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## How to Win Men.

**W**E often speak of soul-winning, and quote the text, "He that winneth souls is wise," or, as the revision renders it, "He that is wise winneth souls." Frequently this leads on to the remark that the text and the work both imply a certain winsomeness on the part of the soul-winner.

The man behind the message, his demeanor and his attitude to those whom he is trying to convert, will count for much and will very greatly influence the effectiveness of his message. We are sure that it is the Gospel which is God's power unto salvation to every one that believes it; but whether or not men are brought to that saving faith depends to a great extent on the character of the preacher and his manner of presentation.

A simple message coming straight from the heart of a man who is manifestly living the Christian life, a plain sermon from one whose whole soul is in his utterance, an exhortation to accept Christ from the lips of a man who out of a heart of love intercedes with men on behalf of Christ—such words will have a hundred times the converting power of a learned discourse or oratorical address given by someone who seems to think of self rather than Christ, of making a display and securing applause instead of arousing consciences and turning men from sin. So has it ever been, and it is right that it should continue to be.

### Kagawa's advice.

Our attention was attracted to the following advice tendered by Toyohiko Kagawa, the great Christian leader of Japan: "You young missionaries who desire to put your whole lives into Christian service in rural Japan should not talk religion at first. One whole year—just be kind. The second whole year—just love the farmers. The third year you may preach Christ—and they will listen to you."

It would be easy to cavil at some of these words. Could anybody think of the Apostle Paul, for instance, staying a year in a field without "talking religion"? An apostle would argue that Christ sent him to preach, and preach he must. But yet there is a most important lesson in the Japanese evangelist's words. To be interested in folk

to understand them and sympathise with them, above all to love them, is the surest way to gain an entrance to their minds and hearts. Then the words which are spoken become effective. That is why a truly Christian preacher—and especially a good visitor—gains in influence with the passing years. He knows his people, and they know him. His life is a demonstration of the power of the Gospel. His heart of love makes an appeal that a merely lip utterance cannot make.

### How to approach the Jew.

We were interested also in our recent reading to come across another statement of the right method of approach to men. It harmonised beautifully with Kagawa's advice.

Miss Ruth Angel, of the New York City Gospel Mission to the Jews (says "The Presbyterian") has prepared the following outline to suggest a method of approach to the Jews. (1) Let the Jew know that you have a genuine love for his race. (2) Tell the Jew why you love his race. (3) Use a direct-method witness for Christ. (4) Use the Scriptures. (5) Point out very carefully Old Testament Messianic pro-

phesies, viz., Micah 5: 2; Isaiah 7: 14; Psalm 2: 7; Psalm 2: 12; Isaiah 9: 6; Isaiah 53: 5; Daniel 9: 26; Isaiah 53: 8; Zechariah 12: 10; Zechariah 13: 6; (6) Urge him carefully to study Isaiah 53. (7) Explain that the rejection of Jesus does not disprove his Messiahship, but is predicted. (8) Tell the Jew he is a sinner and needs the atonement for sin. (9) Answer his questions about Jewish laws and ceremonies by using Jeremiah 31: 31-33. (10) Ask the Jew to read the New Testament. (11) Commit the result to God.

Here is a very simple and wholesome statement. The writer has evidently studied the method of the apostolic preachers to their Jewish countrymen. But there is an application, so far as the manner of approach and "the direct-method witness" are concerned, to all Gospel preaching.

### The Value of the Human Soul.

There is one power which lies at the bottom of all success in preaching; its influence is essential everywhere; without its sense we cannot imagine man as sense, a minister of the Gospel in the world. Under its compulsion a man reaches a preacher, and every sermon is more or less shaped by its human soul. The power is the value of the motive and by the preacher, furnished. The inspiration of all his minister's work seem other motives for, and this great central to me to stand. If officers stand about the motive as the need him, they execute his general. This is not dependent on them as will; but in him. Any one of them might they are, and he could fight the battle fall away. Pleasure of work; with him. The pleasure of work; in the exercise of power; love of duty; the love of study; gratification of God's truth; the love of seeing right in feeling our lives touch other lives; the perception of order; love of regular movement; insight into the lives and ways of men; and, lastly, the pleasure of seeing right ideas replace wrong ideas—these are the noble members of the staff of the great general. But how the motive which they serve towers above them all!—Phillips Brooks, in "Yale Lectures on Preaching."

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# The Greater Gifts.

L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D.

Discontent and jealousy had marred the sweet fellowship of the church at Corinth. Certain of their number possessed great powers of the Spirit. Their ability to speak in tongues and to work miracles was very impressive. Some of their brethren who were not in possession of such spectacular gifts were much aggrieved, and felt that unless they, too, could possess such powers, life would be very dull and commonplace. But there was one who led them to see that though it was a great thing for one to be able to speak in tongues, there were gifts of the Spirit which far outweighed this and other gifts for which they were longing; gifts which are within the reach of every faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ; gifts which when received and developed will transform and endue with power for service. Among such gifts are:

## Faith.

By faith we mean the grace of calm, confident trust in God. We know of nothing that would more greatly increase the sum of human happiness than for men to have a greater trust in the power, goodness and love of God. Faith, that is saving and keeping faith, is the gift of God, because God has provided the objects which engender faith in him. The greater our faith in God the better able will we be to meet and overcome the difficulties of the present.

We have read of a poor woman who was in very great need. A friend sent her assistance in a letter. In great distress the poor woman went to her friend begging for a few shillings. "Why," said her friend, "I sent you a money order in a letter yesterday." "Dear, dear," said the poor woman, "there must be the letter I put behind the looking-glass unopened." Even so there are many people who put God's letters behind the looking-glass, and fail to make use of the promises which are meant for them. It is by faith that we appropriate the power and grace of God in Christ Jesus. "This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith."

## Knowledge.

Knowledge is among the greater gifts which we should earnestly desire. Knowledge is valuable, for often it means life and light, and health and power. Again and again knowledge has opened the gateway to human progress. The French tried to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama but failed. The Americans, essaying the same task, succeeded, because they had a knowledge of the yellow fever which enabled them to overcome its ravages and to keep their men fit and well.

The knowledge of God and Jesus Christ is necessary to all who would grow into the likeness of the man Christ Jesus. "Search the Scriptures," said Jesus, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they

which testify of me." It is possible to know a great deal about the arts and sciences, and yet, after all, to miss that knowledge which is fundamental to our soul's salvation: The apostle Paul counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord. It is the man who is sure of God who will be able to make him known to others.

## Prophecy.

The prophet in the New Testament church was one who taught and exhorted those who had believed rather than one who foretold coming events. He was one who helped to teach and ground others in the faith. The work is a noble one, and we would that there were more who earnestly desired this greater gift.

To those who were inclined to dote on their ability to speak in tongues and to interpret, Paul says: "I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all: howbeit in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue."

The opportunities for teaching and exhorting are many, and the blessings attending the work are real. In the early church Joseph of Cyprus was surnamed Barnabas, son of exhortation, because of his outstanding ability as a teacher and encourager of others. There is room for many to emulate his example.

## Love.

In his matchless thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, the apostle Paul sings of the

immortality of love. "Love suffereth long." "Love never faileth." When tongues have ceased and prophecies have been fulfilled, love shall shine and sing in the heavenly home. Faith will go with us to the gates of glory, but will then give place to sight; but white-robed love will enter with us through the gates into the city, there to abide forever. "God is love, and he dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in him."

To have a warm heart, wide sympathies, unselfish feelings, a genuine desire for the good of others, and the kindly ways which grow out of these, is a gift it were well we all sought more eagerly. We wrong the faith of Jesus Christ if we banish its ideals of conduct to some other world than this. The place of Christianity is in this world where toil and struggle and fierce competition are found. It is here, as we rub shoulders with our fellowmen, that the greater gifts of the Spirit are to be seen in their uplifting and transforming powers.

We are, as a French writer has powerfully said, to "beware of a religion which substitutes itself for everything; that makes monks. Seek a religion which penetrates everything; that makes Christians." We are discovering now that God is not only the source and object of the religious feelings, but that he is also a musician, an artist, a mathematician, the Creator and Giver of all beauty, and that in seeking perfection in these directions we are seeking him. It is a false conscience which would shut up our religious interests to the narrow ground of a few elementary ideas. That is to put it in charge of a kitchen garden when its true role is to govern a universe.—J. Brierley.

## Prayer Corner.

Be still, and know that I am God.—  
Psalm 46: 10.

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"In the incomparable story of Elijah on Mount Horeb the voice of the Lord was not heard in earthquake, fire or wind, but in the stillness which followed the storm. This is a parable whose lesson is repeated throughout the Bible in many forms. If the Psalmist would hear 'what God the Lord will speak,' he knew that he must meditate in the night watches and commune with his own soul, and be still. The prophet shared his secret when he told the people, 'In quietness and confidence is your strength, in returning and in rest shall ye be saved.' Jesus Christ himself was accustomed to retire alone to quiet places among the hills, that he might speak with God face to face."

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Now, O my God,  
My comfort, portion, rest!  
Thou, none but thou, shalt reign within my  
breast.

Call me to thee! call me thyself—oh, speak,  
And bind my heart to thee, whom most I seek!

—Gerhard Tersteegen.

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O merciful Lord, enlighten thou me with a clear shining inward light, and remove away all darkness from the habitation of my heart. Repress thou my many wandering thoughts, and break in pieces those temptations which violently assault me. Fight thou for me, and vanquish the evil beasts; that so peace may be obtained by thy power, and that thine abundant praise may resound in thy holy court, that is, in a pure conscience. Send out thy light and thy truth, that they may shine upon the earth; for, until thou enlighten me, I am but as earth without form and void. Lift thou up my mind which is pressed down by a load of sins, for no created thing can give full comfort and rest to my desires. Join thou me to thyself with an inseparable band of love; for thou even alone dost satisfy him that loveth thee. Amen.—Thomas a Kempis.



# "The Path of the Just."

I. J. Chivell.

Prov. 4: 18.

There are some delightful phrases found in the writings of Solomon. We can well understand that he was wiser than any other mortal man, and that his wisdom was divinely given. The marvel is that one so gifted, who had entered so far into the secret of the Most High, could be led to worship at the cruel, hopeless, debased altar of Baal and Ashteroth, to finally slip from the sacred record in disgrace. His example serves as an enforcement of the apostolic warning, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

One of the gems of his writings is the text before us.

## The path of the just.

Many names are given to the people of God in the Bible. The dearest of all to us is that of Christian. Perhaps it was first given as a nickname, but hundreds since have glorified God by that name. It is expressive of the whole round of our faith—the One in whom we believe, our hope, our high calling. Solomon knew no such name. He calls God's people "the just," those who have been justified by God. Men are still classified as "the just and the unjust." Christ is the justifier of men. The way that the just walk is a path. Not a tunnel in which we grope, guided by walls and feeling. Not some way cast up from which we cannot turn. It is a way marked out, which we can clearly see, and to which we keep ourselves by our own efforts.

## A lighted pathway.

This path is lighted in three ways.

In the first place, by him who is the light of the world, who is going on before. His call is to follow him, and following him we shall "not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." "Said Evangelist to Christian, Do you see yonder shining light? He said, I think I do. Then said Evangelist, Keep that light in your eye, and go up directly thereto, so shalt thou see the gate."

Secondly, it is lighted by the Bible. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Sometimes the distant light is dimmed by the immediate present. Christian, with one light before him, fell into the slough of Despond, and listened to Mr. Worldly Wiseman. In our hand is a book that sheds glorious light upon the immediate present, lighting up the pathway by its revelation of the will of him who is leading. The Psalmist's prayer, "Send forth thy light and truth, let them lead me unto thy holy hill," has been answered.

Thirdly, the path is lighted by the lives of those who walk therein.

"Ye are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men." Radiating from us is light to light the way for

those who follow. Too often they only stand and look, but still, among a crooked and perverse nation, we must shine as lights in the world. At best our light is but a borrowed light. Often we have seen the clouds in the western sky brilliantly lighted long after the sun has disappeared below the horizon. This light is like ours—borrowed from the hidden sun.

## The end of the path.

"That shineth more and more unto the perfect day." With the approach of dawn the curtain of darkness gradually lifts. The blackness of night gives place to the grey of the morning. The morning grey is dispelled by the golden light of day. The light of our path increases in strength the nearer we come to the perfect day. What is a perfect day? When it is cloudy, and windy, and wet, we find ourselves saying, "Isn't it miserable!" But when the sun is shining, the weather is warm, the birds are singing and the flowers are blooming, and

we are contented in mind and happy in life, we say, "Isn't to-day perfect!" Our faces are towards a day of endless perfection—lighted by the glory of our Saviour, warmed by God's love, at rest from all that would trouble or disturb, in that city where they need no sun. That's the light we have in our eye.

"Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,  
Lead thou me on."

## GOD'S MUSIC LESSON.

"And no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth" (Rev. 14: 3).

No art can teach the song of God's redeemed,  
No rules of voice can perfect that glad song,  
For from the heart alone that music streamed  
That came to John from Christ's own blood—  
bought through.

From shadows of the past a mystic joy  
Enwraps their souls. Their blessedness now  
mounts

On wings of yesterday. No poor alloy  
Of present ill their perfect peace discounts.  
So in the present stress to me is given  
A training for that anthem's minor chords,  
Too minor for the perfect sons of heaven.  
Only my depth the full sweet tone affords;  
I shall know well, my earthly stage outgrown,  
Part of that symphony is mine alone.

—T. Pittaway.

## At the Lord's Table.

T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed.

What mean ye by this service?—Exod. 12: 26.

When the passover was instituted by God for his people Israel, its permanency in the religious life of the nation was indicated. "Ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever." But its meaning would not be clear to succeeding generations without explanation. When the very natural question came from the children, "What mean ye by this service?" their parents were to say: "It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover," and they were to tell the story of the great redemption wrought by the Lord in Egypt.

What mean ye by this service? our children inevitably ask, as they gather with us on the Lord's day to partake of the Lord's Supper. We may make the meaning clear by reference to the names which the people of God have used and still use for this feast.

Sometimes the Lord's Supper is called the eucharist. We do not often use that name ourselves, but many Christian people do. It is a name which means thanksgiving, and those who use the word really call this feast "The Thanksgiving." We may well think of it in that way. We follow the example of our Lord, and give thanks for the bread and the wine, and when we partake of them it is an act which expresses our gratitude to the Lord Jesus, who died on the cross for us.

Some Christian people call the supper a sacrament. Now, that, too, is an interesting word. It means, first of all,

something sacred, such as an oath by which a soldier bound himself to serve his country, or a vow that a person might make to follow Jesus. The word also came to mean something that was mysterious and divine. So when the Lord's Supper is called a sacrament we are led to think of the very sacred union which exists between Christ and his people, and of the sacred pledge we gave him when we became his disciples.

But those two names are not Bible names, and we do not often use them in our meetings. The apostle Paul speaks of the communion of the body and blood of Christ, when he is explaining the meaning of the bread and the wine. This word means a sharing together. When we partake of the bread and the wine in memory of our Saviour, we share with one another in the great blessings that come to us through Jesus Christ. There is a deeper and richer meaning too, for we share with Jesus himself a loving intimacy and fellowship such as people enjoy with their best friends.

Perhaps the best name for this feast is that which is given by the apostle in 1 Cor. 11: 26—"The Lord's Supper." Jesus met with his disciples at the passover supper, and there he took the bread and the wine, and gave them to his disciples, saying, Do this in remembrance of me. Because the Lord himself instituted this supper, because it is observed in memory of his death, and because it is a place where he still meets with his disciples in spirit, it is the Lord's Supper.



# Tasmanian Conference.

A. C. Thurrowgood.

The thirty-eighth annual conference of Tasmanian Churches of Christ was held at Launceston from March 28 to April 2. Meetings were smaller than in previous years. Great messages were delivered by visiting speakers, Bro. H. G. Harward and A. A. Hughes. These were an inspiration to all.

Conference opened with the C.E., temperance and social service demonstration. Appreciated messages were given by Bro. H. W. Street and H. G. Harward. The Y.P.S.C.E. banner went



A. E. Brown,  
Newly-elected Tasmanian conference  
president.

to Margaret-st., Launceston, society. Invermay junior society won the junior banner; also increase shield competed for by Churches of Christ C.E. societies.

At the brotherhood welcome responses were given by Bro. H. G. Harward and A. C. Thurrowgood. Bro. A. E. Stevens, the retiring president, spoke on need of greater earnestness and determination in State work.

The Home Missionary demonstration was well attended. Fine messages were given by Bro. H. W. Street and H. G. Harward. The offering amounted to £103/5/9 in cash and promises. The Home Mission shield, presented to the church giving most per member to home missions, was won by Prospect. The church has won this shield twice, as have both Invermay and Devonport.

Bro. A. A. Hughes was the special speaker, and gave a fine message at F.M. demonstration. The offering amounted to £31/17/5 in cash and promises. The shield presented to Bible School raising most money for foreign missions was won by West Hobart.

At Bible School demonstration Bro. Hughes delighted children with a talk about Indian children. Presentation of increase shields and banners was made to successful Bible Schools. Caveside gained increase shield and attendance banner for schools with under fifty enrolled, while West Hobart gained similar distinction for schools over fifty.

Conference meetings came to a close on Sunday evening, when Bro. H. G. Harward preached the Conference Sermon.

In considering the Home Mission report conference expressed words of appreciation to all having a share in special mission work conducted in the State. Bro. A. E. Brown, as-

sisted by H. W. Street, held a two weeks' campaign at Mole Creek. Tributes were paid to Bro. Harward for his great work in missions at Kelleve and Devonport. In the latter work he was assisted by Bro. E. J. Waters, T. Wilmot and A. Stanford serving as song-leaders.

The financial position led to a profitable discussion. Need for greater stress on the annual home mission offering was made. Greater recognition of Christian stewardship was deemed necessary. The extra work and expenditure by the Launceston brethren during Federal Conference was commended. A recommendation regarding the use of duplex envelopes in the churches was carried, intention being to bring home and foreign mission work before members as well as local needs.

Next conference is to be held in Hobart at Easter, 1935.

The "Tasmanian Evangel" report indicated a successful year. Credit is due to editor and manager for this result. Greater support is sought.

A recommendation made to conference by Home Mission Committee that Bro. H. W. Street and E. J. Waters be retained at Mole Creek, Caveside and Devonport respectively was received.

It is noteworthy that the Social Service Committee gave the first donation to bush fire relief. Conference passed a resolution opposing the granting of a new hotel licence at Moonah; also a resolution in support of efforts to promote peace and to reduce armaments.

The valuable service rendered the State by Bro. Collins, who left Tasmania prior to conference, was highly spoken of. Special thanks for his love and advice and help were expressed. He was spoken of as one who was a "father" to Tasmanian churches.

In connection with F.M. report, several resolutions were passed. It was resolved that greetings be sent to Bro. Walden in recognition

of his valuable service to P.M. work. It was also resolved that a telegram be sent to Miss Mary Thompson on her arrival home. The recommendation of the Federal P.M. Board regarding the withdrawal of our missionaries from China was received by conference. A vote of thanks was passed to retiring president, Bro. J. Woolley, and secretary, Sister Miss V. Hay. A letter expressing such is to be sent to secretary, who is at present in South Australia.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

President.—A. E. Brown.  
Vice-president.—I. A. Paternoster.  
Secretary.—H. Stevens.  
Assistant secretary.—R. Edmunds.  
Treasurer.—J. P. Foot.

Home Missionary Committee.—The above executive officers and E. A. Stevens, N. J. Warmbrunn, C. Nicholls and T. Wilmot.

Foreign Missionary Committee.—President, N. Cooper; vice-president, A. E. Heard; secretary, Sister V. Hay; treasurer, H. Woolley; committee: Sister G. Swinton, Bro. J. Woolley, T. Lillye, J. Park and D. Street. Auditor, M. Jacobson.

Bible School Union.—President, E. A. Stevens; vice-president, R. Edmunds; secretary, A. M. Alderton; treasurer, M. Taylor; committee: A. E. Brown, F. Clements, Rodd Pitt. Auditors: G. Foot, N. J. Warmbrunn.

C.E. Union.—President, Ira A. Paternoster; vice-president, A. E. Brown; secretary, H. V. Clements; treasurer, W. Woods; committee: Sister Mrs. Sulzberger, Miss W. Crawford, Bro. C. Bye. Auditors: M. Taylor and M. Sulzberger.

Temperance and Social Service.—President, W. R. C. Jarvis; vice-president, N. Cooper; secretary and treasurer, J. Park; committee: A. E. Heard, A. C. Thurrowgood, J. Harward (with power to add one other). Auditor, H. Nicholls.

Church Building Extension.—Bro. Ira A. Paternoster was appointed to the committee.

"Tasmanian Evangel."—Editor, A. E. Brown; collector, G. Foot; manager, N. J. Warmbrunn.

Council of Churches.—J. Park, W. R. C. Jarvis, A. C. Thurrowgood, T. Lillye.

Nominating and Advisory Board.—P. Duff, C. Nicholls, N. J. Warmbrunn.

# Victorian Conference.

(Concluded.)

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

At the Saturday afternoon session, discussion of the social service report was followed by a helpful discussion of the Bible school department's report, special attention being paid to the decrease in number of scholars and teachers. J. H. McKean introduced the report of the Christian Endeavor committee.

The foreign mission session began with the presentation of the committee's report by the president, S. H. Mudge, and the secretary, A. J. Ingham. Miss Foreman, missionary on furlough, brought greetings from India, and reported on the work there. An address was given by F. Collins, ex-president of the Federal Conference, upon the subject, "Among All Nations."

G. T. Walden thanked the Endeavorers for the providing of the launch for the work in the New Hebrides. He explained how the problem of exchange rates was being met, and informed conference of the reluctant decision of the Federal Board to recall our missionaries from China.

W. Gale outlined proposals for special celebrations during the Centenary year. These would include aims set by various departments,

and a general brotherhood rally in the Melbourne Town Hall.

H. M. Clipstone, the new vice-president of conference, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARY DEMONSTRATION.

There was a good attendance at Lygod-st. chapel on Saturday evening, when the foreign missionary demonstration was held.

Miss Ruby Gray gave a sweet rendering of the solos "O Divine Redeemer" and "Be still, and know that I am God."

On behalf of the women's mission bands, Miss Ellis presented to the foreign missionary committee a cheque for £172/3/-. The gift was acknowledged by the treasurer, D. E. Pittman.

Miss Foreman was welcomed to the meeting, and responded in a brief address.

G. T. Walden conveyed the greetings of the Federal committee, and spoke of the devoted services of the missionaries. Greetings of conference to the missionaries were also expressed by Bro. Walden.

"Incentives to World Evangelism" was the subject of an address by J. Wiltshire. He said that missions were in line with God's eternal



purpose, and in harmony with the mind of Christ. Jesus had promised his companionship, saying, Go, and I will go with you. The heroism of missionaries should prove an incentive to evangelistic work. In the evangel itself there was a great appeal, and in the world condition there was a call for strenuous effort.

The offering in cash and promises amounted to \$112.

#### CONFERENCE SERMON.

This year the conference sermon was delivered in the King's Theatre, Russell-st., on Sunday afternoon. Accommodation was taxed to the utmost; the building seats a somewhat less number than the Auditorium.

After a song service, B. J. Combridge led in prayer. Cecil Watson sang the solo, "There were Ninety and Nine." H. G. Earle read Mark 10: 1-22. An offering was taken for the preachers' provident fund.

After prayer, led by H. G. Clark, Principal A. R. Main, M.A., delivered the sermon upon the theme, "What God Hath Joined." There was a doctrinal divorce indicated in the New Testament, the application of which could be seen to-day. This could be seen in the separation of the Jesus of history and the Christ of experience, zeal without knowledge, Christmas and Easter, the Lord's day and the Lord's supper, faith and practice in the matter of attendance at the breaking of bread. The worst illustration of the divorce which must be condemned was the separation of the Christian faith from the Christian ethic, creed from character. Many would seek to retain the ethic while rejecting the faith. Such a position could not be maintained. Faith was the root, character the flower. Others would seek to keep the faith while denying the Lord in the life. Examples from history made this divorce only too apparent. To-day it could be seen in the war-spirit fostered by those who claimed to follow the Prince of Peace; in slums, sweating, economic paganism, and such like evils, which divorce ethics from faith. The sacred and the secular must not be divorced. The text of the sermon spoke of divorce in its usual meaning. This was a matter which could not be passed over in view of the alarming conditions existing to-day, even in our own community. Love to God and love to man must not be divorced. "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

#### CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

That this conference recommend the incoming home missionary committee to institute an intensive evangelistic campaign throughout the churches in this Centenary year.

That conference recommend to all church secretaries that, immediately upon members moving to another district, notification be sent to the nearest church secretary to the member's new home; in cases where the church is not established the information to be sent to the conference secretary.

That this conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria congratulates the Federal Government for its co-operation with Great Britain re the Disarmament Conference, and urges it to persist in its endeavors until disarmament becomes an accomplished fact.

That this conference expresses approval of the establishment of district conferences, and requests the incoming executive committee to prepare plans, and suggest to the churches ways and means by which the system may be extended.

That conference appoint a committee of seven to review the constitution and to present a report to 1935 conference containing either (a) such amendments of or additions to the present constitution as would enable the conference to assist the brotherhood work in Victoria so far as the locating and moving of preachers in the churches, the organising and carrying churches

not financially strong enough to meet their general, preaching and building commitments, and the organising of new churches, are concerned; or (b) the draft of a new constitution which will provide for the inclusion of this work in the objects of conference.

That conference strongly recommends churches not to engage any preacher who has not received the endorsement of the Advisory Board.

That in reaffirming our uncompromising attitude toward the liquor traffic, we express disappointment at the failure of Parliament to pass the necessary legislation to make compulsory the closing of hotel liquor bars on Good Friday and Christmas Day. We commend the government for its support of the proposal when before the house, and declare our determination to continue the fight for these reforms, and for the restoration of the indisputable right of a

democratic people to express their will concerning the legalised sale of liquor by local option polls. Further, we declare our relentless opposition to the granting of extended hours, or any other further privileges, during the Centenary period to this trade which already possesses too many facilities for the exercise of its devastating effect on the life of the community.

That we deplore the increased facilities for gambling in our midst, and the growing tendency toward State-controlled lotteries. We congratulate the Victorian Government for setting its face against a State lottery, and recommend our people to abstain from participation in a practice which is dangerous in both its moral and economic effects.

That this conference recommends to the incoming committee to arrange, if at all possible, for a full-time organiser for the Bible Schools and Young People's Department.

## Victorian Women's Conference.

The Victorian Women's 46th annual conference was held in Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, on Wednesday, March 28, 1934. Miss Ellis, president, was in the chair. Mrs. F. Lee led the morning devotions, her theme being "The Friendship of Jesus."

Secretary was asked to convey thanks to the editor and manager of the "Australian Christian" for their courtesy in printing monthly executive reports and conference matter, and to convey greetings to sisters unable to attend through sickness, and to our missionaries in foreign lands. Greetings were received from Miss Mary Thompson (India), Mrs. Cosh, Mrs. H. Watson, Mrs. Way, Mrs. P. Pittman, Mr. P. T. Saunders, Mr. G. P. Pittman, Mr. W. Gale, Mr. W. Clay; from Western Australia, South Australia, N.S. Wales, Tasmania, New Zealand and Queensland women's conferences, and from W.M. Band, Peel-st., Ballarat.

The obituary report told of 49 sisters called to their eternal rest.

The matter of closer co-operation between W.M. Bands, Home Mission and Foreign Mission Committees was brought forward. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to accept the recommendation of the committee which was appointed last conference. The committee recommends a closer co-operation in the drawing up of programmes, and in the arrangements of meetings with the churches, also that there should be no duplication of financial appeals.

Conference reassembled in the afternoon, when Mrs. C. Dawson conducted the devotions. The welcome greeting was very cordially given by Mrs. A. R. Main, and responded to by Miss Foreman (India), Mrs. Russell (South Australia), Miss Potter (N.S.W.), Mrs. Collins (Tasmania), Mrs. H. Clark (N.Z.), and several visiting sisters. It was a pleasure to have in our meeting representatives from Western Australia, Tasmania, N.S. Wales, Bunyip, Shepparton, Swan Hill, St. Arnaud, Horsham, Ballarat, Berwick, Warrnambool, Castlemaine.

Incorporated in secretary's report were reports of the various departments of work—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, W.M. Bands, Hospital Visitation, Isolated Sisters, Social Service, Temperance, Prayer Meetings, General Dorcas. Collected for Bible-women's fund, \$48/10/-.

It was decided to place on record our appreciation of Miss Ellis for faithful service as president during the past two years.

A tribute of appreciation was paid Mrs. G. W.

Mitchell and Miss P. Ellis, retiring superintendent and secretary of W.M. Bands, also to Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Meyer, for services rendered in their departments of work.

Evening session was opened with hymn, and prayer by Mrs. C. P. Hughes. The organ recital by Miss Pittman was much appreciated. President's message on "The Ideals of Christian Relationship" was given by Miss Ellis. A presentation of Bible and flowers was made to Miss Ellis, in appreciation of her services as president. "The Woman with a Question Mark," was the topic of a very inspiring address given by Mr. C. C. Dawson.

Thanks were expressed to our president, Miss Ellis; Miss Pittman, organist; Mrs. F. L. Mitchell and Miss Edna Forbes, soloists; Mrs. V. Howgate for recitals; Mr. Dawson, for his interesting address; the ushers, the ladies at the door; Miss F. Haines; the ladies who prepared the tea; the scrutineers; Mrs. W. Lawson and



Mrs. Abercrombie.

Newly-elected president of Victorian women's conference.

Miss Dulcie Dawson, whose decoration of the platform was much admired; Mr. R. Lyall, our auditor; the officers of Lygon-st. and Swanston-st. churches for the use of their buildings during the year; and to all who helped make conference such a pleasant one. Mr. J. E. Thomas closed the meeting with prayer.

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## The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

### WE RENDER THANKS.

For merriment, for happy, healthful play,  
For sense of humor—that to sombre grey  
Gives color,

We render thanks.

For kindly wit, that for a little while  
Will banish thoughts of sadness, bring a smile  
To tired ones,

We render thanks.

For happy souls, who make the best of things,  
Whose cheerfulness a glad some feeling brings  
To others,

We render thanks.

### THE BLACKSMITH'S TRIALS.

A blacksmith, about eight years after he had given his heart to God, was approached by an unbeliever with the question, "Why is it you have so much trouble? I have been watching you. Since you began to walk square, and seem to love everybody, you have had twice as many trials and accidents as you had before. I thought that when a man gave himself to God his trials were over." With a glowing face the blacksmith replied, "Do you see, this piece of iron? It is for the springs of a carriage. I have been tempering it for some time. To do this I heat it red-hot, and then plunge it into a tub of ice-cold water. This I do many times. If I find it taking 'temper,' I beat and hammer it unmercifully. In getting the right piece of iron I found several that were too brittle. So I threw them on the rubbish-heap. Those scraps are worth about twopence a pound; this carriage spring is very valuable." His listener nodded, and the blacksmith continued, "God saves us for something more than to have a good time—that's the way I see it. 'We have the good time all right, for God's smile means heaven. But he wants us for service, just as I want this piece of iron. And he has to put the 'temper' of Christ in us by testing us with trial. Ever since I saw this I have been saying to him, 'Test me in any way thou chooseth, Lord; only, don't throw me on the rubbish heap.'—T. E. Ashford, in "Railway Signal."

### HOW OLD IS THE WORLD?

American scientists, after exploration of the Grand Canyon of Arizona, have formed the opinion that the earth is more than 1,000 million years old. Dr. John C. Merriam, president of the Carnegie Institute, describes the canyon as "an abyss of time, cutting across the ages and offering perhaps the greatest opportunity in the universe for obtaining an impressive vision of time." The lowest part of the canyon, he says, shows strata of rocks estimated to be between one thousand and two thousand million years old. It cannot be pointed out too often that these findings of the scientists do not, as some people seem to imagine, run counter to the Bible story. The Bible records the creation of man and his subsequent history, from the time of Adam until the beginning of the present era, but Bible students have long pointed out that thousands, or even millions, of years may conceivably have elapsed between the first and second verses of Genesis 1. Scientists have expressed themselves as being completely in agreement with that view, and none of their discoveries have ever thrown—or is ever likely to throw—any doubt upon the Bible narrative.—Selected.

### TRACTS.

What a mighty host of men and women have been won for God through gospel tracts! To name but a few: Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission; Prebendary Carlile, founder of the Church Army, which has influenced untold numbers for Christ; Prebendary Webb-Peploe, whose Keswick addresses have brought light and liberty to thousands.

A man named Richard Gibbs once wrote a tract entitled "The Bruised Reed." This was given by a pedlar to a boy named Richard Baxter, and he was brought to Christ. Richard Baxter wrote "A Call to the Unconverted," which was the means of the conversion of Philip Doddridge. It also fell into the hands of William Wilberforce, the great statesman, and was the means of his conversion. It so moved Legh Richmond that he wrote "The Dairyman's Daughter," which has been issued in fifty different languages, and has had a circulation of over four millions.

An old negro was once given a tract by a minister of the gospel, who afterward asked him what he thought of it. "Oh, massa," was the reply, "it do my soul good. I never knew before why dey call 'em tracks—but when I read de little book, it tracks me dis way, and it tracks me dat way. When I go into de barn, it tracks me dere; when I go into de house, it tracks me dere. It tracks me everywhere I go, and now I know why dey call 'em tracks.'—Selected.

### THAT ONE VERSE.

An old negro in the West Indies was very anxious to learn to read the Bible. He lived a long way from the missionary's house, and yet he would come to learn a lesson whenever he had time. It was such hard work, and he made such little progress, that the missionary became tired, and said that he had better give up. "No, massa," said he with great earnestness, "me neber give it up till me die." Then, pointing with his finger to the beautiful words he had just spelt out in John 3: 16, "God so loved the world," etc., he said with tears in his eyes, "It's worth all the trouble, massa, to read dat one verse!"

### POTATOES IN THE PULPIT.

A Scottish cleric owned a farm which was run as economically as possible. One day, taking a stroll, he saw his ploughman sitting idle on the handle of the plough, while the horses took a needed rest. It occurred to him that he paid the man sixpence an hour, and so he said gently, but reproachfully: "John, wouldn't it be a good plan for you to have a pair of shears, and to be trimming a few of these bushes along the fence, while the horses are resting?" John returned the minister's gaze, and answered: "And might I suggest that you take a bowl of 'aters into the pulpit, and peel 'em during the anthem?"

### A LIMIT.

Lady of the House (to overworked handy man): "I want you to write on each egg the date, and the name of each hen."

Handy Man: "Then I must leave you, ma'am. I've done very near everything, but I draws the line at being seketary to your 'ens!"

## The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

### Monday.

Being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.—Titus 3: 7.

It is repeatedly affirmed throughout the epistles that justification and resultant blessings come to us not as the reward of good works, but by the grace or favor of God. Because of our heavenly Father's love and mercy we are adopted into his family, made heirs of possessions unknown to worldlings, amongst the chief of which is the glorious hope of unending life with him and Christ our Saviour.

Reading—Titus 3: 1-7.

### Tuesday.

The grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.—1 Tim. 1: 14.

Paul gladly acknowledged that his conversion was all of grace. By grace was he saved, and by grace were faith and love produced. Joyfully he gave his Lord the glory for redemption, every Christian virtue, and diligent service. Such a spirit always saves from self-complacency.

Reading—1 Timothy 1: 14.

### Wednesday.

As sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 5: 21.

The apostle first enumerates the devastating effects of sin, and then tells of the counteracting effects of grace. The devil is powerful, but God is infinitely stronger. Sin produces death; but grace abolishes death and brings life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Reading—Romans 5: 12-21.

### Thursday.

But as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.—2 Cor. 8: 7.

Verse 9 directs attention to "the crowning example of liberality." Our text exhorts Christians to cultivate benevolence, using terms which indicate that such is as much a grace as the virtues previously named.

Reading—2 Corinthians 8: 1-9.

### Friday.

My grace is sufficient for thee.—2 Cor. 12: 9. Here is proof that not all the petitions of the righteous are literally answered, yet a clear indication that something as good as, and, as a rule, better, is given. The grace of God was to the apostle of infinitely greater value than the removal of his physical ailment.

Reading—2 Corinthians 12: 1-10.

### Saturday.

But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus in like manner as they.—Acts 15: 11.

Grace makes no distinction. Jews and Gentiles alike are recipients of divine favor. Any doctrine which differentiates between nations or individuals contradicts New Testament teaching.

Reading—Acts 15: 1-11.

### Sunday.

But if it is by grace, it is no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace.—Rom. 11: 6.

Once more Paul strongly combats the doctrine of justification by the works of the law, showing that, if true, it was a debt paid instead of a favor bestowed. Justification cannot be "partly by grace and partly by works." It is declared repeatedly to be all of grace.

Readings—1 Kings 19: 1-18; Romans 11: 1-20.



## Prayer Meeting Topic.

April 18.

BAD REASONS FOR GOOD CONDUCT.  
(John 6: 22-40.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

"Ye seek me," said our Lord, "not because ye saw the signs but because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled." It was most desirable that they be found following Christ. But what of the motive? Is it true that conduct is to be considered the main thing irrespective of the spring of action? If so, the hypocrite may be justified. But if the word of God be true, then men are to be judged rather according to the thought of the heart. There will be many surprises in the life hereafter. Some reasons are worse than others. Many Jews were present at the supper at Bethany (John 12: 1-11), but they came out of curiosity. Ananias and Sapphira made a gift to the church, but for self glory. Simon of Samaria desired a special favor, but there was evidently too much of self and thought of things material in it. Judas apparently was thinking of the poor when Mary made her offering, but there was a dishonest motive behind the expressed words. What is deep down at the root of our religion? What are the reasons for our Christian conduct?

### Selfish Reasons.

Why do I live as best I can a moral life? I say I must think of my children and of my own spiritual and physical welfare. Precisely, but analyse that and see how much of self is in it, and how little of God. Why do folk go to church? Sometimes to meet a friend, maybe to get a thrill, perhaps to hear some special music, or possibly because one likes the preacher. How many go to church to worship God for his own sake? Why seek heaven? Is it that we may escape hell, or meet again our loved ones, or in order to secure an inheritance? Let us not underestimate the value of these things. I am not saying these are bad motives, but they are not the best reasons; and not being the best we ought not to be content with them. There is that which is more fundamental—the searching after God and the worship and service of him for his own sake.

### Epitotically Good Conduct.

There were those in Jesus' day, and there are many to-day who love to give in an ostentatious fashion, metaphorically blowing a trumpet before them so that attention may be focussed upon them. There were those who made dinners and invited others (quite a good thing), but the motive was to gain a place in society. Self must find that place. Some of the work done in churches has in it too much of self. If the person's name is inadvertently missed or overlooked great offence is taken, and the declaration is made, "It is the last time I'll ever do anything for the church." What a pity! Whom do we serve, and for what purpose? We serve Christ, and for the sake of God, who in his Son has redeemed us from sin.

### Good Conduct Should be:

Not selfish in its root, but altogether unselfish. Self must die, self must be willing to take up the cross and follow the Master. It should be altruistic. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . and thy neighbor." But that is only a part. "As thyself" is the measure of our regard and love for our fellows. Good conduct must have its roots in the divine love. It must be Christ first, others second, self last. Maybe the reasons for good conduct are ideal, but ought we be content with anything less?

TOPIC FOR APRIL 25—HOPE.—1 Peter 1: 13-25.

## Our Young People.

Conducted by WM. GALE.

### Victorian Conference Makes a Recommendation.

The report of the Bible School and Young People's Department evoked considerable comment at the Victorian conference. Several phases of the work of the year were eulogised, especially the efficiency and increase campaign. One speaker expressed regret that the report did not promise a similar campaign in the current year. It is, however, one of the Centenary aims of the department.

### Statistics Again.

As might be expected attention was focussed upon the decrease in scholars and teachers. The report shows a decrease of 368 scholars and 18 teachers. Some speakers suggested that it might be the result of roll cleaning to get high percentages in the efficiency and increase campaign—a rather strange effect for an increase effort! Quite a number of schools show good advances. However, H. J. Patterson, in commenting on statistics, pointed out that whilst the net loss in the State was 368 scholars, six suburban schools between them report a net loss of 391—though none of these six showed losses in the previous year. The request was presented that an effort should be made to analyse the situa-

tion in an endeavor to discover in what section or sections the decreases occurred.

### Secretaries to Retire.

It was hinted in the report that it was probable that the present plan would not continue much longer, whereby W. Gale and H. J. Patterson have carried on the work of the department in addition to their other duties. Dr. W. A. Kemp, who has been a keen supporter of the department, and whose father, our esteemed veteran B. J. Kemp, was one of our youth leaders before him, moved that conference recommend to the committee to appoint a man to give his full time to youth work, if it is at all possible. This received the endorsement of conference. It is practically certain that if the Young People's Department annual offering to be taken on May 6 can be increased by £150 over that of last year, Victorian young people will have a full-time leader in their midst. It certainly behoves the young people to bestir themselves and make sure that so desirable an achievement shall not fall of attainment for want of their organisation and effort. This also, then, is one of the Centenary aims of the Bible School and Young People's Department.

### God in the Life of Youth.

"So near is grandeur to our dust,  
So near is God to man,  
When duty whispers low, 'Thou must!'  
The youth replies, 'I can!'"

Two paradoxes confront workers with youth: First, this is the time of highest idealism, of religious conversions, and of gathering into church membership; secondly, it is the time of all others when criminal careers are entered upon. Such astounding divergencies in character-building, coming as they do at precisely the same time, give one reason to pause and reflect. How is it possible that out of the same fountain of youth come waters bitter and sweet?

### How Character is Formed—Habits.

That these are formative years, morally and religiously, that during this time crises may arise—indeed, are likely to arise—leading to the making or the misshaping of character, all will largely agree. The leader of youth may perceive that this is the time of opportunity, that these days are in a special sense fraught with spiritual significance and destiny. But is it clear how he may work with God, with nature, and with the personality of the youth himself to the largest and best ends? What is the relation of the orderly processes of habit formation and the explosive emotional readjustment of life's ideals and life's conduct?

In the chaos that follows upon the advent into adolescence from childhood one of the first essentials is to get right habits fixed. These good habits are the bulwark against the many temptations that assail in later days.

Bodily habits come first. Bad physical condition is a large contributing cause to delinquency.

Good mental habits are as vital as good bodily habits. Such habits do not come in a single day; they are built up slowly through the years of childhood, but they become personal in a new way in the days of youth. Before, one has been directed; now one must choose for himself.

### Habits and Spiritual Living.

Contributing to right habits is just so far contributing to spiritual development. Let us say it reverently: it is getting God into the lives of these boys and girls. The kind of God we want them to know is a God of order, of cleanliness and nobility, of sincerity and of self-control. It is the province of the Sunday School to make right actions, right fun, right social living, right athletics, so satisfying that they shall become habitual.

### Character Formation Through Awakening.

But this unconscious crystallisation of character is not the whole story. Surely the records of conversions, awakenings, storms-and-stress experiences, the quickenings of spiritual, intellectual and moral life are too abundant to leave one in doubt.

### Life Decisions.

This is the time of life decisions. The youth must be led to make his own personal positive and conscious choice of Jesus Christ as his Friend and Saviour. To him they must be brought to yield voluntarily their finest and noblest devotion.—From "Leaders of Youth," H. H. Harris.



Maryborough (Vic.) Church Cricket Club, 1923-4.  
G. E. C. Hughes, President.



## Here and There.

The next meeting of the Victorian General Dorcas will be held on Wednesday, April 18, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters are welcome.

On Tuesday we received a telegram from Bro. E. Hinrichsen, of Toowoomba, Q., stating that Harold Skerman was accidentally shot last week. At an in memoriam service held on Sunday two persons decided for Christ.

On Sunday afternoon, April 8, two broadcast addresses were delivered over station 2CH, Sydney. Dr. A. M. Meldrum spoke on the history of the church of Christ, and W. J. Crossman on the work of churches of Christ in N.S.W.

Bro. J. Whelan, M.A., preacher of Chatswood church, N.S.W., has kindly consented to write the monthly New South Wales News-letter. His first letter appears in this issue. Bro. Ethelbert Davis, the former writer of the letter, is now in Queensland.

Bro. and Sister A. G. Saunders will be passing through Melbourne en route to New Zealand on Monday, April 30. Those friends who would like to meet them at lunch on that day are invited to get into touch with Will H. Clay, 318 Flinders-lane, C.I., or 'phone M 3083 not later than Friday, April 27.

At the annual reunion of the College of the Bible Old Boys' Club, held on Tuesday, April 3, A. A. Hughes was elected president. A. Baker did not seek re-election as secretary. He was thanked for his services, and the position was filled by the election of W. T. Atkin, preacher of the church at Dandenong.

For the first week of the tent mission at Invermay, Tas., conducted by Bro. H. G. Harward, excellent attendances, despite wet weather, are reported; average attendance, 140. Three of the meetings were held in heavy rain. Bro. H. G. Harward is preaching powerfully. There were five decisions for the week. Prospects are bright.

There was a very good meeting at Swanston-st., Melbourne, last Sunday morning. The attendance was large. The service was broadcast through 3AB. Bro. Scambler conducted it, assisted by Bro. Dawson. The choir rendered an anthem. Bro. Scambler would be glad to hear from members of the church throughout the State who "listened in." Such are asked kindly to address him care Austral Publishing Co.

The statistical report presented to our Tasmanian conference shows that for the year ending Feb. 28, 1934, there have been 89 added, while the losses recorded are 65. The total membership of the church in this State now stands at 992. The Bible Schools have 661 scholars and 114 teachers, which is a loss for the year of 58 scholars and one teacher. During the conference year, 23 scholars have been added to the church.

The annual State conference of the Victorian Prohibition League has been fixed for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2, in the Baptist church, Collins-st., Melbourne. During one of the most difficult years in Victorian history, the league has put up a commendable record of most useful work. Some important reconstructive proposals will be submitted to the conference. There have been some important developments and much activity in matters relating to the temperance question, both political and otherwise, during the past year, and the conference will be challenged to devise means for effectively checking the liquor trade's never-resting activities.

The united meetings of the Gawler, Williamstown and Kersbrook churches, S.A., proved a wonderful success. The gathering was held at

Williamstown on Good Friday, and was the largest and most inspirational yet held. Every meeting was largely attended, and excellent addresses were given. The speakers were Bro. A. Talbot, of Kersbrook, J. Turner, of Croydon, and R. Graham, of Henley Beach. Splendid singing was a feature of the day. The sisters of Williamstown church made excellent arrangement for meals. Many visitors were present from far and near.

Mr. F. Collins, who has been evangelist at the church of Christ, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas., for the past five years, was farewelled on Mar. 26. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by the senior elder (Mr. P. Duff). Mrs. Collins was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. W. Libby, president of the ladies' guild. Farewell messages were delivered by Mr. R. W. Dobbinson, on behalf of the Launceston ministers' fraternal, Mr. F. Butler (Margaret-st. church and diocese), W. E. Northey (British and Foreign Bible Society), Messrs. A. E. Brown and H. O. Clements (Invermay), Mr. E. A. Stevens (conference executive and home mission committee), Mr. N. J. Warmbrunn (auxiliaries of Margaret-st. church), Mr. T. Orr (Sandhill church), Mr. K. Bradford (Prospect church), and Mr. H. Rose (Launceston City Mission). The chairman presented Mr. Collins with a wallet of notes, and expressed the appreciation of the church for the loyal services rendered during his stay in Launceston. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Collins every success in their future labors. Mr. and Mrs. Collins feelingly responded. A programme of entertainment was contributed by the federal choir, Miss D. Stevens, and Messrs. H. V. Stevens and T. Arnot. Bro. Collins will fill the platform at City Temple, Sydney, for a little time before beginning his work as preacher of the Ann-st., Brisbane, church.

### N.S.W. Women's Conference.

The 40th annual conference of the sisters' auxiliary was held at Enmore Tabernacle on Wednesday, March 28, and was well attended at both morning and afternoon sessions.

At morning session the devotional leader was Mrs. Rush, who gave an inspirational talk on "Sanctify Yourselves" (Josh. 3: 5).

Business session was opened and presided over by Mrs. Hagger, the president. Greetings were received from sisters in all the States, the faculty and students of the College of the Bible, N.S.W. executive, and the Foreign Mission Board. Interstate visitors from Victoria and South Australia were welcomed and country and metropolitan churches were well represented.

The following officers and superintendents were elected:

President, Mrs. F. S. Steer.  
Vice-presidents, Sisters Hagger and Rush.  
Secretary, Miss Ashwood.  
Recording secretary, Mrs. Palmer.  
Treasurer, Mrs. C. Verco.

Superintendents of Committees.—Home missions, Mrs. S. Wilson; foreign missions, Mrs. Budgeon; aged women's home fund, Mrs. Shelton; Newington, Mrs. Cox; social service, Mrs. Redman; Bible School, Mrs. Wakeley; prayer meetings, Mrs. Chrblitt and Mrs. Saxby; Dorcas, Mrs. Sorrell; obituary, Mrs. Logan; isolated sisters, Miss Elliot; catering, Mrs. Rush.

Delegates to Foreign Mission Board.—Mrs. Budgeon, Mrs. Clydesdale and Miss Winks. Reports were given at the morning session. The obituary report was received standing. The

president made feeling reference to the passing home of Bro. J. R. Leach. After the singing of "Forever with the Lord," a beautiful prayer was offered by Sister Mrs. E. Lewis.

In the executive report it was pointed out that the period under review was for nine months only, owing to the date of conference being altered from June to Easter. In view of this, it is with feelings of humble gratitude to our heavenly Father for what we have been able to do both in service and financially.

Treasurer's report showed that £272/9/2 passed through the general fund, and in addition £402/8/3 was raised for special purposes.

Home Missions.—The 1/- fund amounted to £105, the result of the untiring efforts of Mrs. Steer (H.M. superintendent) and her committee, and the response made by sisters throughout the State.

Aged women's home committee is working steadily and surely towards its goal, and the fund now stands at £1,269/17/6.

Foreign Missions.—In addition to gifts of clothing, quilts, etc., £67/3/9 was collected for India. United Dorcas.—Nine meetings held, 175 articles made, and £7/9/10 collected.

Dorcas.—279 meetings were held, 1,175 new garments made, 1,336 secondhand garments renovated and distributed, also 406 miscellaneous articles and £195/15/8 raised for all purposes.

Newington Home for Women.—Visits are paid monthly, and though space does not permit of enumerating the articles distributed, a splendid work of practical and spiritual value is being unselfishly rendered.

Hospitals.—251 visits were paid, and a large number of Gospels, tracts and books distributed.

Isolated Sisters.—71 letters and Christmas greetings were sent, and 23 replies expressing appreciation were received.

Social Service.—Parcels of clothing and groceries were distributed. A "glad hour" devotional meeting was held at Erskineville quarterly, and assistance given to boys' home at Dundas.

Bible Schools and Young People's Department.—Much has been done re isolated home classes, and leaders kept in touch with by correspondence.

Prayer Meetings.—15 churches have been visited, also a monthly Bible study circle held at Rockdale.

Catering committee has rendered excellent service throughout the year.

Conference resumed at 2 p.m., when Mrs. Wakefield (Wagga) led devotional exercises, her subject being "The Secret of Growth in the Christian Life." Many helpful thoughts were expressed.

Welcome greetings by Mrs. E. Lewis were extended to the visitors, who included Mr. Wilkie (Ballarat, Vic.), who later addressed conference; representatives of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian women's federations; also to representatives from our country churches. Brief responses were given.

Miss Linda Jeffery, as soloist, rendered the beautiful message, "Cast thy Burden upon the Lord."

The president gave a brief talk, and asked that we carry the following as our inspiration for the coming year: "Never let your zeal flag; serve the Lord; maintain the spiritual glow."

Mr. Wilkie gave a stirring address based on Paul's friendship with Aquila and Priscilla, and the way it was used of the Lord to his glory.

A vote of thanks to the speaker and soloist, and to all who had made conference day one of success and spiritual fellowship, was carried.

A resolution of protest re the continuance of the State lottery was carried unanimously.

Mrs. T. J. Andrews introduced the incoming officers, and spoke in terms of appreciation of the work done by the retiring president, Mrs. Hagger, during her term of office.

The new president, Mrs. Steer, made a few happy remarks.—Mrs. W. H. Palmer, Hon. Recording Secretary.



## News of the Churches.

### New South Wales News-letter. J. Whelan, M.A.

The editor has graciously invited me to write the monthly letter from this State. I thank him for the honor conferred, and will endeavor to become a worthy contributor to our brotherhood paper. We will seek to continue the work so efficiently performed by Ethelbert Davis.



The past month has been marked by the coming of striking personalities into the religious life of Sydney and of sad loss to our brotherhood.

#### Dr. Mowll.

The enthronement and welcome to Archbishop Mowll focussed the attention of all. The diocese of Sydney is to be congratulated upon its most suitable choice. Dr. Mowll is a commanding figure in height and appearance. He possesses a beautiful cultured voice, a gracious Christlike spirit and a strong evangelical message. He has already manifested a breadth of sympathy beyond his own communion. He should be the natural leader of the united Christian forces in matters of primary public interest. There is great need of such leadership.

#### Dr. Norwood.

The visit of the world-famed preacher of City Temple, London, though very brief, was none the less inspiring and informative. He addressed the League of Nations Union, the eightieth anniversary gathering of the Y.M.C.A., and the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It was interesting to attempt an analysis of the source of this eloquent preacher's power. He is widely informed, having had almost unique opportunities of studying international problems firsthand. Knowledge and psychological insight united with skilful technique are some of the secrets of his eloquence. We thank God for this gifted Australian. Reverting to the meeting of the B. and F. Bible Society, we all rejoice in the universal satisfaction that the new State secretary, Bro. H. M. Arrowsmith, is giving.

#### John Robert Leach.

The passing of J. R. Leach occasioned great sorrow. Truly one of the most selfless men we have ever known. He incarnated Paul's words, "Not I, but Christ liveth in me." His missionary zeal, pastoral and teaching service left an indelible impression. He was a man of prayer, and taught his brethren the value of prayer. He awakened a new sense of Christian stewardship in the lives of many, quite a number becoming titheers and beyond through his teaching. He was a brother beloved among his fellow-preachers. Deepest sympathy is felt for his loved widow and children.

#### Dr. R. K. Lee Brown.

Loving sympathy is felt for the relatives of the late Dr. Lee Brown, one of Sydney's leading urologists, who met his death as the result of an aeroplane crash. He was a grandson of the late John Kingsbury and nephew of Horace Kingsbury, one of our best-known preachers.

#### United Communion Service.

A growing interest is manifest in the united annual communion service held under the auspices of the Council of Churches, in Pitt-st. Congregational church on Good Friday. This service makes a fine impression on the community. The Churches of Christ were well represented by three brethren, the president and secretary of the Council, Bro. T. E. Rose and F. E. Alcorn, and the preacher, Dr. Andrew Meldrum. The latter's sermon on "The Social Economy of God" was the subject of some press criticism.

#### Conference.

The forty-ninth annual conference of the N.S.W. churches was the best for many years. A fine spirit prevailed, and the addresses were mostly of a high order. J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, the special speaker of conference, gave of his best. The conference sermon was true to name, being a kindly, definite and intensely practical presentation of our plea.

There was a slight increase in membership for the year, making a total net gain of eleven hundred during the past five years. There does seem to be a need for more definite teaching of the fundamentals coupled with a closer pastoral care. An active eldership could do much. We need more and better preachers. Some churches think to save money by part-time preaching with little or no pastoral care, but lose much that is more vital than money.

The intense and manifold activities of the retiring H.M. organizer, Thomas Hagger, were specially mentioned. He has rendered splendid service, giving himself without stint. His cheery optimism and evangelistic zeal have inspired his fellow-workers, while his methodical procedure and sound judgment on many matters has been valuable. The City Temple should have a fruitful time under his ministry.

We missed the presence of Ira Paternoster, a former president of conference, who has served the brotherhood in many capacities. He has been the faithful minister of Enmore church for over seven years, where he has had the joy of a rich harvest of souls as well as in evangelistic efforts among the churches. We pray that he may have a very happy and successful ministry at Margaret-st., Launceston. The personal note is very apparent in this letter, but there have been special reasons. We shall vary our epistles.

#### New South Wales.

**Lidcombe.**—Bro. W. J. Crossman commenced the fifth year of his ministry on April 1. During the past four years the membership has grown from 64 to 131. In the past two weeks there have been four baptisms and three additions by letter. Services on April 8 were well attended. At night members of the Auburn District Ambulance and Nursing Sisters were present, Bro. Crossman's subject being the "Ministry of Compassion."

**Mossman.**—On March 25 Roy Acland's morning message was from the Roman letter. Newly-appointed deacons were set apart. The evening subject was "Love," T. P. Dale being soloist. L. Harbutt exhorted on April 1; T. P. Dale preached at night, Bro. Acland, being absent as commandant of Y.P. Easter camp. K.S.P. club presented a successful entertainment on April 7 in aid of renovation fund. K. Mackenzie, of Manly, edited the church on April 8; theme, "Elisha's Request." Roy Acland's evening subject was "The Resurrection."

**South Kensington.**—On morning of April 1, Bro. Linklater, from Semaphore, S.A., was present. Bro. Riches, of Lismore, gave the gospel address. There was one decision. Solos were rendered by Bro. and Sister Riches. On April 8 Bro. Wakeley was speaker at both services, his evening subject being, "Jesus and the Working-man." Bro. J. W. Fox rendered a solo.

#### Tasmania.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.).**—All meetings on March 25 were well attended. At morning service Bro. Duff referred to the immediate departure of Bro. and Sister Collins. Bro. Collins took 2 Cor. 13: 14 as the text for his farewell address. Sister Parsons passed away on Tuesday, March 20. The sympathy of the church goes out to all who mourn. On March 21 members of the guild and executive met at the home of Mrs. Frank Butler, to say farewell to Sister Collins, who was presented with a beautiful posy and piece of crystal. An enjoyable afternoon was spent. Sister Collins has endeared herself to all.

#### Western Australia.

**Harvey.**—The tent mission closed with fifteen decisions. The church was much revived. Thank-offering was £21. Bro. Wilson, as a new convert, spoke words of appreciation. Bro. Buckingham regretted the shortness of the mission. Our brother's efforts with the three churches (Collie, Bunbury and Harvey) resulted in 95 additions with all expenses met and sufficient in hand to start another mission where required.

**Bassendena.**—On Mar. 25 Bro. Berry helpfully exhorted. In the evening Bro. Peacock ably proclaimed the gospel. The Bible School has won the shield for the second year in succession. On April 1 Bro. Albany Bell gave an inspiring exhortation on "All Things are Possible with God." At night Bro. Peacock delivered an excellent message. There were fine meetings. The sisters held a "bee," and cleaned the chapel. Sister Liddle, who is laid aside, is progressing slowly.

**Northam.**—Annual business meeting revealed splendid progress for past year. £433 was raised for all purposes. 16 additions for year: 13 by faith and baptism, one formerly immersed, two restored. Elders, deacons, deaconesses were selected at business meeting, and on March 25 were set apart for their respective functions. The ordination service was very impressive. Bro. Roediger, Paine, Arnott and Martyn were ordained elders; Bro. J. Arnott, Hollett, Russell, Multer, Thompson, Beavis and Lockyer, deacons; Sisters Hollett, Roediger, and Hinde, deaconesses. A Dorcas society has been formed. Sister Edmondson is progressing favorably. On Mar. 14 and 15 the messages of Bro. A. G. Saunders were an inspiration. Harvest thanksgiving service was a great success on Mar. 25. Fruit was distributed to sick and needy. 91 broke bread for day, and 132 were at gospel meeting.

#### Queensland.

**Townsville.**—35 broke bread on April 1. Bro. Priestley spoke both morning and evening. There are increased attendances at night. Good messages are being delivered, and interest is being taken by all members. All auxiliaries are in good spirit.

**Rosewood.**—March 18 (Home-coming Sunday) was a splendid day for the church. Bro. J. Larsen, of Toowoomba, son of the preacher, gave a fine exhortation to a good attendance. Bro. L. Larsen conducted a series of revival meetings. One man made the good confession; he has since been baptised. Great interest was shown by the church and public. Musical items by Bro. J. Thomson (Ipswich), Rosevale and Mt. Walker choirs, and others greatly assisted in the success of the meetings.

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## Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. Percy Pittman.

### ARRIVAL OF MISS THOMPSON.

After forty-three years' service in India, and eleven years without a furlough, Miss Mary Thompson arrived at Adelaide on Saturday, March 31, on the s.s. "Strathaird." Along with her were Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of the American Disciples' Mission in Jubbulpore, India. Miss Thompson had been very ill up to the date of arrival at Fremantle, but between Fremantle and Adelaide she gained strength, and is now much better. Mr. John Turner, secretary of the South Australian F.M. committee, had arranged a welcome luncheon at the W.C.T.U., and a large number of representative brethren and sisters were present. The Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., chairman of the Federal Board, who is still under medical treatment and far from well, made a special effort, and was present, together with Mrs. Morrow. Mr. W. A. Russell, the chairman of the S.A. committee, presided over the gathering, and introduced the visitors and the returned missionary. Mr. Morrow and Mr. G. P. Pittman spoke on behalf of the Board, and Mr. H. R. Taylor and Mr. A. C. Rankine on behalf of the State committee. Miss Thompson responded in a very touching speech, and Mr. and Mrs. Davis gave some interesting particulars of their work in India. Miss Thompson is staying for a short time with her sister, Mrs. Black, of Prospect. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are proceeding to Fiji by the "Strathaird," and then will return on it to India. We trust Mr. Davis' health will improve greatly as a result of the trip. Our readers are asked to remember Miss Thompson in prayer, that she may be restored to complete health by her stay in Australia.

### MISS BLAKE.

The following, from a recent letter from Miss Blake, throws a sidelight on some of the things our lady missionaries have to undertake.

"Another wedding is in the air. Maybe before long we will have it settled. I wish it was one of the older girls. We have a few real deadheads. They simply won't go off our hands. The girl being asked for at present is Helen Shinde, and she isn't so terribly old. Is still in school. But the match sounds pretty good, and I don't think it likely she will receive a better offer, so it is a case of 'Barkis is willin'.' If satisfactory references as to the young man's character come along.

"While at Baramati I had an eleven-month-old baby boy offered me; but as he had whooping cough I told them to wait another month or two. Left a little money with the Indian nurse at Baramati, and told her to pay out a little each week to the child's mother for its support. The mother was to bring it weekly for inspection."

### SHANGHAI.

Dr. Carleton Lacy, Shanghai, writes on Feb. 26: "Our recent word from Mr. and Mrs. Cameron is more encouraging than formerly. He had been treated so successfully at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases that he was feeling able to leave London and take up residence further south. He seems to have some longing to go to California, though apparently no definite plans have been made in that direction."

The average attendance at the Shanghai school is 265, and there are 51 members of the church. The Bible-woman, Voong Tse-Ying, sends the following report:—"In this past half year there were five women inquirers; two of them removed to other places, and one was unable to attend the church on account of being kept busy at her

shop affairs. I have to visit her at her home, and she is very pleased to see me. We now have the other two who come to worship every Sunday.

"The women's meeting on every Thursday evening has been temporarily suspended as I could not walk well on account of the wound on my leg. There is a woman who has attended our church for the last eight years, but has never taken much interest in the doctrine. She paid no attention to her fellow members' persuasion. Recently she has been changed; she not only has become enthusiastic herself, but also leads others to the Lord. She is trying by all means to serve God."

### JOHN R. LEACH.

When I was in Baramati in 1925, I heard from missionaries and Indian Christians of the high esteem in which J. R. Leach was held by the Christian community and the non-Christians of the town and district. All spoke of his ability and faithfulness, and testified to the excellence of his work. If sickness had not compelled him to leave India, he would have become a great missionary. His removal was a heavy loss to our work there. He was beloved by all, and many in India will grieve to hear of his death.

Since he left the field his influence has been felt in the homeland wherever he went. He was a powerful champion of the cause of foreign missions. The missionaries have lost in him a staunch and loyal supporter. On behalf of the Federal Board I desire to assure Mrs. Leach of their sincere sympathy in her irreparable loss, and their appreciation of the splendid services rendered by her husband both in India and Australia. A choice spirit has been removed to higher service, a service for which his varied experiences on the foreign field and at home have doubtless helped to fit him. May his earnestness and spirituality find many imitators, and prove an incentive to us all.

### J. R. LEACH'S LAST F.M. MESSAGE.

One of the finest services rendered to the F.M. cause in Australia by Bro. Leach was his management of the monthly prayer circular, of which 720 copies were issued every month, and in which he sent out many helpful messages to the members. In the last of these, dated as for April 1, he wrote: "The importance of continuance in prayer is emphasised repeatedly in God's Word. Jesus spoke a parable unto the disciples to the end that they ought always to pray and not to

faint. It is so easy to weary of prayer when the answer we look for does not immediately appear, and to pray only occasionally, or even to cease praying entirely. 'Pray without ceasing' is another injunction directed against spasmodic prayer."

J. R. Leach was a man of prayer himself, and he was convinced that we should rely more and more on the power of prayer in all our work for God.

### MRS. ANDERSON.

Writing from Huellichow on February 7, Mrs. Anderson says, "It is a long time since I have written to you, and now I am writing from my bed. Albert and Grace have told you all about my health, so I am not going over that. I have fought against giving in, but at last I feel as if I can fight no longer. The spirit is indeed willing, but just at this moment the flesh is very weak. I feel that our having to return home early is going to be a blow to our work here. We are indeed fearful for new untried workers in this part, with the stress of life as it is to-day in China, and with no language, and no foreign companions. May God guide us all aright, in these problems. We hope that the way may even be opened for the Chinese Home Mission Society to take over, and so save complications. We hardly know what to hope or pray. It is only this bodily weakness now that makes me fearful for the future. May God guide us. He has ever been with us, and we cannot help but feel that, in this great crisis, he will be our Guide. I do not know what we'd have done without dear Grace at this time, and many other times. She is a dear, loving, helpful, comrade, and has been so very kind and good to the children, and to us all, when I have been so often not able to do anything. We do praise God for her, and her loving kindness."

### NEW SECRETARY FOR WEST AUSTRALIA.

W. H. Nightingale, 14 Teague-st., Victoria Park, W.A., is the acting secretary of foreign missions until a permanent successor to A. G. Saunders is appointed. Correspondents please note. We wish Bro. Nightingale much blessing on his efforts to extend the good work in the West.

### FUTURE OF THE WORK IN CHINA.

The Federal Board has forwarded a recommendation regarding the work at Huellichow to all the States' committees for their consideration. As soon as the replies reach us we shall be in a position to publish our proposals. Meanwhile we ask for the prayers of the brotherhood for the guidance and assistance of Bro. and Sister Anderson and Mrs. Waterman in the important decisions which they may be called upon to make in the near future.

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## John Robert Leach, B.A.

On Feb. 27 John R. Leach concluded his ministry with Burwood church, N.S.W., and as no other field was offering at the time, he took his wife and three children to Woy Woy, where a cottage had been placed at their disposal by friends. On Sunday, March 25, he was brought by ambulance to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The following day he was removed to a private room, and the best doctors obtainable were brought to him. But about 4.30 on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 27, just one month from the date of his completion of his Burwood ministry, his spirit departed to be "forever with the Lord."

It was the writer's sad privilege to be with him at the end. Mrs. Leach had not left his side, and without sleep for nights she did all that was possible to do to ease his suffering.

The complaint from which our brother suffered was the result of his sojourn in India. John R. Leach gave his life for Christ and for India, and to-day he is mourned as a true leader among us.

The funeral took place from Burwood chapel on Wednesday, March 28. Beautiful flowers had been arranged, and wreaths in profusion bore their mute testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

The service was opened by the singing of a verse or two of "Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest," after which Rev. P. Arnott led in prayer. H. M. Arrowsmith read a portion of God's Word, after which the writer, who was in charge, spoke of the fruitful life of our late brother. He stressed his great work on behalf of foreign missions, especially his burning desire that the activities of the churches should be carried on without resorting to overdrafts.

A very large body of preachers were present, and at the conclusion of his remarks the writer asked them to stand with him around the casket and Joseph Whelan, M.A., offered a prayer of reconsecration. The body was then borne to Rookwood Cemetery, where at the graveside John Clydesdale led in prayer, and Thomas Hagger, who had known John Leach for thirty years, again paid tribute to his work as a man of God. As the casket was lowered into the grave the writer read the hymn, "Loved with everlasting love," and Stanley Eaton, of the C.I.M., a very close friend of the Leachs, led in prayer.

Thus we paid a fitting tribute to the memory of a great man. At forty years of age his work on earth has ceased. But his sweet Christlike influence will linger. Burwood was his last public ministry. He left those people, and all who knew him, a lesson that will never be forgotten, for like his divine Master he was meek and humble. "When he was reviled, he reviled not again," but bore in simple faith what life had to offer, serene in the confidence "all things work together for good to them that love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose." In the words of his dear wife, as his spirit quietly passed away, we say "not good-bye, beloved, but farewell 'until the day dawns and the shadows pass away.'"—Ira A. Paterson.

## Obituary.

**BOWDEN.**—On Sunday afternoon, March 18, Sister Bowden was taken to be with Jesus, which is far better. Though handicapped through the loss of a limb, she was always a regular attendant at worship when she was able. After being laid aside for a few months and then entering the hospital for treatment, she was taken suddenly home. She came to a knowledge of the truth over sixteen years ago in the Hagger mission conducted in Hobart, and since then has served the Lord faithfully. She was a

loving wife, a devoted mother, a good citizen, and best of all, a child of God. She has run the Christian race and received the crown which the righteous Judge shall give to all who love his appearing, and now we wait the day of his coming with the glad hope we shall be united in the house of many mansions; meanwhile we seek the comfort of his hand. The writer conducted the services at the home and the graveside on March 19, and on the following Lord's day evening an in memoriam service was held. The number of relatives and friends at the graveside told a little of the esteem our sister was held in by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, three daughters (Mrs. Newbold, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Campbell) also a son, Horace, and a number of other relatives and friends to sorrow, though they sorrow not as the rest who have no hope. We commend them to our loving Father.

**REVELL.**—On March 27, Bro. A. J. Revell, at the age of 77, was called home to be for ever with the Lord. Bro. Revell was baptised at Glenelg, S.A., nearly 24 years ago, and while he had not continuously been in active membership here, he some time ago returned to this place and has since regularly worshipped with us. Our brother had been in indifferent health for some years, but whenever possible he was present at the various services. By reason of his Christlike character, he was held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact. Sister Revell survives, and we commend her and the other members of the family to the gracious consolation of our heavenly Father.—C. Ferris.

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## News of the Churches.

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### Queensland.

**Bundamba.**—On April 1 meetings were well attended. Easter addresses were given by Bro. J. Finlayson in the morning, and Bro. G. Green at night. Bro. and Sister W. E. Green have returned from England and taken up membership with the church again.

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—The work is reported to be reviving. On morning of April 1 Bro. Stirling, of Bundaberg, impressed all with his message. A large meeting attended at night, Bro. Stirling again speaking. The church is preparing for the coming of its new preacher, Bro. F. Collins, of Tasmania.

**Boonah.**—Bro. and Sister Jenner are on holidays. On April 1 services were conducted by Mr. Hienrich (of Kalbar Baptist church), and Mr. Allison, of Brisbane. On March 24 Bro. A. Green and Sister D. Ellemor were united in marriage, Bro. Jenner officiating. Fassifern District C.E. Union held their annual convention at Kalbar during Easter, over 500 attending some meetings.

**Maryborough.**—Bro. W. Maikie exhorted on morning of March 11 and 18, and Bro. L. A. Hansen on April 1. Bro. Alan Price was speaker at all other meetings. A farewell social was held on March 21 for Sister Mrs. Green, before her leaving for Boonah. She was the recipient of a pyrex dish from ladies' guild and a clock from church members. Bro. Cecil Klein and his father, Bro. Phil. Klein, who have been ill in hospital, are now recovering.

**Charters Towers.**—All meetings were well attended during March. At gospel service, on March 11 members of the Rechabite Lodge paraded. Bro. T. V. Weir spoke on "Put to the Test." Midweek meetings are improving. C.E. concert in aid of lighting funds for school hall was a great success. It is to be repeated at "Eventide," the home for the aged. The boys' club held a camp at Aubrey's crossing during Easter. Special solos on Easter Sunday were rendered by Sisters D. Riley and Mrs. Glezen-danner. Bro. Weir spoke on "The Empty Tomb and the Occupied Church." The church is now using the new hymn book.

**Kedron.**—About forty sisters gathered at the home of Mrs. Noble on March 20 to honor in a tangible way Sister E. Banner, retiring president of ladies' guild. Recent meetings at Redcliffe have been helped by Bren. N. G. Noble, R. T. Edwards, G. Williams, T. Hermann, Vic. Gager, and the Albion girls' club on holiday. Good Easter meetings at Kedron on April 1. Bro. E. Davis preached in the morning, and Bro. S. Jenner in the evening. A gospel solo was received from Bro. E. A. Arnold. Several brethren have almost completed rear vestries to the chapel. Much success of various forms has closed the first year of Bro. Noble's ministry with Kedron church.

### South Australia.

**Maylands.**—The anniversary of the church was held on March 11. Bro. H. R. Taylor spoke in the morning and Bro. Fitzgerald at night. At the public meeting on March 14, Dr. A. C. Garnett's address was much appreciated. The choir music was helpful under conductorship of Bro. F. P. Langlois. Splendid service was held Good Friday morning, and on Sunday there were good attendances at meetings, and one confession of faith. April 8, fine meetings; Bro. P. Saunders spoke in the interest of the College, and at night Bro. Fitzgerald gave an address on the topic, "Christ's Coming—the Thing that Really Matters." There was much interest and benefit in this address.

**Cheltenham.**—On April 1, in the morning, Bro. A. G. Hinde exhorted. In the evening Bro. Lampshire spoke to a large audience on "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ." On Easter Monday a well-attended Bible School picnic was held at Hawthorndene. Bro. Lampshire exhorted the church on April 8 and at night spoke on "Why Our Prayers are Not Answered." The continued labors of Bro. Lampshire are appreciated by the church. The work is gradually developing.

**Queenstown.**—On Easter Sunday the girls' wattle club rendered special singing at the morning service, and Bro. Brooker exhorted. In the evening he preached the gospel. On April 2, at the Bible School picnic at Alberton Oval, all enjoyed themselves. On April 8 Bro. Brooker gave the exhortation, and in the evening took for his subject "The Centre of the Circle." Bro. and Sister Purdie, from the church at Colomel Light Gardens, were received by transfer.

**Bordertown.**—The mission commenced on April 8 under leadership of Bren. Hagger, missionary, and A. E. Manger, song-leader, had an encouraging beginning. At the gospel meeting the tent was crowded, when Bro. Hagger held interest, while he preached on the subject, "Is Christianity of Divine Origin?" Both leaders are in fine form. On March 29 the C.E. society held a social to which they invited Mundalla society. The annual Bordertown-Mundalla combined S.S. picnic was held on April 2.

**Mile End.**—The annual second advent meetings held on Good Friday were well attended. Bro. K. A. Macnaughtan commenced a mission at the crowded evening service with a message on "Coming, Ready or Not." The meetings have continued to be well attended, with four confessions to date. A crowded meeting on April 8, and an inspiring message. Over 200 communed for the day at the Lord's table. The Bible School picnic on April 2 at Morialta was very successful. Bro. B. W. Manning has tendered his resignation to the church; he has decided to take charge of the work at Victor Harbor and Goolwa.

**Unley.**—At the Sunday School anniversary on March 25 each meeting was well attended. At the morning service H. R. Taylor conducted a teachers' recognition service. F. A. Messent (superintendent) presided, and G. T. Fitzgerald, of Maylands, gave the address. In the afternoon the cantata "Naaman" was splendidly rendered by the scholars under the tuition of P. B. Wood. H. R. Taylor gave a suitable address at the evening service, when special singing was again rendered by the children. A sacred concert was given on the following Wednesday, when prizes were presented. The church has commenced a winter campaign to celebrate the jubilee of the opening of the church on Sept. 9. Junior C.E. gave a special item at the annual rally of the southern district. The cricket club has had a successful season in the church association.

**Hindmarsh.**—On Easter Sunday Bro. A. E. Jillingworth delivered appropriate addresses morning and evening. During Easter vacation the young men's Bible class held a camp at Port Noarlunga, and on the Lord's day, together with some others staying at Port Noarlunga, met for breaking of bread, and an address was given by Bro. W. Graham. The "youth crusade" commenced on April 8 with W. Graham, of Victoria, as missionary and Mr. Geo. Houston song-leader. There were large attendances at all meetings. In the morning all families, as far as possible, sat together and Bro. Graham gave an inspiring address on "Seeing the Invisible." In the afternoon all senior classes of Bible School and members of the church met together, and a very interesting address was delivered by the visiting speaker. In the evening the choir rendered an anthem, and Mr. Hardy, late of Victoria was soloist. The theme of Bro. Graham was "The Offence of Jesus." The mission continues until April 22.

### Victoria.

**Coburg.**—A girl from the Bible School confessed Christ last Sunday. Meetings are all improving. Prayer meetings are well attended, often over 40 being present.

**Gardiner.**—On April 8 Mrs. Newbolt and two daughters, from South Australia, were received by letter of transfer. At night Bro. H. J. Patterson gave a very good address on "Standards Challenged."

**Essendon.**—Annual business meeting reports show that all auxiliaries are healthy. On April 1 Bro. A. H. Pratt exhorted acceptably, and Bro. S. Neighbour spoke in the evening. On April 8 Bro. Neighbour gave fine addresses both morning and evening.

**Hampton.**—Church anniversary services were held on April 8 with good attendances and impressive addresses by Bren. A. W. Stephenson and W. H. Clay. In the morning Mr. and Mrs. K. Pike, from Fullarton church, S.A., were visitors. A brief "spiritual crusade" is in progress.

**Drumcondra.**—Meetings are bright and well attended. At conclusion of Bro. R. A. Banks' address on April 1, a lady confessed Christ; she has since been baptised and received into membership. On April 8 Bro. and Sister Edwards, of Glenelg, S.A., were present, Bro. Edwards delivering the gospel sermon.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Sunday School anniversary services on April 8 were very fine. Bro. J. E. Thomas in the afternoon gave an enjoyable message. Gospel meeting brought a large congregation, Bro. Yowens making a stirring appeal. The singing of the scholars under leadership of Bro. Clarrie Smith was excellent.

**Fitzroy (Gore-st.).**—There were good meetings on April 8, Bro. Hollard speaking at both services. His evening topic, "Excuses," was much enjoyed. A number of visitors was present. Bro. Hollard has been engaged for a further twelve months. The cricket club held an enjoyable social evening at the home of Mrs. Turner.

**Pradhan.**—During past week messages have been received from Bren. M. Lawrie and Dudley. Two young men have decided for Christ. Sunday School is making preparation for anniversary. Miss M. Hancock received ten years' attendance medal recently. J.C.E. visited Blind Hostel. Various members held an enjoyable picnic at Frankston recently.

**South Richmond.**—Meetings were fair during last month. A presentation was made to a young lady who was recently married. C.E. is in a healthy condition; a visit from Ivanhoe C.E. was appreciated and enjoyable. An evening was spent at the Methodist rally. On April 8 Mr. Kershaw, secretary of the Leper Mission, addressed the church.

**Oakleigh.**—April 1, fine meetings, Bro. Mudge speaking at both services. All departments of the church are in a healthy position. The choir is working hard for a sacred concert. April 8, bright meetings, Bro. Mudge being the preacher. Bright singing by the choir, which is a great help to gospel services. Bro. R. Foreman is progressing in hospital after operation.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—At their last meeting the members of the women's mission band enjoyed a visit and an address from Mrs. Beresford Jones. Several visitors were present at meetings on April 8. In the morning Bro. Enniss especially pleaded for concern for the spiritual welfare of others; at night he held the attention of all with a fine address on "The Soul's Quest for God."

**Yarrawonga.**—The work is well maintained, though meetings are smaller on account of sickness. Bro. Searle's addresses have helped and blessed many. At the close of a powerful address on "Watchman, What of the Night?" a young man from Bro. Searle's Bible class made the good confession. C.E. is doing good work, and Tuesday evening prayer meetings are well attended.



**Carnegie.**—Very well attended meetings on April 8. Bro. Shipway spoke morning and evening. Visitors included Bro. and Sister Christie, from Port Pirie, S.A. Mrs. Christie rendered a very nice solo at evening service. All are pleased that Sister Mrs. Shrimpton is making a good recovery after serious illness in hospital. Plans are being made for 21st anniversary of church.

**St. Arnaud.**—On March 21 the mission band held a successful Australian Tea to aid church management fund. A combined church service was held in the chapel on Good Friday morning. In the absence of Bro. Jackel at conference, Easter Sunday services were conducted by Messrs. H. Hurren and Sanderecock (Methodist). The church extends sympathy to Bro. Hall in the loss of his sister.

**North Williamstown.**—At church anniversary services Bro. A. J. Fisher and Dr. Hinrichsen gave good addresses. On March 4 harvest festival services were held. Bro. Burgin gave a good address in the morning, and Bro. Hunt preached well at night. A combined picnic with North Essendon church was held on March 19 at Williamstown beach. In the evening a social gathering was enjoyed.

**Minyip.**—A very successful harvest thanksgiving service was held. Bro. W. G. Smith gave a fine address at morning meeting. Bro. A. W. Garland's gospel message was much enjoyed. Annual business meeting was held, and progress reported in all phases of work. The following officers were elected: Secretary, H. Newell; treasurer, A. Newell; Berry, Parsons, W. G. Smith, Phillips, D. Smith, J. Byrne.

**Drummond.**—Easter services were well attended. Bro. Goudie, from Kyneton, spoke both morning and evening on April 1. On April 7 the mutual improvement society visited Kyneton, and an enjoyable time was spent. April 8, a "family day" was held, both meetings being well attended. In the morning Bro. Jones spoke on "The Household of Faith." All were glad to welcome Sister Miss Topsy Gilmore home.

**Merbein.**—On April 1, in the preacher's absence at conference, speakers were Bro. L. Cameron, of Mildura, and R. Brown, of Red Cliffs. A well-attended kitchen tea was held on April 7, in honor of Sister Jean Henderson and Bro. Tom Williams. Fair meetings on April 8. Bro. Brooke gave conference reports at both services, and delivered addresses on "The Danger of Parochialism" and "Conditions of Discipleship."

**Swan Hill.**—On April 1 Bro. Squires, of Tatura, gave a fine exhortation on Easter. Bro. Watson preached a fine gospel sermon on "The Resurrection," after which one made the good confession and was baptised. On April 5 Bro. Watson spoke to the C.E. on "The Walk to Emmaus." Bro. Watson presided at worship service and exhorted the church on April 8. In the evening Bro. Silas Harrop, of Woorinen, preached the gospel. Both discourses were appreciated.

**Camberwell.**—At Sunday School anniversary on March 18 and 25, helpful messages were delivered by Bro. Dr. W. A. Kemp, R. Clark, J. E. Thomas and C. P. Hughes. The singing was led by Bro. Peters, and the happy fellowship was brought to a close with the demonstration on March 27. On Easter Sunday morning Mr. Edgar, M.L.C., addressed the church. At the gospel service special singing was rendered by the choir. Centenary objectives have been set for church and auxiliaries.

**South Yarra.**—Sisters Thompson and Alice Mayne have been transferred by letter. Three have been added by baptism, and on April 8 another was baptised. Bro. Alec Wilson on the 8th expounded interestingly some of the parables of the kingdom, and at night Bro. Ladbroke preached, and Bro. F. Lewis led the song service, with Bro. A. G. Searle at the organ. The sad announcement was made that the one-month-old child of Bro. and Sister Alan Hughes (nee Searle) had died.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—After Y.P.S.C.E. meeting last Thursday the members gave a farewell supper to Bro. and Sister Thomson. The vice-president conveyed to them the feelings of the members, thanking them for the splendid help they have been during their three years' ministry at Peel-st. Last Lord's day Bro. Thomson gave his farewell addresses, the chapel being full at the gospel service, which was inspirational.

**East Kew.**—The Bible School anniversary closed with an excellent concert on March 28. On April 1 Bro. G. T. Walden addressed the church in the morning, and Bro. Ingham preached at night on "Alive for Ever More." On April 8 the evening service was preceded by a baptismal service, when a young man was immersed. On March 29 Sister Gladys Edwards was married in the chapel to Mr. Lindsay Greening.

**Geelong.**—April 8, splendid meetings. Bro. and Sister Theo. Edwards (Glenelg, S.A.) were present, and Bro. Edwards gave the morning address. In the evening an inspiring message on "Various Hindrances" was given by Bro. Clipstone. Miss Hazel Trigg was soloist. On April 11 Bro. Clipstone was to give a conference report. On April 1, meetings were fair. Bro. Clipstone was absent at conference. Mr. Hoskin addressed the morning meeting, and in the evening Bro. Hering was the speaker, Miss Bird the soloist.

**Wedderburn.**—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 25. Both services were well attended. All gifts or moneys received from sale of them is to go to social service department from the Bible School. Recently two young people have made the good confession and have been baptised. Both are great-grandchildren of two of the pioneers of the church here. Gifts in money from several members, and a donation from the ladies' guild, have resulted in the approach and grounds in front of chapel being laid with concrete slabs. Good meetings on April 8. Bro. Bird's gospel address was of special import, and listened to by an attentive congregation.

**Chelsea.**—The Bible School anniversary on March 25 was a success. Bro. Turner addressed scholars and friends at 3 p.m. Singing by the scholars under leadership of Bro. Bickford was very fine. Bro. Methven addressed the scholars and friends at 7 p.m., and the scholars again helped with their singing. On April 1 the combined C.E. societies from Chelsea and Frankston sections had charge of the gospel service. Bro. J. E. Brooke, Merbein, gave the address. Three candidates from Frankston were immersed by Bro. Methven. On April 8 Bro. Methven exhorted. Bro. Wm. Wilson, from Prohibition League, gave a fine address at 7 p.m. Sister Mrs. Gourley was soloist.

**North Essendon.**—Bro. Moss has been received by transfer from Rochester. All meetings are well attended. A fine spirit prevails. Bro. R. P. Williams gives able and encouraging messages to the church. All auxiliaries are healthy, and helpful to church progress. Phi Betas have issued a challenge to Kappas for a three months' church attendance campaign. North Williamstown church entertained a party of 28 members of North Essendon on March 19. Bro. McMillbagger, from the College, gave a splendid address on morning of April 8. Bro. Jackson, from Essendon church, presided. The closer co-operation between North Melbourne, Newmarket, Ascot Vale, Essendon and North Essendon churches is proving very helpful. Plans are being made for systematic visitation for scholars for Bible School, and inviting people to services.

**Preston.**—On Easter Sunday the church enjoyed a message from Bro. A. Garland, of Warracknabeal. A members' re-union festival commenced on April 5 with a banquet, at which the church officers, executive officers of all auxiliaries, and several other active workers, were the guests of Bro. and Sister Fisher. At a public

meeting following the banquet, Bro. J. E. Thomas delivered a splendid address. On behalf of the officers of the church the secretary presented Bro. Fisher with a nicely framed illuminated address as a memento of his completion of six years' ministry with the church. On the morning of April 8, Bro. J. Plummer addressed an "every-member-present" communion service. 180 broke bread. A civic service, attended by the mayor and councillors, was held at night, Bro. Fisher's subject being "Building for Greatness." Extra seating accommodation was required both morning and evening.

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## COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 15 and 22.—Parkdale Bible School Anniversary. April 15, morning speaker, Mr. Youens; afternoon, Mr. Atkins; evening, Mr. Stephenson. April 22, morning, Mr. Clay; evening, Mr. Hobbins, conference president. Song-leader, Mr. Val. Wolf. All welcome.

APRIL 29 and MAY 6.—Moreland Bible School Anniversary. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Singing by the scholars. Special speakers.

## BETWEEN SUNDAYS.

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## West Moreton Conference, Qld.

The annual conference of West Moreton Churches of Christ was held in Rosewood chapel on March 16. Splendid weather crowned the occasion. There were large attendances at the business sessions held during the day, and satisfactory reports were received from the representatives of the five churches in the circuit. Amongst visitors were Mr. W. Berlin, of Brisbane, a pioneer member of the church fifty years ago; Mr. G. Green (Bundamba), and evangelist Roy Wilson (East Ipswich), who gave an inspiring address to the men in the afternoon.

The opening session commenced at 10.30 a.m., a devotional service being conducted by Bro. L. Larsen, after which business was proceeded with.

A welcome to delegates and visitors was given by Bro. Alb. Hinrichsen (president), and Bren. Green, Berlin and Boettcher made suitable responses.

The secretary's report of the year's work showed great success in all departments, the work being in a very healthy condition. The treasurer also gave a very encouraging report, showing a credit balance of over £40. A tribute was paid to the treasurer (J. Boettcher), who has been treasurer for 14 years; also to the retiring secretary (A. R. Pieper) for his services. Both reports were well received.

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional service led by Bro. V. G. Boettcher. The obituary report was given by Bro. Larsen. A further welcome was extended by the president to visitors, amongst whom were Bren. E. C. Hinrichsen, of Toowoomba; Bro. W. A. C. Wendorf, of Brisbane. Each made a fine response.

The main business in this session was a discussion of future work. Bro. Larsen earnestly recommended the opening of new fields outside of the circuit, Laidley, Forest Hill and Lowood being the centres he had in mind. After a brief discussion it was unanimously decided to make an attempt to secure the Hinrichsen-Morris mission team to conduct a mission in Lowood, work and plans to be finalised at a later date.

All retiring officers were re-elected with the exception of the secretary, who was succeeded by Bro. F. J. Lacey.

The public meeting was held in the Farmers' Hall, which was crowded to the doors, approximately 400 being present. A song service was conducted by Bro. V. G. Boettcher. The president extended a warm welcome to the large audience, and the many visitors from far and near. The wonderful success of the past year was largely due to the labors of Mr. and Mrs. Larsen. The main items on the programme were the two splendid addresses given by E. C. Hinrichsen and L. Larsen, which were heartily enjoyed by all. A combined choir of the circuit rendered an item, conducted by Bro. Larsen. Rosevale choir also rendered valuable assistance. Miss Hilda Young was accompanist at the piano during the evening, and Master Geoff Grubb assisted with his violin.—A.R.P.

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### FINANCIAL.

The treasurer's statement shows receipts for the year to be £139/19/1, as follows:—Balance, March, 1933, 1/3; sisters' tea, £14; dinner and tea, general conference, £35/17/6; collections at conference, £13/4/8; pennies from churches, £16/17/-; collections at executive meetings, £17/18/11; Margaret Goudie fund, £35; bank interest, £3/14/6; crockery hire and breakages, 18/6; New Hebrides launch, 6/9. The expenditure was as follows:—Catering, women's conference, £6/17/4; catering, general conference, £30/10/11; programmes, printing, stationery, £8/18/10; hymn book, calendars, 17/3; hymn sheets for conference meetings, £1/2/6; speakers' travelling expenses, £1/10/-; secretary's expenses, £5; hospital comforts, £8; isolated sisters' committee, £3; General Dorcas (from Margaret Goudie Fund), £35; W.M.B. postage, stationery, etc., £15/5/3; Y.P. missionary work, £1/18/7; Mrs. Sandells (personal gift), £10; New Hebrides launch, 6/9; to Home Missions, £5;

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Federal Conference Catering Fund showed a credit balance, brought forward, of £10.

The Women's Mission Bands accounts showed receipts: Brought forward, March, 1933, £400/10/-; contributions from members, £430/8/-; total, £830/18/-; Expenditure: Home Missions, £200/5/-; Foreign Missions, £160/4/-; College of the Bible, £40/1/-; credit balance, £430/8/-; total, £830/18/-; The credit balance was divided and paid at General Conference as follows: Home Missions, £215/4/-; Foreign Missions, £172/3/-; College of the Bible, £43/1/-; total, £430/8/-.

### RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were carried:—  
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That this conference deplores the failure of the recent Disarmament Conference to arrest the alarming growth of national expenditure in armaments since the war, and calls upon leaders in political, social and religious life to exert their utmost efforts to ensure that a community mind intent upon peace is created in Australia.

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