinely appointed mode of spreading the gospel. Let us remember that in saying "Home first," it is not the "first" of importance, but the "first" of sequence; and that a "first" does not exclude but rather presupposes and postulates a "second," which would be: "To the uttermost part of the earth."

On February the 1st, we are to have our annual opportunity of presenting our offerings for Home Mission work. Let us, then, put forth our strenuous endeavors to make it an offering worthy of our Lord and Saviour, thus showing our loyalty to his person and our obedience to his command.

AN S.O.S. FROM THE RETURNED SOLDIER SETTLEMENTS, RIVER MURRAY.

C. H. Hunt.

Hullo! Is that the "Australian Christian"? Give me "One double one one," please. Hullo! Is that the S.A. brethren? Yes. Who is speaking? River Murray Returned Soldier Settlements here. Oh, yes! Berri, Winkie, Marshall, Monash, Lone Gum, Lake Bonney, and Cobdogla. We have heard of such places, and understand that there is a big movement with the Irrigation Department. What is the real position in regard to religious work and our duty in particular? That is just what we are anxious you should know. Glad to think you are so interested. Interested! Of course we are. These men were interested enough in Australia to fight the Empire's battles, and we are extremely interested in their repatriation; not merely in a material sense, but we wish to help them and their families from a spiritual standpoint. Can you suggest any way in which we can do this? Before making suggestions it is necessary for you to become fully seized with the magnitude of the work to be done. For instance, the intense cultivation that is possible under irrigation, means that the blocks are small and more compact habitation is the result. There is no settlement of any kind in S.A. where more people are able to make a living per acre, than on these areas. This means population, population means homes, homes mean children. At present over 1000 men are engaged in various parts of the new settlements, clearing, grading, and channeling the land for settlement. As the blocks are ready they are allotted to the soldiers, so that the growth is steady and continuous. Any work that you wish to do in this daily increasing area, with its ever increasing population, must be done along definite and clearly defined lines. There are large camps of men of the navy type, mostly returned soldiers, who toil out in the hot sun amidst the dust and flies, with no home comfort—not even a "trench comforts fund"—to break the monotony of their lives. The devil does try to cheer these fellows a bit with his liquor business; and oh, dear! he makes a terrible mess of it. Then there are the permanent residents who have their blocks and homes, and families, and plenty of work to keep them busy; in many cases—seven days a week. The average blocker is a good, steady family man, assisted by the real pioneer type of wife, just the class of people that Australia needs. The children of both classes of people form a third phase of our work. Do you think we can do successful work among these different groups under

their present conditions? Certainly. It only means organisation and application. The Home Mission Committee is quite capable of supervising this work, and the churches should make this possible. At present there is but one evangelist on the field. He conducts five services every Sunday. This only touches the fringe, so to speak, of the work that could be done with another preacher's assistance. A Sunday School has been established at Lake Bonney; it meets on the verandah of a brother's house. Another school should be started at Cobdogla now. We also need a school at Marshall, which is an extension of Winkie. Will it pay to undertake this work of opening schools? Pay! Rather. We have passed the experimental stage. The success of the school at Winkie has proved that this is the most profitable class of work that we can undertake.

Additions to our church membership have been a direct result. What about work among the men in the camps? That is of course a different service. They are just simply ordinary men. Personal interest and healthy social entertainment are the channels through which they may be approached. Another man on the field would relieve the present man of much detail, and enable both to visit the camps and get in personal contact with the men. Magazines and newspapers form a valuable medium of introduction to men of this class. Parcels of same would be turned to good account if sent direct to the writer. That's all we have time to say just now. Thank you for the suggestions. We will do our best and promise to stand by the Home Mission Committee and its work, with prayers for men and money—and give on February 1st the £1111 required.

POINTS OF INTERROGATION.

Dear Readers,—

What do you think of this special Home Mission number of "The Australian Christian"? Isn't it fine? Well, the paper is always fine; but this being the psychological moment in Home Missions, the editor has specially pressed the matter, and here is the issue right off the machine, and it is one that is worthy of the cause for which it was printed. This paper is loyal to its task, especially loyal to Home Missions. Don't you feel proud of it, and the cause for which it stands? Don't you feel proud of the consecrated pioneers who started that cause in these wonderful lands of the south?

Don't you think that they had the commission at heart and in hand? Don't you think that their message was definite and their work distinct?

Don't you feel proud that that definite message has reached you, and that you are now a member of the church of Christ, and one in the same distinct cause?

Don't you feel proud of the plea which the pioneers made and which the church is making today?

Don't you think that the church of Christ is a good thing for Australia? Don't you think that it is needed in these lands? Don't you think that a glorious work has been divinely accomplished in our midst?

Don't you think that there are greater opportunities opening to us? Don't you feel like taking them?

Don't you think that our God who has so wonderfully helped us in the past will help us in the future? Of course you do?

Aren't you positively convinced that all things for which the church stands are true and best, and that there is no shame, but all-glory in them? Of course you are.

May such pride and conviction make our hearts strong and bold, and God's grace and our obligated opportunities brace us for the task of making the church the biggest thing in our life and land.

The great means to this end is Home Missions. Upon its altar place your sacrificial offering. Give liberally, largely and lovingly to the Lord's work. Build up the cause you love. Strengthen the church and you strengthen Australia.

With every good wish for a record offering on "Home Missions Day," I am, yours to this end,

A Disciple.

P.S.—Please remember that Christ's cause calls for consecration, conviction, courage and cash—the big four. Let them speak for Home Missions.—A.D.

QUESTS.

Will Beiler.

The Quest.

Webster defines the word quest for us as an attempt to find or obtain, a search, an adventure, a chivalrous enterprise. Is there not in the breast of all men a search after something? The quest of some is to discover the avenue which leads to fame and worldly power. The search of others is to enter on the road of travel in order to intellectual discovery. The adventure of others is in order to know the secret of acquiring the possessions of wealth, and no enterprise is lacking in the concentrated effort to make money. But there is a far greater quest in life after which men are striving, though it is not always recognised. The quest for the highest. The Psalmist gave utterance to it when he declared, "As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God," and as

"We search the world for truth, we call
The good, the pure, the beautiful
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul,
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read."

Thus the quest goes on.

Bequest.

This wonderful old Book with its fountain of living water and its message of supply is God's great bequest to mankind. Those who have it should take its golden truths to those who have it not. He, too, has bequeathed to us as a brotherhood the lives of our saintly and consecrated Home Missionaries, who have loyalty to his truth toiled and labored, and we have entered into their labors. We have the bequest, too, of his gracious presence. No servant of Christ is expected to go forth alone. He who pledged his own Divine presence to the apostles nerves all his faithful followers to-day with the assurance, "Lo, I am with you always." And his bequest of power fits us for the quest. "Ye shall receive power" was Christ's promise to his servants. As God's people are more and more "filled with the Spirit" in this the day of his power, they will go out to seek and lead men to find the secret of the life abundant in the Lord Christ.

Request.

The request, then, of our Master, is to have an ever-increasingly clarified vision of humanity's struggles and needs, and with a compassionate look to discover that the world is astray, and that Christ's people have been invited, nay, requested, nay, commissioned, to solve the problems of life by presenting the Christ of the Book as the source of solution and satisfaction. Are we satisfied with the progress his kingdom has made, or shall we more fully "go into all the world" and preach his glorious gospel? Our Home Mission Committee, whom Conference committed to the task of further answering the call of the unsaved of our State, and the commission of the Christ to enter other fields, now stands waiting for the brotherhood to make it most gloriously possible. The committee's appeal is not for itself, but for the kingdom of Christ and its extension in this sunny south land. Who will be a helper, other lives to bring?

Conquest.

Say, who of us has not seen the waning of the darkening thralldom of Satan's power in the lives that have been enlightened by the knowledge of Jesus? Many have been the victories of the cross through the organised H.M. service. Many have

sought and found the "pearl of great price." And Jesus is leading his own to victory. The spiritual forces of Christ will ultimately, finally, and fully triumph over the material forces of Satan and this world. The King of Kings and Lord of lords is leading his army on to conquest. His army is ever increasing the more it hastens to obey the orders of the King.

Shall we be found in step on February 1st? He is depending on us. Let us not fail him.

CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM AND THE FEBRUARY OFFERING.

H. R. Taylor.

The supreme motive for the enlargement of the scope of Home Mission enterprises and sacrificial giving must ever be our love for Christ and the wandering children of God, who are redeemed but unrepentant. But surely there is a second motive which should make itself felt at this stage of Australia's history—intense devotion to our country and the desire to construct the national life on the best possible basis. We have attained our majority as a distinct nation. The price has been paid for nationhood in the valor and sacrifice of the men who fought for us on foreign soil and the service of those who kept the home fires burning, and carried the immense burdens of the country in the absence of the immense army. Sixty thousand Australians have died for Australia. The scores of cemeteries in France, containing thousands of rough wooden crosses, erected to mark the last bivouac of the sons of the great southland, bear mute witness to the enormity of the price demanded to ensure the future of Australia. Should not every stick and stone be consecrated by such a sacrifice? If we did not love our home country before, should we not burn with intense patriotism now? There can be no way which will show our fidelity to the heroes who have fallen more worthy of our citizenship than by making this land thoroughly Christian. It is quite safe to say that the stream of immigration turning in this direction will give us a tremendous population within a few years. Our cities will rapidly increase their populations, our big open spaces will be occupied. The church showing the aggressive spirit will grow with the population. In U.S.A. the Churches of Christ are strongest in the middle States, for this reason—our movement swept westward from Virginia with the new settlements. The finest positions were secured for the erection of places of worship, the brainiest spirits faced the unknown bearing the lamp of life, with the result indicated. We can thus far repeat the history of our American brethren. Perhaps the finest step we have taken in this State is the establishment of our cause in the newly opened Murray settlements. It shows faith and vision. Money laid out in these areas in the full maintenance of the work will return handsome dividends to the kingdom of God.

I am fully persuaded after my comparatively brief experience as a chaplain with the A.I.F. that the Churches of Christ have a unique opportunity in presenting the gospel. We have a plain, practical message which appeals to the commonsense of the average man, who has no time for mere forms and ceremonies, and empty ritual. Backed by godly, earnest lives among professing Christians, the preacher need not fear to preach Christ. He will always get a good hearing, even from the rough "digger." Australia has reached a turning point in her history. Stupendous problems await settlement. Strong hearts and consecrated hands are needed. Men, money, grit, determination, and much prayer offer a challenge to Christian men and women in these days. "Let us start up and live" for Christ and for Australia. If we do our part now, future generations will bless us for the noble land in which their lot is cast.

February 1st, 1920:
OUR AIM IS £1111.

S.A. HOME MISSION NOTES.

H. J. Horsell.

The past month has been one of much encouragement in most of the fields. The additions by faith and baptism have been—Bordertown and Mundulla, 6; Berri, 5; Semaphore, 1; Moonta, 2; Murray Bridge, 4; Total, 19.

Semaphore.—This church decided to reduce their subsidy by 5/- per week. We thank them. Tenders have been called for the erection of a school hall to meet the great need for more accommodation. The work is in a good state.

Port Pirie.—The church has paid off the whole of the amount owing on the property, viz., £550. A loan will be advanced by the bank to erect a chapel shortly. Congratulations!

Broken Hill.—Bro. Oram should have the prayers of every Christian. He is in the midst of tremendous difficulties. The strike has caused much poverty, distress and sickness. The church meetings are fairly well attended, but finances are in a bad way. We are glad for such assistance as has been sent Bro. Oram by the churches to relieve distress.

Walleroo.—Services have been fairly well maintained. Bren, F. T. Saunders, W. H. Nightingale and J. E. Shipway have each given a Sunday's service. Ray and Cliff Killmer assisted till Bro. A. J. Ingham commenced his ministry on January 4.

Lake Bonney.—Much sickness has prevailed during the past month. There have been six deaths among the children. An epidemic of measles and pneumonia has caused the illness. Most of the cases are now on the mend. Sunday School has suffered in attendance. The weather is very hot. Bro. Hunt reports better meetings again. We are hopeful that the new building will be erected early in the year. Much more money is required for this purpose, as only £100 has come in. Another £300, please.

St. Morris.—There have been several additions by letter from sister churches. This should considerably encourage and strengthen the workers out there. Bro. Bowes is doing a good steady work. The Committee are planning a tent mission for the autumn.

Moonta.—The Chandler and Clay mission will open on Jan. 25. Much preparation is being made. Many prayer meetings are held in the several homes, and also at stated times at chapel. Bro. Vawser is meeting with some success in his work. A church paper, "The Mission Herald," is published fortnightly.

Murray Bridge.—Bro. Raymond publishes a monthly paper, "The Remembrancer," which has a wide circulation, and must do good. All meetings are on the upgrade. Woodpoint is doing nicely, and the outlook is promising.

Gawler.—The members are regular in attendance, and the gospel meetings are growing splendidly. We are indebted to Bren, R. Harkness, W. Garrett and R. Blackburn for their services during the month.

Naracoorte.—The Lord's day services have been supplied by brethren from Bordertown during December. We sincerely thank them. We ought to have an evangelist with this church. Make this possible with a liberal offering on February 1.

The Organising Secretary has visited and conducted services at Gawler, Forestville, Strathalbyn, Queenstown, Stirling East and Aldgate Valley. As many churches as possible will be visited during January, and an appeal made in behalf of the annual offering.

Annual Offering.—Mark well the date, February 1, 1920. We most earnestly appeal for £1111 that day. Very much depends upon this offering. We have a deficit of £500. The Committee have a most anxious time. Several fields are without preachers. We ought to be able to fill the vacancies at once. "Without a liberal response this will not be possible. And surely nobody wishes for further retrenchment. We have not to look for open doors. The opportunities are great; but without a liberal response we shall not be able to send out the workers to enter in and take possession in the name of the King. Let us have a record offering, my brethren. Help! Help! Help!!!

Western Australia

Ask for £200 on February 1st to meet present needs.

DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY.

R. W. Ewers, Conference Secretary.

Doors are for the purpose of entrance. Locked doors are a delusion unless they can be unlocked when needed.

Unbelief will find doors closed and barred and can see no way of entrance.

Faith will find a way to remove barriers and open the doors.

Faith entered Western Australia about 30 years ago, and planted the cause of primitive Christianity. To-day we rejoice in a membership of nearly 1800. Average increase of 60 per year.

Faith opened doors of opportunity at Brookton, resulting in many additions to the church during recent weeks.

Faith stepped through the "door" at Maylands. Result, a flourishing church and recently 11 conversions.

Faith overcame obstacles on the Goldfields. As a consequence many converts have been made and held, not only for Kalgoorlie, but also for the State. Stop and think this out.

Faith built the West Guildford chapel in a day and planted a church of power in the district.

Faith can and will hold these doors open and open other doors.

"Faith without works is dead."

Let us show our faith by a £200 offering on the 1st February in order to open other doors of opportunity.

FIELDS OF GOLD.

J. J. Silvester.

Gold.—The very mention of the word arrests our attention. Men have always been attracted by the magic word, and under the spell which has been cast about them have toiled and suffered, and in many cases have yielded up their lives in the unsuccessful pursuit to possess it. These great goldfields, almost in the heart of our great island continent, have attracted thousands of the bravest and best to leave the comfort and pleasant surroundings of more favored parts and to spend their lives in the dry and dusty interior, cheered only by the hope that some day they may find gold.

It is impossible to describe or explain the charm that the quest after gold has for the old prospector. He looks to the future and ignores the many failures evidenced in the abandoned claims and workings of so many of our mining camps. Others have failed, but he cannot. The spirit of the hardy pioneer and prospector has been communicated to the people now living on the Goldfields. No more hopeful people can be found anywhere. The gold yield may be declining, but they are certain there are still untouched treasures waiting to be uncovered. Hoping ever, despairing never; this is the goldfields motto.

In the early days gold was found in a more or less free state. Simple methods sufficed to extract it from the ore. The easily worked ore-bodies are for the most part exhausted, and the process of extraction is now complex and expensive. The days of individual effort are passed. Powerful combinations, able to provide suitable machinery, have displaced the old prospector.

The change in treatment was imperative, and those responsible faced the issue, and adjustment was made to meet changed conditions. What of the church? It is still trying to use old methods to get returns. Instead of adapting its machinery to meet changing conditions, it is attempting to treat refractory ore by the obsolete methods that sufficed under old conditions.

The methods of church work which we have followed so long have no attraction for the people

of the Goldfields, and they show their disapproval by seldom attending church. Were they not such kind hearted and generous folk, one would not be so concerned. They are "fine gold"; but like the bulk of the ore-bodies at present being worked in the district, a change in treatment is needed if they are to be won to Christ. The details of the newer methods are not our concern at present. The difficulty is to get folks to see the need for a change. Once the necessity is recognised, the working out will be possible.

How is it to be done? By combination. The individual prospector has been superseded by the company. What the former could not, the latter has been able to do, because it has possessed capital. The Home Missionary Committee is our company; its capital, the gifts of the church members in West Australia. The amount of its subscribed capital—dependent upon the extent of your giving. Its calls—the regular contributions to the work. Its dividends—the souls won for Christ, the comfort and cheer to the saints, the borders of the kingdom extended.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S WEALTH ASSETS

For COMMERCE or CHRIST

A COMPARISON AND SUMMARY.

COAL is black—but not as black as sin.

GOLD is precious—but not as precious as souls.

WHEAT is necessary for bread—but "man cannot live by bread alone."

TIMBER is used in building "houses"—but CHRIST is needed for building "homes."

IS £200 TOO MUCH?

PRAY ABOUT IT.

FINANCING FIELDS OF OPEN DOOR OPPORTUNITIES.

£200 Worth of Reasons.

W. L. Ewers.

1. The Home Mission Committee has been working on the limit of its overdraft (£150) for some months.

2. Even with a £200 offering there will probably be a deficit at Conference time.

3. Kalgoorlie, Brookton and North Perth expect us to continue support, with their Home Mission preachers.

4. West Guildford and Northam are counting on continued subsidies, to enable them to support their preachers.

5. Other fields are needing our help. We have no stationed evangelist in our churches in the south-west, Harvey, Bunbury, and Collie.

6. Promising suburban churches, such as Maylands, Claremont, and Armadale, should receive early assistance.

7. The need of an Organising Secretary is becoming increasingly urgent as the months pass.

FIELDS OF TIMBER.

C. A. G. Payne.

Twenty million acres! Imagine it if you can. Thousands and thousands of acres of jarrah, stately karri towering heavenward, wandoo, tuart, York gum, and scented sandal wood!

The immensity of the forests is known to but few. The timber fields constitute an excellent national asset. In the year 1913, when ships were available, 60 milling plants, employing 4000 men, exported £1,080,000 worth of timber. These mills mostly possess many miles of railway, and are equipped to handle an enormous trade.

Throughout the hundreds of miles of timber country, there are settlements, where stout-hearted men and women, courageous enough to attack and conquer the giants of the forest, have made themselves homes. But for these timber men—these men of the axe and plough, their wives and little ones, there is no religious life. There should be scores of small churches in the various districts, but as a matter of fact the religious life is practically neglected. This is a serious reflection on the committee, because we know from the experience of our late lamented organising secretary, H. J. Banks, of sweetest memory, that these folk dwell so close to nature readily respond to religious fervor.

Surely if our religion is of any worth, if our cause is in any wise dear, we ought to do something to supply the needs of these brave souls and the thousands who will soon be there.

"LOOK ON THE FIELDS."

W. R. Hiburt.

As we lift up our eyes and look on the fields of this great State we are apt to see only gold and coal, while the Master would have us see souls and souls. The peril is that life's energy will be spent in fields of wheat and timber, for that which perisheth, while we neglect the field of the world, which Christ believes to be ready for harvest.

Home Mission work is a genuine attempt to compass the work of Christ in this State, and the committee desires every member to get an intelligent grasp of the nature of the work and its peculiar problems. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields" and observe:—

1. Extent.—The wide expanse of the field at once challenges us, and declares that we have a big job on hand. The Tropic of Capricorn roughly halves the State, and decides much concerning climatic conditions. The six adopted divisions of Kimberley, North-west, South-west, Eucla, Central, and Eastern, are all larger than Victoria.

2. Resources.—The country is rich in minerals, forestry, fruit, cattle, and sheep. It is yet a great undeveloped land. The Kimberley Division and much of the North-west is yet a vast terra incognita. In Home Mission thought this means that the West has a great future before it, and to-day is our opportunity for foundation work.

3. Needs.—The vastness of the fields and the sparseness of the settlements calls for much heroic pioneering Home Mission work. The testimony of the past is that this work yields the best returns. There are at least one hundred districts needing a preacher with a New Testament and its simple message. The peculiar conditions of the State demand a strong force of men devoting their lives entirely to the cause of Christ.

It is ridiculous and tantalisng for the brotherhood, while withholding adequate support, to relegate this stupendous task to a small Home Mission Committee. So the Committee asks the brethren to raise on Sunday, February 1st, £200 for this work. Lift up your eyes, and with the vision of the Christ look on the fields.

FIELDS OF COAL.

H. Whiteaker.

To many people the surface of a coalfield is uninviting, and they would never dream of it containing great riches; but on leaving the surface and going down into the hidden fields, entrance is gained into another world and age.

The miner, surrounded thus by unnatural conditions, and shut off from the sunlight and the outer world, finds in his spare moments his mind going back to the time when the coal was the vegetation of the prehistoric ages.

Two lessons are impressed on his mind. First, the lesson of economy. There is no waste in nature, past or present. The rays of sunlight, received by the gigantic forests of past ages, have been stored up, to be liberated now to provide power and locomotion for mankind. It is Divine Providence making provision for future needs. Learn then the first lesson of the silent fields of coal; the conservation of energies not required in the present, for future use. We must plan and work with future needs in mind.

The second lesson is that the surface is not always a true index of the wealth that is underneath. Before you can reap the harvest of wealth in the fields of coal, you must delve through the hard, useless rock and the water stratas, and this means a great expenditure of money and energy. Through the hard rocks of indifference and the cold waters of discouragement is the road the

church must needs travel, in order to reach and save the immortal souls of men, for underneath the callous indifference of men to-day there is still the valuable soul for which the Saviour died.

The Home Mission Committee is collecting the rays of light to be sent flashing through this great State; the light of primitive Christianity to pierce through the hard rock of indifference and reach the hearts of men. It is planning with the future needs in view, needs so great, and the harvest so valuable, that every member must do their very best to help.

God will do all that is impossible for us to do, but he will not do what we can do.

FIELDS OF WHEAT.

F. E. Buckingham.

"We shall need an extra man to assist in taking off the harvest, and we must be ready with the harvester the day the grain is ripe, otherwise a percentage will be lost." So spoke one of the successful farmers of the Brookton circuit, as we stood amidst the sheaves of wheat being gathered from a plentiful harvest. Hearing these words, and looking upon the ripening grain, I was able by the eye of faith to see the Master reaper as he stood looking upon the great world field saying, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." The grain is indeed ripe and ready; shall we go in and take it off for the Lord before a percentage is lost? The opportunity is ours. We

must use the opportunity; it cannot be expected to use itself. Shall we go in and possess the land? "Say not, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest. Lift up your eyes, and look. Behold the fields are white unto harvest." We are short of laborers in the great harvest field of the Golden West. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

The task of evangelising this great State is big and needs men with a big vision. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Much grain is being lost for the want of this vision. When once the church of God gets a vision of the waiting harvest fields, and then goes to work in a concerted, business-like way, we may confidently expect to see the reaping of a plentiful harvest from the fields of opportunity.

Many souls have been saved in the past, and the work consolidated. Then as we look upon the result of past years, what effect will it have upon our offering?

As a church to-day we stand on the threshold of great things in West Australia. Let us put God to the test. He says, "Prove me now," and we will prove him. We will believe unwaveringly, unitedly pray, work, give, and confidently expect great and abiding blessing upon our effort. We are saved to serve, and a glorious opportunity to serve will be the giving of our means on February 1st. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Think big. Pray big. Give big.

Queensland.

Queensland for Christ. OUR AIM: £250. Christ for Queensland.

"I WAS RICH, YET FOR YOUR SAKES I BECAME POOR."

W. A. C. Wendorf, President.

In the great work of extending Christ's kingdom in this great State of ours, if what we believe is true, how can we afford to be indifferent? And in these days when the church of God is passing through the experience of suffering from an unusual amount of indifference towards it, we are hard pressed to stimulate interest in the work even amongst a great many professing Christians. Satan appears extraordinarily successful in defeating our plans for the extension of God's work. We need to be continually on our guard, to watch and pray, and to be consecrated, and to have a fearless determination to conquer the forces that hinder our prayers. And to this end let no personal consideration, no selfish interests, no material losses through droughts or other causes, deter us from pushing on with greater progress than ever the work of Christ in our great State. Many have suffered severely owing to the severe drought, but let us be inspired by those blessed words in 2 Cor. 8: 9. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich. As our Lord was willing to become poor that we might become rich, therefore ought not we give abundantly of our means to extend the gospel, in order that others, too, might become rich, even as we? The effects of war and drought are making things hard, and compel us to economise; but, oh, brethren! let our economy not begin at the house of God. Sooner than allow the work of God stand still, suffer and famish, let us rather economise in appetite, in dress, in pleasure. See that we put the Lord first. If we would be true to him, who became poor for our sakes, then we must attend to our Master's interest first. May we never be guilty of contributing to our Home Mission offering as if the Lord were hard up, for the gold and silver is mine, saith the Lord, and the cattle on a thousand hills. All we are and possess has first been given us by God; let us be faithful stewards

of all he has given us, and swell our Home Mission offering this year, so that the splendid progress of the last three years may continue.

QUEENSLAND HOME MISSION POLL.

Ethelbert Davis,

Secretary, Home Mission Committee.

- ADVANCE
 CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT
 RETRENCH

PROCLAMATION.—Whereas Christ, the Head of the church, commissioned his disciples to evangelise the whole world, and whereas Queensland is part of the world, and we his disciples, it is hereby decreed that on the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, the members of the Churches of Christ in the State of Queensland, shall by poll (offering) determine whether Home Missions shall (1) advance, (2) continue as at present, (3) retrench. By Order.

To give less than last year, we put the cross in the third square, and vote to retrench.

To give the same as last year, we put the cross in the second square, and vote for a continuance of present effort.

To give more than last year, we put the cross in the first square, and vote for advance, for progress.

Polling Places: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name."

Postal Votes. Every isolated member has the privilege of voting. Ballot papers (offering envelopes) will be sent to every member. If yours has not come to hand, apply to the Home Mission secretary.

Voting not compulsory. By order of the King

no person is compelled to vote (give). His law is, "Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring an offering to the Lord."

Appeal to Members:

Put the cross in the top square, 1500 on the roll. An offering from every one. Vote "Advance." (1) to keep the present fields occupied; (2) to enable us to enter the important and inviting fields of Sunnybank, Annerley, Ipswich, and Warwick. These fields should be worked next year. No compulsion. Christ is depending on your love and loyalty. Let the love of Christ constrain. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

THE TREASURER'S WORD.

H. Stitt.

The Psalmist asked himself a question which all lovers of the Lord might well and profitably ask themselves, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" David in his time had the conscious feeling of his gifts to God being in the nature of a thankoffering for benefits received. Could we as Christians imitate such a noble purpose in our heart, how readily, freely, and joyously would we give God his portion.

We are to-day living in an age of method and system. Business enterprise is reduced to a fine art. Periodical valuations, stocktakings and practices are examined in order to secure perfection. The public mind is such to-day that it expects to see unmistakable evidence of up-to-dateness. Since this is so in our business, it should be equally so between us and God, if we are going to decide "what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me." Stocktaking in the Lord's partnership accounts should be as rigidly adhered to as trades accounts.

Gratitude to God should be the basis of all our offerings, and a consciousness of thankfulness to him should invade our hearts. Truly it has been said that there is a blessing in giving. Sacrifice was Jesus' way of serving the world, and sacrifice is our part in his service.

It is a compliment that I, as treasurer, should proclaim to the brotherhood of this State that for several years they have not allowed the Home Mission treasury to be exhausted. State work has been kept going with efficient progressive organisation. You have not failed to supply the "motor power," hard cash. Well done, Queensland! I am sure that the confidence which you placed in the Home Mission Committee in the past, will be again emphasised in the annual offering on February 1st.

THE CALL OF QUEENSLAND.

A. C. Rankine.

From the standpoint of the primitive gospel, no State in the Commonwealth is more in need of help than the great Northern State of Queensland. It is a country of immense distances. Scores of villages, and large towns, know nothing of the plea and teachings of the Churches of Christ. And yet we are informed that agents of false religions and representatives of modern cults are going out into the backblocks and leading astray many people.

Our need at present is a strong, live preacher as State evangelist and organiser. We have called for two years with no one responding. Much of the work needed to be done is pioneer work. The cause of primitive Christianity needs to be established in very many places. A man of faith and courage with good mental ability entering into the fields which lie open would reap good harvests. Here is a golden opportunity awaiting one of our strong preachers down south. It is very distressing to the workers here, all too few already, when we call in vain for reinforcements, no one volunteering to come and take up this important task. Still there must be no stand still policy adopted by the Queensland brotherhood. "Forward" is our motto. New churches must be planted in populous centres. That means more workers must be provided to carry on the work. Some of the older fields have yet to be cared for, and we have to subsidise this work from the Home Missionary treasury. The Queensland members are earnestly requested to give liberally to the support of Home Missions in Queensland. We rose to the occasion for the Foreign Missionary appeal. We will still seek for a capable State evangelist, and endeavor to push forward in the establishment of churches in inviting centres during the coming year. Let each consider what he or she owes to Home Missions, and out of a thankful heart give a bountiful offering that many more may hear the truth as it is in Jesus, and come into the enjoyment of the "salvation of God."

BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.

F. Enchelmaier.

Once again the time is nigh for us to give of our means to enable the messengers of the gospel to carry on the great work of preaching the gospel. Jesus bade his disciples preach repentance and remission of sins in his name, and to begin at Jerusalem. We, too, are thereby reminded of the duty which is ours, in regard to our home district and State, to be witnesses for Jesus; and may we so give and live that we will have the joy of winning men to Christ by our unswerving loyalty to our Divine Master. The times in which we live call for shining lights for Christ to point men to the true way of life. Let us, then, not neglect to give unto men that which satisfies and saves.

Remember, dear brethren, Jesus bade his disciples carry the gospel everywhere, so by becoming a Christian, it is our duty as well as our privilege. The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home.

SOME MESSAGES FROM THE FRONT LINE.

VICTORY IN SIGHT.

H. U. Rodger, West Moreton.

Splendid idea. Hearing from men on the spot—in the front trenches—men over the top—no

"funk hole" job this Home Mission business, especially in extended areas, when the work is moving into new territory. The front line men are moving forward—reinforcements imperative. Sufficient supports absolutely essential. To retire means disaster. Victory is in sight. It depends now on you!

A CALL TO SERVICE.

T. G. Mason, Kingaroy.

When King and Country called, Australia responded nobly in men and money. To-day a call comes from Christ our King. Do we hear the call? It is a call to service.

The conflict rages. Shall the banner of the Cross be victorious?

Our response to Home Mission appeal will help to decide.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

A. E. Marler, Hawthorne.

The use of money will not purchase our admission into heaven, but it will help in securing the presence there of those who have been benefited by our faithful stewardship; and that, surely, will add to our enjoyment and increase our blessedness. May we, then, in view of these things, respond liberally to the Lord's work.

OUR THREEFOLD NEED.

C. H. Pratt, Gympie.

We often hear it said that the threefold need of the church is money, men and missions. This possibly is our greatest need in the work of to-day.

We need men. Men of greater numbers than we have in the field. Men of sound faith with plenty of initiative. Men who know the power of God's Word, and who are willing to sow the good seed with patience, looking alone to the Lord for the harvest of souls.

We need money, to provide the men with the daily needs of life, and do more efficiently the work in the fields of service. Money to send forth more laborers. Money to better equip the work now in hand.

We need missions. Evangelistic effort is probably the greatest need of the State. The age is an age of specialisation. Something beyond the ordinary seems to draw the people. The people need to be drawn or interested to come under the power of the gospel, and missions only is heaven's provided way of solving the problem of reaching the lost. Let the brotherhood plan for more missions. To do so means provide more men and money. We must not fail.

SEEKING THE LOST.

Lars Larsen, Maryborough.

When it became known that a little boy was lost, the whole countryside was moved. Men left their work, and searched till late in the night. Then making arrangements for a search party to start out at 4 a.m. on the morrow, they returned to their homes for a few hours' sleep! Who could sleep, knowing the boy was lost? Not the mother, for she said she would remain up all night, hoping to hear the cry of her boy.

Next morning the search was continued. The boy was found. Then the joy. Who rejoiced? Why, the mother, the lost child; yes, and the whole search party. And not one of them said the time was wasted.

Brother, if you would have joy in your Christian life, then join the Master's search party. Give freely of your best that the lost may be found.

In the Religious World.

Baptist Growth in Scotland.

The Scottish Baptist Union has recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. In that time the Baptists have grown in Scotland from 51 to 140 churches. The present membership is over 27,000. For the past year there has been a decrease in membership on account of war conditions. The baptisms the past year have been thirty per cent. less.

Chinese Idols are Burned in New York.

Missionaries forces in New York are greatly rejoiced at the election of Lee Tow as the president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New York. Mr. Tow is a missionary worker, and head of the Baptist and Methodist consolidated missions. His new position puts him in the place of chief authority in the Chinese district, and he is called the Mayor of Chinatown. One of his first acts was the burning of the Chinese idols in the association rooms. The joss house has been closed.

Johanna Southcott.

It is a curious fact that followers of Johanna Southcott, the prophetess, still hold meetings in London, and are frequently to be found mystifying curious auditors in Hyde Park. Strenuous attempts are being made to have the much-talked-of sealed writings of Johanna examined by the bishops, but the bishops have remained unmoved, although the oft-quoted prophecy was that in 1914—a hundred years after the death of Mrs. Southcott—they would come forward at a time of national tribulation, and demand the production of the papers.

Missions and Liquor.

Missionaries in Calabar are rejoicing at the decision of the Home Government, that trade spirits are no longer to be permitted to be imported into West Africa, for such a restriction will prove a blessing to the people. The conditions hitherto have been a scandal. More than 95 per cent. of the trade was in German and Dutch hands, and the traffic was enormous. It is understood that the Governor-General has been given power to grant a licence, if he sees need, for the importation of liquor, and it is devoutly to be hoped that this will be exercised very sparingly.

The Common Man.

"The tremendous revelation of the war has been the majesty of the plain, common man, his nobility, his splendor in all that becomes men. He was overwhelmed with danger, often with foulness of surroundings, sometimes with stupidity. But down in his spiritual depths rested a great flaming soul, and it carried him to victory. The war gives me this religious, this social creed—that men are indeed the most wonderful creation of God, and that they should be treated with fair play; nay, as one treats God, with reverence.—Ralph Connor (Dr. C. W. Gordon).

"The Army and Religion."

"Dr. D. S. Cairns' book on 'The Army and Religion,' says the 'Christian,' is creating quite a sensation, and with good reason. While not accepting all its conclusions, and ever remembering that the material from which these are drawn is limited in extent, the main conclusions are to be accepted. Chaplains, who have spoken to us about the subject, agree that the deplorable religious ignorance which marks many of the soldiers is undoubtedly due to nebulous utterances in school and church about the very foundations of faith. Many of the chaplains, however, demur to the charge of deliberate camouflage, brought a little resolutely against so many ministers. Nothing is gained by these wholesale condemnations. We can only agree with the opinion that what is wanted is reality on the part of the teacher. At the same time, it is not fair to represent the fault as wholly due to the churches. There is such a thing as loving pleasure more than loving God, and no account of the soldiers' indifference to religion can be complete which does not fully allow for the unhealthy craze after amusements which has marked the last three decades."

Queensland Must Raise £250
on Sunday, February 1st

NEW SOUTH WALES

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RECORD OFFERING ^{FOR} HOME MISSIONS

IN THIS YEAR OF

Special Evangelistic Campaign

Last Conference returns showed a membership of 4002. Four thousand disciples can do much for the cause of Christ. Last year £750 was asked for as a Home Mission Thank-offering. This year we wish for more than ever. We seek "the utmost for the Highest."



LET EVERY MEMBER PREPARE FOR

The Day—February 1

WANTED.—A Record Collection from Every Church.
 An Offering from Every Disciple.
 A Prayer Campaign in preparation for
 the Special Evangelistic Effort to be
 made this Year

Send Money to CHAS. C. S. RUSH, B.A., Church of Christ H.M. Office,
 242 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Federal Conference.

Our next Federal Conference is planned for Melbourne on Easter: Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8. This will give the majority of the delegates from the other States the opportunity of being present at the closing exercises of their own State Conferences, and the opening of the Federal sessions. Will the different States please take notice of the following:—

Representatives.—For the representation of the several State Conferences, representatives shall be appointed by such of the Conferences as shall contribute towards the expenses of the Federal Conference the sum of one pound sterling per annum for each 1000 or fraction of 1000 members in the particular State, the payment of the contribution aforesaid to be a condition precedent to right to appoint representatives.

Basis of Representation.—For the first 500 or portion of 500 members, three representatives. For each additional 500 or portion of 500 members, one representative, additional.

Please send any notices of motion through your State Committee at once to B. W. Manning, Carlisle-road, Westbourne Park, S.A. Any member needing a copy of the Constitution, please write early. Watch the "Here and There" column for further particulars.

Appreciation of Australia.

[The following letter appeared in the "Bible Advocate" of November 14, 1919, under the heading of "Greetings from Australia."—Ed.]

Dear Bro. Editor.—The writer is a member of the church in Andrewes-st., Leicester, at present on a business trip round the world, hence the address. I have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting with the brethren in Wellington, New Zealand; Swanston-st., Melbourne; and the South Australian Churches in Conference in Adelaide. Needless to say, I was most lovingly received by all, and it has been a great joy to me to have had fellowship with my brethren under the Southern Cross. I have been asked to convey (and to make same as widely known as possible) the fraternal greetings and Christian regards of the Australasian churches to the churches at home, and the best way of doing this is through the medium of the "Bible Advocate." Will all the churches, therefore, kindly accept, through me, the warm and loving greetings of their brethren in Australasia, who pray earnestly for the success of the Lord's work in the old country?

Some of the brethren here have very pleasant recollections of happy times spent among the churches at home, and they count it a privilege to be able to return the compliment to brethren from England. From my own experience I can safely guarantee to any of my brethren who may visit Australasia a very warm welcome from the churches there. Those of us who travel far and wide realise perhaps more than others the glorious truth contained in the words of the hymn-writer:—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

As much as my business would permit, I attended the Conference meetings in Adelaide, and it was a time of spiritual blessing. The meetings were well attended, and the tone all through was very high. May God bless the brethren here, and help them to achieve still greater things for the Master.

May I take this opportunity of saying a few words re Glen Iris College, Melbourne? In the afternoon of the Lord's day I spent in Melbourne I visited the College with Bro. Robert Lyall, and was entertained by Bro. Main, the Principal of the College. The College was empty, for the simple yet all-sufficient and gratifying reason that the students were away taking their usual week-end, preaching appointments with the churches in the neighborhood. I have, however, seen and heard some of the brethren who have passed through the College, and they stand as proof of the efficiency of the College. I heard it publicly stated that

the success of the cause in Australasia was to a large extent due to the work of the preachers turned out by the College. This does not cast the slightest reflection on those noble men who have not been to the College, but who have done, and are still doing, grand work for the Master. They themselves are the first to admit the above statement, and realise the need for the College. One such said to me that if he had his time over again he would go to the College for training. I know some of my brethren at home are averse to the idea of a College, principally from fear of the professional (or parson) type of preacher being turned out, and not a preacher with a passion for soul-winning. Let me refer such to Glen Iris, where, during thirteen years, there has not been the

slightest tendency in that direction, and if there had it would have been put down with a kind but firm hand by the Principal and Board of Management. The brethren are in every sense preachers of the gospel, with a message for the people, a zeal for the salvation of souls, and because of their training they present the old, old story in an intelligent and attractive manner, which brings success. I trust that the College at home will be as successful as the one at Glen Iris, Australia, and we shall then have cause for much rejoicing in the years that are to come.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hales

Adelaide, S.A., Sept. 26, 1919.

Reports from the Field.

West Australia.

PERTH.—Recently we have been pleased to have visits from Bro. T. W. Smith, Bro. and Sister Clipstone, and Sister Blakemore, of Victoria. Bro. Smith and Clipstone have given appreciated addresses. On December 28, Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald delivered a fine address on "If meat make my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat." At night Bro. W. L. Ewers conducted a special new year service, taking for his subject, "Prospect and Retrospect."—W.A., Jan. 7.

NORTHAM.—One confession and baptism since last report. Splendid addresses have been given by the various supplies from Perth. We thank the brethren for their help. Our beloved Bro. Marsden is still too unwell to return to us. Prior to going into recess for the summer months, the young people's class held a successful wind-up social. The retiring president, Mrs. P. E. Pallot, was the recipient of a lovely silver butter-dish from the young folk. Bro. S. Paine, in making the presentation, spoke of the good work, and the interest taken in the young folk by Mrs. Pallot. Mrs. R. L. Wolfenden has been appointed organist of our morning services, and the Bible School. Quite a number of our young church members recently passed the Junior University Examination; we congratulate them. Sister Miss Maggie Kennedy is an inmate of the "Woorooloo Sanatorium."—P.E.P.

Queensland.

WEST MORETON.—The work in every part of the field moves along splendidly. Rosewood.—Very fine meetings indeed. The choir is helping magnificently. Bible School in good condition. Bro. Wm. Hinrichsen opened his Queensland campaign on behalf of the H.M.C. offering at Rosewood, and he was gratified at response. Rosevale, as usual, holds along the straight course; every department of the work is well maintained. Bro. E. Hinrichsen and L. Clay are spending their vacations here, and the church will be helped by their fellowship. Bro. Wm. Hinrichsen conducted meeting, and made his appeal on behalf of H.M.C. The response was splendid. Mount Walker.—Everything associated with the work here is encouraging. Bro. Colin Hinrichsen, who is spending a few weeks here, is assisting in the services. Bro. Wm. Hinrichsen addressed the church here in connection with offering. The Mount Walker folk responded well also. Townshend.—All meetings good. Picnic, Christmas tree, Boxing Day, complete success. Baptised four at this place on Sunday, Dec. 27. Silverdale.—Our new centre, meetings held regularly. Have arranged to organise church January 4. Bro. Hinrichsen visited Silverdale and made appeal. Amount promised up to present from circuit to H.M.C., £14/15/6. Townshend has yet to be visited.—H. U. Rodger.

BRISBANE.—Last Lord's day meetings were fairly well attended, despite a good number of members on holidays. In the morning we were pleased to welcome Sister Perrett and daughter, from Kingaroy; Sister Primus, Rosevale; a sister from Maryborough church, and several others. Bro. Rankine spoke at both meetings. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the bountiful rains of the past week.—W. A. C. Wendorf, Jan. 6.

MARYBOROUGH.—The Christmas holidays interfered with the attendances. Pialba, our beautiful sea-side resort, a few miles away, is a great attraction at this season. We had a beautiful service on Christmas morning, at 10 o'clock. A young woman confessed Christ. At the last gospel meeting in the old year another of our Bible School scholars took her stand for Jesus. Jan. 4, Bro. Younghusband exhorted very ably, the writer being at Nikenbak. Two of our number are at present in the hospital.—Sister E. Pascoe and Bro. Vanderwolf. We pray that God may be with them in their time of trial.

TOOWOOMBA.—Sister Ethel Turner and Mr. Myles were married by Bro. Burns. On New Year's Day the church picnic was very enjoyable. The new year was ushered in by most welcome rain. Thanks was returned in prayer to God in this morning's service. Bro. Burns in his exhortation gave a resume of the work accomplished during the year just ended. Nearly every Sunday night souls have come forward for confession or baptism. The spirit of unity and fellowship was manifest in the church. We welcomed the following visitors in the morning: Bro. Sutcliffe, Bro. and Sister Pittmann, Bro. and Sister Tanter.—W. Ray Smith.

Tasmania.

HOBART.—During December the meetings have been exceptionally good. Three additions to the church. In future, fortnightly meetings will be held at Kingston, Bro. Southgate and W. M. Cooper conducting. New Year's Day the church held an enjoyable picnic at Spring Vale Gardens, Newtown. Bro. Southgate leaves for a brief holiday on the 13th. God has crowned the past year with goodness. 1920 promises great things.

DOVER.—On Sunday, Dec. 28, a bright song service, with Bible readings referring to the birth of our Saviour, was held. Bro. D. Stewart presiding. Bro. J. D. Byard, from the North-west Coast, was present. There was a gathering of about 60. Next Lord's day Bro. Frank Ashlin, of Geeveston, preaches. Bro. Stewart goes on to Geeveston.—A. Stubbs, Dec. 20.

Victoria.

POLKEMMET.—Social held in chapel on New Year's Eve, to say good-bye to Bro. Combridge and family. He was presented with a roll of notes. All very sorry he is leaving. Bro. Bassard is to take the work first week in February.—H. Oliver.

WARRNAMBOOL.—At the gospel meeting on Dec. 21, there was an attendance of 96. Bro. Killely spoke on "The Protestantism of Jesus," the Orange Lodge attending in regalia. In the morning we had the pleasure of fellowship with Bro. Lindsay Ward, from Albury, and Bro. Ryall and Stevens, of Carnegie. Bro. J. Killely, of North Richmond, has also spent a brief holiday here. Tuesday, Dec. 23, the church and school tendered a kitchen tea to Sister Ethel Regan, one of our most consistent Bible School teachers, who was shortly to be married. On Dec. 28, we had with us Sisters Mrs. and Miss Fletcher, of Swanston-st. To-night the Bible School enjoyed a pleasant time round the Christmas tree, each scholar being the recipient of a gift.—L.S.

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Tasmania.



Aim: £100 at the Annual Offering.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

S. J. Southgate, Hobart.

£100 for our annual offering. This is the most yet; but every penny of it is required to carry out our programme for the year 1920.

Ours must be a policy of extension, of aggressive and sustained evangelistic effort. Our established churches must be aflame with the missionary spirit. Our supreme obligation is to "Go everywhere preaching the Word." This calls for vision; a vision of the thousands in our own State who have never heard the Restoration plea, a vision of a great throng lost in the maze of sectarianism, men and women who are eager to learn the way back to the simplicities of the New Testament. It calls for conviction, the downright, honest conviction that we, under God, can lead the way. It calls for sacrifice. Every one of us must give the most yet. £100 is not much to pay for evangelising Tasmania. It is but the casting of a few seeds upon the waters; but who can estimate the result?

To employ more workers in the fields, to plant more New Testament churches, to keep Christ before the people, is the essential thing.

What Tasmania needs more than railway extension, hydro-electric extension, and government owned steamships, is the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, the change of heart and life that is the result of the transforming gospel of the grace of God.

Brethren, we must have that £100.

The Home Mission Committee is particularly anxious to commence work in the large and prosperous towns of Devonport and Ulverstone. Bridgewater is another centre for new work. The creation of a new industry, giving employment to some hundreds of hands, promises to make Bridgewater one of the large towns of the State.

To open up these fields the brotherhood in Tasmania is asked to give at least £100 on February 1.

CONSECRATION.

N. J. Warmbrunn, H.M. Secretary.

Another year of service in the great vineyard is fast drawing to a close; as we look back over the doings of the past, one is apt to exclaim, "Why, what have we done?" Truly, such an expression is justifiable, for when one squarely faces the position in this State, it must make us bow in shame, for the church of Jesus Christ is practically unknown, and even in some places has not been heard of. Why is it so? Mainly because we, who claim to be members of his church are not consecrated to his service, hence his work is neglected; and because we do not live the consecrated lives, which should help to cause others to come and participate with us of Christ's fellowship.

In this State we have but four men whose lives, time and energy are fully devoted to the saving of souls. May I ask you to stop and think a moment. How many men, the forces of Satan have fully employed in this State? Think of the greatness of the plea, for which we as a church claim to exist; think of the greatness of the vineyard as yet practically untouched; think of the pure young lives being choked by the weeds of Satan. Brethren, let us decide on Sunday, February 1, 1920, what special effort, as has never been made before, shall be made possible to remove these weeds.

Shall we glance at a few of the fields with open doors, into which we have not entered—Burnie, Devonport, Ulverstone, Queenstown, Strahan, Wynyard, and the suburbs of Hobart and Launceston, all with populations which are numbered by thousands. Come, let us be up and doing, realising the greatness of the work in Tasmania.

Our Bro. D. Stewart is engaged in presenting the claims of Christ in the Huon. A good work is being accomplished; while Bro. J. D. Byard is

laboring hard on the North-west Coast, determined to extend Christ's borders. Brethren, unite with these consecrated workers, and show to the world around that your lives are lives of devotion, love and sacrifice for Christ, who died to save us.

To keep this work going, to open up at least a new cause in a suburb of Hobart, and to hold one or two missions in the North-west, is the policy of your committee. To accomplish such means consecration, co-operation and a liberal response by every member of Christ's church on February 1st, 1920.

£100 is asked for, which means only an average of 2/6 per member. Surely there are very few who cannot give up something, thereby save this amount, to give as their special offering to God on Sunday, February 1st. Brethren, into our hand has this work been committed; let us see it is done, by prayer and giving.

RESPONSIBILITY.

D. Stewart, Dover, Tasmania.

What a great responsibility was cast upon the apostles—to be representatives of Christ and his kingdom unto the world. What reliance Christ had in their loyalty to him. What honor was theirs. Witnesses for such an one, as Christ, God's Son. What assurance and strength. Ye shall receive power. The extent of their task, unto the uttermost part of the world. Looking at this from Tasmania's viewpoint, the task confronts us as them—wide as the world, narrow as our own State, and again our own locality; the witness for Christ is sorely needed. As Churches of Christ a greater witness is demanded than of other professing Christians. Not only that we witness against sin and for power of God unto salvation, but also against the divided ranks of Christendom. A witness without and within. Shall we fail him, who has counted us worthy of his calling? We of all Christians should be, in view of our plea, most zealous for the spread of the truth. We should see to it, that every nook and corner of our State is reached with the truth, as we know it. Ye shall receive power. We have the power. All that is needed is consecrated hearts to proclaim the truth, and concentration of our God-given power to the task. Christ expects all to be witnesses for him. We cannot all preach the word, but we can all live the life that witnesses. We can all send out messengers, by supporting them in their labors. Your Committee ask for £100 on February 1st, to spread the truth in Tasmania. Shall any of us fail in our witness for Christ? Will our gift be the measure of our conviction of the greatness of the task, and our desire to do our part?

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

J. D. Byard, Ulverstone.

These confront us everywhere, and in everything, as we travel the great North-west, where the grain and potato crops are growing luxuriously, giving every prospect of a record harvest. With a market promising record prices for all produce, men have golden opportunities to accumulate wealth as never before. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous to our eyes. Surely our duty is to give as the Lord has prospered us. Brethren, here is a golden opportunity. We are asked to raise as a thankoffering £100 on the first Lord's day in February, Home Mission Sunday. To raise such means only the small amount of 2/6 per member in this State. It is the Lord's portion. Shall it be withheld? God forbid. There are golden opportunities everywhere along this coast for Home Mission enterprise. There is Ulverstone with its population of some 3000 people;

Devonport with its 5000, and Burnie with 4000 also many other towns of no small importance where the cause should and would be established if men and money were forthcoming. Let us look at one of these towns. West Ulverstone, with a growing population of nearly 800, without a church building or religious service of any kind and that at once, or the denominations will soon stall us. To allow such would be unworthy of Christianity. Who will seize these golden opportunities?

£100. WHY?

H. Woolley, Treasurer.

Why does the Home Mission Committee ask for £100 on Sunday, Feb. 1st, 1920? To enable us to plant another church of the New Testament pattern in Tasmania during the year.

The churches in the Huon district have promised to pay another £26 per year towards the expenses involved by the committee in aggressive work in this district.

In giving this amount, £100, we make an advance of some £30 on last year's effort, which would, together with the above mentioned amount of £26, give the committee an additional £56, or about £1 a week, to help place another worker in a new field.

The total membership of the church in Tasmania is about 800, which means if the aim is to be raised, an average offering of 2/6 per member on Home Mission Sunday, must be given to the Lord's work. Surely many can save and give more than 2/6 to his work. It is sincerely hoped that the brotherhood will fulfil their obligation by subscribing at least the £100 on the 1st of February, 1920.

THE UTILITY OF HOME MISSIONS.

W. J. Taylor.

In this utilitarian age we are liable to judge even our church activities from the aspect of profitability. If we can find something that will return us greater profit in spiritual things, then it would be wise for us to direct our energies in that direction. But to my mind there is not one branch of our church activities that returns more in souls. And who can estimate the value of one soul for Christ?

It is a source of great encouragement to peruse the statistical tables of the various States of the last twenty years. The growth has been tremendous. Churches have arisen where the primitive gospel had not previously been preached, who turn are now spreading out into other fields. Bible Schools are being held, and the young teach the words of life. Home Missions have helped to accomplish this work.

We must also take into our account their value in the home church. The church that has greatest interest in the work outside will have the most consistent members to support the work at home. Who can estimate the power that missions have in developing the members of a church. Show me a live missionary church, and the estimate of the local work will not be far from the actual, when thought to be successful.

Progress in Tasmania seems to be slow, but a mere handful must not be discouraged. Brethren, we are laying foundations for a great church, and if we do not see this accomplished in our day, we are not responsible. Our accountability ceases when we can say that we have done what we can. Let this annual offering be taken in this spirit, and it will be the greatest in the history of the island State.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from page 25.

MORELAND-COBURG.—To-day we started the cause in our new field at Coburg. At the morning meeting we had an attendance of 50 odd to break bread. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Lennox, and a splendid fitting address given by Bro. Reg. Enniss. The Sunday School was started with 39 scholars under the superintendence of Bro. Kilborn. The gospel meeting, Bro. Hagger preaching, was a packed gathering, about 160 being present. At the close one went forward for Christ. We have a band of enthusiastic workers at Coburg, the nucleus of a fine church, and the prospects augur well. At Moreland our morning meeting was well attended; 123 members present. At the close of Bro. Sivy's address this evening, at which we had a good attendance, one young man made the good confession.—L.D., Jan. 11.

CHELTENHAM.—Meetings good and uplifting. Bro. Mudge was the speaker morning and evening. At the close of the evening address two confessions were made, one by the English bride of one of our soldier brethren, the other by the husband of one sister who had confessed Christ last Sunday evening. They both, with other three previously reported, were baptised.—F.W.M., Jan. 11.

COLLINGWOOD.—Sunday, Jan. 11, good meetings were held at which attendances were greatly improved after the holidays. Bro. J. T. Smith, the church secretary, addressed the morning meeting, and Bro. Webb spoke at the gospel meeting on "An Unerring Detective" (Num. 32: 23b).—A.T.C.

CROYDON.—Good meetings to-day. Several visitors present. We were pleased to have Bro. Hughes back after his holiday, and to hear his three splendid addresses. We were favored also by a solo by Sister Campbell, from Melbourne, at the gospel service.—C.H.G., Jan. 11.

GEELONG.—Profitable addresses to large attendances were delivered by Bro. Schwab yesterday. Sister Harper, Stawell, and Bro. and Sisters Chappell, Yarrowonga, met with us. Doubled attendance at 6.45 prayer meeting, a nice time being experienced. Bright gospel service, our evangelist dealing with Matt. 13: 58. One young lady responded to the invitation. Suitable recognition will be made to those children who regularly attend morning worship during the year.—G.M.B.

BERWICK.—The last two Sundays Bro. Dawson occupied the platform. Bro. and Sister Waters, of N.S.W., are visiting here on holidays. To-day Bro. Main took the services. Bro. and Sister W. Moysey were also present; Bro. Moysey presided. The church's sympathy goes out to Bro. and Sister Dowell in their recent loss by fire of the big shed, with motor cars and numerous vehicles, harness, and chaff, burnt to the ground in a few minutes.—E.E.H.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—The church is keeping up fairly well. Out of a membership of 63 the average for seven months has been 37 at morning, and 47 at the evening meetings. Bro. Black has been faithfully sowing the seed, and we are patiently waiting for the result. The church has suffered a further loss in one of its pioneer members in the person of Bro. E. C. Kenney, who died very suddenly on Saturday morning while in town on a visit, his place of residence being Mount Martha. In another column will be seen the demise of Sister Mrs. Hopkins. Our old members are gradually leaving us.—E.M.H.

OAKLEIGH.—Since last report Bro. Anderson has been actively engaged in all branches of church work, under his full time vacation engagement. This is resulting in increased interest being shown by members generally. Good attendances at the morning meetings, and even better at the gospel services, newcomers being noticed nearly every Sunday. Seven have been received in, recently baptised. Another confession last Lord's day. The Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Dec. 21, afternoon and evening. Prizes were distributed; scholars' singing well led by Bro. Raymain. Bro. Anderson gave a good address. The Young Men's Club, under R.T.P. auspices, has been inaugurated, and first batch of

members initiated; others are waiting till the holidays are over. A presentation is being made to Bro. E. R. Butler, of the College of the Bible, to show appreciation of his work for us, especially in the J.C.E. and Bible School. The sisters' organisations, the Ivy Circle, and Snowball "Teas" are continuing their activities.—G.W.R., Jan. 11.

BAYSWATER.—Good interest in our meetings. Five confessions during the last three weeks. On January 7th we held our annual church and Bible School picnic, everybody having a very enjoyable day. Bro. Hurren closes his labors with us at the end of this month, and we wish him every success in his new field at North Melbourne. Our aged Sister Mrs. Reeves passed peacefully away on January 8, after a long and painful illness. Our sympathy goes out to those who have been bereaved.—C.J.M., Jan. 11.

CARNEGIE.—On Jan. 10, the chapel was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Bro. W. Manning was united to Sister Miss Kinsman. Bro. Eaton officiating. Our good wishes go with our brother and sister in their new life. At the morning meeting on Sunday last Bro. Eaton gave a stirring exhortation, which was greatly appreciated. We were pleased to welcome back Bro. Charles Gould, after his absence at the front, and rejoice with his parents in his safe return. At the gospel service Bro. Eaton gave a good address, Bro. Gaggin effectively rendering two solos, and the children's choir also helped with their singing.—W.J.M.

COLLAC.—We are pleased to have Bro. Cornelius laboring with us, who opened his services on January 4. Prior to the service the officers extended a welcome to him. On Wednesday, 7th, a social was held to welcome Bro. Cornelius, when games and items were engaged in, and a very pleasant evening was spent, and various brethren from local church and Warrnambool spoke words of welcome. Bro. Cornelius suitably responded to the cordial welcome received.—S. M. Johnston, Jan. 11.

BURNLEY.—Bro. Ingles, c/o "St. Leonard's," 8 Edgar-st., East Malvern, is now the secretary for Bible School. Jan. 11, a great uplift to-day. Bro. Knight commenced his labors with us. At morning service his subject was "They all had a mind to work," which was thoroughly enjoyed. Three were received by letter of transfer. A good meeting and well attended at night, Bro. Knight's subject being "A Royal Invitation Refused." A sister made the good confession.—J.W.N.

CASTLEMAINE.—A welcome home social was held on Jan. 7, to Bro. Baker, who just recently returned from the front; also to Bro. and Sister Clipstone, after three months' absence in West Australia. The church here is deeply grateful to the following brethren who so kindly assisted in the services during Bro. Clipstone's absence:—Bren, Whately, Hinrichsen, Mudford, Waterson, Searle, Davey, Clark, Main, Enniss and Baker. To these we tender sincere thanks. Splendid services to-day; 82 present at morning meeting.—R.L.A., Jan. 11.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.—Bro. W. J. Campbell, of Middle Park, filled our platform during Bro. Robbins' absence. His discourses were full of interest, and we tender our thanks and appreciation to him. Yesterday we were glad to have fellowship with Sister Miss Green, from Launceston, Miss J. Bird, Castlemaine; also Bro. Robbins, after his holiday. He gave two splendid addresses. In the morning he spoke on "The Christian's Balance Sheet." At the gospel service his subject was "The Threefold Glory of Christ." We are glad to report an improvement in the health of Sister Maisie Josephs.—F.C., Jan. 12.

NORTH MELBOURNE.—Attendances during the holidays have been better than expected. We have had with us Bro. and Sister Wilson, of Collingwood. Bro. Corlett's efforts have again been blessed, one young man making the good confession on Jan. 4. On the 7th, Bro. Lewis, a converted Jew, gave an account of his life, and spoke on Sunday morning last. While we are looking forward to Bro. Hurren's coming on Feb. 1, we also regret to say farewell to Bro. Corlett, as we realise that the church has received rich blessings as a result of his presence amongst us. Our Bible School superintendent has been laid aside through illness, but is now recovering.—H.V.G.

NEWMARKET.—The welcome home social extended the returned soldiers of our church in December won approval from and gave satisfaction to all interested. Early in December the Sunshine Club closed their first year's work with a social function and sale of work that realised over £6. Christmas services were well attended, and singers under Bro. Stuart rendered a much appreciated Christmas anthem. The preacher was on his holidays the last Sunday in the year, and the church thanks Bro. Clary for taking his place on the platform that day. The writer takes this opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the church for its prayers, its sympathy, and its loyalty, during the year. He has been enabled to successfully go through his first year at the University, and with vigor and cheerfulness faces another year of work and studies and fellowship.—A.J.W.

RINGWOOD.—The church is making steady progress. Improved meetings since the new year. The brethren are hopeful of establishing a strong church in this growing district, and would welcome the help and interest of visiting brethren from sister churches. One young man was baptised last Friday. We were glad to have Bro. J. Tully to address the church on Sunday. Bro. T. Bagley is preaching for us for a few Sunday nights. The meetings at present are held in the small hall of the Mechanics' Institute.—A. Elum.

MALVERN-CAULFIELD.—Splendid meetings all day, Jan. 11. Bro. Chandler was the preacher, and his addresses were much appreciated. Bro. Illingworth is taking a much needed rest in the country, and Bro. Chandler will occupy the platform again next Lord's day.

DONCASTER.—At the close of Bro. Jones' discourse to-night, our hearts were cheered by four young people making the good confession. A collection was taken up in aid of the starving children of Europe; this amounted to £10/14/-, and there is more to come in.—Geo. Petty, Jan. 11.

BRIM CIRCUIT.—A young people's society has recently been formed at Brim. Miss E. Stronach, recently of Bordertown, is the secretary. To-day week a few disciples in Minyip and district met to break bread. It was decided to hold a monthly service at least, and others as opportunities occur. Bro. Smith, of Dunmunkle, presided, and the evangelist gave an exhortation on "Hold Fast." Twenty-six persons were present. Bro. Burge is the secretary, and Bro. A. V. Parsons is the treasurer. We regret that Miss McQuinn has been removed to take charge of a school in the Orbest district. Other removals from the Dunmunkle district will also shortly occur.—Jan. 11.

BOX HILL.—Jan. 11, in the absence of Bro. Clark on holidays, the church is much appreciating the help of visiting brethren. Last Lord's day evening Bro. Tully proclaimed the gospel, and Bro. Herb. Petty favored with a nice solo. To-day, inspiring and convincing addresses have been given by Bro. Gifford Gordon. Sisters Mrs. and Miss Ludbrook were received by letter from Brighton church. Death has removed another of our found-

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ation members in Bro. Charles Wiese, who passed away on January 1. Bro. P. D. McCallum conducted the service at the burial in the Box Hill Cemetery on January 2.—R.L.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Meetings during holidays have kept up fairly well. During the time we had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. and Sister D. R. Hall, of New South Wales, also Bro. Huntsman, of Unley, S.A., who presided last Lord's day. Bro. Blakemore gave the church interesting messages appropriate to the season, and preached each Lord's day evening.

DANDENONG.—Since last report the Chandler and Clay mission has closed. The numerical net gain is about 50 additions to the church. The missionaries, including Sister Clay as pianiste, were untiring in their zeal for the salvation of souls. The church has received a great spiritual uplift, and with Bro. Way to follow on, success is assured. This morning we had a splendid attendance at the Lord's table. This evening Bro. Way preached an able in memoriam sermon to the death of our esteemed Bro. Proctor. The building was full, most of Bro. Proctor's family being present.—G.F.W.

HAWTHORN.—The deepest sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. T. H. Scambler in the sudden sad loss of his eldest brother at Terang last week. For this reason Bro. Scambler was not with us last Sunday. Bro. J. Barnack preached at both services. Yesterday, Bro. J. E. Thomas exhorted in the morning, and Bro. Scambler preached at night. Two grand sermons to good attendances.—F.C.W., Jan. 12.

HARCOURT.—On Dec. 14, we held our Bible School anniversary, when we had the pleasure of having Bro. Connor, of Ballarat, with us. For some years he labored in this district, and all were pleased to see him again, and his addresses were much appreciated and enjoyed; also the singing under the able leadership of Bro. W. Symes, jun. On Tuesday, 16th, the annual concert was held, and we are greatly indebted to brothers and sisters from Golden Square and the Girls' Sunshine Club, Castlemaine, who provided the programme. The work is going on steadily. Bro. Jackel, senr., has been with us since Bro. Sparks left, and his addresses are helpful and instructive. Bro. H. Edwards, while staying in the district, gave some fine stirring messages; he also visited the brethren at Sutton Grange. These, though few in number, meet every Lord's day and hold fast to the truth. We were pleased to have fellowship with most of them here on the 14th. Bro. A. Caldwell and W. H. Symes have been elected deacons.—F.P.

South Australia.

HINDMARSH.—Jan. 11, the exhortation was given by Bro. Cuttriss, who also addressed the young men's Bible Class in the afternoon upon the subject of "The Man with the Jaw-bone." The evening meeting was well attended, when Bro. Cuttriss made a splendid appeal in his sermon, "An Appeal against Self-destruction."—R. L. Tonkin.

PROSPECT.—Jan. 4, Bro. C. Hughes delivered an appropriate address to the church on "Growth in Grace," and Bro. Paternoster gave a good gospel address at night on "The Womanliness of Jesus." The Y.P.S.C.E. had a good meeting on Tuesday; one new member received. Meetings to-day have been fairly well attended; many are returning from holidays.—E. Everett.

FORRESTVILLE.—Sixteen members and two visitors gathered around the Lord's table to break bread. Bro. Mathews, of Maylands church, addressed the church.—A.B.W., Jan. 11.

NORWOOD.—Good meetings yesterday. In the morning Bro. Horsell, Home Mission Secretary, was the speaker, and gave a fine educational talk on the Home Mission fields and their needs. His address will help considerably to raise a large offering to this great cause. In the evening Bro. Beiler was particularly forceful in his address on "The Unchangeable Christ." A deep interest was apparent throughout the meeting, and the service was much enjoyed. We are sorry to report that Bro. David Wilson's health is not by any means as good as we could desire.—G.E.C.

PORT PIRIE.—Our attendances have been somewhat smaller during the holidays. About 53

broke bread for the day.—Bro. Eliot Arnold exhorted on "The Gospel of Work." There were 49 at school. At night about 60 assembled, and Bro. Shipway delivered a solemn address on "Where will you spend eternity?" Sister Arnold is recovering, but Bro. Arnold is ill. The church quarterly business meeting was held at midweek. It recorded a church membership of 83, and a Bible School enrolment of 92 scholars. Bro. Shipway is now living in one of the two cottages on the church property on the Terrace.—A.M.

KADINA.—Jan. 4, Bro. Stan. Cornelius delivered a helpful exhortation message this morning. Previous to the gospel service the young man who previously confessed Christ was baptised. Bro. Jack Warren preached a fine gospel message, and his item of song was much appreciated. Elder Bro. Wright has been unable to attend church for two Sundays on account of sickness. Bro. and Sister Nightingale are having a fortnight's rest at Moonta Bay. Jan. 11, Bro. Sam. Trenwith delivered a very helpful exhortation in the morning. At night Bro. Ray Killmier delivered a very convincing address. Mrs. Martin and Bro. Larcombe sang a duett, "Jesus Leads."—C. E. Larcombe.

QUEENSTOWN.—Jan. 3, Q.Y.P.M., Bro. C. E. Lawton spoke on "Guiding the Tongue." Worship, Bro. Brooker delivered a helpful exhortation. Afternoon, Men's Bible Class; Bro. C. E. Lawton, president, gave a New Year's message on 2 Tim. 2: 15. Evening, Bro. Bennett, of York, delivered a powerful address. To-day, good services. Q.Y.P.M., Bro. J. Mitchell spoke on "Bearing Christ." Worship, several visitors present. Bro. C. E. Lawton exhorted. Afternoon, Men's Bible Class; Bro. H. Watkins gave a paper on "How to Improve the Class." A good discussion followed. Evening, Bro. J. C. Stanley, of Port Seamen's Mission, delivered a splendid address. Bro. Brooker is away on holiday by doctor's orders. He is much better, but far from strong.—Doris L. Watkins, Jan. 11.

MILANG.—On Dec. 17, the Sunday School teachers were entertained at a social gathering. The Junior Endeavorers provided an excellent programme, and Bro. Marshman gave an address, after which the Sunday School treasurer appeared as Father Christmas, and gave presents to the teachers. Bro. Marshman and Sister Schmoock also received a memento of his visit. A very enjoyable evening was spent. On Dec. 21, Bro. W. F. Nankivell was with us, and his singing both morning and evening was much appreciated. Dec. 28, Bro. A. B. Chappell, from York, was the speaker, and Bro. C. Verco on Jan. 4. Splendid meetings both Sundays, and we were glad to have help from these brethren while Bro. Marshman was away on holiday. Good addresses to-day from Bro. Marshman.—S.H.G., Jan. 11.

MURRAY BRIDGE.—Since last report a young woman has made the confession; she was received into fellowship to-day. Bro. Raymond was at Wood's Point this morning, and had a good meeting. Bro. Brake and Coles are doing a good work in that place by holding services when help from Murray Bridge is not available. Good attendance at our gospel service to-night, and a fine address from Bro. Raymond. Our Bible School has challenged Wallaroo school to an increase and attendance contest. Wallaroo accepted, and the contest commenced with the new year, and will last six months. Our C.E. is growing. We recently decided to raise 1/- per week for the living link fund.—A.E.O., Jan. 11.

New South Wales.

PETERSHAM.—Good attendances at both meetings on Jan. 4. At 11 a.m. Bro. Arnott spoke on "The New Year," and at evening took as his subject, "Making a Success of Life." On Dec. 31 we held our watchnight service. A big congregation present, and Bro. Arnott made the service a very impressive one. Good attendances at both morning and evening services to-day. Several visitors present at 11 a.m. Bro. Stimson addressed the church. Gospel service, Bro. Arnott took for his subject, "The Boomerang."—G.M., Jan. 11.

MARRICKVILLE.—Splendid rains have somewhat interfered with our services of late, but we thank God for the refreshing showers. On Dec. 31 a united watchnight service was held in the

Methodist chapel, when we had the privilege of giving the address. Five new scholars at school to-day. The library now has 245 volumes, and is becoming increasingly popular among the scholars. The telephone is now connected to the home of A. J. Fisher. Number, Petersham 1920.

ROCKDALE.—Sadness filled many hearts when it was known that on Dec. 27, while waiting at Christmas morning thirty members visited the Sarah Hospital, to bring cheer to the inmates. Bro. Waggin is still a patient there, although Bro. McDonald has returned home. Bible School enrolment is now 178. Regular services are still held in the Town Hall.—S.S.

MEREWETHER.—On Wednesday evening the united meeting of the men's and sisters' classes was held, and an enjoyable time spent, after which an open-air meeting was held in the neighborhood until 11 o'clock. The last hour of the old year was spent in a watchnight service in the chapel. On Saturday night the first open-air meeting was held in the Newcastle streets. Services on Jan. 4 were much appreciated. Evangelist Martin's subject for the morning was, "Practical Christianity," and at night "The Rich Young Ruler." Two scholars were added to the Bible School. The kindergarten department is grateful to Bro. T. Coleman for the presentation of four American oak tables for the use of the kinders.—W.D.E.

HURSTVILLE.—Last three hours of 1919 were spent in prayer, praise and testimony. Meetings commenced at 9 p.m., and terminated at midnight. All felt that it was good to have been there. Sunday, good meetings. Bro. Crossman spoke at both services.

LISMORE.—Encouraging meeting last Sunday night. Best since loss of Tabernacle. Bro. P. J. Pond gave a new year's message, and read extracts from letters of sympathy and cheer in connection with our loss. Bible Schools holding their own. One new scholar at North Lismore, and one recently at Central. Bro. E. Rugendyke, the last of our A.I.F. men to return, is due here this week.—Jan. 7.

INVERELL.—Girls' Guild social and kindergarten Christmas tree were held just prior to the holidays, and were very successful. Sister Mrs. Nott, who is removing to Glen Inness, has received presentations from school and church. Bible School picnic to be held on Jan. 26. Fine sermons at Swanbrook on Jan. 7. Beneficial rains have fallen.—H.P.

CHATSWOOD.—Dec. 31, splendid watchnight service. Bro. Lockyer was baptised. Jan. 4, fair attendance at both services. Bro. Whelan spoke from Mark 8: 35. Received into fellowship Sister Daniels and Bro. Lockyer. Evening service, Bro. Whelan's message was, "He Knows, yet He Loves." Jan. 11, fair attendance in the morning. Bro. Hibberd addressed the church. At the gospel service we had a fine address from Bro. Whelan; subject, "Buying up Opportunity" (Eph. 5: 16).—R.M., Jan. 12.

SYDNEY (Chinese Church).—Extra good meetings to-day; Bro. W. Lem exhorted. Bro. Shee Ping preached on "My Kingdom is not of this world." Our Sunday School is progressing.—J. Choy, Jan. 11.

AUBURN.—Meetings were well attended to-day. Bro. Laney exhorted very acceptably. To-night Bro. Forbes preached the gospel with much earnestness. The past week has been the commencement of the pulling down of the resident part of the church building prior to the building of the new chapel. We had a busy time on Saturday afternoon, grubbing trees, moving bricks, and erecting a temporary fence. During the afternoon the sisters provided tea, which was much appreciated. If any past members of the Auburn church wish to contribute to the funds of the new church building, kindly forward donations to me, which I will convey to the treasurer, Bro. Laney.—Sitch.

CITY TEMPLE.—The holiday season being over, the attendance at all services is increasing. Glad to see a number of visitors. State and interstate, present at the services to-day. Splendid exhortation from Bro. H. G. Harward at the morning service. Bro. Rossell, presiding, made mention of the long and faithful service of Bro. Little.

who passed away on Friday night, aged 89. Bro. Eaton at the evening service gave a fine instructive address on "Is One Church as Good as Another?" The usual thankoffering taken up at the beginning of the year was just on £60.—J.C.

SOUTH KENSINGTON.—Bro. Smith and Bale conducted a watchnight service on New Year's Eve. On Jan. 4, Bro. Bale addressed the church very helpfully. Gospel address by Bro. J. S. Garden at night. Bro. Whately, of Melbourne, commenced work with us to-day. Good meetings. Gospel address to-night, subject being "Born of God." Regret to report the death of the husband of our aged Sister Jeffries last week. Prayers of the church are with our sister and family.—G.M.E.

New Zealand.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.—On Dec. 28, Bro. Jarvis, of Richmond, Nelson, addressed both morning and evening meetings. At the evening service Lily Williams, one of the Sunday School scholars, made the good confession. On Jan. 4, Bro. Hearle addressed the morning meeting, and Bro. R. Downey, of Auckland, preached the gospel in the evening to a fair attendance. Meetings have been smaller than usual on account of the holidays, but we had several visitors. The Bible School has held open Sundays for some weeks, but now the holidays are over, classes will be resumed. The C.E. Society had a splendid meeting last night. Bro. Downey, of Auckland, addressed the meeting. Our Society extends New Year greetings to all kindred societies.—R.P.

Over Against the Treasury.

Over against the treasury this day
The Master silent sits; whilst, unaware
Of that celestial Presence, still and fair,
The people pass, or pause, upon their way.
And some go laden with His treasures sweet,
And dressed in costly robes of His device,
Which cover hearts of stone and souls of ice,
Who bear no token to the Master's feet.
And some pass, gayly singing, to and fro,
And cast a careless gift before His face
Amongst the treasures of the holy place,
But kneel to crave no blessing ere they go.
And still the hours roll on; serene and fair
The Master keeps His watch, but who can tell
The thoughts that in His tender spirit swell
As one by one we pass Him unaware?
For this is He Who on an awful day
Cast down for us a price so vast and dread,
That He was left for our sakes bare and dead,
Having given Himself our mighty debt to pay.
Oh, shall unworthy gifts once more be thrown
Into His treasury by Whose death we live?
Or shall we now embrace His cross, and give
Ourselves and all we have to Him alone?

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BAKER.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Leslie, who passed away Jan. 14th, 1919.

Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy,
Bent on such glorious toils
The world to him was loss,
Yet all his trophies, all his spoils,
He hung upon the cross.

—Inserted by his loving mother, Mrs. Marshman, St. Peter's, Adelaide, S.A., and brothers and sisters.

BAKER.—In loving memory of Leslie William Baker, M.A., B.D., who passed away in Melbourne, 14th January, 1919; beloved husband of Eadie Lyall Baker; father of Leslie Lyall Baker; son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyall, Royal Park, Melbourne, Victoria; preacher and minister of Church of Christ, Norwood, South Australia. Affectionately remembered.

Here and There

Home Missions! Home Missions—our country for Christ.

Sunday, Feb. 1, is the day appointed for the great annual offering for Home Missions.

No work of the church should appeal more strongly to us than that of winning our own land for Christ.

H. E. Francis, "Mildura," Elswick-st., Leichhardt, is now secretary of the church at Peterborough, N.S.W.

Schools taking part in the Hand-Work Book Competition should send books to State Secretary without delay.

W. L. Casperson is now secretary to the church at Wagga, N.S.W. His address is c/o Mrs. Moye, Bayliss-st., Wagga.

The secretary of the church at Hawthorne, Q., now is Mrs. Elizabeth S. Sloggett, Merthyr-rd., New Farm, Brisbane, Qld.

Members who like to know of the work being done in our Home Mission fields would do well to read every article in this special number.

The Moreland church is to be congratulated upon the fine start made at Coburg on Sunday last. It is good to see churches thus extending the work.

Missionary work is the business and the life of the church. The church that fails in missionary spirit is a dying force. Its fading light will soon be extinguished.

Thirty-nine scholars were enrolled at Coburg Bible School on the first Sunday. We are informed that the parent school at Moreland commenced with but twelve scholars.

We have been requested to announce that a great memorial service to the founders of our city and the defenders of our Empire will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 25, at 3 o'clock, in the Old Cemetery, Peel, Queen and Franklin-sts., Melbourne.

There were three confessions at Semaphore, S.A., last Sunday week, J. C. Ferdinand Pittman preaching. Semaphore new Sunday School hall is in course of erection. The building will cost £500; the church has already £300 in hand. Between £70 and £80 was contributed by the church during the past three weeks.

All correspondence for the Home Mission Committee of Tasmania can now be forwarded to the Secretary, N. J. Warmbrun, whose address at present is 5 Pillinger-st., Sandy Bay, Hobart. Bro. Warmbrun writes: "The Tasmanian Committee anxiously look to the brotherhood of that State to raise £100 on Feb. 1. Progress is our motto. At least 2/6 from every member will accomplish the aim and help towards making the motto an accomplished fact."

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee asks the churches to contribute £1250 on Sunday, Feb. 1. This amount is necessary in order to meet the Conference free of debt. The work has been carried on in faith; great good has been accomplished. Thirty-one workers are being supported by the Committee, and by them the gospel is being proclaimed every Lord's day. If this is the work the churches endorse, no church will fail to do its utmost to raise the largest amount possible.

Bro. J. W. Nichols writes:—"Will you please notify the brethren that the Victorian Benevolent Department at present is unable to cope with any large consignments of perishable goods. It is suggested that where possible goods be sold and money forwarded. When parcels are being sent per rail, please state on label from which station they are being sent. We cannot obtain goods until the forwarding station is known, with the result that one parcel of perishable goods had to be destroyed."

The attention of our readers is specially directed to the announcement under heading, "Federal Conference," which appears on page 25. The next Federal Conference is planned for Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8, at Melbourne.

Since J. E. Thomas's announcement in our closing issue of 1919 that his "Notes on Current Topics" would henceforth not be appearing in our pages, appreciative letters concerning both the department and Bro. Thomas's work in connection therewith have come to hand. Our brother is, as we are, glad to have the thanks of those who have been helped by his writings. We may say that there has been a call that more articles appear in the paper and, to meet the need, a re-adjustment had to be made. So, for the present at least, we shall have to dispense with the usual "Notes." We hope that our readers will still have the pleasure of perusing in our columns articles from the pen of Bro. Thomas, whose willingness to help in the past we have much appreciated, and whose assistance in the future we shall value.

The following paragraph from New Zealand reached us as we were about to go to press:—Jos. J. Franklyn, who, after the prohibition campaign in New Zealand, consented to assist the church in Christchurch for a few months, has resigned in order to leave for America by the San Francisco boat in April. Bro. Franklyn, who is president of the South Island Conference, will leave the Dominion immediately after that event. The Conference will be held this year in Christchurch, closely followed by the Dominion Conference. Mrs. Franklyn will return to Australia, pending subsequent arrangements. The church will need the services of a preacher. Brethren contemplating a change should write to A. H. Reid, secretary, 50 Francis Avenue, St. Albans, Christchurch. The church is now on the upgrade, and affords a desirable field for the right type of man. The officers are seriously considering the purchase of a manse.

Bro. P. J. Pond, Lismore, N.S.W., writes:—The church has been cheered by many kind expressions of sympathy from kindred in Christ elsewhere, during its season of trial. I was deeply impressed, too, with the splendid tribute paid to the members here by the public. One well-known man wrote: "I know most of your people, and know them to be a self-sacrificing lot of men and women. They are a people who have shown a disposition to help their fellows to a better life, and to make the environment about Lismore better, purer, and sweeter to live in. The heartless creature who asked you to sell your land is not worthy the name of man. Whatever you do, don't go out of Christ's business." A leading business man said, "We have been up against your people, and have rather resented your aggressive attitude as a church. But when the fire came we realised how much poorer the town would be without you. Your people fill a place in the social and religious work of the town. We cannot afford to lose you."

E.T.B. writes as follows concerning the church at Mt. Templeton, S.A.:—"The writer had the pleasure of visiting this church last Lord's day, after an absence of nearly 14 years, and was surprised and pleased to see the result of the good work Bro. Hurst has done almost single-handed in this district. He has erected at his own expense a church building of stone and brick, capable of accommodating 200 people. It is a long way from finished, but is now being used for meetings every Lord's day. Bro. Hurst has a fine Bible School of about 40 scholars, many being adults. The building is on our brother's farm. The writer admired very much the orderly manner in which the school is conducted. Last Lord's day a number of young men from Lochiel church paid a visit to the school. The writer was invited to address the scholars collectively. Bro. Cosh, who is now 84, hale and hearty, was also present. He is a very well-known brother in this locality. Bro. Hurst deserves every praise for his persevering zeal and generosity in the work he has done here; notwithstanding the very many discouragements he has had, his family are all good helpers in the cause, and Sister Hurst is a most praiseworthy co-partner with her husband in the work."

The Family Altar.

J. Wiltshire.

THE HIGHER VIEWPOINT.

Mt. Lofty, situated about ten miles from Adelaide, affords the best stationary view which can be had of that fair and beautiful city. The sweeping glance of the eye can at once comprehend the city and her pleasant suburbs, the fertile plains extending far to the north, and the brilliant waters of the Gulf leading down to the great ocean highway. When darkness falls upon the scene, then as though in friendly rivalry with the heavens above, the city sends out her ever-increasing lights. It makes one feel that there surely must exist some harmony between the things above and those below, which at the close of the day will come to view.

One describes as the most beautiful sight he had ever witnessed, a view he had of Adelaide from this height. The heavy cloud had settled over the city, and its shadow had made everything in the city dim. But our friend stood in the sunshine and could see both the darkened city and above the cloud, the shining sun.

It would be well if we could climb to a higher spiritual viewpoint. We should not then live under the cloud and in the dim shadow it casts, but stand where we can both see and feel the bright warm Sun of righteousness.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19.

Gems of Thought.—Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.—2 Peter 3: 12.

WOULD YOU BE YOUNG AGAIN?

Would you be young again?
So would not I.
One tear to memory given,
Onward I'd hie.
Life's dark flood forded o'er,
All but the rest on shore,
Say, would you plunge once more
With home so high?

Where are the dear ones now?
My joy and delight,
Dear and more dear, though now
Hidden from sight;
Where they rejoice to be,
That is the land for me;
Fly time, fly speedily,
Come life and light.

—B. Nairne.

Bible Reading.—Philippians 1: 1-30.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Gems of Thought.—But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.—Dan. 11: 32.

The true hero is the great wise man of duty. He whose soul is armed by truth and supported by the smile of God, he who meets life's perils with a cautious but tranquil spirit, gathers strength by facing its storms.—H. Bushnell.

Bible Reading.—Ephesians 6: 10-20.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

Gems of Thought.—He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth.—Psalm 72: 6.

I'll take the showers as they fall,
I will not vex my bosom;
Enough if at the end of all
A little garden blossom.

—Tennyson.

Bible Reading.—Ezekiel 34: 23-31. The presence of the Good Shepherd is the pledge of green pastures.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

Gems of Thought.—Confess your thoughts one to another, and pray one for another.—James 5: 16.

HUMBLE PIE.

"Few things are so unpleasant to eat as 'humble pie,' and it is a brave man who will sharpen his knife and hand up his plate for a slice, rather

than let a grudge continue or an old sore keep open."

Bible Reading.—Psalm 51. David's full portion.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

Gems of Thought.—"For the Lord God is a Sun and a Shield."—Psalm 84: 11.

THE SUNRISE NEVER FAILED US YET.

Upon the sadness of the sea
The sunset broods regretfully;
From the far lonely spaces slow
Withdraws the wistful after-glow;
So out of life the splendor dies,
So darken all the happy skies,
So gathers twilight, cold and stern,
But overhead the planets burn.
And up the east another day
Shall chase the bitter dawn away;
What though our eyes with tears be wet?
The sunrise never failed us yet.
The blush of dawn may yet restore
Our light, and hope, and joy once more;
Sad soul, take comfort, nor forget
That sunrise never failed us yet.

—C. Thaxted.

Bible Reading.—Psalm 89: 1-16.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.

Gems of Thought.—As for God, his way is perfect.

GOD'S WORK PERFECT.

Dare not to charge God's work with incompleteness;

In that want their beauty lies—they roll
Towards some infinite depth of love and sweetness,
Drawing onward man's reluctant soul.

—A. A. Proctor.

Bible Reading.—Rev. 21: 1-8.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25.

Gems of Thought.—Let all things be done with love.—1 Cor. 16: 14.

NOBLE SERVICE.

"They serve God well
Who serve his creatures; when the funeral bell
Tolls for the dead there's nothing left of all
That decks the scutcheon and the velvet pall,
Save this—the coronet is empty show.
The strength and loveliness are hid below,
The shifting wealth to others hath accrued,
And learning cheers not the grave's solitude.
What's done is what remains. Ah! blessed
They who leave completed tasks of love to stay
And answer mutely for them; being dead,
Life was not purposeless, though life be fled."

Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 13.

It is with gratitude we receive the many expressions of appreciation of our column: they come from far and near. We thank our readers for their encouragement, and pray God to make the words and readings selected to be a help to even greater numbers.—J.W.

OBITUARY.

TAYLOR.—Bro. Clarence R. Taylor, aged 23 years, passed from this life at Strathalbyn, on December 13, 1919. He was the third son of our esteemed Bro. and Sister John Taylor, and a brother of Pastors Will and Herbert Taylor. Clarence was a young man greatly admired for his gentlemanly disposition and high respect of the Christian life. He had been employed by the Postal Department previous to his departure on active service on October 23, 1916. He was wounded at Polygon Wood, Sept. 26, 1919, the effects of which were the cause of his departure, so young in his useful life, for his eternal home. He was baptised by Bro. F. C. Thomas, at Strathalbyn, in October, 1908, and remained steadfast and unmovable to the end. Clarence had been a patient sufferer since his return in March, 1918. Bro. H. J. Horsell conducted the service at the graveside, and about 400 friends witnessed the burial. A party of returned soldiers marched, and the Last Post sounded. Four returned men

acted as bearers. We can ill afford to lose such fine young men. Our sympathy is sincerely extended to Bro. and Sister Taylor and family, and we commend them to the love and oversight of Him who is a very present help in time of trouble.—A. Samuels, Semaphore, S.A.

TAYLOR.—Bro. William Charles Taylor, for many years an honored member of the church at Unley, S.A., passed to his eternal reward, Dec. 20, at the age of 68 years. He was baptised by Bro. T. J. Gore, August, 1900, and ever since was identified with the Unley church. For several years he served as an officer, and was most faithful and conscientious to his duties. Seven years ago he was stricken with illness, from which he never fully recovered, and necessitated his retirement from active work in the church. But he was always a most faithful and devoted follower of Christ, never absent from the house of God, unless prevented by physical infirmities. He was most patient and kind, and his only regret was that he was unable to take part in the work of Christ as much as he wished. In the family circle he was greatly beloved and honored, all were devoted to his welfare, and there he will be greatly missed. Our brother's family have all been brought up in the Unley church, and have greatly helped in the work. His remains were laid to rest in the Mitcham Cemetery. Bro. T. J. Gore, who has been closely associated with our brother for many years, and the writer officiated. The deepest sympathy of the church is extended to our Sister Taylor and her family in their sore bereavement.—B. W. Huntsman.

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HOPKINS.—The church at Williamstown, Vic., has suffered loss through the decease of our aged Sister Mrs. Hopkins, who had been a great worker in the church up to some few years ago. Rest being imperative, owing to indisposition, together with illness and death in family, our sister subsequently left the district to reside in Clifton Hill. We missed her very much. The church deeply sympathises with the bereaved. Sister Hopkins fell asleep on Nov. 28, and was laid to rest in Williamstown Cemetery on Nov. 30, 1919, fully trusting in her Saviour, and looking forward for the return of her dear Lord.—E.M.H., Williamstown, Vic.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

S.A. HOME MISSION FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the undermentioned amounts received to December 31, 1919.
 Conference Promises.—G. D. Wright, £5; T. H. Brooker, £2/2/-; A. Glastonbury, 5/-; Mrs. Webb, 2/6; Hon. Wm. Morrow, £5; Wm. Charlick, £25.
 Duplex Envelopes.—Port Pirie Church, £1; Kadina Church, £1.
 Motor Cycle.—Norwood C.E., 10/-; Murray Bridge C.E., 10/6; Port Pirie C.E., 10/-; Narra-coorte C.E., 10/-; Queenstown Church, £3/5/-.
 Lake Bonney Work.—Prospect Church, £3/4/-; Kersbrook, £1/12/4; Williamstown, £2/2/-; Cottonville, £2/1/10; Glenelg, £2/0/1; Strathalbyn, 10/-; Norwood, £10; Unley, £9/4/9; Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Spotswood, £10.
 Conference Adjustments.—Maylands Church, 14/6; C.E. Union, £2/3/-; Church Extension Committee, £2/4/-; Sisters' Executive, 11/6.
 Donations.—"A Brother," £2; Exchange, 3/-.
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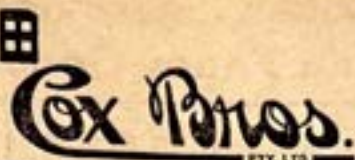
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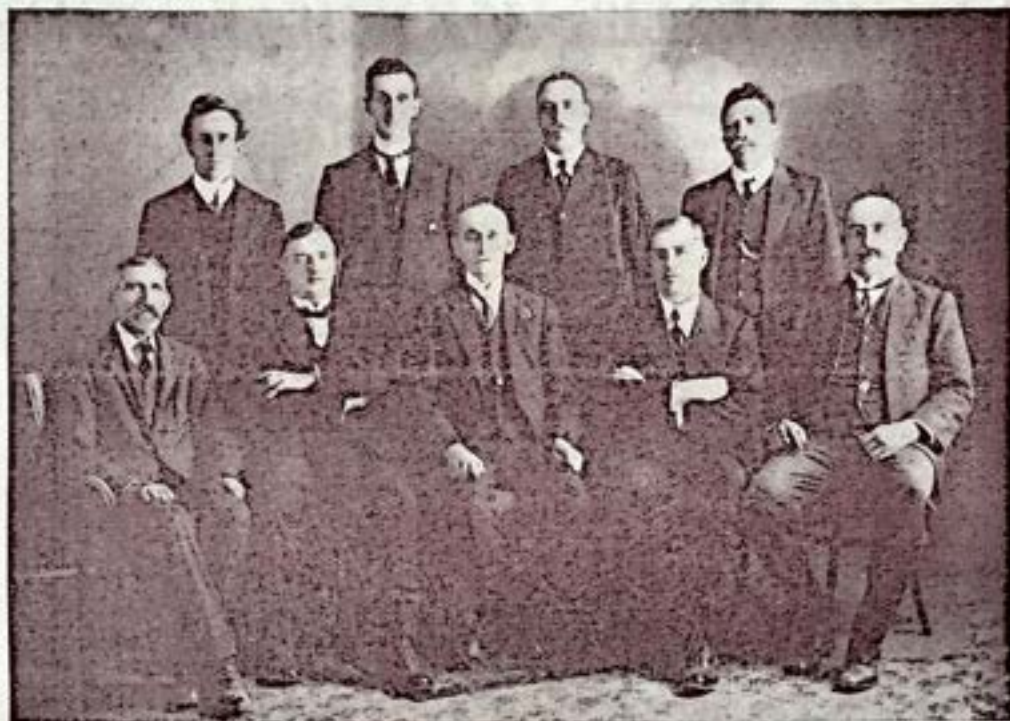
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