

## God and the Individual.

"If a man have an hundred sheep and lose one, doth he not seek?"—Matt. 18: 12.

God cares for each of us. Christ gave his life to make us sure of it. Every one of us has a place in the heart of God. We have all a value to him which no other can supply. It is the most incredible idea. It could never have been imagined. Jesus would not say a word to raise false hopes in our hearts. He never talked theory. What he said was always tested in his own experience.

And here he drew a picture about which there can be no mistake. A shepherd loses one sheep. He cannot bear the loss and goes out on the search for that one. "Even so," Christ said, "it is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish." And behind his will is his love.

### Love is personal.

It is good to get this clear in our minds. We believe in the love of God. We should remember, however, that love is a personal thing. It binds two persons together. We cannot love a crowd, or the human race. We can only love the individuals in it. This can be tested for ourselves if we think of our feelings when some disaster happened in which many people lost their lives. We read the headline and were shocked. But it did not really get home till we saw among the names some that we knew or had met or read something about, that helped us to see the individual. Then a real stab of pain came to the heart. It is not God's way, but ours, to think of men in masses. That is why we become the victims of prejudice, and angry passions rise and war begins. We think of people not as persons but as types. We label them and classify them. We fail to see them as men and women with their own needs and troubles and affections. God sees us differently. He knows us individually. He has a place for each of us.

Man lumps his kind in the mass.  
God singles out unit by unit.  
Those and God exist.

### We may be depressed.

We need to hold on to this faith to-day. A good many things threaten to take it from us. When we look up into the heavens, like the Psalmist, and see the moon and the stars, then say we: "What is man that thou should'st be mindful of him?" We feel very small. It is useful now and then when some little thing has grown large and clouded the sky to realise how small it is. But modern explorations among the stars can be very desolating. Another depressing thing is the way in which industry is turning men into machines. Some time ago, going through a factory, I watched a girl sitting at a machine making one movement with her hand all the time putting cards into boxes. In the next room a machine was making the same movement and doing it better! It is difficult when we become a cog in a wheel, to feel that we count for

anything vital. The sense of our value is lost. Then we get depressed and feel like giving up the struggle. What is the use of making a fight for goodness or caring much what happens to us? Some of us may be tempted to feel like this.

It is a dangerous thing to lose our sense of being worth-while to God. It opens the door to all kinds of temptations. Why not let go, and do what we please? What does it matter how we live? The spice goes out of life. It becomes just a mean struggle in the dark. If we let go our sense of individual value, also, it cuts the very nerve of service and sympathy. The sense of the sacredness of the individual lies behind all hospital work, all works of mercy. Some people would scorn the idea that they have this feeling if it were put to them in this phrase. But it is there, and to let it go is fatal.

### Our Lord's faith.

It is a comfort to know that Jesus held it fast. His whole message was dyed with it. It is one of the foundation stones of his teaching. To cut it out would be to destroy the building. There is no one whose insight we can so fully trust as his. Wherever we test him he is right. And wherever humanity has made progress, it has come by the deepening belief in the value of individuals.

But logic will not convince us. Only love will do it. The child in the home has no doubt of his place in the mother's heart. He feels it. That is one reason why the really big service to people is done through our love of them. Only love can give people the feeling that they count. "Though I give all my goods to feed the poor and have not love" nothing real happens.

And the assurance of our personal worth to God does not come through logic. It comes because Christ awakens it. He makes us feel it. There is a strange power in Christ of singling us out. As we listen to his teaching we know that his message is for us. It has so many things to say about our own circumstances and needs. This feeling of his care often begins in conscience. His voice sounds there, convicting us or challenging us. But as we listen and obey we become conscious of his forgiveness and his care. For nothing can make God so unreal to us as the evasion of his challenge or his rebuke.

Most of all we feel in the Cross the love that came to seek us, the love that reaches out to us. "He loved me and gave himself for me," Paul dared to say. He did not mean that Christ was specially thinking of him when he went to Calvary. Of course not. But one thing he knew. That love included all. There is a place in that great heart for each. And when we take our place there and rest in it, we have come home. We have peace. We who were lost in a loveless, crowded world are found.—Dr. James Reid in "The British Weekly."



MR. AND MRS. F. A. KEMP.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kemp are honored members of the Church of Christ, loved for their works' sake and for their splendid Christian character.

Mr. F. A. Kemp is the only surviving pioneer member of Swanston-st. church, Melbourne. He first met in the Temperance Hall, then in the Manchester Unity Hall, and later, from Oct. 1865, in Swanston-st. church. For the past 46 years he has been a deacon of the church. He is also a past worker of the Sunday school. Mrs. F. A. Kemp has been in membership for 52 years. She was one of the original members of the women's executive, and for over 40 years has been a worker of the General Doreas Society, of which she is a past superintendent. She is also a past superintendent of the women's home mission committee. Now, at 88 years of age, she still takes a keen interest in the work.

Our brother and sister have had a long united life, being married in June, 1874. A wide circle of friends wish them the richest blessing of God in the evening time of their life. May the heavenly Father, who has hitherto blessed them richly in sparing them so long to one another and to his church, continue to be with them and their family to the very end.



# Gideon, It's Your Job.

A. Hutson.

Go, and thou shalt save Israel, . . . have not I sent thee? (Judges 6: 14).

These words came to Gideon in a time of crisis. Israel had endured the Midianitish occupation for seven long years. Their land had been ruthlessly destroyed, taxation was oppressive, and everyone was impoverished, and had become utterly despondent. Ultimately the people repented of their sin and cried unto the Lord. The prophet of God encouraged them by reminding them that the God of their fathers was still able to deliver them from their oppression.

At this moment the angel of the Lord came to Gideon when he was threshing wheat in the winepress to hide it from the enemy, and addressed him thus: "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor." This was incredible. They thought they were utterly forsaken. Their desperate plight was surely sufficient proof of this. If God was with them, why then is all this evil befallen us? If God is with us why does he not work a miracle as he did for our fathers, and deliver them from Midian? But the Lord said, "Go thou and save Israel; lo, I have sent thee." This was rather a shock for Gideon. Like Moses and Jonah he was a very modest and timid man.

It was as if God said, "It's no use, Gideon, asking me to perform a miracle; it's your job." Now Gideon had plenty of excuses why it should not be his job. He was a poor man, his family were poor, and he was the least in his father's house. He really could not undertake the task. Someone greater, more powerful and influential, should be called. The Lord, however, gave him the assurance that he would be with him, and that he would smite the Midianites as one man. Gideon then asked for signs, which were graciously given. Thus convinced that he was God-called, he built an altar and worshipped, and called the name of the place Jehovah Shalom. "The Lord send Peace." God then used Gideon and his 300 men to work the miracle they had prayed for.

*Gideon asked, Why does not God work a miracle and save us from the Midianites?*

He and his people had developed the inferiority complex. They were depressed, and felt they could do nothing in the matter. God alone could deliver them. It was a tremendous surprise when God placed the task on Gideon: "Go thou; lo, I have sent thee. Go in this, thy might; surely I will be with thee." He obeyed God, and the miracle he had prayed for took place. Midian was driven out and destroyed. Truly it was not done without God, but God needed Gideon and his 300 men to accomplish the impossible task. God ever presses men into his service, and even to-day he calls men to accomplish impossible tasks for him. Let us consider some of the relevant issues of to-day.

*We have heard folk say, Why does not God stop the war?*

During the last war many people were asking why God allowed such fearful carnage to go on. The answer was very simple. God says, "It's your job." Stop it yourselves. Men made the war; men must stop it. When our military leaders are preparing for war, and our scientists are ever busy inventing and perfecting engines of destruction as a national policy, it is sheer folly and impudence to charge God with the responsibility of stopping war. Stop it yourselves. We pride ourselves in being a democracy. Let us use our power. God could stop war by using the forces of nature, as he did when he destroyed Sennacherib's army, or when fire and

brimstone consumed the wicked cities of the plain, or when the flood came and exterminated the people in Noah's time; but we do not wish him so to act to-day. We do not want miracles like these.

Mr. Henry Ford fitted out a white peace vessel and sailed for Europe to persuade the combatants to leave the trenches, go home, and thus stop the horrors of war. He was laughed to scorn, told to go home and mind his own business; this was not a school-boys' quarrel, and he was not allowed to preach such sedition to the men in the trenches. However, it was a noble attempt to bring the nations to reason even though it failed. Now our scientists and military men tell us that the next war (and that may not be far off) will be even more ferocious and devilish than the last. Men, women and children will be indiscriminately massacred or destroyed in the new chemical warfare.

The League of Nations seems to me to be a very definite attempt to eliminate war. It has not had all the support it deserves. It has done, however, already an incalculable amount of good. Her compulsory conferences on the limitation of armaments and sundry disputes earn our gratitude. Of course, the League has not succeeded in removing the causes of war in the struggle for world markets and national supremacy and pride. The extreme Nationalist policy of the nations to-day demands increased preparation for war. Now is the time for Christian peoples to make their influence felt in the

policy of their country. God surely calls us to this task.

*Why does not God abolish the slums?*

Think of all the misery, degradation and sin that they generate. What is God thinking about to allow such awful evils to go on? All admit that overcrowding and consequent immorality are a disgrace to civilisation and humanity. The slum should be abolished. God made the beautiful landscape, but man made the slum. The slum also develops a slumdom in the soul. Surely God is now saying to us it is time we cleaned up things a bit. Man is responsible for the mess. It is our responsibility to remedy the ghastly conditions. Every human being is surely entitled to decent living conditions. In England the civic authorities are beginning to remedy matters, and have fairly extensive programmes. At the moment, in London alone, there is a shortage of some 500,000 houses. We are waking up to see that it is our job to abolish the slum and give homes to our people.

*Others have said, Why does not God destroy the liquor traffic?*

Everybody knows that it is an awful curse. God must know of all the human woes that have been the lot of humans through this curse. Why does God not do something? But God is looking to us to rise in our might and smite this body-and-soul-destroying curse, and determine that it shall not be sold by licence or by law. We may have to remove wet politicians, and hang them out to dry in order to carry out the programme. Are we going to say it can't be done? Then we are going to doom our children to social conditions which are a decided menace to their temporal and spiritual welfare. It surely is up to us.

## At the Lord's Table.

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SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF AN  
UNDYING LOVE.

In remembrance of me.—1 Cor. 11: 25.

Most beautiful of all the tombs of the world is the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. The story of its building runs back three hundred years. Mumtaz Mahal, the wife of the emperor, died. Her husband was overpowered with grief, and as an expression of his undying love resolved to spend the wealth of his dominions in building an appropriate resting place for her body. It was built in a garden, planted with flowers and flowering shrubs, the emblems of life, and with the solemn cypress, the emblem of death and eternity. Materials and architects and builders were gathered from many parts, that the best of everything might be used, and the tomb, world-famed for its delicate beauty, was erected in the course of twenty years. In the central chamber the queen, for whom it was intended, and her lord and lover now lie. "No words can express its chastened beauty seen in the soft gloom of the subdued light coming from the distant and half-closed openings." Strange acoustic properties are there too. "Sounds are caught up by the echoes of the roof and repeated in endless harmonies, which seem

to those listening above as if a celestial choir were chanting angelic hymns. It haunts the air above and around, it distils in showers upon the polished marble, it rises, it falls." A traveller tells of standing in the recesses alone, and repeating the words, "Sacred to the memory of an undying love." "A wonderful echo caught up the words, and bore them towards the dome, where, like a baffled bird, it fell to the pavement, again to rise, only to flutter down again, but ever repeating the words, Sacred to the memory of an undying love."

The memorial of love we have before us to-day cannot compare with the Taj Mahal in magnificence or expended wealth. Well indeed that it is so, else for most of us, like the Taj, it would be a monument that we might hear about but few would ever see. It is a memorial of simple elements, which may be brought before the eyes of all men everywhere. But as we receive them, must we not say in our hearts, These emblems are sacred to the memory of an undying love? And is not this a message that we would love to send out to encircle the world, and echo through the corridors of eternity? It is the memorial of One who holds the undying love of our hearts, for he loved us, and gave himself up for us.



### Why doesn't God stop slavery, injustice and human suffering?

Just because it is our task. Moses had to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. God raised up Wilberforce and Lincoln and others to liberate the slaves of their time. In a slave market Lincoln vowed that one day he would strike this thing hard; and he did. When we read "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and "The Crime of the Congo," by Conan Doyle, our blood boils at the revolting story of human wrong and suffering. Burns well said, "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." James, in his letter, warns the oppressor of his coming doom. The God of justice will recompense. Christians should again read John's word concerning our brother's need and our duty to him and our God (1 John 3: 17). The Lord in his story of the good Samaritan indicates our duty. "Go thou, and do likewise."

### Why does not God end the depression, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house and succour the destitute? Every one admits there is something radically wrong with the world. Most of us have had to sacrifice; but millions are virtually hungry, underclothed, and without any of life's comforts. They are unemployed, and thus they must suffer. It certainly is not God's fault; for there is no scarcity of any of the essential needs of life, or of the luxuries of life, for that matter. There is abundance; yet we condemn men, women and children to starve in a world of plenty. Poverty is more acute and widespread to-day than ever. The unemployed are called human scrap, dismissed by science in this machine age. Our markets are glutted with both primary and manufactured goods, and our present national policy is to limit production, consume less and tighten our belts still further. This is a policy of suicide. There should be no limitation of production till every individual has been fed and clothed. It seems that the problem of production has been solved. Now we must solve the problem of distribution. The hungry cry, "Carest thou not that we perish?" Jesus says, "Give ye them to eat." The solution is not in the crusts that fall from our table, or the left-off clothing, or the cold charity derived from State lotteries, or the dole, or even sustenance allowances. There must be some sane, bold, national policy which shall see that the gifts of God are distributed to all in equitable and just proportions. This is a task worthy of the church of God to help solve. God's bounties are not for the few, but for the multitude.

### Others say, Why doesn't God convert the heathen?

William Carey asked his church what they were going to do about sending missionaries to evangelise the heathen. One of the fathers put the youth in his place by saying something like this: Young man, sit down; when it pleases God to convert the heathen, he will do so without your help or mine. Carey could not make this square with the great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." These were our Lord's marching orders to his church. It's our task now, not God's. Christ is depending on us. Surely we will not fail him. God has done his part; we must do ours. "How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?" We must go, or send the message of life to the uttermost parts of the earth. We have no patent rights to the gospel. We have no monopoly of God's blessings. God loved the world. The responsibility, however, rests on us to be stewards of all we have received. Freely we have received; freely give.

### Why doesn't God revive the church and bring about Christian union?

Jesus prayed that they all may be one. God willed that his people should be united. Sec-

ularism and division are not of God. They come from the carnal mind. The church does not see the evils of division. It is a source of weakness both at home and abroad. Considerable progress has been made during the last century. A much better feeling has developed. The churches are seeking to get together. So far the plan has been compromise, a give-and-take policy. Christian unity will, however, only be realised fully when that which divides is put away, and we all stand firmly upon the word of God alone. It is our task to show the way to union. With God's blessing we believe the Lord's prayer will yet be fulfilled.

At the present moment it may seem that these great projects are in the realm of the im-

possible; but, if the Lord is with us, why should we be discouraged? Believe in your Lord, in yourselves, and in the future.

## A Health Trip to Australia and Fiji.

[Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Jubulpore, C.P., India, send greetings and the following "open letter to the churches of Australia."—Ed.]

Our visit to Australia has come to an end. The good ship "Strathaird" is fast leaving your shores. You may imagine the love-streamers still fluttering from her decks. Mrs. Davis and I have been guests in your homes and churches. We have enjoyed your hospitality. We have seen your substantial buildings and travelled your beautiful streets and parks. We have looked upon some of your magnificent scenery, and yet have touched only the borders of your great land. Naturally we feel deeply indebted to groups and individuals, and beg this opportunity to express our appreciation.

Up to the time of our visit we had met but a few representative Australians. First and foremost among them is our mutually beloved Miss Mary Thompson, who has given so many years to India; then Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman, Miss Edna Vawser, Dr. Oldfield and Miss Linda Foreman, all of India past or present. We went to America to meet others. At the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in 1928, we sat at table with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyall at the missionary breakfast. Our good opinion of Australia was augmented.

It was the misfortune of ill-health that necessitated this trip to your shores. It was our good fortune to have Miss Thompson as travelling companion as far as Perth and Adelaide. Two weeks with her on the ship gave us at least a primary introduction to the great continent in the south seas. On our return trip to Adelaide it was good to see Miss Thompson comfortably located.

On further consideration I find the sea is too large and the seasons too short to write about. We have passed with incredible speed from summer to winter, and back again to summer. As to scenes—well, with the Queen of Sheba we can say the half was never told nor can be. As to the sun: your sun down in the south is a queer one. He shines on the north verandah at noon time and throws all our reckoning out of gear. And ships: they are getting to be so much bigger and better that any word of mine would soon be out of date. Let me write about something easy such as the billy-can, boomerang and buildings. We saw these, and they are understandable.

Evidently the billy-can is an institution in Australia. It is to the bushman what the "lota" is to the Indian, and corresponds to the empty tomato can of the American cowboy of a century gone. The billy-can is the bushman's kettle, his teapot and his water bucket. Well, we, too, boiled our billy-can at a farm house for our tea and had a dainty and delicious lunch by the roadside. Blessed be the billy-can. Civilisation sometimes becomes too complicated. Beat the depression with a cult of the billy-can. I am most afraid to let that statement stand. Some day it may come back at me like a boomerang. And that reminds me to tell you that some good friends gave us a real boomerang and showed us how to throw it. Many thanks for such a characteristic souvenir of Australia. It is more portable than a "koala" bear or a kangaroo. Evidently a boomerang, if well thrown, will do its work and return for further service; but what I saw of this weapon in action suggests this observation: if a man is too crooked, real downright crooked and mean, his very meanness will turn upon him like a boomerang. It will fly back and smite him down.

### Australia's buildings.

One would think that anybody could say something nice about the magnificent buildings of Australian cities. We, certainly, were amazed at their permanence and grandeur. On the contrary, one day when within sight of the splendid town hall of Melbourne, we were told of a visitor who nearly ruined his otherwise untarnished reputation for veracity by making the assertion that most of the buildings of Australia are built of wood and have sheet iron roofs. What a slander! Such a summary is nothing else than that of a blind man who bumped against some bushman's hut and supposed he had found Adelaide's railway station or Sydney post office. The massive and beautiful buildings were a constant source of wonderment to us. Australia might put down her great buildings in London or New York and not be ashamed.

Sydney bridge is an amazing structure; in fact it is almost an institution. Folks tram over it, tramp over it, and motor over it. I suspect at one time they almost quarrelled over it. Nevertheless, it remains one of the greatest institutions, next to the sheep, that ever came to Australia. It cost a heap of money, but possibly not more than the marauding rabbit. One is a thing of beauty and a joy forever; the other a pest to be got rid of perhaps never. The bridge unites not only parts of the city, but the people themselves in their pride of a great accomplishment. We read much about the bridge when it was under construction, but never dreamed of seeing it. Now we have seen its massive structure near at hand and its graceful

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## The Circle.

J. C. P. PITTMAN.

### PULPIT DON'TS.

Don't preach more than thirty minutes.  
Don't think to be immortal by being eternal.  
Don't try to be eloquent; only try to be simple.  
Don't preach your own doubts or the doubts of others. Your people have doubts enough of their own, and can always pick up more.

Don't raise the Devil in the pulpit unless you are very sure you can lay him.

Don't preach science; not even the science of theology. Your pulpit is not a lecture platform, nor your church a class room.

Don't try to be funny in the pulpit. Never say a funny thing on purpose. Humor that says itself will do no harm.

Don't try to be someone else. There is only one Person worth imitating; and the way to imitate him is by living in him.

Don't substitute gush for good sense, rhapsody for reason, and assertion for argument. The Australians are a strong people, and they need a meat diet.

Don't mistake noise in a sermon for eloquence, or noise in a prayer for devotion.

Don't use the long prayer to tell your congregation the news of the week, or the Lord the latest discoveries in theology.

Don't gesture with malice aforethought.

Don't try to save the truth; the truth can take care of itself; save men.

Don't turn your pulpit into a stump. If you want to help your party, find a stump outside.

Don't ask the centre pews what you may preach; ask the New Testament.

Don't try to be prudent, only to be brave. Even Paul begged his friends to pray for him that he might speak boldly as he ought to speak.

Don't imagine that you are the board of deacons, the board of trustees, the church meeting, and the society; you are only the pastor.

Don't forget that it always takes two to perpetuate a scandal; one to listen as well as one to speak.—Selected.

### YOUR TABLE OF CONTENTS.

Most magazines or books have a "table of contents" in them, near the front, telling briefly what will be found in the book, so that a reader may tell whether or not he will be interested and find it worth while to go on further. If it looks interesting, he reads on, but if the contents are dull, he stops right there.

Although you may never have thought of it in that way, we all have a table of contents, too, for people to read and see whether they want to know us better or not. A good deal of this table is in the face, of course. For a while try studying the faces of everybody you meet. What faces do you like? Why do you like them? Which faces do you dislike? Why? What has clearness, cheerfulness, surliness, or irritability, to do with your impression?

Then, there are clothes. Some people say that clothes make the man. Of course, we know better than that, but they do indicate what one

thinks about himself. Study the clothes of others for a while. How do their clothes fit their character? What sort of faces and clothes do the people who are most successful wear?

These two things are the first lines to read in any index of people, because the eye sees them at once. So they are important in how people will judge you. If you give people a favorable impression, it often helps you a great deal. The next line will always come when you speak. You do not like to hear a harsh voice, nor a whining one. There are other sorts of voices that you do not like, either. Especially mumbled words, spoken with closed teeth and lips, as though the person was too lazy to open them. Then, there are voices that are clear and distinct and pleasant, that make you feel good all over. A pleasant voice is a thing that can be cultivated.

There are other lines: The way you walk, how you carry yourself, the care of your hands and hair, and then, good manners—courtesy. All these count a lot in first impressions when your table of contents is read. It has often been said that one is apt to make a mistake in judging others by their looks, but if you read the whole table of contents, you are going to have a pretty accurate idea of many of the chief characteristics of a person.—Selected.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Myrtle always wants to know how much everything costs," said her mother to Aunt Marion. "Sometimes I get provoked with her. Whenever any new thing comes into the house she almost invariably asks, 'How much did it cost, mother?'"

Sometimes the question may be provoking, sometimes it may be rude, but it is a good thing, nevertheless, to consider the cost of things.

Did you ever stop to think of the cost of carrying on the library that you may have good reading, of the cost of carrying on your church and your Sunday school? Did you ever think that it costs your Sunday-school teacher something in time and in energy to teach you? These are good arithmetic questions for an idle hour. Do not be depressed by your indebtedness to others, but resolve to show them that you are worth every bit of it.—Exchange.

Teacher.—If your mother is shopping and finds she has left her purse at home, she may ask the clerk to send the parcel C.O.D. What do these initials mean?

Bright Boy.—Call on daddy!

Would you mind walking the other way and not passing the 'orse?' said a London cabman with exaggerated politeness to the fat lady who had just paid a minimum fare.

"Why?" she inquired.

"Because, if 'e sees wot 'e's been carryin' for a shilling 'e'll 'ave a fit."

## The Family Altar.

J.C.P.P.

### TOPIC.—THE DIVINE OWNERSHIP.

Monday, July 2.

He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.—Luke 16: 10.

So that God measures our work not according to worldly standards. How fond we are of the words "great" and "small," forgetting that they scarcely find a place in God's vocabulary. It is rather a question of faithfulness or unfaithfulness. The humblest service is acceptable if performed faithfully, and "he that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much." Reading—Luke 16: 1-13.

Tuesday, July 3.

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away.—Matt. 25: 29.

In worldly matters this is verified by experience of all. Those who use their talents find them increase, those who use them not lose them. This is true also in the spiritual realm. We must use God's gifts or lose them. If we seek for more, we must use what we have. Reading—Matthew 25: 14-30.

Wednesday, July 4.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.—Psalm 24: 1.

The cattle upon a thousand hills are his; the gold of every mine, the pearls of every ocean, the wealth of every continent, belong to the Almighty. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights." It is imperative that we recognise the divine ownership. We must never lose sight of the source from which all blessings flow.

Reading—Psalm 24.

Thursday, July 5.

Trade ye herewith till I come.—Luke 19: 13.

Even so must we use our talents "till he come," for "to each one is given the manifestation of the spirit to profit withal"; grace is "given according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Until he comes to call us hence we must improve our talents to his glory and the advancement of his kingdom.

Reading—Luke 19: 11-28.

Friday, July 6.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high.—Prov. 50: 14.

"When we give God thanks for any mercy we have received, we must be sure to pay the vows we made to him when we were in pursuit of the mercy, else our thanksgivings will not be accepted."

Reading—Psalm 50: 1-15.

Saturday, July 7.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.—Rom. 14: 7.

Whether we live or die we are the Lord's. Whatever be our circumstance in life, and even in death, we are associated with the Lord. Being not our own, but his, we should not seek to live to ourselves, but rather follow in his footsteps in living for others.

Reading—Romans 14: 1-8.

Sunday, July 8.

Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.—1 Cor. 4: 16.

The apostle, without the slightest egotism, wrote thus, for he had in mind his dear Lord, whose spirit he breathed and in whose footsteps he constantly walked. In so far as he followed Christ, he would have others follow him.

Readings—Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 4.



## Prayer Meeting Topic.

July 4.

### A STRUGGLE AT NIGHT.

(Genesis 32: 24-32.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Jacob's cunning and subtlety had cost him twenty years of exile. His mother, a partner with him in his planning against his brother, had died, but there was the call of the homeland. Shall we say, too, the call of God. When God and the homeland both call who can resist? Hitherto Jacob had been afraid to return, but now the way seems clear. But there are yet some lessons to learn. On nearing the old home-place, from which he had twenty years before set out, certain angels or messengers of God met him with a very startling piece of news that Esau, his brother, whom he had so grievously wronged, was on his way to meet him, and with him four hundred men. What could the four hundred men be for except battle? Esau then had not forgotten the past. Such we may imagine was the thought of Jacob.

#### Fear and Preparation.

The thought and knowledge of extreme danger may provoke a paralysing fear. Jacob is now, as always, a man of thought, and he carefully made his plans. In extreme danger he does not lose his head. His large company he divided so that should one part be attacked the other might have a chance of escape. He also knew the value of buying off folk by kindness, and so prepared a very valuable present for his brother Esau, and sent this on well ahead of the company. The present, besides, was designed to express to Esau his wealth and strength. In the earlier part of the chapter from which the reading is taken there is recorded the prayer of Jacob to God. It is the revelation of Jacob's heart. It is not the same Jacob that came out years before. There are many changes. Jacob now realises his dependence upon God.

#### A Struggle.

"And Jacob was left alone." In the midst of our most difficult days, in the time of extreme trouble, is it not true that we feel alone? And in the darkness we wrestle for victory. And Jacob in his aloneness found himself wrestling. Who was this man? Jacob evidently believed that he was in the place of God. He said in the morning, "I have seen God face to face." He had been wrestling with God. And it was "until the breaking of the day." Is it not true that in the experience of men, after the prolonged struggle in prayer, the wrestling of the soul, there comes the dawn of a new day? A brighter day than ever could have been without that night experience. Maybe to some reader there was added another experience. "He touched the hollow of his thigh." Seriously handicapped, but sometimes God's way of teaching and of imparting power for life. Paul said, "There was given me a thorn in the flesh." Milton blind. Bunyan in prison, and an army of others testify that "when I am weak then am I strong." It is only when we realise our weakness that we can appreciate God's strength. It is sometimes the making of a man or woman. God was educating Jacob. God was bringing him by his own way to victory both for God and himself. He received a new name, and that a significant one. He was no more Jacob the supplanter but Israel, a prince with God. All the imagined things failed to happen, for God was in his life. The night struggle was followed by consciousness of God's presence, peace and victory.

TOPIC FOR JULY 11.—A STARLESS NIGHT.  
—John 9: 1-12.

## Our Young People.

Conducted by WM. GALE.

### Deacons Call for a Report.

#### Internal Assistance.

##### 1. Constitution and Organisation.

In rules for the conduct of the school would be included suggestions as to teachers being in place before the opening of the session, attendance at special services, encouragement to scholars to bring their own Bibles and hymn-books, undisturbed lesson time for class.

The common aim and purpose of the entire school presupposes that the scholars shall be treated with loving care and consideration, and that the training received, and consequent development, will be the optimum obtainable as the result of the continuous co-operation of all departments, teachers, officers and superintendents. The superintendents must be thoroughly acquainted with each member of the staff and the problems of the school, just as each teacher must know the scholars individually.

##### 2. Personal.

The aim of the superintendents and teachers with regard to the scholars is: (a) to lead to an intelligent love of Christ, and personal devotion to him; (b) to educate in formation of right judgments; (c) to prepare for service in the church. The most effective means is always the personality and example of the superintendents and teachers. A radiant personality—one aglow with religious fervor—is essential to bring out the best in the scholars, and it is no less so in the superintendent in relation to his or her assistants. A personal religion, first-hand, and the love and power of God through Jesus come by (a) regular Bible reading, (b) regular and devout prayer, (c) regular communion, preceded by careful preparation.

##### 3. The Lesson.

The programme of each session should be grouped around the lesson in such a way that the scholar is impressed with the unity of purpose of all the exercises. The superintendent in remarks, prayers and hymns should prepare such an atmosphere as will make the presentation of the lesson by the teacher easy. Regular attendance at weekly preparation classes is an essential feature of a successful Bible school.

If apathy and indifference are to be replaced by live interest, there must be active co-operation and working together.

#### Y.W.L. PICTURES.

##### SCRIPTURES FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1934.

Date.	No.	Story.	Text.
July 1	26	2 Kings 5: 1-14	2 Kings 5: 14
" 8	27	2 Kings 6: 8-23	2 Kings 6: 17
" 15	28	Acts 9: 36-42	Acts 9: 36
" 22	29	Red Indian Missions.	
" 29	30	Matt. 5: 1-12	Matt. 5: 9
Aug. 5	31	2 Kings 22	2 Kings 22: 8
" 12	32	2 Tim. 3: 14-17	2 Tim. 3: 16
" 19	33	John 1: 1-14	John 1: 14
" 26	34	Gen. 11: 1-9	Gen. 11: 6
Sept. 2	35	Luke 11: 5-10	Luke 11: 9
" 9	36	Matt. 18: 23-35	Matt. 18: 33
" 16	37	Luke 19: 12-27	Luke 19: 26
" 23	38	Luke 10: 25-37	Luke 10: 33
" 30	39	Luke 14: 12-14	Luke 14: 13

A note for No. 29, concerning Red Indian Missions, will appear in "Pure Words" in July issue; for No. 28, about Elizabeth of Hungary, in June issue; concerning Bible in other tongues may be had from British and Foreign Bible Society; for No. 34 in August issue.

The deacons of a Victorian church, following a discussion on the work of its Bible school, called for a report, on the means available to help them solve their Bible school problems. The following excellent paper was the result. We are happy to make it available to a much wider circle.

The main problem stated was the matter of inducing incentive, especially with reference to younger teachers, to obtain their regular attendance and more enthusiastic interest in the school work. The subject is considered in two types of treatment—the available external means of help, and the general lines along which the members of the staff may themselves improve the efficiency of the school.

#### External Assistance.

It is the function of the Bible School and Young People's Department to provide encouragement and stimulus to keep all the workers in schools and young people's organisations keen all the time for advancement. Facilities already developed are:—

##### 1. Teacher's Diploma and Expert Degree.

(a) Under the auspices of the National Council of Religious Education a diploma is granted after a three years' course of study and passing the qualifying examinations in psychology and teaching methods.

(b) Following on the recent front rank schools campaign it is proposed by the Department to follow with an appropriate course of instruction.

(c) The courses for teacher's diploma and expert degree to be granted by the Department has been postponed until it can be carried through under the guidance of a permanent organiser.

##### 2. Training in Leadership Conferences.

The main activities in this connection are the summer camp conferences at the Christmas-New Year season, and in February. The mornings are spent in study, afternoons in recreation, and the evenings are closed with devotional services—all under expert leaders.

An initial step to the introduction of local church group conferences was made last winter, when a series of four meetings was held at Thornbury.

##### 3. Schools of Methods.

This form of assistance consists in a series of lectures which are given on a single evening, conducted by a team from the Young People's Department, and illustrated by epidiastor and exhibitions.

##### 4. Libraries.

There are now three libraries for the use of youth workers in town and country. The books are loaned free.

The Department will arrange for a representative to meet with the Bible school staff to discuss any problem. This method has the advantage of affording personal contact by the committee with the school.

The recently reported State-wide decrease in membership in schools has emphasised the urgency of having a full-time organiser and leader. Mr. Keith Jones has just been appointed to this position. He left on May 19th for a visit to Great Britain to study young people's work and to meet the leaders in various parts. This journey will be entirely at his own expense.



## Here and There.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Queensland:—"Had delightful induction service Ma Ma Creek yesterday; three further decisions Toowoomba.—Hinrichsen."

Mr. H. B. Robbins (our Victorian conference president) was recently called to Sydney owing to the death of his mother, a faithful member of Belmore church, who passed away on June 19. Our brother and all the bereaved ones have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

Bro. V. G. Boettcher began a twelve-months' engagement as full-time preacher with the church at Ma Ma Creek, Q., on June 17. For two months previously Bro. Boettcher had been assisting the church as week-end preacher. His work during that time was much blessed, there being fifteen decisions for Christ.

The following telegram from Queensland reached us on Monday:—"Davis evangelistic campaign Boonah great thrilling close Sunday, seventeenth; eight additions, over forty pounds offering; enthusiastic meetings for week at Aratula, hall filled Sunday night, four decisions; continuing at Silverdale for week; church inspired.—Jenner."

On Thursday, June 21, we received the following cheering telegram from Palmerston North, N.Z., where Bro. Alf Hinrichsen is the preacher of the Church of Christ:—"Crowded anniversary services mark completion two years' Palmerston, with over 160 decisions. Eighteen stepped out last five weeks. Enlarged chapel filled to capacity.—Hinrichsen."

The annual concert given by students of the College of the Bible is usually a most enjoyable event. Friends of the College are requested to reserve Monday, July 23, for this year's concert, which will again be held in Lygon-st., Carlton. The chairman of the College Board of Management (Bro. Robert Lyall) will preside, and a varied musical and elocutionary programme will be presented.

Intermediate Endeavorers at Lygon-st., Cralton, Vic., held a successful social evening on June 23. All auxiliaries and members are busy carrying out the church's aims for centenary year. Good attendances on June 24, with a happy spirit manifest. Bro. Enniss spoke morning and evening. At the close of his gospel address on "Is a Good Life Good Enough?" there were two confessions and one restoration.

At Thornbury, Vic., large and interested congregations attend gospel meetings. Bro. W. Jackel is giving a series of addresses from Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." C.E. society is making remarkable progress; splendid gatherings, attendance of 72. A library has been formed in connection with this society, books suitable for this auxiliary being obtainable. Bible school continues to show progress. A welcome visit was paid by Bro. W. Gale to the primary department. On June 24 Bro. Jackel's subject was "The Interpreter's House." Three were immersed. There have been two more confessions.

Girls' and boys' clubs at Brighton, Vic., recently held a successful parents' night. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Brown, sen., and to Mr. Ludvigsen and Miss Ludvigsen, through the death of loved ones. Splendid attendances at all Sunday services. Bren. A. A. Hughes and A. E. Forbes have given helpful addresses at morning meetings. Bro. Webb concluded a series of addresses on "The Great Commission" last Sunday evening. At close of a very good meeting six young people were immersed. Women's mission band thoroughly enjoyed the visit and address of Mrs. S. Wilson on June 21. All departments of the work are prospering.

Our South Australian Bible school department has set apart its secretary, Bro. Will Beiler, to evangelise and organise among the Bible schools of the State. Bro. Beiler relinquishes his work at Semaphore on July 8. He will immediately enter upon his new work. A great forward move is expected.

The Victorian women's mission band committee has arranged another series of group meetings. Plans have been made whereby all our women in the metropolitan area may receive the help and inspiration of such gatherings. Mrs. S. Wilson will be the principal speaker. Meetings will be held at Babyon, July 4; Malvern, July 11; Lygon-st., July 19; Northcote, July 25. All sisters are cordially invited to attend and enjoy these meetings.

The Bible school department in S.A. has again arranged a teacher training course for this year. It consists of three lectures on each of the following subjects:—"The Church," by T. E. Edwards; "The Bible," by L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D.; and "The Scholar," by Will Beiler. Already nearly 500 students have entered. A State-wide increase drive for three months is now in progress in our S.A. Bible schools. During the first month (May) of the effort, 150 new scholars have been secured.

The manager of our British book depot advises us that the depot has a couple of hundred sets of posters (20x30 inches), printed on good art paper in two colors, and illustrated with the famous picture "Baptism of Christ in Jordan," for disposal at a price which is most attractive, namely 2/9 the set of six posters. They were printed by one of the best printers. Here is a good opportunity for churches to secure a fine set at a much reduced price. Those desirous of securing the posters are requested to order direct from Mr. E. A. Collins, manager Churches of Christ Book Depot, Brighton-rd., Birmingham, England, sending cash with order.

At Mile End S.A., two were welcomed into fellowship on June 17. Junior C.E. choir of 70 voices sang over the air, and also rendered several items during gospel service. Bro. B. W. Manning gave far-well messages morning and evening on June 24. Four were received into fellowship at a splendid morning meeting. At conclusion of Bro. Manning's address at night three confessed Christ, and three others were immersed. Extra seating accommodation had to be provided for the friends who attended. Gifts were made from J.C.R. and Junior department of Bible school to Bro. and Sister Manning. Mrs. Manning has been Junior department superintendent for several years, and is highly esteemed by teachers and scholars.

The Churches of Christ Directory for 1934, published by the authority of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia, has just been issued. Copies may be obtained from all State secretaries, Austral. Co., or Fredk. N. Lee, Federal conference secretary; price, 1/1. posted. The directory contains names and addresses of Federal conference executive and all committees, also names and addresses of all State conference officials and committees, preachers, missionaries, church secretaries, Bible school secretaries, etc. For secretaries and treasurers of churches and auxiliaries, and indeed for many other people, this booklet is of great value. Those buying directories may well be advised to note changes of addresses advertised in "The Australian Christian," and by making the necessary corrections keep their directory up to date.

The church at Lower Heytesbury, Vic., continued meetings on Lord's day mornings in the homes till a month ago, when, having obtained the services of Bro. A. Pratt for a few weeks, it was decided to move into the local school. Bro. and Mrs. Pratt spent a month in the district, and were blessed with splendid weather for their work. Gospel meetings were conducted on Sunday evenings, and also twice during the week. A prayer meeting was also held each week at one of the member's homes. Some splendid meetings were held, the school being comfortably filled on several occasions. Three members were added by letter during Bro. Pratt's visit, making a total of 15 members on the roll at present. The visiting done by Bro. Pratt has awakened an interest in the work. The local brethren have decided to carry on gospel meetings each Lord's day evening. A Bible school was started during Bro. Pratt's stay, Bro. A. Langley being elected superintendent. The church has decided to obtain a block of land for a chapel, and a site in a fairly central position has been offered by one of the members.

### ADDRESSES.

V. G. Boettcher (preacher Ma Ma Creek church).—Church of Christ Manse, Ma Ma Creek, via Grantham, Q.

F. Collins (preacher Ann-st. church, Brisbane, Qld.).—71 Hampstead-rd., Highgate Hill, South Brisbane.

Mrs. C. G. Dawson (secretary Victorian Women's Mission Band Committee).—25 Oswin-st., East Kew, E.S.

T. G. Mason (preacher Maryborough church, Qld.).—36 March-st., Maryborough.

### DEATH.

BISH.—On June 20 (suddenly), at Watsonia-st., Oakleigh, Henry Bish, formerly of Swan Hill, beloved husband of Marie, and father of Rose (deceased), Henry, Beatrice, Frederick, John, Olive (deceased), Stanley (deceased), Albert and George Bevis.

### IN MEMORIAM.

KEMP.—In loving memory of Mrs. B. J. Kemp, whose life filled with kindly deeds ended on Wednesday, June 13, 1934.

—Inserted by her sorrowing co-workers of the Victorian General Dorcas.

WARNER.—In affectionate remembrance of my loved ones, Joseph, devoted husband, called home June 29, 1933; Leslie (Lieut. A.I.F.), died of wounds in France, June 8, 1917; and Marjory, called to higher service, Sept. 20, 1930; loved father, brother and sister of Essie, Mrs. W. J. Cosh, Winnie, Mrs. J. T. Cosh. "Our loved ones, safe in God's keeping."

—A. Warner, "The Rest," York-rd., Beecroft.

### COMING EVENTS.

JULY 8.—The Sunday morning service at Swanston-st., Melbourne, will be broadcast from station 3AR.

JULY 16 (Monday).—Annual Meeting C.M.A. of Victoria, Swanston-st. lecture hall. Election of officers. Address by Prof. H. A. Woodruff on the attitude of the Christian church to the social problems of the day. Tea for church officers, 6.30, at which representatives of committee of accountants will report on book-keeping system for church treasurers.

JULY 23.—The annual concert by students of the College of the Bible will be held in Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, on Monday, July 23, at 8 p.m. An enjoyable programme is being arranged. All friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

### BETWEEN SUNDAYS.

#### SWANSTON-ST. LECTURE HALL.

July 4—Visitor's Night.

R. K. Whateley, M.A., Dip. Ed.,  
Subject, "Hereditry and Environment,"  
Soloist, Mr. R. Nankervis.



## News of the Churches.

### Western Australian News-letter. J. K. Robinson.

#### Christian Endeavor Convention.

The outstanding event for the month in the religious world of W.A. was the State Christian Endeavor convention, held from June 1 to 4, reported to be the "best yet." The writer, being president of the Central Districts Union, attended most of the sessions. Both in the conferences and rallies the helpful spiritual atmosphere was most marked. The special convention speaker was Mr. Hugh Paton, Presbyterian minister, lately arrived from Sydney. His messages were of a high order, intensely evangelistic, presenting Christ all the way through. At the final consecration rally, Wesley church, Perth, was packed to the doors with an audience of 1,000, 65 of whom, mostly young people, decided for Christ, some for the first time, others for reconsecration. Every name of the 65 was taken; they have since been written to by the State C.E. Union, and the ministers of the churches of which they were adherents have been supplied with the list of names for their respective attention.

#### New Feature by Lake-st. Church.

Lake-st. church, under the leadership of Bro. A. Brooke, has inaugurated a series of fellowship meetings, to follow immediately upon the Sunday evening services. The meetings, which are held in the fine hall which Lake-st. possesses, are designed for the young people, and are known as "A Young People's Fellowship." The programmes are carefully prepared, and are followed by supper. The opening programme of the series was a lantern lecture on "Pilgrim's Progress."

Bro. Brooke has made a quiet, unobtrusive, but effective start in his new work at Lake-st. He has now undertaken the Thursday morning broadcast devotional services from National Station 6WF.

#### Youth Department Progress.

The Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee has issued the first copy of a small monthly paper of four octavo pages, devoted to work among the young people. The name is "The Young People's Gazette," and it seems assured of a good reception. Western Australia has no brotherhood paper embracing all interests, but the young people's committee has so financed its journalistic venture that should the present hopes of publishing a brotherhood paper be realised, it will be able to contribute financially whilst still maintaining its departmental paper.

#### Visit of Bro. K. Jones.

Leaving his boat at Albany and travelling overland by train, Bro. K. Jones, en route to England, spent May 26, and 27 in Perth. We were delighted to meet him again, and to be able to congratulate him on his appointment as Victoria's youth leader. Through the hospitality of Bro. and Sister Brooke a number of preachers met Bro. Jones at tea on May 26, and spent the evening talking over the work of the kingdom. Western Australia prays God's richest blessing upon Bro. Jones in his new work, and upon the Victorian young people's committee in its great forward step.

#### Midland Junction Mission.

From many standpoints the tent mission at Midland Junction, with Bro. P. E. Buckingham as missionary and Bro. S. Nelson as song-leader, has been disappointing. On the second day a

storm was responsible for about £20 worth of damage to the tent, and since the re-opening the weather has been very cold and wet. If we judge by externals, the mission has not made a very great impression on the residents of the town, but the missionaries have faithfully sown the seed, for which they are to be commended. It has not been an easy task. There have been two baptisms to date of writing.

#### Work in the South-west.

The three south-western churches, Harvey, Collie and Bunbury, are in a healthy condition. Harvey is doing well with Bro. Hudson as minister. Collie is in great heart, having been wonderfully uplifted spiritually and strengthened numerically by the recent mission. Bro. V. Whelan has been serving the church on a half-time basis, but leaves soon for Britain to further his medical studies. Bunbury is a centre of enthusiasm, eagerly working to gather the necessary funds to enable a start to be made with a new building. Bro. T. D. Maiden, the minister, is to be married on July 4 to Miss Dobbie, of Northam. May God bless them both. Bro. Maiden is in his second year of service in Bunbury.

#### Western Australia.

**Victoria Park.**—There have been two restorations and three confessions and baptisms since last report. One is the first-fruit of the work at Rivervale Bible school, and one other will take fellowship at Lake-st. church. Over 30 trees were planted by members in church grounds on arbor day.

**Kalgoorlie.**—There were good meetings on May 10 and 17. Bro. Hinrichsen and J. McDermid spoke at morning services on foreign mission work. Good meetings and a marked increase in attendance are also experienced at midweek prayer meetings. Bro. Hinrichsen is giving a series of addresses on the book of Revelation.

**Bassendean.**—On May 31 Sister Peters held an afternoon at her home, 15/- being realised for kindergarten renovation fund. On June 3 Bro. White gave an uplifting exhortation on "The Holy Spirit." In the evening Bro. Gray preached, and Sisters McClaren and Preedy sang a duet. On June 10 Bro. Gray delighted all with his helpful messages. Sister Butcher, sen., is home from hospital and progressing well.

**Perth (Lake-st.).**—During last month there were helpful meetings, and seven new members were received by transfer. Average attendance at morning service was 144; evening, 165; midweek prayer service, 40. Bro. Roberts, missionary to South American Indians, addressed midweek service on June 15. Bro. Keith Jones, journeying to England, paid a visit on May 27, and spoke especially to young folk at evening service. Bro. Will. Paget addressed the church on June 10. It has been decided to use new hymn book for evening service; it has been used at other services for some time. Members of the girls' club gave a nice concert on June 7, and so raised over £3 for the two Sunday schools. Kinnisnton school is in good working order, and is now proposed to raise funds for a building on the land secured recently and the commencement of church services.

#### South Australia.

**Norwood.**—On June 17 Bro. Russell, of Prospect, gave an interesting message on foreign mission work. Bro. Rankine preached in the evening. On June 20 Bro. G. P. Pittman gave a lantern lecture denoting work on our mission fields. On June 24 Sister Miss March was received into fellowship from the Croydon church.

**Port Pirie.**—On June 24 Bro. G. P. Pittman, Federal F.M. secretary, gave edifying addresses morning and evening. He also spoke to the Bible class of some of the work done while in India. All auxiliaries of the church are working favorably.

**Milang.**—On May 18 our aged Bro. Stoner passed peacefully away. He was a faithful attendant, and was at the meetings until within a few weeks of his death. Bro. Wilson's addresses are appreciated, and meetings are fairly good. Local brethren deliver faithful messages every alternate Sunday, when Bro. Wilson is at Strathalbyn.

**Hensley Beach.**—A social time was spent between mothers and girls on June 12, and a talk was enjoyed by all from Miss Dickens, of Travellers' Aid Society. Bro. Lampshire spoke on June 17 regarding foreign missions. Sister M. Warden was received into fellowship on June 24. Aged Sister Platten passed away on June 14 after two years' membership with the church.

**Adelaide (Grote-st.).**—On June 10 Bro. B. W. Manning exhorted in the morning on foreign missions. Bro. Schwab preached at night. Bro. Gordon exhorted on the morning of June 17. Good attendance at night. Bro. Schwab's subject being "Christ's Table Talk." Good meetings on June 24, Bro. Schwab speaking at both services, in the evening on "Some of Satan's Secrets." Meetings keep up well. Mrs. Schwab's health is much improved, and she is able to take up the work.

**Hindmarsh.**—On June 17 Bro. Schwab, of Grote-st., spoke in the morning in the interests of foreign missions. In the evening a service of remembrance for late Sister Pickering was held; Bro. Illingworth delivered an appropriate address. Mrs. Crowe, of Grote-st. church, was soloist. The meeting was largely attended by relatives and friends of our late sister. During the past fortnight Bro. Proctor and Craddock, two more of the oldest members, passed away at the ages of 82 and 87 respectively. Both brethren attended morning services regularly until prevented by sickness. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved. Bro. Illingworth spoke both morning and evening on June 24. It has been decided to form a K.S.P. for the young men of the church.

#### Victoria.

**Moreland.**—At morning meeting on June 24 two were received into fellowship who were immersed the previous Lord's day, and one by restoration. At gospel meeting three boys from the Bible school confessed Christ.

**Fitzroy (Gore-st.).**—Fair meetings on June 24, Bro. Hollard speaking. In the evening he preached on the second coming, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. and Sister Andrews were present after long absence. On June 23 the ladies' aid held an enjoyable Australian tea.

**Heatham.**—Bro. A. A. Hughes spoke at both services on June 24 to large congregations. C.E. society and friends visited Pimpino on June 20 and gave a concert in aid of church building fund. Sister Nurse Tappin, who has been ill for some time, passed away on June 24.

**St. Kilda.**—On June 24 Bro. Alcorn was the speaker. His address in the morning was very helpful. In the evening, to a good meeting, he gave a splendid address on "The Trial of Christ." Bible school is progressing favorably. A young men's class has been formed, and is progressing.

**North Essendon.**—The members are grateful to sister churches for expressions of sympathy in the loss of Mr. R. P. Williams. Thanks are extended to brethren who filled the platform in the time of need. Attendances have been good. On June 17 Bro. Martin (from the College), the new preacher, spoke at all services, and created a good impression. Fine spiritual meetings on June 24, Bro. Martin speaking. After a powerful gospel address a young lad accepted Christ. The new preacher has been elected superintendent of Bible school.

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## Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. Percy Pittman.

### "WITHDRAWAL"

A. Anderson.

It is hard to drop an ideal once it has been pursued, and to feel that, in the pursuit of such, you were carrying out the will of God. Sometimes it happens, however, that God has other ways in which his will can be carried out. To many it may appear that we are in the "wilderness" period of our experiences, and that many of our cherished ideals are thrown aside. Remember that Paul had a cherished ideal: "They assayed to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered them not." Paul followed the leading of the Spirit, and subsequently had the Macedonian call, and Europe had the gospel.

I believe that God wanted us in China, or he would not have placed us here. In placing us here God gave the people here the opportunity of hearing the gospel, of hearing it for the first time. Providing we get successors, it should not concern us greatly who carries on the work. "God removes the workmen, but carries on the work."

We can look back over ten years of service. Sometimes that service has been given in loneliness, weariness and much pain. Oftentimes we have been disappointed, but we would not have missed the experience or the opportunity of being of service to the people of China. This is but a short time to wage war on the strongholds of heathendom, but an impression has been made, and foundations have been laid. God makes no mistakes, and if he still needed us here he could keep us here. Viewing the circumstances of the last year, we can say that the reverse has happened. God seems to have blocked the way for us to carry on, but at the same time seems to be opening the way for others to carry on. The Chinese Home Mission Society has been expanding for the last ten years, and is ready to enter fresh fields. Can we say that they cannot carry on as effectively as we can? They are more used to the conditions, and know their own people as we can never know them.

Again, have we not fulfilled our mission in having opened the work, and having carried it on until conditions make it almost impossible to carry on? If, then, we make way for others, can we say that we have failed?

Let us not say, brethren, that we are withdrawing; rather let us say that we are expanding. We are holding out a helping hand to those who are better fitted than we are for the work. In doing this we will be helping to continue the work that so many have been interested in, and at the same time, as the years go by, we will be in a better position to push forward the work in India and the New Hebrides. Therefore, brethren, it is not a withdrawal, it is a continuance. It still constitutes a challenge. The responsibility is still ours, and the opportunity is still present, only our foreign workers withdraw. The church that we have helped to establish is still here, and will remain a living witness to the fact that our Australian brethren pioneered the work. We still have an interest in this work, both in our prayers and our giving; our financial responsibilities will not cease because the foreign workers are removed from the field.

### PIONEERING IN WESTERN CHINA.

Eva V. Anderson.

During a recent visit to the tribes' centre we met with our brethren there around the Lord's table. We also had the opportunity to meet once again many of the women and girls of the district. Though none of the women has yet joined

the church, there is no doubt that the seed, so faithfully sown by Evangelist Loh in that district, is beginning to take root. The confidence with which these women and girls come to us, and their willingness to listen to the gospel, make us feel that in that district there is indeed an "open door." Yet we are to be recalled! If these simple folk can be taught and shepherded by our Chinese Home Missionary friends, whom we trust the Lord will enable to take over the work, we are sure that many will be saved unto eternal life.

When we visited this centre in January last we went itinerating for a week among the villages in the mountains. Every day for a week we travelled among the towering mountains, staying at a different village every night. We were welcomed everywhere, and in the evening the whole village would gather at the home where we stayed to hear the word of life. Looking round at the earnest faces, lit up by the fitful gleams of the fire built up in the middle of the room, a prayer went up from the depth of our hearts that they all might be saved. Now we must leave them, but, please God, it may be possible for others to take up the work.

During our stay there it snowed, and the last day of our travels led us over the snow-clad mountains. We were struck with the beauty of the place and the purity of everything covered with the snow. The thought came to me, "How pure must those be who are washed in the blood of the Lamb, for his blood washes whiter than the snow," and his blood was shed for these dwellers among the mountains as well as for us. Their hope is in him.

When we reached the chapel again, and stood looking on the villages nestling in the mountains, the words of the psalmist came to me: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever." And God is with these people of the hills, ready to receive all those who call upon his name.

As we prepare to leave here, and pass over the work to others, we know that God is still here, and these dear people in the mountains and our brethren in the city still need our prayers and our support. Do not withdraw your support from them nor from the China field because it is necessary to withdraw the missionaries.

### MRS. ANDERSON'S HEALTH.

In his last letter from Hueili, dated May 7, Bro. Anderson writes: "The very day our last letter went off, Mrs. Anderson showed signs of

the old nervous strain, and this was followed by an attack of malaria. We were so concerned yesterday that we decided we must take you at your word and come out.

"We are nearly as late as it is possible to be and get out without much rain. The rains have not commenced yet, but we have the early signs. Mrs. Waterman and I both dread the thought of the wet season, and Dr. Hunch agrees with all we have decided. We feel that we have stayed in here as long as we should. If we stay over the wet season it would mean at least five months, and during the whole of this time we would have our worst weather."

In the cable from Bro. Anderson published a fortnight ago, we learnt that the China Home Mission Society had agreed to our terms, and they are now in charge of the work. This news evidently reached Bro. Anderson after he had written us as above. We hope to be able to give the date of our missionaries' arrival in Australia in next week's issue.

### A LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS AT HOME.

Walter S. Hensch.

The mission station in Hueilibow, West China, was established in 1921. I have no need to mention here anything of the past. Now, an unexpected crisis has come to us, and the missionaries here will very probably be withdrawn.

Very probably some of our brothers and sisters, the supporters of our foreign mission work at home, will be disappointed. They may look back to the previous years, how they enthusiastically supported the Board in opening a mission field in West China. They had to take much trouble and self-sacrifice in collecting and giving funds to support the missionaries and their work. Thousands of pounds have been given and spent since the opening of a mission work here. A few families and some single workers have been sent out. Some stayed out quite a number of years, and the recent loss of Bro. Waterman hampered the work greatly. Now, with such an apparent collapse, people may think it is ruin to the work, and what they have done before is all in vain.

But, let me tell you, things will turn out quite differently. Our Lord has his almighty hand behind us. You have followed his command, and he will complete our work. As far as we know, the Chinese Home Missionary Society, a firm Christian organisation founded in 1918, having mission fields in three different provinces, if able to receive a definite help from our Board for a few years, is quite willing to take over this mission field, and keep the work going for good.

We do hope these things will turn out in fact. The C.H.M.S. will then send their men and run our work in Hueilibow. As with Paul we can say, "I have planted, Apollos watered." We pray the Source of Life will give the increase.

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## Obituary.

**BOLDUAN.**—Bro. H. Bolduan, of Dandenong, Vic., passed away on May 26, at the age of 56. Our deceased brother was born at Harkaway. He decided for Christ at the age of 15 at Emerald, and was baptised by Bro. F. Pittman at Berwick. As a young man he moved to Western Australia, and later returned to Emerald. In 1913 he joined the staff of the State Savings Bank, and about this time had membership with the church at Swanston-st. In 1919 he came to Dandenong, where he took an active interest in the work of the church, and where in recent years as an officer he enjoyed the full confidence of his brethren. His life was an inspiration to those who knew him, and all will remember his graciousness and Christ-like character. He is survived by a widow and two brothers. We commit these loved ones to God, and pray for them his guidance, strength and comfort in these days of sadness. The funeral took place on the following Monday, a service being held in the chapel, after which the largely attended cortege proceeded to the Dandenong cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. A. McDiarmid (representing Berwick church), L. A. Trezise (nephew), W. H. Clay (representing home missionary committee), and A. A. Hughes.—W. T. Atkin.

**CONNING.**—On June 15 Bro. Peter Conning was called to higher service at the age of 82. He was baptised by Bro. G. L. Surber at Lygon-st. about 65 years ago, and immediately became an active worker. He was a foundation member of the Collingwood church, and had fellowship with many other Victorian churches during his long, efficient and faithful life. He was a very diligent student of the Word, and loved to speak a good word for Jesus. In the early days of our brotherhood, he went everywhere preaching the Word. He was a man of one book. He knew it, and lived in harmony with its teachings. For simple trust and singleness of purpose he was outstanding. He spent his all, and was willing to be spent in the promotion of God's kingdom in the lives of men and women. His keen interest in the work of the church remained unabated till the very last. In his closing days his thought was still of others. He was beautiful in death as in life. His quietness, confidence and patience in suffering were an abiding witness to his Lord. He loved to have fellowship with his Saviour at his table, and now has gone to be with him, which is very far better. His body was laid to rest in St. Kilda cemetery, Bro. A. R. Main, W. H. Clay and G. J. Andrews assisting the writer. "His servants shall do him service . . . and they shall reign for ever and ever."—W.G.G.

**KEMP.**—A great grief fell upon the members of Swanston-st. church, Vic., and upon many people far and near, when it became known that Mrs. B. J. Kemp had passed away. Her death took place on Wednesday, June 13. She had not been laid aside by illness. A slight indisposition prevented her from coming to the Wednesday evening service, and she sent with her husband to Bro. A. R. Main, who was our speaker that evening, a message of regret because of her inability to be present. When Bro. Kemp returned home from the meeting he found his wife's body in the chair where she had been seated, but her spirit had departed to be with Christ. Sister Mrs. Kemp was baptised on Sept. 2, 1883 (nearly 51 years ago), at St. Kilda, by her uncle, Bro. John Procter. She spent some years in membership and in active service at St. Kilda, and later at Windsor. Of late years her membership has been with the church at Swanston-st. As Miss E. E. Hill she became a well-known figure among the sisters of our churches through her work as secretary of the women's conference, which office she filled for many years. More recently she has been a prominent helper in the Dorcas work of our

churches. In many ways she used her gifts in service, an outstanding bit of work being her Bible instruction classes in the Keilor-rd. State school—a work which she did for many years, and relinquished only a few months ago. All who knew her testify to the gracious and beautiful life our late sister lived among us. She believed in the ministry of flowers—they spoke a language that expressed her own heart, and she loved to give them to those whom she wished to cheer and help. We shall miss the flowers but we shall miss more the love and good fellowship which prompted the gifts. Hers was "a life made beautiful by kindly deeds." Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to Bro. B. J. Kemp, and to all the friends who mourn the loss of our sister. We pray that he who wept at Bethany may be with them in their sorrow, to comfort them. On the cover of an old writing pad the following lines were found, after her death, in her own handwriting:

"Memories—

We cherish them—these memories of ours,  
The sadness needs must come in quiet hours,  
Yet comes assurance too, All will be well,  
Faith's song triumphant o'er the muffled knell."

—T.H.S.

**McINTOSH.**—When the home-call of our Bro. J. S. McIntosh was made known, the news came as a shock to all who knew him. Although he had been confined to bed for a few days with a severe cold the passing was unexpectedly sudden on the evening of June 8. He first joined the Church of Christ at Lygon-st., and ever since that time has been most faithful in service for the Lord. He was later associated with the South Melbourne church, where he acted as superintendent, but on February 17, 1905, he called a meeting at his home, Middle Park, and it was there decided to organise a church in that locality. The first meetings were held in a hall, but soon a building was proposed, and Bro. McIntosh assisted in the drawing of the plans. He was thus a foundation member. Many of our notable preachers were there associated with him. While the church at Gardiner was still in the days of its infancy and meetings were held in the College buildings Bro. McIntosh became a member there, and when the Sunday school was commenced he was the first superintendent. At the time of his death he was a deacon and a trustee. He was till the time of his death a teacher by profession and loved the work among the young people. For some years past the Bible school department has been indebted to him for scholarships made available through his generosity to competitors in the annual examinations. A very large circle of friends mourn his going, but we believe that the Lord's "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," is sure to him. We sincerely sympathise with his dear one and our sister Mrs. McIntosh, and commend her to the grace of God and the love of a heavenly Father.—H.J.P.

**PICKERING.**—The church at Hindmarsh, S.A., has lost by death an aged and very faithful member in the person of Mrs. M. A. Pickering, who entered peacefully into rest on June 8 at the residence of Bro. Gordon Pickering, Croydon, in her 80th year. Our sister was baptised by Dr. Thos. Porter in a creek at Strathalbyn, S.A., many years ago. She was married in 1879 by H. D. Smith to Bro. John Pickering, a man most highly esteemed by the brethren. She outlived him by 32 years, and reared a large family. She came into the church at Hindmarsh on Sept. 27, 1885, and soon found a place in the life and work of the church, especially the Dorcas Society, of which she was a most active worker to the end of her life. A large number of relatives and friends attended her funeral in the Hindmarsh cemetery on Sunday afternoon, June 10. This was conducted by the writer. Mrs. Pickering left six sons (one other being killed in the war), and one daughter (Mrs. A. J. Brooker), 23 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren to mourn her loss. This dear old

sister will be greatly missed, as she was always at the Lord's table when she was not sick. She was lippy "in her Lord," and has now been numbered with the church triumphant. Sincere sympathy and Christian love are felt for all the members of the family, whom we lovingly commend to the heavenly Father for comfort and consolation.—A.E.L.

**STONER.**—The church at Milang, S.A., has sustained a loss in the passing of Bro. William Stoner, aged 86 years. He was led to obey the Lord more perfectly under the preaching of Bro. S. G. Griffith during a mission held at Strathalbyn. He was sincere as a Christian and faithful to the church at all times. He held no position as officer, but was a faithful unit of the church, and as such we esteemed him and valued his fellowship. His life was an example of faithfulness to conviction and loyalty to the truth. His widow, daughter and two sons rest upon the security of the promises of Christ, and sorrow not as those who have no hope.—A.H.W.

**RAPLEY.**—On May 28, 1934, Sister Mrs. A. A. Rapley fell asleep in Jesus. She was born in 1860, and baptised by the late Bro. F. Good fifty years ago at Wagga, N.S.W. She and her husband (who predeceased her) for many years held services in their home at Downside, a district several miles distant from Wagga. Of late years Sister Rapley, owing to failing health, was unable to meet with the church. She is survived by four sons and one daughter, and these are sustained by the assurance that their loved one has gone "to be with Christ, which is far better."—W.H.G.W.

**ROBBINS.**—On June 19 our beloved sister, Mrs. J. Robbins, of Belmore, N.S.W., passed to her reward. Whilst on a visit to Lismore some 22 years ago, she united with the church in that city, being baptised by Bro. Thos. Hagger during his ministry there. Upon her return to Sydney she immediately transferred to the Belmore church, where she remained in membership until the time of her death. During her long association with the church she was most loyal. Always a great lover of the Master she devoted much time to the activities of his church. She taught in the Bible school, took a prominent part in the work of the Dorcas society, and formed and led the girls' sunshine club. She relinquished these activities only when ill-health made it impossible for her to carry on. Right up to the last, as physical condition permitted, she met with the church, oftentimes expending all her vitality in reaching the house of God. By her passing the church at Belmore has suffered a great loss. She leaves behind her a sorrowing husband, Bro. J. Robbins, four sons, Harold (President of Victorian Conference), Douglas, William and Albert, and three daughters, Amy (Mrs. Lutton), Winnie (Mrs. MacPherson) and Mary (Mrs. Lidgard). To these we extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy in their sad bereavement.—P.E.T.

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## News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 409.)

### Victoria.

**Mitcham.**—A successful mission was held in the Scout Hall from June 10 to 17. There were good attendances of local and sister churches. Bro. Burgin's messages were of the highest order and very instructive. The thankoffering was a success. The church is grateful to all who helped.

**Doncaster East.**—During the absence of Bro. Thomas, owing to illness, Bro. Lawrie and Bro. Anderson, of the College, addressed the church. At evening service of June 24 the boys' club held a church parade. Five members of the club took part in the service, and Bro. Thomas spoke on "Courage."

**North Williamstown.**—On the afternoon of June 17 the Bible school held a well-attended tea. On morning of June 24 Bro. S. Westaway spoke well in the morning, and Bro. Parson gave a good address in the evening on "Life's Challenge," after which a lady made the good confession.

**North Melbourne.**—On June 20 the sisters of the group churches met to transact business connected with the churches at North Melbourne. Mrs. Tich, from Women's Temperance Mission, gave an interesting address. All spent a profitable and happy time. There was a good attendance.

**Carnegie.**—Very good meetings on June 24. Bro. Gordon Andrews spoke in the morning and Bro. Shipway at night. Much sickness prevails among members and friends. Sympathy is extended to Sister Mrs. Arrard in the death of her mother. Young worshippers' league, newly organized, is functioning well.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—On June 24 Bro. Youens gave appreciated addresses. Attendances were good. On June 20 Mr. Crawshaw, general secretary of Australia for mission to lepers, gave an interesting and instructive lantern lecture. The sisters have held an afternoon at Sister Mrs. Saunders' home in aid of class funds.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—There were enjoyable meetings last Sunday. Bro. Gibson delivered an interesting address on "C. H. Spurgeon and His Message." In the absence of Bro. Scambler, Bro. Dawson was evening preacher. On Wednesday, June 20, Bro. Hughes told of Mahatma Gandhi's life and work in India.

**Warragul.**—A Sunday school rally has been in progress for some weeks. As a result 21 new scholars are attending school. Work in kindergarten class is attracting considerable interest, and the class is growing. Bro. E. J. Waters has been suffering from ill-health for some time. Lord's day services at Drouin are carried on by the church.

**Croydon.**—A revival is being experienced. At C.E. on June 20 a discussion of "The Holy Spirit in the Work of Conversion" was very helpful. Twenty Endeavorers were present, including visitors from union church, Yarra-rd. Thirty attended Sunday evening meeting, singing being under leadership of Mr. A. Thompson, of Box Hill, with Miss B. Smith organist.

**Ascot Vale.**—Meetings are not so well attended on account of weather and sickness. Bro. Snow's addresses are very helpful. Girls and boys of Bible school are trying to see who can get a line of pennies around the chapel first, in aid of new Bible school fund. Bro. C. Lang, of Ararat, has accepted an invitation to labor with the church in place of Bro. Snow.

**Minyip.**—On June 8 Miss Foreman gave an interesting talk on India at the Y.P.C.E. meeting. On June 10 great interest was shown by a large audience in Miss Foreman's talk on our F.M. stations. Bro. Norman Lacey was welcomed into fellowship. On June 17 Bro. A. M. Garland gave a splendid F.M. address to a well-attended meeting. The recently formed C.E. is creating interest, and is well supported.

**Gardiner.**—Bro. H. J. Patterson was the speaker at both services on Sunday. Miss Foreman, missionary on furlough from India, addressed one of the Endeavor societies and the young men's Bible class. Bro. E. O. Kruger, a faithful and esteemed member, died on Saturday night after a long period of suffering patiently borne. Deep sympathy is felt for Mrs. Kruger and family.

**Ivanhoe.**—After an absence of some weeks preaching for country churches, Bro. Watson returned, and presided at the worship meeting on June 17, Bro. Pratt giving the address. Bro. Watson addressed the church on June 24, when two were received in by letter. Sister V. Callanan was the speaker at gospel meeting. A well-attended church social was held on June 21.

**Drummond.**—Meetings last month were well attended. On May 27, at annual business meeting, Bro. L. Thomas was re-elected secretary, and Bro. D. Gilmore treasurer. Other officers, Bro. S. Gilmore, Bruton, Saunders. On June 17 Bro. Jones addressed the church on foreign missions. On June 24 the church enjoyed a visit from Bro. Butler, from Kyneton. He addressed well-attended meetings morning and evening.

**Yarrawonga.**—The work is going along nicely, with very fine meetings. Bro. Searle's messages are uplifting. C.E. held a missionary meeting, when fine papers were read by missionary committee. Wonderful prayer meetings are held each week. Four new scholars enrolled at Mulwala Bible school. On June 4 the ladies' guild organized a working bee for having front entrance to chapel concreted, grounds improved, etc. Much useful work was done.

**Castlemaine.**—On June 16 the young people after a hike spent the evening at the home of Misses Howarth. Bro. Earle was confined to bed this same week-end by tonsillitis. Bro. Byard took his place for the Sunday services. The Loyal Orange Lodge paraded in the evening. Both services were well attended, as was the prayer meeting conducted by Bro. Swallow on June 19. On 20th the ladies' help assembly held a devotional service, and bade farewell to Mrs. Earle, to whom a presentation was made.

**South Yarra.**—On June 17 Bro. Burns, of Colingwood, thrilled the church by an address on "Leadership of the Good Shepherd." The following Wednesday, interesting reports were given to C.E. by those who attended Bendigo convention. On next evening the I.C.E. gave a good illustration of Indian life and Bro. A. A. Hughes gave a great address on missions. On June 24 a young man made the good confession, Bro. Ladbroke conducting all services. Each auxiliary of the church is to be responsible for regular attendance of its membership at Lord's day services throughout July.

**Middle Park.**—During Bro. and Sister Westwood's absence on vacation, addresses by Bro. T. Fitzgerald, Geyer, Dr. Killmer and Len. Brooker have been appreciated. On June 13 the Dorcas sisters held a successful anniversary meeting and addresses by prayer meeting committee were much enjoyed. A visit from foreign mission students was enjoyed at midweek prayer meeting. On June 17 two girls were received into fellowship by faith and baptism, and on June 24 three by transfer. Sympathy of the church was extended to families of Bro. W. Morris and Milton Ross in recent bereavement.

**Entourage.**—Speakers for the next month included Bro. D. D. Stewart, E. Martin and H. Blarlock. Bro. James Mee, sr., and Mrs. Miller (mother of Sister Mrs. Blanchard) have received the home-call, and the sympathy of the church is extended to the bereaved. An interesting travel talk on his recent world-tour was given by Mr. Harrison on June 14. The church has decided to enter the special centenary programme sponsored by the State association committee. Sister Miss M. Joyce, pastor of the Bible school, has been busy preparing to be benefited by following an excursion to make good progress. An appeal for and distribution of copies in connection with the Bible schools took place on June 27.

**Bentleigh.**—Meetings continue bright and helpful, interest being maintained. Speakers for past three Lord's days have been Bro. Morris, Benn and Webb, their messages being much appreciated. Gospel messages by Bro. C. Curtis have been a great uplift. Sister E. Dickenson gave a message in song.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—On June 17 one young lady took her stand for Christ, and was baptized on June 24. Bro. Lindsay Smith, of Dawson-st. church, addressed both meetings, which were inspirational. Attendances are increasing. Y.P.S. society, recommenced, is healthy, also "Trail Hanger Club" and ladies' guild. Y.P.S.C.E. entertained visitors on June 20 at a social. On June 23, men of church held a working bee.

**Dunolly.**—The church is having a time of spiritual blessings, with splendid meetings and great messages from Bro. Lewis. On June 24, after his gospel address, two young girls from Bible school made the good confession. Bible class is increasing in numbers, and interest is keen. Girls' guild is working for tea meeting and sale. Splendid interest in S.C.E. Bro. W. Beasy, who met with an accident a fortnight ago, is well again.

**Ormond.**—June 10, fair meeting for worship; good meeting at night, three young people baptized; 129 at Bible school. June 17, church anniversary services were held. Bro. W. H. Clay gave fine addresses at both services. Three received the right hand of fellowship. On June 19 a musical and inspirational evening was held, items being rendered by visitors, and an inspiring message was given by Bro. W. G. Graham on "Where the Church Comes In." June 24, fair attendances. Bro. J. E. Shipway, of Carnegie, giving a fine message at worship service, Bro. Andrews speaking in evening.

**Parkdale.**—Members and friends of Y.P.S.C.E. journeyed to Malvern on June 18, when an echo rally of Bendigo, 1934, C.E. Convention was held. A well-arranged tea and a helpful conference were held on June 20, when Bro. Gale and Patterson, of B.S. and Y.P. Dept., spoke, and also illustrated features of S.S. work. Sister Miss V. L. Gouldthorpe's pupils gave a musical display on June 23, a profit of 32/- being donated for reduction of church building account. On June 24 a happy day of fellowship was spent. Bro. Stephenson brought helpful messages. A Bible school scholar confessed Christ.

### Queensland News-letter.

H. G. Payne.

#### The 86th Annual Presbyterian Assembly.

The assembly is usually full of interest, and makes valuable contributions to the moral and spiritual life of Queensland, the one held recently being no exception. The moderator (W. S. Lawrie) in his presidential address discussed the relationship of the church to scientific, economic and international problems, which, while claiming victories against scientific materialism, is summed up in the words, "The church well knew that the campaign is not over, but she will meet the modern arch-deceivers—scientific humanism and atheistic communism—with the same courage and equipment with which she had met all her adversaries from the days of Celsus until this present day."

In the assembly stress was laid on the need of individual and personal evangelism, and a plea made for more evangelistic (preaching) work. In home missions it was claimed that with 63 missionaries they were employing more than any other church. A good work is being done in four aborigine mission stations. There are 13,000 Sunday school scholars and 1,500 teachers. The secretary of the youth department said that the young people were not keen on material inducements but the real issues of life; and were asking for real and true leadership. A committee on unemployment was formed to approach other churches and organisations with a



view to arranging a conference to discuss unemployment and remedies for same. Evasions of the early closing law came under severe criticism, also gambling in general and the racket in particular, the latter being described as "an affront to Christian morality, a satire on charity, and a contradiction of the science of political economy." It was decided to request the government to require that as a condition of marriage the prospective bridegroom must present a certificate of health; this related to venereal disease. There were but faint echoes of the Angus question. The moderator for 1935 is Mervyn Henderson, M.A., of Ithaca.

#### A Decade of Service.

After a ministry of ten and a half years at Annerley, Chas. Young leaves in the first week in July for Hamilton, N.S.W. During that period the new cause at Marooka has been established, and recently one at Rocklea. Bro. Young has filled various important public offices, notably those of vice-president of Federal conference, president of State conference and president of the council of churches. His term of ministry at Annerley constitutes a record among our Queensland churches.

#### The Anglican Synod.

There are some interesting statements in the presidential address of the Bishop Administrator (Bishop Dixon) of the Brisbane diocese. Discussing "straight-giving" he referred to "deep-seated dissatisfaction with our haphazard methods of finance," and a "growing feeling that all forms of stunts for raising money are played out." He condemned unworthy methods as degrading and revolting. He made a plea for the freeing of clergy from the necessity of financing the work. Of special interest is his criticism of "indiscriminate baptism," including the need of God-parents being sincere, and the children "being in deed and truth brought up in the faith." Referring to "controversial confusion" he mentioned "so-called Christian leaders and teachers who . . . shake the very belief which is the basis of confidence and hope . . . under the guise of professed modern scholarship. . . . Such things provoke the scorn of honest men, they embitter the sneers of unbelievers, they unsettle the faith of some, and they sow discord in the whole Christian community." He claimed that the most urgent need of the church is the deepening of the spiritual life. During the synod a plea was made for the older clergy who are not receiving justice in the matter of appointments owing to their age; fear was expressed that (in consequence) men would think twice before entering the ministry, and that eventually they would have only third-class clergy. In connection with economic problems a committee is being appointed to study the social order and its problems in relation to Christian morals and ethics.

#### News Notes.

There are in Queensland four aboriginal C.E. societies, which are said to rank highly in methods and enthusiasm.

Three fashionable Brisbane hotels were raided at midnight, and the licensees were fined for selling after hours. For the defence it was claimed that they did a public service in fostering the tourist traffic, and that they catered for the social life of the community. The magistrate squashed this specious plea that the monied classes might be allowed to override the law.

The Countrywomen's Association State conference held at Rockhampton urged on the Commonwealth Government a stricter censorship of films, attacking their coarse and immodest suggestive teaching, and asking for equal representation of women with men on the appeal board.

The Salvation Army Congress has been held with 250 delegates from 50 corps in Queensland and some in Northern N.S.W. By contrast with

the Presbyterian Assembly and Anglican Synod very little of public interest is reported from the congress. In Australia they have 15,000 adherents and 2,000,000 in the world, with 20,266 officers. There are 1,582 social institutions. In Queensland there are 16 homes and institutions, employing 80 officers, with another 150 in field work in the area covered by the congress.

#### Queensland.

**Albion.**—Splendid attendances at worship and gospel services. Bro. Payne is presenting a series of helpful addresses on "The Holy Spirit" and "Why Men should go to Church." On June 17 a record number were at Bible school. It is proposed to hold a house-to-house canvass for new scholars.

**Kedron.**—Bro. Noble, returned from Palm Beach, spoke to good services at Kedron and Redcliffe on June 17. Bro. H. G. Payne, G. E. Burns, G. O. Tease and J. Coward kindly conducted services during the preacher's absence. A campaign has begun to obtain more subscribers to "The Australian Christian."

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—Young ladies' club is proving a success. Adult Bible class has good beginning. Ladies' guild held a happy welcome gathering to Sister Collins; 92 present. On June 17 three were received into fellowship. There were good attendances at both services, many visitors being present. Bro. Collins is making splendid start in his ministry.

**Bundaberg.**—On morning of June 3 Bro. Presswood addressed a good attendance. At night Bro. Cyril Williams preached in the absence of Bro. Stirling, who was sick. Midweek prayer meeting on June 7 was in charge of combined Endeavorers. Bro. Stirling spoke on June 10, his evening subject being "What Churches of Christ do not Believe." Bro. and Sister Stirling have gone for a fortnight's holiday. On June 14 the officers and deaconesses were in charge of P.M. rally. Meetings on June 17 were conducted by two brethren, Bro. J. S. Knights speaking in the morning and Bro. Cyril Williams in the evening. All meetings are being well attended.

#### New South Wales.

**South Kensington.**—The 27th anniversary of the church was celebrated on June 24. Bro. Arnold's morning message was on foreign missions. In the evening his text was 1 Sam. 15: 22. Bro. J. O'Brien addressed church members on behalf of Bible School. Bro. Arnold rendered a solo.

**Enmore.**—The evening service of June 24 was broadcast by station 2CH. The address of Dr. Meddum was much enjoyed, and the solos and choir singing were a great factor. The good work of the choir leader, R. E. Jeffery, and of the organist, David Verco, are much appreciated by officers and church.

**Mosman.**—On June 17 Bro. Acland exhorted on "The Task of the Church"; at night the second part of "The Divinity of Christ" was his gospel message. P. J. Pond, B.A., exhorted on June 24; Roy Acland's evening subject was "The Divinity of Christ from the Fourth Gospel." The sympathy and prayers of the church have been with Mrs. W. Hunter and Miss Kingsbury in the passing of their mother, widow of the late Dr. Jas. Kingsbury.

**Hornsby.**—The church celebrated its 24th anniversary on June 17 and 18. At a good meeting on Lord's day morning Bro. Allen gave a fine address. In the evening the building was nicely filled, and Bro. Little's message was greatly appreciated. On June 28 a concert was given. Artists from other churches, as well as local talent, including the Endeavor classes, rendered enjoyable items. Bro. Hagger gave a splendid address. Since Bro. Little took up full-time ministry good work has been accomplished, especially with the young people. J.C.E. society now numbers 23, and intermediate society 13 members. Bible school is also on the up-grade.

**Marrickville.**—Good interest is being maintained, and attendances are increasing. One confessed Christ on June 17. Several others have been received by letter. Miss Marley was soloist on June 24. Young men from South Kensington conducted midweek meeting on June 20 very helpfully. A newly-formed Bible class promises to be of great help. Mrs. Maxwell and Miss Creswick are recovering from illness.

**Erskineville.**—Very nice meetings marked the close of Bro. H. C. Stitt's ministry after two years and three months. Morning subject was "Cleave unto the Lord." By request Bro. Stitt spoke in the evening on "Christ's Second Coming." Over 20 strangers were present. Bro. Stitt was again asked to continue as preacher, but intimated with much feeling that his ministry was finished. Mrs. Roberts and Miss Gordon sang a duet, Miss D. Abbott and Mrs. Etherington each a solo, and Mr. and Mrs. Stitt and Beale a trio.

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## A Health Trip to Australia and Fiji.

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lines from afar and do not cease to marvel. We were told that receipts from tolls are satisfactory and will care for building costs and interest. May the great red eye that glows in the middle of its forehead never grow dim.

Our only Sundays ashore were in Brisbane and Suva, and they were very happy days indeed. Elsewhere we had no opportunity to worship with brethren or to see congregations assembled. This we greatly deplored. However our contacts with groups and individuals were thoroughly enjoyed. We are agreeably surprised at the large number of congregations in the various States, and that the associations with American churches have been so closely maintained. We saw life-size portraits of great American preachers of a generation or more ago who have served Australian churches. Kentucky University seems to have been the favored institution of learning for the training of preachers who went abroad. For some years you have not had to send to America for preachers. Your College of the Bible in Melbourne, under the direction of Bro. Main, is successfully training pastors and evangelists.

The Austral Press, the home of the "Australian Christian" and other publications, is an interesting place, especially to me as superintendent of the Mission Press in Jubbulpore. In Australia you have a rather high wage scale and linotype machines. In India, under a low scale of wages, type setting is by hand. We make books from start to finish, including binding. The beautiful autographed copy of your new hymnal which you gave us might have been made entire in our plant. A revised edition of our Hindi hymnal is now in press. It is a union hymn book for several missions in the Hindi area. The edition will be 5,000 copies. I might safely offer to send copies to all of you in Australia who will qualify to read and sing from it. I must at least send a specimen copy.

At Fiji.

May I be pardoned for a reference to our side trip to Fiji? One of our days there was Sunday. There was a great parade service in the town hall attended by hundreds of happy Fijian Christians. Their singing was evidently an outward expression of an inner joy; certainly it was an inspiration to all who heard. The Methodist Mission will celebrate its centenary of work in the islands in 1935. It has thousands of converts to lay as trophies at the feet of Jesus. We were told 80 per cent, or more of the Fijians are Christians. Their bushy hair looks as much like a halo as head-dress.

We started on our long journey expecting to see places and to meet people. We were not disappointed in either. How our recollections are stirred by a mention of Swan River, Mt. Lofty, St. Kilda-rd., Bondi Beach or One Tree Hill! Mrs. Davis and I have taken all these places home with us and a thousand others: We are by so much the richer, yet you are thereby no poorer. May I say that by sharing with us you, too, are the richer. Such is the strange alchemy of giving. Of course, we expected to see places; lovely untamed and cultivated places, but more than this we hoped to see people, to meet people, to meet congenial worthwhile people; for without people places soon become a wilderness. Well, we met just such people, and were met by them in every port we touched; by the soft of people the Lord loves; large-hearted, hospitable people who are called by his name and who labor for his kingdom and glory. We are indebted to you all, and we thank you. Please return our call. You will receive a warm welcome, perhaps a hot one if you come in the rainless months. When you come please tell us this: when a "koala" bear comes down a tree, does he come head first or tail first?

### CIRCULATING THE SCRIPTURES.

"Further progress in its task of placing the word of life in the hands of men and women in nearly all parts of the world" was reported at the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society held a few weeks ago in London. During the year no fewer than 10,933,203 copies were circulated, an increase of 315,733 on the preceding year. While there was a decrease of 29,000 in the distribution of New Testaments, there was an increase of 29,600 Bibles and 315,730 Scripture portions. The Scriptures are now published in 678 languages, eleven additions to the list having been made during the year. Nine of the new versions were for Africa, one for Europe (Lettish Roumany), and one for Oceania (Kumini). The report made special reference to the publication of the Bible in Afrikaans, one of the official languages of the South African Union. The demand has already exceeded 220,000 volumes. Previously, the Dutch Reformed Churches of South Africa used the seventeenth century Dutch Bible, which the younger generation could scarcely understand. When the new version was officially welcomed in the Dutch churches, crowded congregations assembled everywhere for the occasion. Although China is in a disturbed state, nearly four million copies of the Scriptures were sold. Japan had an advance of 51,000, the total sales being 541,000. Substantial increases are recorded in India and in South America, and there is a steady demand in every part of the Overseas Dominions. The society's income for the year amounted to £374,592, and the total expenditure was £373,896. There is thus a surplus of £696 on the year's working.

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