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Victoria Plans Forward Move.

Why Do They Need an Annual Offering?

W. Gale.

WHAT is this Young People's Department? Why do they need an annual offering? What do they do with the money? Our brotherhood, by vote of conference, constituted a Bible School and Young People's Department, "entrusted with the promotion of work in Bible Schools and young people's organisations."

To this department our teachers, superintendents and youth leaders look for new ideas, for assistance in difficulties, for leadership in increase and efficiency campaigns, for the conduct of local and State-wide training schemes, schools of methods, and the annual examination. In other words, for that encouragement and stimulus necessary to keep all our workers "on their toes," straining all the time for advancement. It is typical of youth that it can easily sag and give up; there is constant need for changing plans to keep them all moving forward.

In the past, thousands of miles have been covered by Eren. Gale and Patterson in their efforts to see our schools in action and to confer with teachers and youth leaders in all parts of the State, conducting schools of methods, Bible School institutes, and summer camp conferences. Money is spent on books—we now have three libraries for the use of youth workers in town and country; these are loaned free.

Naturally the department pays its share of the office and telephone expenses; there is a large correspondence; the salary of a young lady assistant to help Miss Haines in the office work is paid by the department. The annual examination involves a considerable outlay each year. Our Young Worshipers' League auxiliary is financed by the department.

The recent conference recommended to the department to endeavor to set a man apart wholly for this important youth work. If an additional £150 is received this year the committee will proceed at once to set apart a man. This constitutes a special call for additional funds on May 6. Think of the alternative if this work has to cease. Your gift may be the deciding factor. Make a liberal offering on May 6 for the sake of our youth.

An Appeal to Youth Leaders.

Randall T. Pittman, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Great responsibility rests upon leaders of youth to keep the standards high. Generally speaking, youth will respond to leadership, and

the quality of our young people depends largely upon this fact.

Keep the standards high in relation to character. By example and precept help members of our societies and clubs to keep lofty ideals before their minds. Encourage them not to accept the second best, not to weaken the moral fibre, not to allow the material to supplant the spiritual.

Keep up the standards of knowledge. It is good that young people be well informed. Seek to give guidance in their general reading. It is especially desirable that they should know the Word of God—its plan and purpose, its doctrines, its history, its characters, its literature. Let the Bible have its rightful place in every syllabus.

Keep up the standards of achievement. Remember that most young people like to be "up and doing." Seek out paths of service for them. Help them to qualify for offices in Bible Schools, societies and clubs. Encourage them to spend their energies in the service of the King of kings.

Pull Your Weight.

A. A. Hughes.

If all of our churches, and the individual members of the churches, instead of coldly criticising the youth of to-day, would pull their weight in the church's task, we would soon see a big, constructive programme develop.

The easiest thing for maturity to do is to stand off and say, "Young people are not what they were in my day." Of course they are not. They are born of a different age and generation, and their emphases must therefore differ. But wise parents will not deny that the right stuff is present in the youth of to-day. (How in self-esteem could they doubt that it must be?)

Youth to-day is seeking something better. See



Dimboola Camp Conference Group, 1934.

the crowds of young people who attend spiritual conventions. But the emphasis must be right if it is to attract them. It must be an answer to life's problems.

Here, to me, is the wonderful value of the young people's camp conference. It is the most constructive piece of youth work I have seen in our movement. But I heard it criticised thus, "They only go for a holiday." Any who feel that way about youth work should make it their business to visit the next young people's camp conference. They would realise the challenge of to-day; they would see what youth are prepared to do in consecration and service. It would do them good spiritually and challenge them to pull their weight instead of barracking.

Your part, brethren, on May 6; what of it?

Why?

A. W. Connor.

The training of a young soul in the high things of Jesus is the most beautiful task in the world. Children and youths are the greatest opportunity for the church to-day. As the Sunday School is a means to accomplish that task, few ask, "Why a Sunday School?" But perhaps you ask, "Why this department?" Because we need the guidance that such a department alone can give. The best teachers and schools feel their need of the guidance, help and leadership that can come from such a group of specialists. Let us encourage those who are wholehearted in this, the greatest business of the church.

We do appreciate their work. Then let us say so; not in words only, but in a gift of love. So we will help in carrying out the will of Christ: "I will build my church." For how does he do this save, first, through us, who win youth for his kingdom; and second, through those same young people inspired by lofty ideals, building the church of the future? We all, teachers, members, department leaders and the church to be, are laborers with God.

The Child and the Future.

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

"What then shall this child be?" they asked concerning John the Baptist at his birth. "This child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel," said the aged Simeon concerning the baby Jesus. Earnestly, anxiously, the question may well be asked concerning any child, for every child, in a greater or less degree, is set for the rise or the fall of others. The first care for the growing child relates to his physical

well-being—he must begin by becoming a first-class animal. Soon the intellectual life claims attention—upon the nature and development of that will depend the quality and extent of his influence in after life. Ere long it becomes recognised that the child is a social factor too. In that developing personality is a force that will brighten or sadden, bless or curse, the world in which he lives. What need then that the highest faculty—his spiritual nature—be linked with



Yea Conference Young People Visit
Eldon Weir.

God, that social influence, and intellectual power, and physical strength may be controlled by the life divine.

Our Bible School and Young People's department seeks to help all who have the oversight and direction of our young people to develop their undreamed-of possibilities. Let us help it in this essential task by a liberal offering on May 6.

Picking the Flowers.

J. E. Shipway.

The flowers of the autumn gardens of our city and its environs have been beautiful to look upon. They have filled the air with their fragrance, and have gladdened the lives of those who have been under the bondage of physical affliction. Yet in the gardens where they grow no rules of indiscretion could be allowed on picking these luxuriant blooms. In a well ordered garden no person would be allowed to enter and indiscriminately take what he believed he needed, for that would in many cases lead to the desecration, and probably the ultimate destruction of the garden.

We, too, in the lives of our young people, have a large and beautiful garden. Buds will open quite naturally to the nurture and culture of the sympathetic gardener. What the sun becomes to the flower Jesus Christ will become to their souls. But the gardeners must do their work prayerfully and scientifically. There are many forces engineered by the evil one, waiting to thwart the purposes of the divine Gardener. Are these blooms to be plucked and lost before coming to full maturity? It must be so if we cannot secure faithfully-trained workers for the garden. Who is going to pick the flowers? Will it be the evil forces or the forces of righteousness? Christian men and women, you must answer that question. What will your answer be, in current coin, on May 6, for trained and consecrated gardeners?

"If the church of the next generation is to command not only respect but to challenge and change the pagan civilisation in which we live, it will have to pay more serious attention to the training of leaders."

Tasmania Calls for Co-Operation in Youth Work.

The Summer Camp—"Hours Rich in Blessing."

E. A. Stevens, President Tasmanian Bible School Union.

The annual summer camp, held under the auspices of the Tasmanian Bible School Union, is becoming increasingly popular each year, both from the scholars' and teachers' viewpoint, because there is a time set apart both for recreation and devotion. It is a great joy and pleasure to see the young men and women, boys and girls, enjoying the programme that is mapped out for them, such as hiking, games, bathing, fishing, etc. Another enjoyable feature of the camp is the time set apart for the betterment of the spiritual life. There are morning and evening prayers, Bible readings, exhortations and discussions of a most helpful nature, and these hours of fellowship are rich in blessing and Christian love, so that one and all feel that the time has not been wasted that has been spent in honoring our heavenly Father, and building up each individual life to his glory.

Bible School Union Sees Opportunities.

M. Alderton, Secretary Tasmanian Bible School Union.

Brethren, we appeal to you for your support on May 6. The committee is hoping to open new schools in the near future. At present there are fourteen schools in the island State, with a total enrolment of 861 scholars and 114 teachers. There are schools in the north-west, at Ulverstone and Devonport, in the north at Mole Creek, Caveside, Prospect, Launceston and Invermay; on the Huon River at Dover and Geeveston; on Tasman's Peninsula at Kelleve, Nubeena, and Tunnel Bay; and at Hobart and West Hobart.

The Largest School is at Invermay.

The largest schools are situated in city areas, and there are large areas still untouched in the country districts at Scottsdale, St. Mary's and St. Helens on the east, and Zeehan and Queenstown on the west and Burnie on the north-west.

We can enter these fields only with the prayerful co-operation of the whole brotherhood.

Prayer Corner.

Strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.—Eph. 3: 16, 17.

The life which we are meant to lead under the dispensation of the Spirit who has been given for our guidance into Truth, is one which does not take us out of the world, but keeps us from its evil, enabling us to live a heavenly existence on earth, and so to span over the chasm which divides us from heaven.—Edward Thring.

There is an order in our daily life. Like that the holy angels constant keep; And though its outward show seems but a strife, There dwells within a peace like oceans deep.

—Jones Very.

A Vision of New Schools.

The committee hope to establish Bible Schools in areas where as yet there are no Bible Schools. Considerable financial support is necessary so that this aim can be realised.

Among the committee's expenses include giving of prizes for examinations, shields and banners for increase and attendance campaigns.

The committee exists to promote unity of purpose in the Bible Schools and this needs active co-operation of all concerned.

Brethren, are we to go forward in our work? We await your answer on May 6.

The Bible School in Relation to the Church.

A. E. Brown, Conference President.

The Bible statement, that "Men shall be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God," is abundantly manifest in the world at the present time. From earliest childhood a large proportion of the world's youth have been inculcated with the idea that pleasure is the chief ideal of life. The result is not unnaturally indifference to Christ and his claims, for man "cannot serve God and Mammon."

Such a position as this constitutes a challenge to the church of Christ to-day.

It is a challenge to the Bible School worker. We know that youth is the most receptive time for all instruction. A secular education is compulsory, but spiritual education is entirely voluntary. Have Bible School workers realised there are large numbers of children who grow up to manhood and womanhood with practically no religious education at all?

The present position of youth is a challenge to the church. Not unnaturally we expect to recruit the ranks of the church from the Bible School. Indifference by the church to this department of her work means depleted schools, lost opportunities and, worst of all, lost souls.

The conditions of life to-day demand more intensive and more extensive work among young people than we have done hitherto. But the work is being hindered by lack of finance. The Tasmanian Bible School Union endeavored to open a new school last conference year, but finance prevented them. What a challenge to the church! What opportunities are being lost! Christ and the church need the young people. Will you help win them?

May we not only be delivered from the outward act or word that grieves thee, but may the very springs of our nature be purified.—F. H. Meyer.

Bless and sanctify my soul with thy heavenly blessings, that it may become thy holy habitation, and let nothing be found in this temple of thy divinity, which shall offend the eyes of thy majesty. According to the greatness of thy goodness and multitude of thy mercies, look upon me, and hear the prayer of thy poor servant. Protect and keep my soul, amidst so many dangers of this life, and, by thy grace accompanying me, direct it along the way of peace, to its home of everlasting brightness. Amen.—Thomas a Kempis.

April 19, 1934.

Western Australian Youth News.

Among the Bible Schools.

The increase and attendance campaign 1933-1934 resulted in a nett increase for the State of 488 scholars. The shield for the senior division, for schools starting the campaign with an enrolment of over 150, was won by Bassendean, that for the second division (schools of 50 to 150) was won by Collie, whilst Boulder won the award for the third division, for schools of under 50 at the beginning of the campaign. Boulder increased from 25 to 98 during the year. The 1934 campaign has commenced with every school in the State participating, new schools in Rivervale and Hollywood being welcomed, 23 schools in all.

The Scripture examinations for 1933 were conducted for the first time by the Western Australian examinations board, 224 scholars sitting for the examinations, 169 of whom secured passes. Kensington school gained the highest general average, for which attainment a special award is made each year by the Bible Schools' committee.

Teachers' conferences were held in three centres during 1933, much help being derived by all who attended. The subjects dealt with were "Principles of Promotion," by Mr. J. K. Robinson, and "The Sunday Afternoon Session," by Miss F. E. Johnson.

A system is in operation whereby the schools are helped to attain greater efficiency according to standards proposed by the Bible Schools' committee. Representatives from the committee visit the schools from time to time and judge the standard of efficiency, advising and helping the school staffs in methods of work.

As a result of organisation by the social service department, a great number of our schools include a band of hope in their activities, the officers of the schools being officers of the bands of hope. These societies are a very real help in the school work.

We are glad to be able to report a keener enthusiasm in Bible School work, and a deeper desire on the part of workers for the winning of the scholars to Christ. This work is a challenge and a privilege. Let us all have a share in its extension.

Christian Endeavor.

The C.E. movement, as it is so often called, is growing apace in Western Australia, both in size and activity. Churches of Christ have 15 societies, nearly all of them affiliated with the State Union, covering junior, intermediate and young people's grades, some churches having a society for each grade. In December, 1933, the Bible Schools' and Young People's Department organised a rally day for Church of Christ societies, at which a profitable and happy time was spent. We are pleased that our preachers recognise the value of this fine movement, standing as it does for Christ and the church, and give it their help and guidance.

Young People's Clubs.

All churches recognise the need of holding the young people together in social fellowship. Among our W.A. churches there are 31 societies of various names, designed to strengthen the ties of friendship and comradeship among the young folk. With all of these the young people's committee is in constant touch, and organises combined functions which create a healthy enthusiasm for the grand and simple pleasures of life. In this club work the young people are brought face to face with the pressing problems of to-day, and are given leadership and direction to make the right choices and decisions in all their relationships. The

department confidently appeals for the sympathy and help of the brotherhood in this great work.

Young People's Camps.

In June, 1933, a week-end camp was organised by the Young People's Department at Darlington, a delightful spot in the Darling Ranges, and although the weather was very inclement, and although the weather was very inclement, and although the weather was very inclement, 17 young men and women enjoyed a period of study, devotion and recreation together, going back to their daily occupations with a strengthened purpose to live more closely to Christ and to do more in his service.

An annual young men's camp is organised by the department, and has been held for a number of years on the Royal Showgrounds, Claremont, the Royal Agricultural Society generously granting us the use of its property free of charge, except for out-of-pocket expenses. The campers go to their usual busi-



W.A. Young Men's Camp, 1934.

ness during the day, and return to camp for the evening.

The sequence of these camps was broken in 1932, when no camp was held. In 1933, thirteen young men spent the five days in camp and studied a programme under the heading of "World Problems."

The 1934 camp was attended by 18 young men. This camp is voted by men who have attended numbers of previous camps as an outstanding one. The theme of the camp was "The Life that Wins." The camp commenced on Monday, Feb. 12, and closed on Monday, Feb. 19. The theme was developed during the first five nights under the five following heads, viz., "The Question at Issue"—lecturer, Bro. A. G. Saunders; "Conquest Through Christ"—lecturer, Bro. C. H. Hunt; "The Victory Value of Prayer"—lecturer, Bro. W. H. Nightingale; "The Victory-Value of Scripture"—lecturer, Bro. W. J. Thomson; "Conquest for Christ"—lecturer, Bro. L. C. Peacock. On the sixth day, the Saturday, a grand combined youth rally was held on the showgrounds, commencing at 3 p.m. with a sports programme arranged by Mr. E. E. Saunders, and closing with a great meeting in the grandstand in the evening, at which 130 were present. This was the grand climax to the week, and was led and addressed by Bro. J. K. Robinson. For spiritual atmosphere it was one of the best meetings in the experience of our youth work in recent years. The Sunday brought a memorable communion service in fellowship with the Claremont church in the morning, group conferences in the afternoon, and a campers' own consecration service in the evening, at which Bro. A. M. Bell gave an address. This camp has had an untold influence for good in the youth work of the State. The eighteen young men have gone forth inspired

with high ideals for Christian service, but above all, with the sense of a vital contact with Christ, for in the camp devotions there was a decided freshness and spontaneity, and not once, but many times, Christ was very very near. The camp cost the committee months of unremitting effort, and not a little money. It was the subject of much earnest prayer. God has blessed it, and will bless the brotherhood through it. Brethren, help the committee in this great work.

Recreation and Sport.

No one can shut his eyes to the fact of the keen enthusiasm which youth has to-day for sport. Yet youth should be encouraged to participate in sport. Merely to watch and worship the champions is not nearly enough. The Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee gives sport and recreation a place in its programmes, in order to provide the facility for our young people to enjoy healthy recreation in good company, away from the sordid atmosphere which the world so often throws around such things.

In September of last year the annual hills excursion was held, when in glorious weather over 600 people travelled by special train to National Park. A basket ball association conducts an annual competition, Subiaco and West Subiaco being the premiers for 1933 in the A and B grades respectively. A tennis association is to resume activities this year. At the conference picnic, held on Easter Monday last, a comprehensive sports programme was conducted in both junior and senior sections, Subiaco winning the silver cup in the former, and Lake-st. a similar trophy in the latter, with Fremantle second.

A Great Task.

It is not right that we should claim that the youth work is the most important work of the church. The task of the church is evangelism, first at home and then abroad. We must not allow the interest, charm and glamor of work among the young to cloud the issue that the supreme work of the church is to win men and women to Christ. But when this fact is recognised and given due emphasis, what a tremendous power for good is consecrated, organised young people's work throughout our churches! For the future of evangelism we must hold and train the young, so that each year we shall be able to add young, consecrated and enthusiastic recruits to the ranks of the workers in the varied fields of evangelistic service. Therefore all this youth work pays, and pays well. The Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee stands right behind the home and foreign mission committees. Hence we appeal to the churches for a share of their interest and help, to secure the future of the work which the Master has commissioned us to do.

South Australia.

Bible School Day, May 6.

The Church's Responsibility for Religious Education.

T. Edwards, Chairman, Bible School Dept.

It is well to recognise the fact that the church is responsible for its own reproduction. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Each generation of Christians is responsible for the carrying over of the church into the next. This would seem insignificant were it not for the fact that the church is the only existing institution whose only reason for existence and whose very life depends upon the salvation of human souls. The church is composed of the "religiously educated." The conversion of a human soul is not the result of miraculous intervention. God's revelation of "the way" has been brought within the range of man's reasoning and acceptance. The word which convinces, convicts and converts being entrusted to the church, it naturally follows that the church will make the necessary provision for the educating of those ignorant of its truths. This calls for service. Only those who have felt the power of the truth and know of its effect upon life are capable. If these cannot be found within the church they will never be found without, and the great mass of men, women and children, ignorant of the great blessings and treasures within the reach of all, will pass on into eternity.

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Every Child for the Church.

Mrs. W. A. Russell, President S.A. Sisters' Conf.

Children have rights: the right to be well born, well fed, to have plenty of pure air and pure water, plenty of room for their arms, legs and lungs, as well as for their unfolding minds. They have a right to a discipline of love in clean, bright, sweet homes, but above all, they have a right to the saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

The Bible School realises the responsibility to give the child this right. It takes the child in the character-forming period of its life, and thus the seed is sown, which moulds the young life, and prepares it for Christian service. Where there is no Bible School there will be no church, for the school of to-day is the church of to-morrow.

Dr. Chapman, in conversation with a friend who was a judge in Brooklyn, discussed the crimes of youth and the Bible School. The judge had not sentenced a Sunday School scholar for five years, and that gave him confidence to say, "Keep your boys in the Bible School, and in the influence of the church, and

a marked evidence of sincerity. Young people like things that are simple and people that are sincere.

Again, his manly courage and compassionate interest in all classes of people, inclusive of little children, stir young hearts. Jesus faced the issues of life in a spirit of brave determination. Though conscious of his own strength of will and purpose, he was very sympathetic with folk less strong and resolute. This combination of strength and consideration strongly appeals to those who are seeking to resist temptation and overcome besetting sins.

But the chief attraction in Jesus for youth is his sinless, unselfish love. That Jesus could resist and overcome the tempter raises him in the estimation of youth. They cannot but admire his heroic fortitude in the testing periods.

They gaze in wonder, love and praise as they read his wonderful words, and think about his



The Hope of Australia and the Church.

mighty works and his final sufferings and death.

Youth detects no flaw in his character or conduct, and seeing him come through the fires of criticism and persecution unscathed, falls down and worships him, saying, "My Lord and my God!"

Young people feel proud to love, obey, follow and serve such an intrepid leader, reliable guide and gracious saviour and friend.

Modern youth, I think, still admires the true, the beautiful and the good. Jesus satisfies their spirit of romance, adventure and achievement. All we need to do is to "Repeat the story o'er and o'er," and present it to them in all its purity and simplicity to capture their hearts and lives.

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What Youth Expects of the Church.

Donald K. Beiler.

Realising that the young people of to-day will be the church members and office holders in the years to come, it must be the desire and mission of the church to-day to devote a good deal of its time and thought to the winning of youth, and in doing so, to what is necessary in their interest to hold them for the church.

As one of the vast band of "youth" in our churches to-day, I feel that there are at least three requisites necessary to satisfy the expectations of youth.

Firstly, a challenging message of the Christ of Bethlehem and Calvary will fall more indelibly upon the ear and heart of youth than any new or modern teaching from the pulpit.

Again, the interest and encouragement of the older people of the church materially assists in helping the young folk to "stick." Not only Sunday interest, but mid-week association in either a spiritual or social way. Together age

and youth should present themselves in the temple of the Lord for worship.

Finally, to win their affections permanently for the church, we must be prepared to allow for free participation of youth in the arranging of and conducting of the various departments of the work in which they engage. To encourage responsibility is to enlist interest and create enthusiasm.

Youth expects all this of the church, and if given the message, the encouragement and the opportunity to serve, will in time be prepared to "raise the standard high for the Lord."

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Youth Day and the Church.

B. W. Manning.

May day is a very happy day with us in South Australia. If possible we reserve the first Sunday in May each year as a special youth day. In the morning we ask the members to make a contribution toward the forward movement of our Bible School Department. The message to the church that morning is to be on "Consecrated Service." In the afternoon we suggest a simple but helpful programme which can be easily carried out in a small country school or in the largest city school. As the offering in the afternoon is for the maintenance of a cot at the Children's Hospital, for Minds and kindred institutions, a dialogue is prepared giving up-to-date facts and figures regarding these places. With a brief and appropriate address this makes a very happy and helpful afternoon for scholars, teachers and friends.

In the evening we suggest a special service for young people with a special appeal.

In visiting amongst Churches of Christ, I am delighted with the numbers and the calibre of our young people. If we could get a circle of young people in each church with a definite experience of the Lord Jesus Christ who could give a witness for him if called upon, what wonderful gatherings could be held.

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The Bible School Department—the Agency of the Church.

Will. Beiler, Secretary, Bible School Dept.

One of the most important adjuncts of our conference activities is the one featured in this week's "Christian." A merely cursory glance at some of the activities of the Bible School Department such as teacher training courses, Bible School conferences, scripture examinations, departmental conferences, kindergarten training class, increase drive, teachers' library, helping sick and needy, etc., will suffice to convince the reader that words such as "increase" and "efficiency" most aptly describe its aims and objects. This is surely an asset to the church, as its agency is within its borders and concerns its influence and effectiveness. As it is true that from the school of to-day will very largely come the church of to-morrow, it is all to the good of the churches to increase the ranks of the scholars and the equipment of the teachers for a more efficient service and ministry. You are not asked to pray for or give to a stagnant department, but to one ever on the alert to "lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes." This work lies at the base of all other departments of conference; yes, the future of the individual church depends upon it.

That Word, "the entrance of which giveth light," guides, creates faith, keeps from sin—how essential to youth. What glorious work to be engaged in: For it we need to be "thoroughly furnished." Our department is doing its best to provide that equipment through its activities, and so becomes a very valuable agency.

Brethren, give to it your earnest prayers, your best encouragement, your helping hands, your gifts of devotion, money and consecration. Remember May 6, Bible School Day.

Records of Youth Work

In New South Wales.

Started as Schools.

P. J. Pond, B.A., Secretary Youth Department.

North Parramatta.—One of the youngest but most flourishing of N.S.W. churches is situated at North Parramatta. The effort from which this church sprung was a Bible School commenced in the home of Bro. and Sister G. Moras. Later on the parents were invited to come to the meetings, and Bro. Corlett, of the Granville

effort making the school a bigger and better asset than before the work closed down.

A live C.E. society has been organised also, and it is only the matter of a few weeks for the church to come back to life more vigorous than ever before. The Young People's Department method costs less and lasts longer.

Canterbury.—Twenty months ago the school started with six scholars. There is a school of 270 attending to-day.

elder girl was taken to hospital because the tumbling bricks fell on her as she lay across the little ones to protect them.

But what of the spiritual? I peeped into the Keswick Convention at Upwey, Victoria. About 1,500 people were there, and the meetings were composed mostly of young people.

On holidays, I took a Bible class one hot Sunday afternoon; about thirty or forty young men over the age of sixteen were packed in a small room. The young ladies' Bible class, a meeting in the main building, was larger still.

It is said that the young people think only of worldly things; well, for that matter, so did I till some one introduced me to Jesus, my Lord. My only regret is that I never knew him when I was younger. I believe our young people are made of the right material. They need the best we can give them, and that is the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for them. We cannot start to train them too young. Did not someone say, "The songs we learn at seven are the songs we sing at seventy."

Pray, persevere and partake in the work that multiplies itself.

For these reasons all should give generous support to the offering for the work of the Young People's Department.



North Parramatta—Congregation

church, conducted services which led to the establishment of a church. The picture shows the congregation on the first Lord's day of its organisation.

Bexley North.—Six years ago the Young People's Department organiser, preaching in one of the suburban centres, suggested the opening of Bible Schools in members' homes, when away from established churches. At the close of the meeting a brother argued that it could not be done in N.S.W. A little later he and his daughter were conducting one of the best of the cottage schools. Bro. W. C. Roffey and other workers then took it over as a Church of Christ school. The Young People's Department secured a tent and the services of Bro. F. E. Alcorn as missionary. The church developed, and a fine building was erected with but a small debt.

Tempe Church.—The origin of this church makes interesting reading. A school of six was held six years ago in the home of Bro. and Sister A. L. Carter. Wonderful blessing flowed from the Father on the efforts of those noble workers. Prayer, perseverance and perspiration in plenty, produced the premium portrayed.

Good Work by Young People's Department.

Penshurst.—The church of Penshurst is another example of the good work being done by the department. Nearly three years ago a church was organised at that centre. The attendances gradually fell off, until at the end of December last the meetings closed.

To attempt the revival of the work on adult lines would have been a doubtful and costly experiment. It could not even be entertained. However, the department organised the business on its "less-costly-more-lasting" method. The Holy Spirit's gracious power moved the machinery of the department, and visitation of parents of former scholars, recruiting of neighborhood for new scholars, correspondence, printing, rally, and by no means least, prayer, put into operation has resulted in one month's



The Chapel at Tempe.

Queensland Conference.

Keith Gerrard.

Intense interest and a fine spiritual tone were manifest in all the proceedings of the 1934 Queensland Churches of Christ conference. Stirring addresses were given by the retiring president (Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen), Bro. L. A. Bowes, Bro. Ethelbert Davis, Bro. R. Wilson, and other preachers.

The outstanding feature of the business sessions was the almost unanimous decision to revise the constitution in order to make the conference executive committee representative of all sections of the conference, thus consolidating and co-ordinating all departments of the work.

305 Baptisms Reported.

The executive committee reported that at Dec. 1, 1933, 30 churches were affiliated with the conference. The total membership was 3,313, which was an increase of 46 on the previous year's 3,267 members. In 1933 there were 301

Future Work.

The conference endorsed the home mission committee's policy of subsidising weak causes and conducting missions to make these fields self-supporting, thus leaving funds available for extension work.

The incoming home mission committee was instructed to give early consideration to the holding of a mission and establishment of a church at Mackay. It was explained that Mackay had a population of 10,000. No town in Queensland offered such possibilities. The district was on the eve of tremendous development. Nearly £1,000,000 was to be spent on new harbor works. No immersionist body was established there.

Constitution Amended.

After considerable discussion, the conference carried a motion of which notice had been given by Mr. C. Burdeu, for an amendment of the

status of the ministry and making more orderly and dignified the calling and reception of preachers. In an address to the preachers' session, repeated in the general conference at the request of the preachers, Bro. Ethelbert Davis stressed the need for reforms in the practices of congregations and preachers to increase the respect of church members and the public for "the God-ordained office of the ministry of the Word."

The recommendation of the Federal conference that all churches should welcome new preachers with special services of recognition in keeping with the dignity of their work as ministers of the Word was endorsed. The Federal executive was asked to prepare a suitable form of service for the induction of preachers, elders and deacons, that the Scriptural injunction "That all things may be done decently and in order" might be observed.

The advisory board commended to the churches the following resolution of the Federal executive: "That churches be requested to consider carefully the calling of their preachers, and so seek kindly counsel from the advisory board of their State."

On the motion of Bro. Burdeu a sub-committee was appointed to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of substituting for the present methods of calling and discharging preachers a conference placement committee, and to make recommendations on such negotiations between preachers and churches. Bro. F. Enchelmaier, N. G. Noble and C. F. Burdeu were appointed to the sub-committee.

On the motion of Bro. H. G. Payne it was resolved, in accordance with a decision of the Federal conference, that in the case of any trouble arising in a church between individuals, involving the good name of the brotherhood, the aid of the State executive should be invoked, and that, should a member or members of the State executive be involved, the matter should be referred to the Federal executive for assistance.

Delegates were instructed to place emphatically before their churches the merit and urgency of the proposal for a testimonial to Bro. A. R. Main, principal of the College of the Bible and editor of the "Christian."

Messrs. Norman Millar (president) and R. P. Watson brought to the conference greetings from the Queensland Council of Churches.

A recommendation was made to churches that district conferences should be organised.

The executive committee was asked to examine thoroughly the existing constitution, and report to next conference.

Social Service.

Increased activity was reported by the social service committee. Financial help had come from only three churches. Wider support was sought in order to make possible an extension of the work.

The foreign mission committee reported having raised £756 in the year. It was pointed out that the allocation set for Queensland was £900, and that from the £756 raised expenses had to be deducted. The annual offering produced £367, duplex envelopes £82, Children's Day £23, special gifts for the support of Bible-women and orphans £129, Dhond Hospital gifts £17, and miscellaneous income £154. Expenses totalled £60. Remittances to the Federal secretary amounted to £700, leaving a bank balance of £13.

New Committees.

The following new officers and committees were elected:—

President of conference, C. Young; vice-president, J. B. Ash; secretary, W. J. Campbell; assistant secretary, E. Reeve; treasurer, W. A. C. Wendorf.

Home Mission Report.

The home mission committee reported that its financial operations represented a distinct advance on the previous year's. Subsidies paid for the year amounted to £187, as compared with £173 for 1932. Annual offerings and donations showed a substantial increase. On the other hand, receipts from duplex envelopes fell to one-third of the previous year's revenue from this source. Actually a gross revenue of £104 was received at a cost of £68. The home and foreign mission committees decided that unless the churches undertook to pay the cost of printing when ordering their envelopes, the supply would be discontinued.

The outstanding home mission work of the year had been the Kedron mission, as a result of which the church had become self-supporting, and more than 60 souls had been won. As a further result, a cause had been opened at Redcliffe. The committee expressed its gratitude to the Toowoomba church for having released the State organising secretary (Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen) for six weeks to conduct this mission. At Toowoomba offerings had increased 300 per cent., and the church, which a year ago was in danger of losing its building, had reduced its debt more than £1,000. It was now about to build a school hall.

constitution. The executive of the conference was made independent of and separate from the home mission committee. Formerly the executive committee consisted solely of the conference executive officers (president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and immediate past president). These officers formerly were also automatically the executive of the home mission committee.

Under the new system, which came into effect at once, the executive committee was broadened to make it representative of all sections of the conference.

The new executive consists of the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer, elected by conference, together with the immediate past president, and one representative appointed by each of the home mission, foreign mission, young people's department, social service, and women's conference committees.

At the same time, the constitution was amended to provide for the election of a home mission committee of ten members, with power to appoint from among their number their own home mission officers.

Status of Ministry.

The conference unanimously endorsed a series of resolutions directed towards raising the

Foreign Mission Committee.—Chairman, L. J. Sanders; financial secretary, H. W. Hermann; committee, F. Encheimaller, H. Collins, J. Clothier, A. Blmrose, C. Cane, A. Taylor, and Mrs. N. G. Noble.

Advisory Board.—Chairman, N. G. Noble; secretary, W. Morton; committee, J. Clothier, W. A. C. Wendorf, E. Reeve, L. Larsen, and G. E. Burns.

Social Service Committee.—C. Burden, E. Hallam, H. K. Gerrand, C. Young, G. E. Burns, N. G. Noble, E. Arnold, and C. Cane.

Connexional Fund Committee.—J. W. Clothier, C. Woff, A. F. Oldfield, F. Encheimaller, W. Rothery, and G. Colvin.

Home Mission Committee.—L. Larsen, E. C.

Hinrichsen, W. J. Campbell, N. G. Noble, G. Burns, V. Boettcher, R. Wilson, W. E. Reeve, W. Hallam, and W. A. C. Wendorf.

Youth Session.

At the young people's department session it was reported that there were in Queensland 41 Churches of Christ Sunday Schools, with an enrolment of 2,021 scholars and 321 teachers. Other young people's organisations numbered 39, with 1,038 members.

The following young people's department committee was elected:—A. E. Arnold (president), R. Wilson, Misses V. Callanan, E. Ash and D. Clapham, and O. Potter, C. Woff, H. Wyeth, B. Smith, W. Finger, C. Cane, and R. K. Gerrand.

New South Wales Conference.

W. J. Crossman.

The forty-ninth annual conference, commencing on March 27, was marked by deep spiritual fervor and largely-attended meetings. It is now four years since the conference was held at Easter, a return which more than justified the decision. The president (Bro. A. Allen) presided with graceful dignity and tact.

Youth Mission Night.

The Bible schools and young people's department held their demonstration on Tuesday, March 27. Items were rendered by the Y.P. combined choir and trio by Auburn boys. Greetings were received from Council of Religious Education and an address from Dr. A. Mackenzie Meldrum.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEMONSTRATION.

This profitable function was held at Enmore on Wednesday, March 28. The usual tea for delegates preceded the public meeting. Bro. A. G. Illingworth gave a tea-table talk, emphasising the importance of social service. Greetings were presented from representatives of the "Fellowship Movement." Bro. J. A. Wilkie delivered a great message.

BUSINESS.

The first business session began on Friday, March 30, 177 delegates being present. Greetings were received from Federal executive; Federal P.M. board; missionaries in India; R. J. Sandells, Pentecost; College of the Bible; State and district conferences; Council of Churches; H. O. Harward and E. Davis. A welcome was extended to Bro. I. J. Chivell and Dr. A. M. Meldrum, new preachers; also to Bro. J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, Vic., the conference speaker.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The churches have added 371 by faith and baptism, 105 by letter, 65 as baptised believers, 17 restorations; a total of 558. The following losses are recorded: 145 by letter, 41 by death, 275 by revision of rolls; a total of 461. The church membership now stands at 5,444, the nett gain for the year being 97.

Bible School figures show a total number of 62 schools; scholars listed schools, 4,568; unlisted schools, 336; home classes, 155; teachers listed schools, 636; unlisted schools, 48; home classes, 33. Increases for the year—schools, 3; scholars, 131; teachers, 44. The total number of scholars is 5,619; teachers, 717. 151 scholars were added to the church. The receipts for the year amounted to £143/5/5, and payments £139/8/4. There remained a cash balance of £7/19/5. The sum of £39/15/5 was actually spent during the period in connection with our broadcasting arrangements with 2CH, to which must be added the subscriptions still owing of £20/14/8, making a

total of £60/12/1. Contributions from churches and individuals amounted to £21/19/10, leaving a deficiency of £38/12/3. The deficiency for the year ending March 31, 1933, was £37/10/1.

The Council of Churches broadcasting scheme which came into operation on Feb. 17, 1932, is now operating most successfully. Several of our churches have had broadcast services, and other places in the programme have been taken by our brethren.

Conference endorsed the following recommendations:—(a) That the central office, book depot, "Christian Messenger," isolated members' roll and the speakers' plan, being essentially brotherhood matters, be taken over by the incoming executive from the home mission committee, and that a basis be discussed with the incoming home mission committee. (b) That a committee of seven brethren be appointed to go into the matter of the formation of a property trust, to take over the existing church buildings, and to be entrusted with the matter of the purchase of land and the erection of church buildings in the future; such committee to report to next conference. (c) That conference heartily supports the resolution of Federal conference recording appreciation of the services of Bro. A. R. Main as Principal of the College of the Bible and editor of the "Australian Christian" for many years, and that subscriptions be invited to provide for a monetary testimonial to Bro. Main.

A special tribute was paid to the splendid service rendered the churches by the conference president (Bro. Allen) during the period which he had served the brotherhood. Conference also placed on record sincere appreciation of the splendid service rendered by the conference secretary, W. J. Crossman.

BIBLE SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Progress and efficiency plans have been formulated and placed before the schools. Encouraging progress is reported in new centres. 73 Christian Endeavor societies are training youth, whilst the Christian fraternal holds 600 young men and women in active church service.

The receipts from all sources for ten months ended January 31, 1934, amounted to £740/12/8, including a credit balance of £47/14/8 from last year, and expenditure to £450/6/6, thus showing a credit balance of £290/6/2. Included in the above receipts is £500, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rofe settlement.

Chapel Extension.

The committee reported that the financial obligations of a number of churches, to whom help has been given through the chapel extension fund limited, have not been met, and

other applications for help have had to be refused. The amount standing to the credit of the fund is £997/8/6, which together with share capital of the fund amounting to £635/1/- and loans obtained by it from various sources to the extent of £1,239/3/9, have been loaned to various churches.

Reference and Credentials.

The usefulness of this committee is beginning to be somewhat more fully realised, and more demands have been made upon it both by preachers and churches in this State and adjoining ones.

Home Missionary.

Bro. P. J. Shelton presented the report of the committee. A big programme has been carried out during the year. Fields helped have been Albury, Gulgandra, Inverell, Grafton, Wyong and Blackheath, Canley Vale, Loftus Park, Granville circuit, Epping, Erskineville, Tempe, Paddington, and the Newcastle district. The organiser (Bro. Hagger) has held several short missions, some evangelistic and some for the deepening of spiritual life. The total number of additions in home mission churches (not including those by letter) has been 151. The committee has also engaged in other work which has proved a great help to the brotherhood, viz., the central office, "Christian Messenger," isolated roll and book depot.

For the ten months ending Jan. 31, 1934, the receipts from all sources (including a permanent loan of £250 from the chapel extension fund limited) amounted to £2,605/0/11, and the payments £2,071/2/10, showing a cash surplus of £533/18/1. The overdraft was accordingly reduced by this amount, and at January 31, 1934, amounted to £786/3/3, as shown on the detailed statement.

Conference endorsed the following recommendations: (a) That on the retirement of the present organiser on April 4, a part-time organiser be appointed, who shall be located for the balance of his time with a home missionary church. (b) That the work be continued in the present fields as long as funds will allow, and that a definite effort be made to still further reduce the overdraft. (c) That a tent be secured and a tent mission campaign be undertaken as soon as the brethren make it financially possible.

The H.M. committee, in reporting to conference the resignation of Bro. Hagger as home missionary organiser, placed on record its tribute to the many excellent qualities which have made his term of office so successful. Notwithstanding the pressure of his office duties, so efficiently carried out, he still found time to render conspicuous service in a number of missions, notably in Epping and Paddington fields. The way in which he has developed the business of the book depot from its small beginning to its present stage of usefulness to the brotherhood is another testimony to his ability and zeal. Conference endorsed this tribute, and expressed thanks to Bro. Hagger for his faithful services of the past seven years.

HOME MISSION RALLY.

Bro. Allen presided over a crowded gathering on Good Friday evening. The conference choir, under the leadership of Bro. Reg. Hayward, and with Bro. David Verco at the organ, rendered two anthems. Bro. T. Hagger's address on "Facing the Task" and Bro. J. A. Wilkie's on "Seeing It Through" were worthy of the occasion. An offering was taken, and in cash and promises it amounted to £330/2/-. A cheque for £106/4/- was presented by Mrs. Steer to the committee, this being the donation of the sisters' shilling fund. Bro. N. D. Morris expressed the thanks of the committee.

For the first time for a number of years, con-

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Here and There.

We learn that after nearly seven years of ministry with the Semaphore church, S.A., Will. Beiler has resigned.

At the recent Victorian women's conference Mrs. S. J. Wilson gave a brief outline of her visit to our missionaries in India.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Toowoomba, Q.:—"Another decision last night. Great home-coming Sunday, 29th; past members particularly invited.—Hirrichsen."

At the first meeting after conference of the Victorian Women's Mission Band Committee, Mrs. C. C. Dawson, M.A., Dip. Ed., was elected secretary. Bands will please forward contributions to her at 25 Oswin-st., East Kew, E.S.

The Department of Social Service of Victorian Churches of Christ has engaged the Melbourne town hall for Monday, October 15, for its annual fellowship rally. This date is at the beginning of the Centenary week, during which the Primer will arrive.

Some time ago we reviewed the first number of "The Christian Quarterly" published by The Berean Press, Birmingham, England. This is the only quarterly published by our brethren. The second number is now out. We call the attention of our readers to a notice concerning the magazine which appears elsewhere in this issue.

During March there were three baptisms at Fremantle, W.A., making 13 for the current year. We are grateful to the editor of "The Helping Hand," the little monthly paper published in the interests of the churches in the Fremantle-Palmyra districts, for a paragraph commending "The Australian Christian" and urging members to subscribe to this paper.

We are indebted to Bro. W. Gale for kindly collecting the material for use in the special "youth work" pages of this issue. Churches and members are reminded of the annual offering on behalf of our Bible Schools and Young People's Departments to be taken up on the first Lord's day in May. Because of the space given to this work, some of our regular departments are not represented in this number.

Designed to interest scholars, parents and friends, a Bible School and missionary exhibition held on April 7 at Collins-st. Church of Christ, Hobart, was accorded gratifying support. The work of the scholars showed careful training. Proceeds added a profit of £3/10/6 to the school funds. Articles were shown from missionary fields including China, India and New Hebrides. The exhibition was opened by Bro. A. Thurrowgood, preacher of West Hobart church.

Preliminary arrangements are in hand for worthy temperance celebrations during the Melbourne Centenary period. (1) Band of hope and general junior temperance demonstrations will extend from Sunday, Oct. 28, to Saturday, Nov. 3, Sunday, Nov. 4, will this year be observed as Temperance Sunday, and a wide observance is sought throughout churches and Sunday Schools. (2) An intensive three-day demonstration will follow on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 7, 8, 9, under the auspices of the Victorian Prohibition League and the Australian Prohibition Council. This week's activities probably will culminate with a temperance garden party under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. R. S. B. Hammond and other notable speakers will take part in this particular week's programme. (3) The W.C.T.U. will begin a big convention covering the week following, November 11-16.

Bro. A. P. A. Burden writes: I have a request from Bro. Atkinson, native evangelist assisting Bro. Payne in the aboriginal work of which Cummeragunja is the centre, for a Scofield Reference Bible. I have tried to secure a copy, but without success. There may be some brother or sister who has an old copy which could be spared for this work. I should be glad also to have any old Bibles which could be spared to give to the dark people as may be required. There is considerable demand for the Word of God, to meet which a small grant was made by the British and Foreign Bible Society. This has been supplemented by the gifts of old copies no longer required by the owners. Will any having Bibles to spare please write me? Address 41 Winchester-st., Moonce Ponds, W.A.

It is certainly a joke upon the modernists (says the "Christian Standard" (U.S.A.)), that the Hitler Government in Germany is proceeding steadily to edit out of the Christian teaching everything objectionable to the Nazi doctrine and to substitute the names and the philosophy of the old German tribal deities. These modernists have declared the Christian religion to be but an evolution like all others. It is but the result of tribal ethics anyway. Why should it not therefore yield to the vote of the tribe? And if it be objected that the action of the Nazis is retrograde, then it may be asked, How may one know that it is so? How can we know that it is not an advance if there is no standard but the inner conscience? Those of us who believe that Christianity is not the result of evolution—not even the product of the Jewish race—have no difficulty. It is a divine revelation; it furnishes its own standards.

J. K. Martin delivered impressive farewell addresses to large congregations at Collins-st., Hobart, on April 8. Representatives of friendly societies attended evening service. A farewell social was held on April 9, when members crowding the chapel testified to the esteem in which Bro. and Sister Martin are held. Bro. J. Park presided, and paid tribute to the fidelity and earnestness of our brother. Bro. J. C. D. Green, school superintendent, made eulogistic reference to Bro. Martin as a Bible class leader. Mrs. Davis and Mr. R. Allison-Norris, city missionary, thanked him for his labors on behalf of the Sailors' Rest, whilst Mr. G. Levett and Bro. D. Street respectively spoke of his excellent work for the Southern District C.E. Union and the Collins-st. society. Bro. W. Cooper spoke on behalf of the Loyal Orange Lodges, and A. Thurrowgood (West Hobart) conveyed the good wishes of the Tasmanian brotherhood. Bro. J. C. Woolley and N. A. Cooper, secretaries of West Hobart and Collins-st. churches, made presentations on behalf of these assemblies of a beautifully polished blackwood nut bowl and a wallet of notes. Bro. and Sister Martin feelingly responded.

A very happy and enthusiastic series of gatherings was held at Bendigo, Vic., on April 14 and 15. The Sunday School hall, erected at a cost of £900 nett and placed as an extension to the existing structure, had been completed for some weeks, and seating and other details had been later finished by the volunteer labor of tradesmen-brethren. On Saturday afternoon the actual opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Bendigo (Cr. G. Bennetts), and immediately afterwards Bro. A. E. Streader (church secretary) unveiled in the school hall a memorial tablet to the late Miss A. M. Aylesbury, whose bequest was largely the inspiration for the commence-

ment of the hall. Mr. E. H. Holloway (Baptist minister) conveyed good wishes as vice-president of the ministers' fraternal, and many greetings were read from former teachers and scholars. Bro. D. W. Streader (builder), D. A. Kenley (Bible School secretary), J. Ellis (associated with the school for 39 years), J. F. Gibbins (former evangelist) and A. E. Hurren (present evangelist) also spoke. The main address was given by Bro. W. Gale. On Sunday, all meetings were well attended, and additional visitors included Bro. and Sister J. Tully, of Doncaster. Bro. Gale spoke at the morning meeting on the challenge offered by the new building. At the afternoon "Back to Sunday School" meeting, a novel feature was a roll-call in which many former scholars responded with recollections of their teachers and superintendents. Bro. A. E. Streader, who recently resigned after ten years in the school superintendency, received a gift from the school staff. Bro. Gale's address was on the visit of Jesus to the temple at the age of twelve. The crowded evening service was the crowning one of the series, and at the conclusion of Bro. Gale's address (based on Jesus' call of his first four disciples) two young people made their decision for Christ. During the series of gatherings, the special thankofferings amounted to £22. The Bendigo "Advertiser" in both Saturday and Monday issues gave over a column to historical review and reports, as well as a photo. of the building.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The editor is not responsible for the views of his correspondents.)

BIBLE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The Editor, "Australian Christian."

Dear Brother,—

You have recently given us some typical answers to various questions that might be set at the annual Bible School examinations, but you left one point altogether unsolved. Should the answers be given verbatim from Scripture or in one's own words? There are some questions that ask for verbatim quotations, and naturally in such cases the more correct the quotation the better. Other questions, however, call for individual effort and intelligent grasp of the lesson under review, and therefore verbatim quotation should receive a lower mark than a less literal statement.

For example, suppose the lesson to be the parable of the "Prodigal Son," and the question, How did the elder son show his resentment? An answer leading off, "Now, his elder son was in the field," etc., quoting the whole paragraph, is not, in my opinion, of nearly the same mark value as a brief statement in one's own words bearing on the question asked.

If the examination is to be but a test of the scholars' knowledge of the words of Scripture, the sooner that is generally known the better. As matters are now, neither teacher nor scholar knows what the standard of efficiency is to be. The examiners ought to be clearly instructed on this point and the schools advised accordingly.

A little light on this matter will, I am sure, be appreciated.

Yours fraternally,

Alan Price.

[The Federal Bible Schools' Committee sets the questions for the annual examinations, but each State examines its own papers. The matter referred to in Bro. Price's letter will be brought to the notice of Federal Committee.—Ed.]

ADDRESS.

J. K. Martin (preacher Swan Hill church, Vic.),
—The Manse, Beveridge-st., Swan Hill.

News of the Churches.

South Australian News-letter.
H. R. Taylor, B.A.

More Changes.

The latest announcements about the termination of pastorates inform us that Bro. James Gordon will soon leave Cowandilla and Brooklyn Park, where he has labored with much acceptance for several years. Bro. B. W. Manning has accepted work with the home mission committee at Victor Harbor and Goolwa. He should do well in the southern district. "Bro. Bart," as he is familiarly known, has done much for the distressed families on the western side of the city. Some of them have been established on garden plots in the Mount Compass district, forty miles south of Adelaide, to enable them to help themselves. None of them has made a fortune, but at least they have been saved from despair. During the past six years nearly twenty of our city and suburban churches have had a change of evangelists. Bro. W. C. Brooker holds the record for this State with a pastorate at Queenstown approaching the thirty-year mark.

Six O'clock Closing Threatened.

Licensed victuallers are whetting their swords for another effort to secure an extension of the hours for the sale of liquor. Since the hours were reduced many years ago, the trade has been waiting for a favorable tide to enable them to reverse the decision of the people. Apparently strong pressure is to be brought to bear on the present Government when Parliament re-assembles. The situation is becoming somewhat desperate for the drink vendors. Money is not so plentiful as it was in the good old days, and tipplers have to content themselves with a nip. It is said on good authority that the removal of the betting fraternity from the bars has further diminished drinking by 25 per cent. The French general gave the order to his division leader to "take the offensive" when the latter reported that the enemy had broken through the line and was rapidly advancing, and asked, "Shall we retire?" This suggests that the time has arrived for another blow to be struck at the drink trade by closing the bars on Saturday afternoons. If we could only secure a referendum on the question!

Easy Wealth.

We did not intend to say anything this month about the gambling evil, but this is too good to let pass: Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, our departing State Governor, has added to his great prestige at the official luncheon of the Oakbank Racing Club on Easter Monday. His Excellency is reported to have said: "Betting does not appeal to me very much; perhaps because of my Scotch blood. I have realised that there are many prosperous bookmakers about, and have seen them riding home in cars while some of the backers walked." The Local Government Association has sent a strong deputation to the Premier asking him to submit to Cabinet its request for an art union on the lines of the Queensland golden casket. The Premier thought the question should be decided by Parliament through a private member's bill. One of the deputations, in supporting the request, submitted that the golden-casket would relieve the district councils of the burden of supporting the public hospitals. "It was not right," he said, "for the State to neglect such a wonderful source of income," and he assured the Premier and the public generally that "the gambling spirit would not be fostered to any greater extent than it was at

present." He did not touch upon the moral side of the question.

Procession of Witness.

Good Friday evening saw the usual procession of witness, representing all the Protestant bodies, through some of the main streets of Adelaide to the Exhibition Building, where Dr. A. C. Garnett delivered the address. One of the processionists said to the writer: "If the churches cannot raise more than a thousand Christians to bear their witness, the thing had better be dropped." Personally, we are doubtful if this method of bearing witness can do more than arouse a little curiosity on the part of those who happen to be on the sidewalks at the time. We prefer the New Testament way of testifying with the lips and life to the saving power of the gospel of Christ. This is badly needed. But this column is supposed to supply news, not criticisms!

South Australia.

Bordertown.—The tent mission which commenced on April 5 has been well attended. On April 15, three meetings were held in the tent—worship in the morning, men's meeting in the afternoon, and gospel meeting at night, at which the tent was crowded. There have been two confessions for the week.

Cheltenham.—At band of hope on April 9, an appreciated programme was given by young people from Queenstown, Bro. W. Myall giving an interesting talk. On April 15 Bro. J. Mitchell exhorted the church; evening, Bro. Reg. Lampshire preached. The cricket club has concluded a successful season, being premiers of Churches of Christ Association.

Mill End.—Meetings in connection with the Macnoughtan mission continue to be well attended. There were several confessions during the week in response to earnest and inspiring messages. He addressed the church on the morning of April 15, when four were welcomed into fellowship; spoke to the senior scholars of the Bible School during the afternoon, and addressed a crowded meeting at night. Twelve confessed Christ at the two latter services. Total to date, twenty persons. Bro. Manning leads in a bright and helpful song service prior to each meeting. Many have assisted with solos.

Berril.—On April 11 a farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister Magarey and their son Paul. Speeches were made by representatives of various interests in church and town. All testified to their high Christian standing, and to the splendid services our brother and sister have rendered. Presentations were made to them by Bro. W. A. Hunt on behalf of the church. A beautifully bound copy of the New Testament was presented to Paul by Bro. G. Jarvis as a parting gift from the Bible School. Attendances at Lord's day services are fair. Signs of spiritual life are not wanting. Occasionally a soul is added. A baptismal service was held on April 8.

Kensington.—Good meetings have been held, services being conducted in the home mission tent. Bro. Horsell addressed the church on March 18 in the morning, and Bro. Oram on April 1. All are glad to be able to hold services in a building again. The brothers and sisters have been busy turning a shop into a church hall, which was opened on April 8, when Bro. Baker spoke to good attendances morning and evening. On April 15 Bro. Baker addressed the church in the morning, when Sister Mrs. Gill, from Mount Gambier, was received into fellowship. In the evening the hall was full, when Bro. Baker gave a splendid address.

Goolwa.—For three months past Bro. H. Gray has labored in Goolwa-Victor Harbor circuit. His inspiring messages and visitation strengthened the brethren, and there was much regret at his departure from the State. The work is continuing steadily. The church is eagerly awaiting the commencement of Bro. B. Manning's labors in the circuit. Sister K. Moore is well again. On April 2 Bro. F. Filmer met with a very painful accident, but he is progressing satisfactorily. Bro. Filmer had taken the services the previous Lord's day.

Mallala.—On April 8 Bro. Garfield Rootes spoke at morning and evening services, his addresses being most helpful. He and his wife are present fortnightly on Lord's days, and their presence is an inspiration. Bro. and Sister Grigg and their daughter, Mrs. Ireland, who have been received from Murray Bridge, but reside at Two Wells, attend services as often as possible. Several others have come, making an improvement in numbers. On April 7 the late secretary, Miss Earl, was married to Mr. Lea Day. Bro. Rootes officiated. Mr. T. H. Worden is the newly appointed secretary (Mallala).

Hindmarsh.—The first week of the "youth crusade" proved a great success, with good attendances at all meetings. W. Graham delivered helpful and interesting addresses. York and Semaphore choirs assisted on Monday and Tuesday, rendering special anthems, etc. On Sunday afternoon a service for men and boys was held. At a very large gathering on Sunday evening Bro. Graham took as his subject "Great Expectations," and four girls from the Sunday School made the good confession, making eight confessions since commencement of mission. The choir rendered an anthem, and Miss E. Rodda, of Mile End church, was soloist.

Semaphore.—Miss Lottie Barrett was called home on March 31. Loving sympathy is expressed towards the bereaved. A "travelogue" evening was given on April 3 by Misses P. Brant and N. Howard and Bro. Don Beller on Mt. Buffalo, Launceston and Sydney respectively, which was much enjoyed. On April 8 Bro. J. Hall and H. J. Horsell gave appreciated messages to the church. Bro. and Sister Beiler are away on holidays. On April 10, the choir visited the mission at Hindmarsh and gave special items. At services on April 15, Bro. Mann spoke in the morning, and at night Bro. Jack Meyer spoke on "The Present Crisis."

Western Australia.

Brookton.—At the annual business meeting on April 8, good reports of church, women's auxiliary and Bible School were given. Bro. Mett, Pridoux, Craig, Foster and Seaby were elected deacons; Bro. Craig, treasurer; Bro. Seaby, secretary. It was decided to paint the church building, renovate the manse, and to engage Bro. C. G. Taylor, of Fremantle, for six months as preacher if the H.M. committee can help with a small subsidy.

Tasmania.

West Hobart.—A recent visit from Bro. Hughes was much enjoyed. He spoke to the school in the afternoon, and to a crowded audience at night. Bro. Lillye took all services while the preacher was at conference. The church joined in a farewell social to Bro. Martin, and handed him a blackwood gift in appreciation of his help while in Hobart. A special two-weeks' mission is being held, Bro. Thurrowgood being speaker.

Invermay.—Splendid meetings are being held at the mission, under the leadership of Bro. H. G. Harward. Eleven have taken their stand for Christ, five of them being Bible School scholars. I.C.E. society won the increase shield and banner recently. Sister Higgs, who is in hospital, is improving. On morning of April 15 eight were welcomed into fellowship. Attendance in tent for second week of mission averaged 125.

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New South Wales Conference.

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ference assembled for business on Saturday at the City Temple.

Council of Churches.

Bro. T. E. Rofe, in presenting the report, stated that during the year a watchful eye had been kept on public morals, and when occasion demanded strong protests had been made; this was true especially in regard to the State lotteries and the Lord's day observance. An important part of the council's operation is the conduct of the broadcasting station 2CH.

Building Advisory.

The services of this committee have had very few demands made upon them by the churches, caused no doubt by the financial stringency that the State is passing through.

Social Service.

The committee, in presenting its report, stated that the problems of vice and distress constitute a tremendous challenge to the church as well as to the State. The committee's financial position is grave. During the year the relief depot was moved to Elizabeth-st., Sydney, under the charge of Mrs. Alma Wakeley. The words, "Promoting Christian Fellowship," have been added to the name of the committee; under this heading many kinds of service have been rendered to church members. Fourteen of the boys in the home are in membership with the church. A recommendation from the executive for the appointment of a separate board to take over the control and conduct of the home at Dundas was approved, and the committee was instructed to secure suitable persons to constitute the board.

Foreign Missions.

Reference was made to the brotherhood work in India, China, New Hebrides, and amongst the Chinese in N.S.W. Bro. Henry Watson's tour in the State had stimulated the churches. Sincere appreciation of the work of the late Bro. J. R. Leach was expressed in emphasizing the necessity for prayer in the work of the Master. In countless other ways he set moving influences that will remain. One of the finest missionary demonstrations held for years took place on Saturday evening, March 30. Hearts were stirred by the gripping messages of W. L. Ewers and J. A. Wilkie.

The business of conference was brought to a high level by splendid devotional periods. The theme was "The Holy Spirit." Twenty-minute sessions were conducted by Bro. F. E. Alcorn, I. J. Chivell, J. Clydesdale, W. L. Ewers, S. E. Riches, D. Wakeley and J. Whelan, M.A.

Inspirational talks on phases of committee work by H. M. Arrowsmith, P. J. Pond and Dr. A. M. Meldrum broadened our minds and enlarged our vision. With the exception of one every country preacher was present at conference.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

On Lord's day afternoon, April 1, Bro. J. A. Wilkie preached the conference sermon, his subject being, "At the Parting of the Ways." It was a fine message, delivered to a splendid congregation. The conference choir rendered good music. The service was broadcast by 2CH. An offering for the preachers' provident fund amounted to £11/2/3.

Perhaps the most inspiring conference yet held was brought to a close on Tuesday, April 3, when the incoming president (Bro. J. Clydesdale) delivered his presidential address on "Power in Service," and afterwards presented the retiring president with a marked Bible in recognition of his service to the brotherhood.

Under ideal conditions 200 persons attended the conference picnic at Clark Island.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

The following officers and committees were appointed for the ensuing year:—

President, John Clydesdale.

Vice-president, T. E. Rofe.

Secretary, W. J. Crossman.

Treasurer, R. A. Fox.

Home Missionary Committee.—E. Davis, W. L. Ewers, W. H. Hall, T. Jackson, S. Laney, H. V. Larcombe, N. D. Morris, P. J. Pond, L. Russell, F. S. Steer, W. H. Palmer.

Foreign Missionary Committee.—H. M. Arrowsmith, S. W. Griffiths, T. Hagger, R. Hickin, C. J. King, G. E. Knight, G. Morton, R. H. Wakeley, and three sisters appointed by women's conference.

Bible School Committee.—G. Eager, C. T. Garrett, S. O. Cole, R. Greenhalgh, S. B. Hibbard, A. R. Lloyd, P. H. Morton, P. J. Pond, J. L. Stimson, P. E. Thomas, T. C. Walker.

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Council of Churches.—H. M. Arrowsmith, P. E. Alcorn, R. P. Arnott, T. E. Rofe.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Amongst resolutions carried were the following:—

That this conference of Churches of Christ in N.S.W. desires to extend to Archbishop Mowll a very hearty welcome to this city and to his work therein. It appreciates the large-hearted spirit of the archbishop, and expresses that he will have a rich spiritual experience in his new diocese, and that his ministry will have a great influence toward that righteousness which alone can exalt us as a people.

That conference places on record its appreciation of the great services that W. H. Hall has rendered to the cause in this State, not only in the capacity of conference treasurer from which he has decided to retire at this conference, but in many other ways.

That this conference of Churches of Christ extend to the Hon. P. H. Stewart, M.P., to the manager and staff of 2CH broadcasting station, to the wireless board of the Council of Churches, and to the programme convener (W. A. Marsh) its best thanks for and appreciation of the splendid service being rendered to the cause of Christianity by 2CH.

That this conference expresses appreciation to the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the facilities granted to the churches and preachers in the broadcasting of the daily devotional services and Sunday services from the churches.

That as disciples of the Prince of peace the members of this conference express the conviction that war is out of harmony with his teaching, and urges that every effort should be

At the Lord's Table.

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

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

"I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep."—John 10: 11.

Many beautiful things are said in the Scriptures concerning the relation of the Lord to his disciples, under the figure of the shepherd and the sheep. You will recall some of them readily. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters." "He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm and carry them in his bosom, and will gently lead those that have their young." In our Lord's words also, very tender and beautiful expressions are found, under this metaphor, setting forth his love and care for his disciples, and their confidence and trust in him. "He goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." "I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me."

But it is not this which is the most striking thing in the words of the Master when he speaks of the good shepherd. He emphasises strongly, and we are impressed by the fact that the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. That in itself might not be unusual in any good shepherd. Jesus indicates that it would not. The hireling fleeth at the sight of danger, but any good shepherd would be prepared to

protect his sheep with his life. That has often been true—true of the actual shepherds who have time and again given their lives on behalf of their flocks; true also of many spiritual shepherds—prophets and apostles, missionaries and ministers of the cross, who in times of persecution have died rather than betray their trust.

There is another element in the statement of the Lord Jesus, however, which is more significant still. It is not only that he, as the good shepherd, is prepared to die for his sheep, it is the fact that he intends to do so. He knows that their peril is such that he must give his life to save them. The nature of the evil which threatens them is such that his life must be surrendered. The shepherd who dies in defending his flock does not intend to die—he dies because the wolf or the bear is too strong for him. But our Lord gives his life voluntarily. "I lay down my life. . . . No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." His dying for men was in some way different from the sacrifices of those who have died in the service of the church and of God. The unique character of his death is indicated in the words so often used as we celebrate this supper: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many, unto the remission of sins."

Ascot Vale.—Bro. A. Burden exhorted on morning of April 15, there being a good attendance. Bro. L. E. Snow preached at night, when two lads decided for Christ.

Fitaroy (Gore-st.).—Fair meetings were held on April 15, Bro. Holland speaking at both services. Miss Turner and Bro. Shephard rendered a duet. The cricket club recently held an enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Murphy. All auxiliaries are working well. Miss Ella Sawyer has returned from Nyah West.

Parkdale.—Good attendances on April 8, Bro. Pateman speaking at worship service and Bro. Stephenson at night. Bright and helpful meetings on April 15 on occasion of S.S. anniversary. Large attendance at each service; splendid messages; Bro. Youens (Bambra-rd.) spoke on Psalm 7: 1 in the morning, Bro. Atkin (Dandenong) on "Giving Thanks" in the afternoon, and Bro. Stephenson an illustrated talk on "Boats of the Bible and other Boats" in the evening. Singing of teachers and scholars under leadership of Bro. Val. Wolf was very good.

Bentleigh.—On March 12, at the annual business meeting, reports showed church and auxiliaries to be in a healthy condition. Meetings continue bright and well attended. On April 8 Bro. W. Clay addressed the morning meeting; Bro. C. Curtis preached the gospel. Sister P. Wheat was evening soloist. On April 12, at a welcome to Bro. C. Curtis, of the College, who has offered his services, 18 sat to a happy fellowship tea. Words of welcome were spoken at the after-meeting by Bren. Webb, Morris, Gray and Paddiek, of Brighton circuit. Bro. C. Curtis spoke at both services on April 15.

Brighton.—On April 8 the month's meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life of the church commenced with an early morning prayer meeting. Church services morning and evening were well attended and full of interest. On April 15 Bro. Jas. E. Webb was the speaker morning and evening. At the evening communion service Miss Kath Newbold, from Saint Morris, S.A., was received into fellowship. The campaign in the Bible School between boys and girls is creating intense interest. There were four new scholars last Sunday, and the boys drew level with the girls. The girls and boys' physical culture classes, under efficient leadership, have made a splendid beginning.

Chelsea.—At the annual business meeting of the church on April 11, there was a good representation from Frankston section. Reports from all departments were encouraging, particularly that of the ladies' guild. The sisters have been a great help to the church financially as well as helping in other departments. Treasurer reported a small credit balance. Office-bearers elected: Deacons, Bren. A. S. Collings, E. E. Corfe, T. Murphy, A. Munro, T. J. Warne; treasurer, A. S. Collings; secretary, T. Murphy. Preacher's report showed an increase of nine at Frankston, a membership of 21, average attendance 20, Bible School steadily increasing, also a C.E. society. Chelsea church membership is 39.

Montrose.—On April 8 very successful Sunday School anniversary services were held. Bro. Reg. Sparks, speaker at all meetings, gave good addresses. In the afternoon he spoke on "The Root, the Shoot, and the Fruit." The singing of Root, the Shoot, and the Fruit. The singing of the scholars reflected great credit on Bro. T. Legg and Sister M. Langley who trained them. The building was again filled at night, Bro. Sparks giving an excellent address on "Paying the Price." On April 11 the services were continued, a most successful concert being given by the scholars in the mechanics' institute. A varied programme was much appreciated by a splendid audience. Prizes were distributed. Bro. Church (chairman) expressed thanks to those who had trained the scholars.

Gardenvale.—The Bible School anniversary was held on two Lord's days, afternoon and evening, finishing with a concert and distribution of

prizes on the following Tuesday. Bro. F. J. Sumpton, superintendent, supported by a loyal band of teachers, spared no efforts to prepare the children. Bro. N. Haddock, assisted by Miss O. Gray, pianiste, trained the school for the special singing, in which they were helped by visitors from Lygon-st. church. Bren. Youens, W. Saunders, Dr. Killmier, Fitzgerald and T. R. Morris gave acceptable addresses at the respective gatherings. Singing and addresses were much enjoyed by a large gathering of parents and visitors. The concert was well patronised, and reflected great credit on all concerned.

New South Wales.

South Kensington.—On April 15 Bro. Wakeley spoke at both services. His gospel address on "Men who won't go to Heaven" was very inspiring. Attendance was good.

Enmore.—Bro. Ira A. Paternoster concluded his service with the church early this month, and is now on holidays. The church is thankful for the many good things associated with his ministry of nearly seven and a half years, and hopes that he and his good wife may be very happy and successful in their work at Launceston.

Inverell and Delangra.—During Bro. Newell's absence at conference Bren. Cosh and Button occupied the platform. Ladies' guild handed a further £40 to church to reduce debt on building. All departments of work are enthusiastic. The church is co-operating in an Easter-to-Pentecost campaign. On April 7 Sister Irene Dewbury and Reginald Robinson were married by Bro. Newell. Prospects for work in this large district are very hopeful. Bren. Cosh and Newell have planned for a west visiting tour among isolated brethren.

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IN MEMORIAM.

PITTMAN (Joseph).—In ever loving memory of our beloved father, who fell asleep in Jesus on April 23, 1930 (Easter Monday).

"I have read of bright mansions in heaven,
Which the Saviour has gone to prepare;
And the saints who on earth have been faithful,
Rest for ever with Christ over there;
There no sin ever enters, nor sorrow,
The inhabitants never grow old;
But not half of the joys that await them
To mortals has ever been told."

TURNHAM.—In loving remembrance of our precious baby, Dorothy Joy, who passed to our Father's keeping April 14, 1932.

"Who plucked this flower?
I, said the Master,
And the gardener was silent."

—Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Turnham.

WOODGATE.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Emily Steane, who passed away April 23, 1933.

So missed, so mourned, yet loss and grief
With joy and gain are blent;
Knowing that Jesu's bliss is thine
Our hearts grow more content:
Our hearts grow more content:
Soon be whom we have learnt is Love
Shall bid us share thy joys above.

—Inserted by her parents, brother and sister.

WOODGATE.—In loving memory of Sister E. Woodgate, assist. supt. of Thornbury J.C.E., called home April 23, 1933.

The beautiful life God brought to an end,
But she died as she lived—everyone's friend.
In the beautiful kingdom of heaven
She is waiting to welcome each one there.
—Inserted by the juniors.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 29, 30, MAY 1 and 2.—Chelsea. April 29, Tenth Church Anniversary. 11.15 a.m. Bro. A. R. Main, M.A.; 7 p.m., Bro. Will Clay. Past members and friends invited. Special series of spiritual meetings, 8.15 p.m. April 30, A. W. Ladbroke, B.A.; May 1, G. J. Andrews; May 2, J. E. Allan.

APRIL 29 and MAY 6.—Moreland Church of Christ Bible School Anniversary. April 29, 11, speaker, Bro. Cecil Watson; 3, Bro. J. E. Thomas; 7, Bro. R. Arnold. May 6, 11, Bro. R. Arnold; 3, Bro. R. Arnold; 7, Mr. Book (original "Billy Bunny").

MAY 6.—Coburg Church Anniversary and Home-coming Day. All old members come for the day. Hospitality provided. Bro. W. H. Clay speaker morning and evening. J.C.E. reunion 10 a.m.

MAY 6.—Footscray Church Anniversary (56th). 11 a.m., roll-call of members; gratitude gift. 3 p.m., pleasant Sunday afternoon; speaker, Bro. A. W. Connor. 7 p.m., Bro. D. D. Stewart. Have fellowship at Footscray on this day. Former members especially invited.

MAY 6 and 9.—Dandenong Sunday School Anniversary. Sunday, May 6, special speakers. Wednesday, May 9, special speakers.

MAY 6 and 13.—Blackburn Bible School Anniversary Services, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on each date.

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NIGHTINGALE & CO., EMERALD.

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 M3083 not later than Friday, April 27.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.—Rom. 5: 11.

"Reconciliation" (R.V.) is a far more accurate translation than "atonement" (A.V.). The latter denotes the means by which reconciliation is effected. In this instance the apostle directs attention to the oneness with God achieved by the atonement, the realisation of which should cause all who were once enemies under "indignation and wrath" to greatly rejoice.

Reading—Romans 5: 1-11.

Tuesday.

All things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation.—2 Cor. 5: 18.

Whilst everything worth having proceeds from the great Giver, reconciliation is the greatest and choicest gift. The announcement of reconciliation, explaining its nature and the terms under which it is achieved, and beseeching men to accept this priceless gift, was Paul's chief business.

Reading—2 Corinthians 5.

Wednesday.

Now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unrepensible before him.—Col. 1: 22.

Paul here states the means by which reconciliation was produced, and its rightful results. Christ's death was the means used. A "holy, unblameable and unrepensible life" results from reconciliation. Otherwise, oneness with God is impossible.

Reading—Colossians 1: 1-22.

Thursday.

For both he that sanctifieth and they which are sanctified are all of one.—Heb. 2: 11.

"Christ and Christians, the Captain and the hosts whom he leads to glory, are all sons of the one Father—be by nature, they by grace. Hence he calls them brethren."

Reading—Hebrews 2.

Friday.

So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.—Eph. 2: 19.

Gentiles and Jews alike become one in Christ. They are sons of the one Father, citizens of the one kingdom, members of the one family, parts of the one building in which dwells God himself.

Reading—Ephesians 2.

Saturday.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?—Heb. 9: 14.

Levitical sacrifices "operate in the region of the flesh," and have but a temporary effect. Christ's sacrifice is of the eternal spirit, and produces inward and eternal effects. Redeemed souls become cleansed from "dead works," and engaged in service for their ever-living, ever-loving Lord.

Reading—Hebrews 9: 1-14.

Sunday.

For if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?—Rom. 11: 15.

Israel's rejection is not final. Refusing Christ, salvation was offered to the Gentiles, who, in turn, would be used of God as messengers of the cross, leading multitudes of Israelites to accept the once rejected Messiah as their only Saviour.

Readings—Psalm 90; Romans 11: 13-36.

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The work at Hartwell has progressed steadily since its inception thirteen years ago, and at present our membership is over a hundred, with an average of eighty at the Lord's table each Sunday. The Bible School has 150 scholars, and the combined Endeavor Societies have a membership of 45. On December 31, 1933, our building debt was £700, but since then a big forward movement has commenced, and a freewill offering in February amounted to £165.

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Churches of Christ on Eyre's Peninsula held their conference at Wudinna on Thursday evening and Friday, March 29 and 30. A large number attended from Tumby Bay, Ungarra, Lipson, Butler and Mt. Hill, although the distance of travel was well over 130 miles either way.

Thursday evening session was a welcome meeting to delegates. Community singing was greatly enjoyed. H. G. Norris, preacher of central Eyre's Peninsula circuit, heartily welcomed all visitors. Various speakers responded and conveyed greetings. A. E. Vogt, resident Methodist minister, expressed hopes of success for the conference. Mr. Wicks, president, occupied the chair at all gatherings. Ira Durdin, Tumby Bay, delivered a splendid address entitled, "Christ, the Perfect Standard."

Business session was held on Friday afternoon.

The following officers were elected:—President, I. Durdin; vice-president, H. G. Norris; secretary and treasurer, G. Hammond; auditor, L. Brock.

The following resolutions were carried:—(1) That the Lipson meeting held in August be under the direct supervision of the local committee. (2) That a fund be started to secure a tent for tent mission purposes on Eyre's Peninsula. (3) That next year's conference be held at Ungarra.

The president gave a resume of his activities during the year.

Reports from all associated places revealed a healthy state of affairs in both church and Sunday School activities. F. T. Saunders, organising secretary of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., gave a masterly address entitled, "What has the Church to Say in View of the Crisis?" A helpful discussion followed. Tea was arranged in the supper room of the local hall by the local ladies, and was greatly appreciated.

The evening session was largely attended, the chapel being greatly taxed to accommodate the audience. A devotional period preceded this gathering. A solo was rendered by Mrs. A. W. H. Barns, and a duet by Miss Durdin and Mr. E. Jones. Mrs. J. J. Bain and Miss R. Durdin presided at the organ during the various gatherings. A baptismal service took place at 8 p.m., Bro. Norris baptising Mrs. Matthews, of Wauatake Rock.

The president, Mr. Wicks, in a brief address introduced the incoming president, Bro. Durdin, who briefly responded. Bro. Saunders briefly spoke on College activities, and made an appeal on behalf of that institution. The speaker for this service was H. G. Norris, whose theme was, "The Impelling Truth." It was a fitting conclusion to the various messages and gatherings, and will long live to inspire to greater service.

Various speakers, led by Bro. G. Hammond, voiced appreciation of the splendid welcome and hospitality given those from the Tumby Bay circuit, special mention being made of Bro. and Sister L. W. Vawser for their services on the initial night.—J. J. Bain.

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