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The Centenary, Liquor, and Brighter Sundays.

VICTORIA has secured portion of a long desired measure of reform. Recently the Legislative Council passed a bill introduced by Mr. Tyner providing for the closing of hotels on Good Friday. Though the cabinet had formerly announced—and aroused much hostile criticism by announcing—that there was no hope of such a measure being passed this session, the government adopted Mr. Tyner's bill, which was introduced by the premier (Sir Stanley Argyle) into the Legislative Assembly on Thursday last and passed with but little opposition, and without a division at any stage. Whether elections looming ahead had or had not to do with the change of front, we are thankful for the result. It would have been well had Christmas Day been bracketed with Good Friday, but all may be grateful that even at this belated date it has been decided to apply the same restrictions on the sale of liquor on Good Friday as apply on Sundays.

No need to thank the trade.

It will have been noted by our readers that the premier made a point of expressing his feeling of "considerable gratitude to the liquor trade for its attitude to this bill," and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Tunnecliffe) also "appreciated the forbearance of the liquor interests in not organising any opposition to the bill." The kindly, considerate trade! On this aspect of the case, "The Argus," which, with other newspapers, has rendered good service in connection with this reform, pertinently remarked: "Even the premier thought fit to express gratitude to the trade, and the leader of the opposition spoke of the 'very generous gesture' of the trade in 'permitting this legislation to be passed.' No credit whatever is due to the trade. It has simply recognised that public opinion has become so strong that it is not good tactics to oppose an eminently reasonable and moderate reform any longer. It is depressing that parliament should be apparently so subservient to the trade that it enacts a small reform only by grace of the trade."

Misusing the centenary appeal.

The liquor trade is ever watchful and active, seeking in every way possible to ad-

vance its own interests. It is the most ruthless of trades, piling up profits for the few at the expense of ruined lives, and the misery and poverty of great numbers of people. Yet very adroitly do the publicans and brewers profess to seek the common good and to make the comfort or pleasure of others a reason for the extension of their privileges and profits.

The Good Friday closing bill is already being cited in argument. It is being suggested that the trade should by way of compromise receive acknowledgment of its magnanimity in not opposing the bill! As one leader in the trade put it, it should have "some relief in other directions, such as the extension of trading hours."

A strong effort is being made to use the centenary as a means for securing concessions. We have frequent and persistent suggestions that our numerous visitors will be disappointed or angry if they find their drinking privileges curtailed by Victoria's present restrictions. So increased facilities on trains, and extended hours in hotel trading, are sought—for the fair name of Victoria, and the good of others! Oh, the thoughtful consideration of the trade!

The hollowness of this argument of the

liquor sellers has been exposed in many an article and address. Mr. W. D. Jackson, minister of Collins-st. Baptist Church, gave a very effective reply in the following short letter contributed by him to the press:

"In 1925, when the American fleet was visiting Victoria, it was suggested—prohibition being then in force in America—that as a gesture of respect for our visitors we should temporarily amend our liquor customs and bring them into line with theirs by prohibiting the sale of liquor during the fleet's visit. Instantly the liquor trade was up in arms. Its Parliamentary puppets danced with indignation under the violent pulling of the wires. There was a roar of protest. 'Why should we change our ways to suit visitors?' it was asked. 'Visitors must take us as they find us.' This liquor trade is now, nine years later, clamouring for the thing against which it then vehemently protested. 'Visitors cannot be expected to take us as they find us! The laws of hospitality demand that we must change our ways to suit theirs! Trading hours must be extended lest unwary visitors find themselves without liquor at night! What humbug it all is. The liquor trade cannot have it both ways.'

Of course, thoughtful people know that the trade's arguments are unreasonable. But vested interests are so powerful that, unless Christian people are vigilant and active, some of our hardly won reforms may be filched from us.

Brighter Sundays.

The centenary and an alleged desire to please our visitors are also advanced as a reason for "brightening" Sunday, that is, for making it more a day of travel, sport and merriment. Christians are not to be branded as kill-joys because they wish to preserve for the people the weekly day of rest. We are opposed to the attempt which some make to find the sanction for the Lord's day in the Sabbath law and the thunders of Sinai. The Christian prizes the day as one of worship and service. But to non-professors it comes as a boon with its rest and change. The workers should resist encroachments upon the day, and the bringing in of unnecessary labor. The appeal for merriment and games, if heeded, may lead to evils in the days ahead. Who can doubt that the next attempt will be to introduce organised sport? It is unworthy to misuse the centenary by seeking to make it the excuse for helping the liquor trade or for the desecration of the Lord's day.

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The Teaching of Grace.

A. Withers.

For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us.—Titus 2: 11, 12.

Grace teaching us, recalls that "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." The law was a guide, a guardian, a trainer, a tutor. "But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." That time has passed. The law has finished its work. We have come to Christ, and the law leaves us with him. Grace now teaches men. "For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world."

Because "where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly," it is not to be supposed that there is reason to remain in sin. "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein?" Grace appearing and bringing salvation, teaches that we are not to continue in sin. "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world."

Grace teaches denial.

Denial is one thing involved in being a disciple of Christ. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Deny, then take up the cross. Grace also teaches denial first. The way has to be cleared. The way of the Lord had to be prepared, and the way for life in Christ must be prepared. It is done by denial. Ungodliness and worldly lusts have to be put down to make the way straight.

Grace teaches good living.

The Philippians were to let their manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. That is the manner of life grace teaches. "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world."

As men in the church were to think, grace teaches we should live. "For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith."

Paul declared his words before Agrippa to be "words of truth and soberness." He spoke truthfully and sanely; and if we live as grace teaches we will live soberly. Our manner of life will not be foolish.

Grace teaches what some have learned. "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and righteously and unblameably we be-

haved ourselves toward you that believe." They behaved themselves *righteously*. Their conduct could not be condemned. That is how grace would teach us all to live.

Godly living brought persecutions to Paul. "Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Grace teaches a manner of life that is not approved by all in this present world, where it is to be lived. The godly living of grace is "in Christ Jesus." It is pious living without that which sometimes dishonors the pious person.

While we live thus well we are to be "looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works."

Grace teaches us to live as Christ died to make us.

"Cheerfulness is always a welcome visitor, and such a health-giving one too. Let the spirit of good cheer dive beneath the surface, however, and show itself in real active kindness as well as smiles and good works."

Facing Zion.

The fiftieth chapter of Jeremiah preaches a solemn doom against Babylon, that arrogant city whose kings, by their insane lust for conquest, had brought an intolerable havoc and desolation on holy Jerusalem. The chapter forecasts the great day when in God's providence the imprisoned and enslaved Israelites will be set free at last from Babylonian tyranny, and will return with joy to their ruined land. "Going and weeping, they shall go and seek the Lord their God"; but the weeping will not be the scalding tears of sorrow that watered the willows of Babylon, but tears that heal.

In the prophecy there is one sentence that always seems to me like the lilt of a poem. It is the guide to all true finding and the secret of every life that has ever come to anything. Some one may have asked the prophet how this mob of enfranchised people could ever find their way across the deserts to distant Jerusalem: and this is his answer, "They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward." Note—"with their faces thitherward."

One can readily picture the scene. Imagine the people set free at last, a leaderless mob of freed slaves, with crowds of helpless women and children. All they know,

Crushing Tragedy.

Newspaper stories recently told of a man who, with a dozen other customers, was standing in a Chicago establishment when two handkerchief-covered bandits entered, flourished revolvers, robbed the till, and started to line the patrons along the wall. The man suddenly gasped, "Why, it's John!"

One of the bandits turned sharply, grasped his companion, and shouted:

"Scram! It's the old man!"

The bandits struck their father in the face and fled. A few minutes later in raiding another place they were captured.

The man had not seen his sons, aged 26 and 22 respectively, since last April, when they had broken into his jewellery store and robbed him of \$50.00.

There is little enough one can say about such tragedy as this. The sufferings of a criminal's loved ones are among the hardest cruelties of life, the sorrow of a parent for his children's foolishness or shame the most difficult to comfort. It is such merciless human tragedies as this which led a great preacher once to counsel young ministers:

"Preach to the broken-hearted. You will find at least one in every pew."—"Christian Evangelist."

Man has always the source of infinite power, if he knows God well enough and confidently enough to ask for that power.—E. E. Hale.

poor souls, is that the Holy City, the object of their search, lies away to the north— weary leagues to the north. So north they go, always steadily north. When they reach a strange land or a new town they keep asking, "Is this the way to Zion?" They may wander here and there, but always "their faces are thitherward." What can possibly prevent them reaching Zion, even though they only stumble on it, so long as their faces are steadily thitherward? People like these cannot help one day arriving at their goal.

This is the only secret of all true finding—to keep your face steadily in the direction you want to go and to ask your way bravely. "They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward." The main sin in life is to ask the road to Zion with our faces turned the other way!

In my time I have had talks with men who have told me that they would like to believe in God and live the Christian life: but many a time I have discovered that their faces were not thitherward. I can think especially of one young man who spoke to me for hours in my study about his intellectual difficulties. But honestly, when we came down to tin-tacks, his difficulties were not mental but moral. He was living, and

wanted to live, a certain kind of life which he had no desire to give up—and he was asking the way to Zion with his face the other way!

Now, this won't do. It won't do for anything, let alone the Christian life. It is quite idle, say, to ask one's way to success in business, if we, with our interests and thoughts, are deliberately looking the other way. This is true of any pursuit of the human soul, and it is supremely true of the Christian life. If I were put to it, I would rather reverse the whole thing: for I can imagine that there is not much wrong with any man who at least has his face to Zion, even though at the moment he is not asking his way there. The main thing in life is to be turned in the right direction. Jesus once said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." There's the first secret of the Christian life—to do his will, to be walking in his way, to have the face turned thitherward. I cannot believe that a man who is sincerely doing his will, and who has his face turned towards Zion, will wholly fail to reach the city. In any case, here is the ideal pilgrim—one who asks his way to God, with his face thitherward.—Dr. James Black in "Christian World."

Prayer Corner.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.—Psalm 27: 14.

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The all-important thing is not to live apart from God, but as far as possible to be consciously with him. It must needs be that those who look much into his face will become like him.—Charles H. Brent.

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My soul and all its powers
Thine, wholly thine shall be;
All, all my happy hours
I consecrate to thee:
Me to thine image now restore,
And I shall praise thee evermore.

—Charles Wesley.

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What shall I render unto him for all his benefits? I can only give my own self—all I have, and all I am. I desire to surrender myself wholly unto thee, O my God, to live more simply as one separated unto thee, not finding my joy and comfort in the earthly blessings thou so richly bestowest on me, but, while thankful for the gracious gifts, looking only to the Giver as the source of my happiness and the object of my life. I cannot shake off the habits of thought and feeling which many years have wrought in me; I can only ask of thee to have mercy on me, poor and needy as I am, and subdue in me all that is perverse and wayward in my heart, and so fill me with thy pure and heavenly love, that all my narrowness and selfishness may be done away in the wideness of thy love. Amen.
—Maria Hare.

Girls and Boys of the Bible.

G. J. Andrews.

A BOY'S GIFT.

John 6: 5-14.

Nobody knows what was done with the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh which the wise men of the East presented to Jesus, but we certainly know how Jesus used the contents of a small basket which a boy gave to him. Indeed, the story is told in each of the Gospels.

Many thousands of people had followed Jesus into the country to listen to his teaching and to seek his help. They had been there all day, and at sunset the disciples suggested that everybody should be sent away to get food in the country-side or villages. But Jesus felt for the people—he knew their heartaches as well as their hunger; therefore he was never anxious to send folk away. To the astonishment of the disciples he said: "They need not depart; give ye them to eat!"

How ever could they feed such a multitude? While they were puzzling it out, Jesus said to Philip: "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" Philip talked about it with the others, then came and said: "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little." Even if they knew

where to buy bread for the multitude, they did not have sufficient money. Jesus said, "How many loaves have ye? Go and see!" One of the disciples, Andrew, came along with a boy and said, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?" It was indeed very little towards feeding some thousands of hungry people, but Jesus accepted the boy's gift.

After thanking God for the little basket of food which the boy had given him, Jesus set the disciples to work arranging the people in orderly groups. In their many colored garments they looked like flowers in wonderful garden beds. Then by his unaccountable power the Son of God distributed food to the disciples, and the disciples shared it among the people. It was not just a scanty meal which was provided, but everyone had sufficient, and afterwards, at the Lord's bidding, the disciples collected twelve baskets full of fragments.

Jesus wanted to teach men to look to him, not just for the bread which perisheth but for the living bread from heaven. Yet in the teaching of that lesson he shows what marvellous use he can make even of a small gift from a boy.

At the Lord's Table.

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JOHN-THREE-SIXTEEN.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This beautiful passage is one of those complete scriptures that seem to stand alone. It satisfies the heart. It is too beautiful for analysis. Preachers rarely use it as a sermon text, for when the text has been quoted it is instinctively felt that any comment may impair its beauty and weaken its power.

The text is part of the words addressed by our Lord to the Pharisee Nicodemus, and it has a definite relation to all that the Master said. "Ye must be born again," he had said to this ruler who came enquiring about the kingdom. Unless a man receives life from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God. But how may that life come? What are the conditions of its reception? Is it sufficient that he prepare his heart for the heavenly gift? Will the new birth be experienced by one who becomes conscious of his need of God, and turns in penitence from his sins, and yearns for the divine forgiveness, and prays for the blessing of communion? Is the birth of water and

of the spirit an experience possible to all who seek the kingdom? Assuredly. Yet, had it been so when Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, the golden words of John-three-sixteen need never have been uttered.

To make such an experience possible to Nicodemus and to all who seek it, it was necessary for the Lord Jesus to die. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." The brazen serpent in the wilderness, lifted high before the eyes of the people, was used to symbolise his own lifting up on the cross.

It is this that gives significance and beauty to the text we are considering. After all, it does not stand alone. God's great love is in it, and the wonderful gift he made; our own response is there, and the blessing that it secures. But even the simple grandeur of the words would fall to move our hearts if there were not shining upon them the light that streams from the cross of Christ. God loved the world, and gave his only begotten Son—gave him, that is, to death—and thus it is that whosoever believeth in him will not perish, but have eternal life.

The Pot of Gold

At the Foot of the Rainbow.

Abridged from a Lecture Before the Literary Society of the College of the Bible, May 1, 1934.

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Glen Iris really means Rainbow Glen. Iris, according to the Greek mythology, was the goddess of the rainbow. Then scriptural references to the rainbow lead us to congratulate ourselves on the name of our pleasant valley. In the record of God's covenant with Noah the rainbow appears as the symbol of a mighty hope, and again in the book of Revelation we read "there was a rainbow round about the throne." To these we may add from Dr. Matheson's hymn,

"I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be."

So the locality of the College has a beautiful name in harmony with its highest aims. The buildings stand on one of the old terraces of the creek, and the beauty of our trees, as we look from the verandah towards the east, cheers and gladdens our hearts. During the superintendence of Mr. Ennis the old orchard gave place to a copse of gum trees. On the north side of the College a fine line of pine trees stands up in all its majesty and takes the morning. The channel of Gardiner's Creek, now a misfit for the stream that lingers along it, has, however, been a source of interest during the last twenty years. In that time the creek has cut its channel about four or five times as deep and five times as wide, undermining some lofty pines, owing to the clearing of the country, the construction of roads and drains, and to the cutting of a wide, straight and deep canal between Great Valley-rd. and Burke-rd. When the flood plains were intersected by channels, and were prevented from doing their natural work of storing the waters, the storm-water escaped with an increased volume and an accelerated velocity that both deepened the channel and tore thousands of tons of earth from the College property and deepened still more the channel of the creek. The edge of the channel was once fourteen feet away from a wire fence whose few remaining posts stand at its edge to-day. Twenty years ago there were some half-dozen houses between the College and the railway line. To-day the grass lane in Elm-st. has given place to a modern concrete road with all its clatter, making us sigh for the good old times. To the east and north-east, modern villas have invaded the lovely green braes, but the valley of Beck Creek saves the College from being completely surrounded by houses. Along that valley we may still hear the larks sing.

In the person of Principal Main there came a man to the leadership whose high worth and brilliance, whose firm and considerate rule have made the College and stabilised it for the coming years. He has set a mark for all time on the students who have passed through his hands. In the whole history of the College there have been very few changes on the staff, and that has proved good for the College. Mr. Randall Pittman, the first former student to become a lecturer, succeeded Mr. Samson and Miss Sims in 1915, and Mr. Scambler followed Dr. (then Mr.) Knott in 1921, and both gentlemen have lectured with conspicuous ability and success. It is always a good sign when brothers of the same family follow each other to a school, and in this respect many will recall with pleasure that the College is no exception to the rule. Sons are also beginning to follow their fathers to Glen Iris. Before the depression several women students were in residence at the Hostel, a property which was ac-

quired in 1924, Mrs. McDonald being appointed matron.

In 1914 when I first came to Glen Iris there was an enrolment of fifty-one students, many of whom have rendered conspicuous service. One of these is now the minister of Gardiner, Mr. H. Patterson, and is to lecture in New Testament next year during Principal Main's absence in Great Britain. Another, Miss V. Blake, has had a long record of distinguished missionary service in India. Two other missionaries of that year at this time still in India are Dr. G. H. Oldfield and Mr. R. Coventry. In those days we had the usual three terms, but without holidays at the end of the first and the second terms. Instead, we had a fortnight or midwinter vacation extending in that year from June 20, 1914 to July 7, 1914. This arrangement was subsequently altered for the present. It was during the spring of that year that the President of the College Board, also at the time editor of the "Christian," Mr. F. G. Dunn, died in September. Other members of the Board of that year, who have since passed away are Messrs. F. M. Ludbrook, A. Millis and C. Hardie. Of those on the Board at that time Mr. W. C. Craigie and Mr. Robert Lyall are the only ones remaining. Mr. Craigie has also photographed the students annually for the Education Number of the "Christian." In that way he has been a personal link with about 25 years of students. In those days there was an annual picnic, but this was discontinued when the Great War broke out, and sports day took its place.

When this lecture was first given large numbers of names were gladly mentioned, but such lists would bulk too largely in an account such as this. Suffice it to say in the words of an old student, "The College goes like clockwork." He might have added, "and those who are punctual do rejoice with them that do rejoice." This description, however, as far as a mechanical description can, does reveal the fine regular work that goes on in personal development from year's end to year's end. On going over my mark books one general impression is that one year is very like another with the same teachers, the same subjects, very little variation in the way of books, and the same temperaments, to a great extent, in the changing students, the same Sundays and the same holidays. This all gives stability to the College and makes it a congenial sphere in which to serve. Thus it has gone on steadily with its chief purpose of training men and women for service as preachers or missionaries. One of its former students, Mr. A. L. Haddon, is now principal of the College of the Bible in New Zealand, and he is assisted by another Glen Iris man, Mr. E. P. Adermann. Others who received much of their training within its walls are Mr. A. W. Stephenson and Mr. A. W. Ludbrook, who are to share with Mr. Patterson the work of teaching Principal Main's classes next year. A list of those students who are serving their day and generation faithfully in the home and the foreign fields would convey a still deeper realisation of the service of the College to the church in the quietness of Glen Iris. In this published account the aim is to supply interesting historical details of College life. Students are interested to know that in 1915 the College received a visit from Mr. Halsey, a former Lygon-st. minister, and his friend Mr. Webb, from the United States. It stimulates their imagination to hear of the

visit of Mr. Walden prior to his departure as chaplain to the troops. The distinction between the courses for the Certificate and the Diploma has been abolished, and one Diploma alone has been awarded since 1915, and in that year students were asked to pass at least in four subjects necessary for the Junior Public Examination before starting on Bible work. This condition was subsequently relaxed, but the higher standard has been revived. An excerpt from the Principal's report for 1916 runs:—

"Attention is given to the physical well-being of the men. A vigorous Sports Union exists, the secretary of which, Mr. H. J. Patterson, reports as follows:—

"Interest in sport has greatly increased during the year through the presentation of a fine shield by the Faculty to the students.

"Mr. W. Nankivell is the champion for this year. He scored fifteen points, defeating Mr. H. Davie by one point."

It was on November 11, 1918, that Armistice Day first came and the work of making peace in a torn and shattered world began; it is not made yet. The whole world is a neighborhood, but we have still to become neighbors. The enormous production of which the world is capable, it cannot distribute to the people. That is a major problem we have to solve to-day. Yet in the middle of the first term in 1919 came the Peace Celebrations.

In 1920 we had a flourishing year in Australia, and that partly accounts for the large secular class of 21 students and of similar classes in some subsequent years. The present depression was still very far away. In that year the Federal Conference was held in Melbourne and stimulated interest in the College. In the twenties our development went on strongly and steadily, and those who were students in that decade will readily recall many interesting personalities. Mr. Scambler's annual collection of letters helps to keep many of these students in touch with each other. At the beginning of the thirties the students rendered such distinctive service in connection with the No-licence Poll that Mr. Connibere presented £500 to the College Board, the interest of which is building up the valuable memorial library known as the Connibere Library. In all these years with the exception of Show Day, Cup Day, and Sports Day, public holidays have not been possible for students, so now one day a year is set apart in the second term as a Retreat Day. This year the day was spent at Berwick by the courtesy and hospitality of the Berwick church.

These later years belong to the students as much as to myself. Men will do well to remember that the church exacts a high standard and relentlessly puts aside the unsuitable man and the immature student. Their attitude to the students of the past must be that of the youths who chanted at an annual festival at Sparta:

"Hereafter at our country's call,
We promise to excel you all."

THE GREAT HOPE.

Lo, as some venturer, from his stars receiving
Promise and presage of sublime emprise,
Wears evermore the seal of his believing
Deep in the dark of solitary eyes,
Yea to the end, in palace or in prison,
Fashions his fancies of the realm to be,
Fallen from the height or from the deeps arisen,
Ringed with the rocks and Sundered of the sea;—

So even I, and with a heart more burning,
So even I, and with a hope more sweet,
Groan for the hour, O Christ! of thy returning,
Faint for the flaming of thine advent feet.

—F. W. H. Myers.

South Australian Conference.

Theo. Edwards.

The postponement of the Agricultural Show until October militated against the attendance of delegates from the country. A widespread epidemic of influenza assisted in keeping down average attendance at all sessions.

Bro. E. W. Peet, vice-president and acting-president since removal of Bro. H. Gray to the west, conducted the business in an excellent manner. Bro. Peet is highly respected and honored as a councillor of the City of Adelaide.

The absence of our esteemed late Bro. Hon. W. Morrow was felt throughout conference. Interested in every phase of the brotherhood's work, his name was constantly before conference, and references to his departure were being made. It is felt that, if ever, his place will be difficult to fill. On the night of the home mission demonstration in the town hall, Bro. A. E. Illingworth very feelingly expressed the brotherhood's deep sense of loss.

C.E. Rally.

Saturday afternoon a J.C.E. rally was held in Flinders-st. Baptist church, Cowandilla, Nalls-worth and Forestville societies presenting concerted items. A tea and conference followed, with a great rally in the evening, during which Bro. F. Hollams introduced the new president, Bro. Don. Beller, who presented banners and shield. An inspiring address was given by Bro. Norris, Endeavorers' H.M. link. The number of J.C.E. societies is 34; intermediate, 12; Y.P., 33; senior, 1; with a total membership of 2,637. £137/17/9½ had been raised and distributed among the various activities of the brotherhood.

Conference Sermon.

Sunday afternoon a very fine gathering assembled in the Adelaide town hall and listened to a courageous utterance by Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald on the subject, "The Church that will Survive the Changing Order." The combined choirs of Grote-st., Croydon and Glenelg, with Bro. G. Ellis at the piano and Bro. Will Watson conducting, rendered anthems.

Business sessions commenced at 9.30 on Monday morning, Bro. E. W. Peet presiding. Greetings were received from S.A. Sisters' Conference; Federal Conference Executive; Victorian, N.S. Wales and Queensland Conferences; faculty and students, College of the Bible; missionaries in India; Central Eyre Peninsula; Bro. and Sister Wiltshire, and Sister Palmer, Belfast. The president welcomed Bro. A. Anderson, H. G. Norris, A. J. Ingham, A. C. McLean, H. L. Davie and Bro. Roy Raymond, president of W.A. conference.

Reports were received from departments. The church and Sunday school building extension has still ten churches dependent upon it. The income shows a slight improvement over that of 1933, £81/16/11 as against £96/15/5. Thirty-one churches did not take up an offering this year.

The Union Trust, brought into existence by the gifts of a brother long since entered into rest, reported finances in a healthy condition. Receipts amounted to £1,682/15/1. Those benefiting by the fund are the College of the Bible, Collegiate School Inc., Church Extension Fund, H.M. Fund, F.M. Fund, Preachers' Provident Fund, Bible Society, and the church of the donor.

Bible Schools.

Bible school department reported a growing interest. An increase drive resulted in 609 new scholars being gained. A kindergarten teachers' training class had been organised

under superintendency of Mrs. Will Beller; 16 suburban schools had enrolled; average attendance of teachers, 42. A correspondence course is conducted for country schools. Lectures had been prepared on "The New Testament Church," "The Bible," and "The Scholar." 500 teachers had entered. Superintendents and secretary conferences, and conferences in country centres had been held. There had been a record entry of 632 for the Bible schools' examination, 43 schools participating. The efficiency shield passed to Croydon school this year. Of the 333 additions to the church for the year, 204 came through the Sunday schools. Of the 6,886 scholars, 3,627 are girls; of the 1,031 teachers, 656 are women, indicating a need so far as the boys and young men are concerned. The department has set apart its energetic



A. E. Illingworth,

Newly appointed president of Conference of Churches of Christ in South Australia.

secretary, Bro. Will Beller, as Bible school organizer and evangelist.

The schools' demonstration drew a very large gathering to the town hall. Bro. Theo. Edwards presided, and introduced the incoming chairman, Bro. Dixon. A presentation of books was made to the retiring chairman. A combined choir from southern suburban schools, conducted by Bro. P. B. Wood, L.A.B., with Miss H. Trimmer at the piano, interspersed music. Mile End and Maylands schools presented spectacular items of deep spiritual import in an excellent manner, and Bro. A. E. Illingworth gave a message on "Starpoints of Purpose."

During the morning session a devotional address on the baptism and temptation of Jesus was delivered by Dr. A. C. Garnett, M.A.

The obituary report was presented by Bro. A. C. Rankine. Twenty-nine churches reported losses by death. Many had been faithful members for many years.

During the afternoon Bro. A. J. Ingham addressed conference on the topic, "How to Promote a Bible School Conscience." Miss M. Arthur assisted with a solo.

Foreign Missions.

Foreign mission report indicated that the amount received from churches for all purposes during 1933-34 was £1,919/5/6, in comparison with £2,402/4/9 for the previous year, the dif-

ference preventing the committee fulfilling the promise made to the Federal Board. The fact that fewer missionaries are now engaged should not be allowed to lead the churches into the error of thinking that not so much money is required. The heavy exchange, the growing missionary family, mean that the same and more money is required to maintain our present position. In response to the appeal for funds to send reinforcements to China, £192/3/11½ had been contributed; C.E. societies had raised £86/3/10, and Bible schools £54/8/9. The sisters had raised £63/8/-. Reference was made to the work done by Bro. McPhee and Sister Bowden for the Chinese in Adelaide. Owing to ill-health both of these workers are relinquishing a work that has been very dear to them. Bro. A. Anderson followed with a message that touched the hearts of all. Enthusiastically Bro. H. P. Manning presented the aims for the year.

The College of the Bible.

The report of the College of the Bible was presented by Bro. Brigadier-General Price Weir. A committee consisting of Bro. W. Beller, A. E. Illingworth, L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., A. McGlasson, T. P. Richardson, W. A. Russell, C. Schwab and S. Price Weir had been formed in Adelaide to represent the College Board. Contributions received from churches, individuals and Y.P. organisations amounted to £304/0/8, an increase over the preceding year of £38/5/1. South Australia shares with Queensland the honor of having the largest number of students in College. Conference expressed appreciation of the work the College has done and is doing. Hope was expressed that the A. R. Main testimonial would be a worthy one.

Executive and Home Mission Department.

The executive and home mission department report expressed regret at the removal of Bro. H. Gray to Western Australia, and appreciation of the excellent services he had rendered.

The churches have added 333 by faith and baptism, by letter 237, formerly baptised 20, restoration 4, a total of 594. Losses are: By discipline and revision of roll, 426; letters, 215; death, 81, a total of 722. 19 churches reported no baptisms. The membership is now 8,231, a decrease of 128. 204 scholars were baptised during the year, and the total number of scholars now members of the church is 1,507.

"The Challenge" is published in the interests of State work. Appreciation was expressed of the work of the editor, Bro. Theo. Edwards, who has occupied the office for four of the nine years of its existence. The question of its continuance was raised, and after discussion it was decided that an effort be made to increase the number of subscribers.

The men's forward movement reported a good year. The purpose of the men this year is to offer their services to help forward mission work. Several missions have been held during the year: Jas. Johnstone conducted two, one at Torrens-ville, the other at Moonia; G. T. Fitzgerald at Grote-st.; P. R. Baker at Kensington; R. H. Lampshire at Cheltenham; Thos. Hagger at Bordertown, and W. G. Graham at Hindmarsh.

Financial.

Receipts for the year amounted to £2,342/16/9; expenditure, £2,422/8/9. Liabilities, less promised subsidies which remain unpaid, amount to £617/13/5, as against £610/6/6 last year. The sisters made a splendid contribution of £87/12/9. There was a slight improvement in contributions by duplex envelopes, but the annual offering, inclusive of duplex envelopes gifts, was £26/0/3 less than the previous year. A special appeal in September, 1933, resulted in £108/9/4 being received. A special Diamond Jubilee evangelistic fund has been inaugurated for the

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The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

"HOW LONG SHALL I GIVE?"

"Withhold not the gospel from souls needing Bread;

For giving is living," the bright angel said. "And must I be giving again and again?" My peevish and pitiless answer ran.

"Oh, no," said the angel, thus piercing me through,

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

A MOUSE AND A HERO.

Only in London—and within the jurisdiction of London's famous "A" division of police—could this happen. After dining at the Piccadilly Hotel with two friends, of whom one was a lady, we set out to get to a theatre. As we were about to cross the end of Shaftesbury-ave. the lady exclaimed, "Look! A mouse!" And there was a small grey mouse, making to cross the road. The policeman on traffic control spotted the tiny animal at the same moment. And without a second's hesitation or the flicker of an eyelid, out went his puissant right arm, while he drew himself up to the full majesty of his six foot two inches, to hold up the Piccadilly traffic. The mouse sprinted gracefully across the road, without soiling her pretty toes, and London looked on admiringly! If I were Chief of Scotland Yard there would be a sergeant's full chevrons for a good constable who is also a good sportsman.—Selected.

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

A Revelation of the Wonders of His Glorious Character.

What think ye of Christ? Who say you that he is? This Christ challenges the attention of the world by his many-sidedness. He meets the need of all classes and conditions of men. As deep answers unto deep, so does he respond to the movings of each soul of mankind. If we were to call the roll of the world's workers and ask them, "What think ye of Christ?" their answers would be something like this, and they would amaze us by their revelation of his many-sidedness:—

To the artist he is the One Altogether Lovely.
To the architect he is the Chief Corner Stone.
To the astronomer he is the Sun of Righteousness.

To the baker he is the Living Bread.
To the banker he is the Hidden Treasure.
To the biologist he is the Life.
To the builder he is the Sure Foundation.
To the carpenter he is the Door.
To the doctor he is the Great Physician.
To the educator he is the Great Teacher.
To the engineer he is the New and Living Way.

To the farmer he is the Sower and the Lord of the Harvest.
To the florist he is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

To the geologist he is the Rock of Ages (and it is more important to know the Rock of Ages than the age of the rocks).

To the horticulturist he is the True Vine.
To the judge he is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all men.

To the juror he is the Faithful and True Witness.

To the jeweller he is the Pearl of Great Price.
To the lawyer he is the Counsellor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the newspaper man he is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.

To the oculist he is the Light of the Eyes.
To the philanthropist he is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the philosopher he is the Wisdom of God.
To the preacher he is the Word of God.
To the sculptor he is the Living Stone.
To the servant he is the Good Master.
To the statesman he is the Desire of All Nations.

To the student he is the Incarnate Truth.
To the theologian he is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

To the toiler he is the Oliver of Rest.
To the sinner he is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

To the Christian he is the Son of the Living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer, and Lord. —M.E.L.

HOLY FISHERY.

Our way of winning men for Christ, or, to use his own metaphor, our method of catching men, is by letting down the net of the gospel. We have learned no other way of holy fishery. Men with great zeal and little knowledge are inventing ingenious methods for catching men, but for my part I believe in nothing but letting down the gospel net, by telling out the story of the love of God to men in Christ Jesus. No new gospel has been committed to us by Jesus, and he has authorised no new way of making it known. Our Lord has called all of us to the work of proclaiming free pardon through his blood to all who believe in him. Each believer has a warrant to seek the conversion of his fellows. "Where the word of a king is there is power." What higher authority can we need? If we do what he bids us the responsibility of the matter rests no longer with us. Our business is to do what Christ tells us, as Christ tells us, and to do this again and again, so long as we have breath in our bodies.

At the closing up of all things it shall be seen that for the salvation of the elect there was nothing better than a crucified Saviour, and to make that crucified Saviour known there was no better means than the simple proclamation of his word by honest lips in the power of the Spirit of the Lord.—C. H. Spurgeon.

THE GOLDEN CHAIN.

There is a beautiful Eastern story of a child walking beside the sea, who saw a bright spangle lying in the sand. She stooped down and picked it up, and found that it was attached to a fine thread of gold. As she drew this out of the sand there were other bright spangles on it. She drew up the gold thread and wound it about her neck and around her head and her arms and her body, until from head to foot she was covered with the bright threads of gold and sparkled with the brilliance of the silver spangles. So it is when we lift out of God's Word an ornament of beauty to put into our life, we find that other fragments of loveliness all bound together on the golden chain of love are attached to the one we have taken up.—Dr. J. R. Miller.

A prospective liquor dealer was applying for a licence to engage in the business.

"You must take an examination," he was informed. "We shall investigate your character." "You don't mean to tell me, do you," exclaimed the applicant, "that it requires any character to sell booze?"—"Christian Science Monitor."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC—CHRIST'S FINAL VICTORIES.

Monday, Oct. 8.

I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.—Gen. 3: 15.

Here is the first promise of the coming of the great Deliverer, and announcement of ultimate victory.

Reading—Genesis 3.

Tuesday, Oct. 9.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.—Isa. 43: 2.

God's promise of constant watch-care over his church. Whatever her experiences, she will rejoice in the ever-abiding presence of her Redeemer, and absolute security against all evil.

Reading—Isaiah 43.

Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Isa. 11: 9.

Here is surely a cure for all infidel prophecy of the decadence and final doom of Christianity, also for foreboding on the part of Christians. One of our greatest needs is faith in the Messiah, and firm confidence in the universal dissemination of gospel truth.

Reading—Isaiah 11.

Thursday, Oct. 11.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.—Job 19: 25.

"The friends of Job had frequently charged him with ignorance or vain knowledge; but he knows enough, and knows to good purpose, who knows Christ to be his Redeemer." "I know," said Job; "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Of one other thing Job was certain, viz., that his Redeemer would at the last great day "stand upon the earth, or over the earth, to summon the dead out of their graves, and determine them to an unchangeable state."

Reading—Job 19.

Friday, Oct. 12.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord.—Isa. 52: 10.

Luke 3: 6 applies this definitely to the redemption wrought by our Saviour; "all flesh" we are told, "shall see the salvation of God." The holy arm will be stretched out in loving welcome; some from every nation will witness it and lay hold upon it.

Reading—Isaiah 52.

Saturday, Oct. 13.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.—Matt. 13: 33.

The parable of the mustard seed declares the wonderful growth of Christ's kingdom; this parable suggests the way by which it would increase. The mode is quiet, steady. Gospel truth spreads secretly and silently, as leaven in flour; yet just as surely it will spread, even until all nations shall feel its gracious influence.

Reading—Matthew 13: 24-33.

Sunday, Oct. 14.

The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.—1 Cor. 15: 26.

"Death shall be destroyed; counter-worked, subverted, and finally overturned." That can be effected only by a general resurrection, after which there can be no more death, Christ's greatest enemy having been annihilated.

Reading—1 Cor. 15: 20-34.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

October 10.

TO-MORROW'S UNWRITTEN PAGE.
(James 4.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

We are always purposing, always planning. Sometimes proposing this and sometimes that. And too much planning and purposing sometimes make us feverish and fretful, and we become full of discontent. We are sometimes worried about to-morrow either for ourselves or for others. Now the tragedy is not that we purpose and plan, but we do it without God. The folly of the world to-day is that its action is not according to the will of God.

Yesterday's Written Page.

In that we may find revealed a lesson. In this paragraph I am concerned not with the world of men but with Christians within the world. Yesterday's page revealed this, that we were over-confident, and that baseless confidence in ourselves was very expensive. Peter found it so in his experience. "Though all men forsake thee, yet will not I." And was it you who said, when you were contemplating new business ventures, "This will not make any difference to my Christian life or service"? Did it make any difference? The page is already written which tells of the man who has made a huge success. He said, "To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain." And he did every bit of that, but lost his interest in things eternal. He was a great success in the eyes of the world, but the Lord will say some day, "Thou fool." In the light of what is written in the experience of men we have no right to plan boastfully. Worldliness is ever a snare to the soul of man.

To-morrow's Page.

That page yet unwritten will be determined largely by what we are writing to-day. Our to-morrows are very seriously and surely determined by our yesterdays, but not absolutely, for man is ever making decisions. However, the decisions may be motivated by what has already happened.

The main consideration of the moment ought to be the making of right decisions now. It is too late when you have already pitched your tent toward Sodom. If there is ultimate escape it will be with shame and great loss. What, then, is the Lord's will for me to-day? Is the action contemplated a godly one? Can I be sure that the temptations involved are not too great? If my to-morrow is determined by my to-day, am I as sincere and conscientious as I ought to be? Is there sufficient prayer and dependence upon the will of God? Am I desirous of knowing his word and therefore his will? Honestly, what am I at heart?

What is Your Life?

That is the question of James. Can you and ought you, even if you could, act as though you had another fifty years in which to make all right with God? Some of my readers may have but ten years, some but one, and with some it may be but a matter of a month or less. You cannot tell but that the brittle thread of life may be snapped at any moment. "If the Lord will, we will live, and do this, or that." "Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven," ought to be the earnest prayer of everyone day by day. And let it be made personal: let "thy will be done" in us. If thus we pray we need not fear for the unwritten page of to-morrow. We need always remember our dependence upon God.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 17.—OUR PRAYING.
—John 14: 13-24; 15: 7.

Our Young People.

Christian Endeavor Interests and Activities.

A. W. Ladbrook, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Rally and Conference.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 9, a C.E. missionary rally will be held in Lygon-st. church building. Because of the missionary interest of Endeavorers, it is anticipated that this meeting will be a large and enthusiastic one. On Saturday, Oct. 13, also in Lygon-st., a junior workers' conference will be held. In the afternoon Miss Hogan will speak on expression work, and in the evening Miss Loader, the State junior superintendent, will be the speaker.

Getting Members to Take Part.

One of the difficulties experienced in C.E. work generally is the problem of getting members to practise that part of the pledge which says, "I promise . . . to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor meeting." It is reported that a certain Chinese lady told a missionary that she would like to become a Christian but couldn't because she couldn't afford to live up to the teachings of Jesus Christ. "He said, 'Go ye into all the world,'" she stated, "and I couldn't afford to do that, so I can't become one of his followers." Some conscientious Endeavorers can appreciate the lady's difficulty, having experienced a similar one with reference to taking part in every C.E. meeting. This part of the pledge is often taken to mean participation in sentence prayers. But it has a much wider application than that.

It is one of the duties of the prayer meeting committee "to do what it can to secure faithfulness to the pledge by promoting hearty participation and preventing unnecessary pauses." Announcing a hymn and reading a verse of it is participation, and through taking part in this or in some similar way timid members will often gain confidence and become accustomed to the sound of their own voices, thus making the way easier for them to engage in prayer or take part in discussion. An expression of opinion on some aspect of the topic for the evening is another way in which many can begin to take part. The Victorian C.E. news of June 1, 1929, had the following additional helpful suggestions on participation in meetings. Many brief papers of 100 words or less; each paper with a different thought on the topic might be written and read, by some backward or young member or written by some experienced member and read by the younger one. Occasionally announce that at the following meeting each of the men will be expected to find and read a verse of a hymn suitable to the topic and each of the ladies a verse of scripture. Sentence prayers can be written out on little slips of paper and given to those who find it hard to take part in this way. Make it the aim of the society that every verse, whether of scripture or hymn, given in response to the roll-call shall be learned and given from memory at the meeting with books closed. In time the memory thus becomes stored with a stock of scripture. Encourage each member to stand when giving a response, whatever form the response may take. "Every member should be impressed with the fact that God's message and blessing to others in the meeting are likely to come, not only through the paper or address or the words of the leader, but through the broken sentence-prayer of some trembling member or the few words of testimony by the

most timid. Then all should be reminded that a meeting in which they take part is more blessed to themselves than one in which they are silent. The knowledge of those two facts, that the blessing to others and yourself depends upon your participation, will usually be an inducement to take up the cross."

Two other things should be added to these suggestions. The prayer meeting convener should be someone possessed of imagination and initiative. Secondly, sometimes members of long experience and commendable zeal are tempted to pray at great length. Young and new members are very apt to think to themselves, "If that is what is expected of me when engaging in prayer, I could never do that." For the sake of example, and encouragement for younger members, the more experienced members should remember to make their prayers literally sentence-prayers. Long prayers are sometimes called "locust prayers." Locusts pass over the countryside and eat up everything green, leaving nothing for any thing else. Locust prayers, similarly, use up so much prayer material that there isn't any left for the prayers of others who want to take part in this way.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for Strength."

The words at the beginning of the pledge emphasise the fact that an Endeavorer's first and chief loyalty is to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. The words "for strength" introduce us to one of the things for which we look with trust and confidence to our Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the poets has written, "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure." Each Endeavorer should be able to say, "My strength is as the strength of ten because my trust is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God." A well-known text of scripture immediately suggests itself: "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4: 13). Paul was the writer, and at first glimpse his words may seem boastful—"I can do all things." But when linked with the rest of the verse these words are seen to be not a boast but an expression of confidence in Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. There are many things we can do for one another, even to the giving for one another of our life's blood, yet there are some things we cannot do. We cannot give to one another, like coins of silver, moral and spiritual strength. How many parents would like to give to their children some of their own moral stability to give them strength in times of temptation! We cannot do that for one another, but Jesus our Lord can do that for us; he can give us of his spiritual strength to help us to be "more than conquerors in him." "Apart from me ye can do nothing," said Jesus to his disciples, and in 2 Cor. 12: 1-10 we have an excellent example of the strength of Christ manifested in one conscious of his weakness. As we renew our loyalty in the repeating of the pledge, and as we think again of its lofty ideals, let us remember that we try to live up to these things with the help of the strength that cometh from above.

Tell me why the caged bird flutters against its prison bars, and I will tell you why the soul sickens of earthliness.—Bishop Foster.

Here and There.

Annual offering, College of the Bible, next Lord's day, Oct. 7. A liberal response is requested from every church.

The holiday in N.S. Wales on Monday may account for the absence of some reports. All that came to hand were inserted.

Bro. C. P. Hughes has resigned his ministry at Camberwell church, Vic., as from the end of this year. He intends going abroad, business interests occupying his attention for the time being.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Queensland:—"Toowoomba still flourishing; one confession, three baptisms last night. Start Grafton mission Sunday.—Hinrichsen."

Members of churches in Melbourne and metropolitan area are reminded of the choir competitions to be held in Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday evening, Oct. 11. A large attendance is hoped for on this interesting occasion.

The death in Sydney last week of Mr. W. G. Taylor at the advanced age of ninety years removed one of the oldest and best known of Methodist ministers in Australia. Towards the end of last century he did great work in Sydney.

Bro. V. C. Stafford has accepted an engagement of three years with the church at Invercargill, N.Z., after having been at Taree, N.S.W., for six years. He expects to leave Sydney early in December, and to commence at Invercargill at end of that month.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay are expected to arrive in Melbourne on Friday, Oct. 5, by the s.s. "Ceramic," en route from the mission field in South Africa to New Zealand. They will stay a day or two in this city.

Bro. Peter Wedd, a faithful member of the church in Maylands, W.A., passed away last week. He was well known in different States. His son, Allan, who died some years ago, was one of our preachers. Our brother is survived by his widow and one daughter.

Mr. R. J. Dick, formerly associated with Collingwood church, Vic., expects to arrive in Melbourne about Oct. 20 on a brief visit from New Zealand. He is home mission treasurer of the Dominion churches, and takes an active part in brotherhood work. Letters for him may be addressed care of this office.

Sir Langdon Bonython, formerly proprietor of the "Advertiser," South Australia, has made a generous gift of £100,000 for the purpose of completing the construction of Parliament House as part of the preparation for the State's centenary in 1936. This is said to be the largest single public benefaction made in South Australia.

Extensive preparations are being made for the great Fellowship Rally to be held in Melbourne Town Hall, under the auspices of our Victorian Social Service Committee, on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7.15 p.m. An attractive programme has been arranged. Dr. A. McKenzie Meldrum, from Sydney, will be the speaker. Dinner will be served at 6.15 p.m.

At Hawthorne (Qld.) Bible school demonstration on Sept. 18 scholars and teachers presented Sister Berry and Bro. O. Potter with copies of Dr. Borcham's books as an expression of appreciation for long and faithful service in the school. These two faithful workers kept the school open when church and school were in a very low state, and to them much credit is due for its present more healthy condition.

We congratulate our esteemed Bro. and Sister John Tully, of Doncaster, Vic., on the attainment of their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 2. We hope to give a fuller notice in next issue.

At Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Sept. 30 there were good meetings. At morning service Merle Goldsworthy and a young man were baptised. The evening service was devoted to a very interesting description of hymns and hymnwriters by Bro. Scambler, the congregation singing several of the hymns, others being sung as solos and by the choir.

Jas. E. Thomas was to conclude his three weeks' mission at Prahran, Vic., on Wednesday. Up till Monday night there had been seven confessions, with good meetings and interest. He leaves on Friday morning by train for a mission at Warracknabeal commencing on Sunday, Oct. 7, and continuing until the 18th. He will leave the train at Minyip on Friday afternoon and at night will conduct a C.E. rally there. He asks for the prayers of the brotherhood for the mission at Warracknabeal. Next Sunday will be the tenth anniversary of the beginning of larger work in that place due to the mission conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen.

On Saturday last Bro. W. C. Craigie received a cablegram from Bro. Gifford Gordon, U.S.A., saying that Dr. H. E. Knott had been killed and Mrs. Knott severely injured in a motor accident. This news came with a great shock to many Australian friends. Bro. Knott was a Victorian. For a considerable number of years he served the churches at Ascut Vale and Brighton. He will be remembered also as a teacher in the College of the Bible, where he followed Bro. C. M. Gordon, continuing till his departure, with Mrs. Knott and their two boys, for America in 1921. Our brother was prominent in our brotherhood work in Victoria, having served as conference president and acted on important committees. Since returning to America Bro. Knott acted for some years as professor in Eugene College. For the past few years he has been preacher of University Church, Los Angeles. We sorrow with a host of friends at his untimely death.

The eighty-ninth annual conference of Churches of Christ co-operating for evangelistic purposes in Great Britain and Ireland was held in Edinburgh early in August, under the presidency of Mr. Thomas M. Selbie, of Glasgow. The chairman gave a helpful address on "The Evangelical Mission of the Church." The gatherings were held in the recently acquired church building in Dalkeith-rd. Dr. Jesse M. Bader and H. B. Holloway were present as fraternal delegates from the American churches. Other overseas visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Penry Pryce, India; Mr. Keith Jones and Mr. Lyall Burdett, Australia; Professor and Mrs. Walker, U.S.A.; and Mr. James Wishart, New York. Bro. Keith Jones brought greetings from the Australian churches. We note the announcement that on Aug. 12 Dr. Jesse Bader was to preach in Free St. George's Church, Edinburgh, a church made world-famous by the ministries of Alexander Whyte, Hugh Black, John Kelman and James Black.

The Victorian centenary celebrations are almost upon us. The daily press will furnish abundant details of the events. We should like, however, to call special attention to the great centenary thanksgiving service which is to be held in the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. The ground will hold 50,000 persons and there should be a great attendance. Representatives of different churches will take part in the service.

Two short addresses will be given. 1,500 members of metropolitan choirs, under the leadership of Mr. George English, will render selections—"Gloria," "And the Glory of the Lord," and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Five hands will and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Five hands will provide accompaniments and also render some fine band selections. The use of loud speakers should enable everyone to hear well. The service is to be broadcast over all national services. An offering will be taken up in the grounds. It is hoped that members of churches will do their best to make the service of thanksgiving one worthy of its object and of the occasion.

ADDRESSES.

A. Anderson (secretary Federal Foreign Mission Board),—261 Magill-rd., Tranmere, S.A.
L. E. Baker (preacher Boort church, Vic.),—Victoria-st., Boort.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 7.—Sixty-second anniversary of Dunally church. Special services 11 and 7. Pleasant Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock. Birthday offering will be received. All past members invited.

OCTOBER 7 and 10.—South Yarra Church and Sunday School Anniversary. Afternoon, 7th, Bro. L. Brooker, speaker. Prize-giving and concert, Wed., 10th. Admission 6d.; children, 3d.

OCTOBER 14.—Special Notice. St. Kilda Bible School Anniversary. Morning, 11, Mr. Dudley; afternoon, 3, Mr. G. Andrews; evening, 7, Mr. L. Brooker. Special singing by children. All cordially invited.

OCTOBER 14 and 17.—Grote-st., Adelaide, 88th Anniversary Services, Sunday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preacher, Mr. Chas. Schwab. Thanksgiving Offering. Transport morning service ring U 2035. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Old-time Tea 5.30 to 7.15 p.m. Adults 9d., children 6d. Sacred cantata, "Faith Triumphant," at 8 p.m., by Grote-st. choir. Offering for benevolent work. Come back to Grote-st.

OCTOBER 14 and 21.—Footscray Bible School Anniversary. At 11, 3 and 7. Sunday, 14th, at 3, Bro. W. Saunders; 7, Dr. Kemp. Sunday, 21st, 3, Bro. E. L. Williams; 7, Bro. D. Stewart. Old friends and members welcome.—C. M. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

OCTOBER 14 to 21.—Margaret-st., Launceston, Jubilee Celebrations. Former members are cordially invited; or if unable to attend, please send greeting to Jas. Foot (secty.), 14 Balfour-place, Launceston.

OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4 & 7.—Middle Park Bible School Anniversary Services. Speakers, Oct. 28, 3 p.m., W. G. Graham; 7 p.m., A. Baker. Nov. 4, 3 p.m., A. J. Fisher; 7 p.m., Dr. W. A. Kemp. Song-leader, Bro. Les. Brooker. Anniversary concert, Nov. 7. All welcome.

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News of the Churches.

Queensland News-letter.

H. G. Payne.

The Archbishop of Brisbane.

Dr. J. W. C. Wand has been "enthroned" as "Archbishop of Brisbane and Metropolitan of the Province of Queensland." There were five bishops and 150 clergy at the service. To quote an evangelical Church of England minister: "It was a very ornate service, the bishops all wearing mitres and the vestments so beloved of the Anglo-Catholics." The usual routine of church, civic and public receptions being over, the Archbishop has settled down to the duties of his office. In his first sermon in Brisbane he emphasized the importance of the episcopate in unity, declaring, inter alia, "It is around the history of the episcopate that our hopes of Christian unity circle to-day. The episcopate means holding together the Christian unity, for which we all long and hope." The episcopacy offers a better basis of Rome absorption than Christian union.

The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the Archbishop and his wife and daughter in the death of Mr. Paul Wand, the son of Dr. Wand, who lost his life mountaineering in Switzerland, since the arrival of his father in Brisbane.

The Governor's Faux Pas.

Sir Leslie Wilson is usually tactful and discreet, but forgot the restrictions of his office, and entered the arena of controversy. It was at the public welcome to the new Archbishop in the City Hall. His excellency was there in his official capacity, and speaking publicly he supported the statements of Dr. Wand re Sunday sport, stating that he engaged in it and also went to church. Such an entry into controversy on a subject about which even his own communion is divided was decidedly indiscreet—to put it mildly.

Sport and the Lord's Day.

The statement made by Dr. Wand in Sydney, to the effect that he has no objection to clean healthy sport on Sunday provided it did not exclude religious duties, nor involve labor on the part of others, nor destroy the peace of the sabbath, excited an extensive press and pulpit discussion here—keen but courteous.

Some very fine statements against the views of the Archbishop have been made by representative members of the various non-conformist churches, nor were members of the Church of England silent. It is significant that the representative utterances of those in favor of Sunday sport have come from the Roman Catholic church (Archbishop Duhig) and the Anglo-Catholic section of the Church of England only. The evangelical section of the Church of England, which unfortunately is a weak minority here, and the Protestant churches are against it.

One cannot but think that it is a pity that the prelate did not wait until he knew Queensland before making such a statement. There is far too much Sunday sport and amusement now—it is one of the church's chief competitors—without the imprimatur of the "head" of the Anglican church to aggravate the evil.

Temperance Week.

This was successfully conducted by the temperance forces of the State in the first week in September. Canon R. B. S. Hammond, of Sydney, was the chief speaker, addressing 18 meetings in six days, his comment on this being, "Which, seeing I was on a holiday, seemed

almost enough." At one of the conferences held during the week N. S. Miller, B.A., detailed the result of an extensive and exhaustive visitation of hotels which had been conducted by the Temperance League. It had been found that almost every hotel was selling out of hours. As a result of this, on Sunday, Sept. 23, the police with the aid of motor cars conducted a raid that extended from Redcliffe (north of Brisbane) to Coooloongatta on the N.S.W. border. Many names were taken, and action is to be taken against offenders.

Attempts have been made by the trade to have hotel hours altered from 8 a.m.—8 p.m. to 9.30 a.m.—9.30 p.m. Opposition was met from the Queensland Labor Caucus and from the Temperance League. The Home Secretary has stated that there is no intention of altering the hours.

Queensland.

Toowoomba.—Bro. Edgar Snow spoke on morning of Sept. 16, and Bro. J. Wilson at night. The evangelist, Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, returned from the mission at Lismore during the week and preached at both services on Sept. 23 to large congregations.

Albion.—Plans are being prepared fittingly to celebrate 25th anniversary. During October a mission for three weeks is planned. Bro. Bowes, of Gympie church, has been released by his church to be the missionary. On Sept. 16 Bro. Wilson spoke morning and evening, also at decision day at Bible school. One scholar in Bible class made her confession. Bro. Payne is nearing completion of his tenth year of ministry at Albion.

Bosnah.—Bro. John Alcorn, who has been ailing for some time, passed away on Sept. 24. The funeral took place on Sept. 25, Bro. S. Jenner officiating at chapel and graveside. The church extends sympathy to Sister Mrs. Alcorn and family and all who mourn. Bro. T. H. Green, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is progressing rapidly. Bro. S. Jenner has begun a series of addresses on "The Fulfilled Prophecies of the Bible."

Hawthorne.—Attendances at Sunday meetings keep up to standard. A choir has been organized and has rendered good service in gospel meetings. Bible school rally for first six Sundays gained over 20 new scholars. At Bible school demonstration on Sept. 18, scholars acquitted themselves splendidly. In Bible school examinations Ian Burns came first in his division, Maxine Penglass second in his. Bro. Potter has handed over superintendence of school to Bro. Burns, owing to pressure of work of youth department. His services as a teacher will be retained.

Kedron.—Record Bible school anniversary services were enjoyed on Sept. 23. Mr. Harle Lovelock delivered an illustrated message to the children during an impressive communion service, and addressed the church on the "Second Coming." Bro. P. Collins, of Ann-st., held the attention of young and old, in the afternoon, as he spoke on "How the Children Helped Jesus." Bro. N. G. Noble's evening topic was "Do not Sin against the Child" (Gen. 42: 22). Bro. C. W. Kollmer conducted the large choir of scholars and staff, accompanied by Miss Jessie Fraser and Bro. A. B. Taylor. Twenty-four journeyed twenty miles from Redcliffe, and seven travelled as far from Ipswich. The fellowship with these, and many others, increased the pleasure of the day. Sister B. Gant, kindergarten superintendent, received a birthday surprise party on Sept. 17.

Tasmania.

Invermay.—On Sept. 30 Bro. R. Edmunds gave an exhortation on "Being Handicapped." Sister Mrs. Brown, sen., from Adelaide, and Bro. Potter, from Queensland, were visitors. In the afternoon a children's day demonstration had an excellent attendance. Certificates and prizes won in recent examination were presented by superintendent Bro. E. M. Stevens. Bro. A. E. Brown at gospel service spoke on "The Straight Gate." Miss M. Stevens sang a solo.

Devonport.—Bro. Street is giving helpful morning exhortations from "The Shadows." Gospel meeting on Sept. 23 was well attended. Bro. Street's message being "The Richness of His Grace." Sisters help with song. Recently a church prayer meeting was held in home of Sister Smith, East Devonport, for first time. Bro. Street visits the church at Ulverstone weekly. W.C.T.U. took charge of G.E. meeting on Sept. 26, and on Sept. 27 Sister Mrs. Tom Street spoke on "The Australian Aborigines." Sisters Harvey rendered a duet. Sister H. Harvey was tendered a gift evening at home of Bro. and Sister Street on Sept. 28, when Bro. Street spoke of her active service in the church.

South Australia.

Colonel Light Gardens.—At half-yearly church business meeting on Sept. 26, reports of auxiliaries were presented. Each department reported satisfactory progress. The church secretary stated that six had made the good confession, four of whom had followed their Lord in baptism. Members were grieved by the passing of Sister Mrs. Yarrow.

Gawler.—On Sept. 9, S.S. anniversary services were conducted, with splendid attendances at all meetings, and excellent messages by Bro. E. J. Miles. The singing of the scholars, under leadership of Bro. Miles, was much enjoyed. Bro. Miles preached his farewell sermon on Sept. 23, when the chapel was packed. During the five years' ministry of Bro. Miles at Gawler the church has had a wonderfully spiritual time.

Gleneig.—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 30. Bro. J. T. Train, from Forestville, spoke at a teachers' recognition service in the morning. Bro. W. Beller (State Sunday school organizer and evangelist) gave an interesting talk in the afternoon. Bro. Theo. Edwards spoke at night. Excellent singing by scholars under conductorship of Bro. Genl. Fellowship with Bro. and Sister Warren, from Broken Hill, on holiday, is enjoyed. Endeavors recently gave a successful concert in aid of missions.

Hindmarsh.—On evening of Sept. 23 the K.S.P. society held a special service. State chaplain and State scribe were present, the latter installing officers; Bro. Illingworth delivered a brief address. At morning service on Sept. 30 E. H. Swan, of B. & F. Bible Society, gave an interesting address on the work of the society. At evening service on Sept. 30 Bro. Illingworth delivered a very interesting address on "A Clean Heart and How to Get It." Miss D. Outway rendered a solo. The football club, successful in winning premiership of S.A. Churches of Christ Football Association, held a social on Sept. 25.

Queenstown.—On Sept. 30 Bro. Coin, from Mt. Gambier, presided. Bro. Brooker exhorted the church. At evening service Bro. Coin preached the gospel. On Sept. 26 the boys' football club held a dinner to celebrate their being premiers of church association for season 1934. On Sept. 25 Bro. Brooker laid to rest Bro. George Edward Eden, at the age of 86. He was a member of the church meeting at Willunga for 50 years, and since he came to live in Queenstown district all have appreciated his faithfulness. Sister Bradley was also called home at the age of 76 years. The church is making preparations for a tent mission.

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Foreign Missions.

Conducted by A. Anderson,
261 Magill Rd., Trammere, S.A.

WORDS FROM THE NEW SECRETARY.

It is not easy to express in words what one feels in the heart, but since this is the first time I have had the opportunity of greeting the readers of the F.M. page as the Federal foreign mission secretary, I feel there are a few things in my heart that I would fain express.

Since our arrival in Australia, we have felt the warmth of the welcome and the fervor of your love. We will not easily forget the feeling we had when we saw the fine group of brethren who lined the wharf at Brisbane, nor the few hours' happy fellowship spent with them. Nor can we easily forget the Sydney brethren who stood at the boat's side, and who later came on board, and forgetting the surroundings of the place, and there and then, in the dining room, offered fervent prayers for the return of loved ones. One remark touched our hearts: "We thank God for the return of our dear ones, and they are dear to us." Victoria was not behind in her welcome, and during the rallies we were really shown what a large place China had in the hearts of the brotherhood.

Now we are in South Australia, and the conference just passed has afforded us many opportunities of meeting with representatives of the South Australian brotherhood, and telling of the work in China.

In addition to meeting brethren, we have had many letters of welcome, and many expressing good wishes as we undertake the new office. We desire to thank one and all for their sincere good wishes.

Some person during conference, in making reference to the new secretary, said, "The mantle of Elijah has fallen on Elisha." We would that we were worthy of the great honor bestowed upon us. We are treading in the footsteps of great men, and none greater than our secretary emeritus, Bro. G. T. Walden.

During our years in China we know that the brotherhood stood behind us with their prayers, and we seek the same co-operation now we are shouldering the responsibilities at the home base.

We thank God for the privilege of still being able to work for the great cause of missions within our own brotherhood. As mentioned above, it is not easy to express in words what one feels in the heart, so I conclude with the words of one of our dusky tribes' Christians. He was a rough old man and of few words, but he tried to express his thanks to us for coming into their midst and opening the work, and a school for their boys. His boy belonged to the school; and now the lad was able to read and write a little it touched the ignorant old man's heart. The old man came to us with tears in his eyes and said, "Teacher, I want to thank you for what you have done for my boy; he will now have a chance in life. Teacher, I cannot say much, for I am a poor ignorant tribes' man, but teacher, you know what is in my heart." The last part of the old man's speech expresses just what we would like to say. Brethren, we cannot say nor express all we would like to say in appreciation of all your kindness and love, nor yet for the confidence you have reposed in us, "but you know what is in our hearts."

BRO. PERCY PITTMAN PREPARES FOR INDIA.

It is fitting that we should make reference to Bro. Pittman, who rendered such good service for the six months he held the office of acting secretary. Bro. Pittman was most painstaking, and during his short term of office had a won-

derful grip of the work, and has at all times given of his best. At the last meeting of the Board the following resolution was carried:—"Resolved, that Board desires to place on record its appreciation of his services as acting secretary." A copy of this resolution and a letter have been forwarded to Bro. Pittman.

Bro. and Sister Pittman are now preparing to leave for India, and hope to leave Adelaide about October 25. We wish them bon voyage, and our prayers will follow them as they journey once more to the land where they have already given about 20 years of service.

SISTER MARY THOMPSON.

It is expected that our pioneer missionary will return to India with Bro. and Sister Pittman. She will return to her beloved Haridwar, where she has spent the best years of her life. After a short period of rest in the homeland, she is not content to be away from her people. In India she is beloved; and as they look for her, so she responds to the call. At present Sister Thompson is spending a short holiday with her relatives in Victoria, but soon expects to arrive in South Australia.

LATEST NEWS FROM WEST CHINA.

Dr. Hauch writes: "Regarding our work here. I hope you will 'fang-hsin' (fang-hsin means literally, let go your heart, i.e., 'don't worry'), everything is going on as usual. Since you left I feel my responsibility, and attend every meeting at the chapel except the women's meeting. I must get things right, and keep our church and other works in 'good order before the C.H.M.S. people come."

He also says, "According to what Mr. Tong wrote me recently, I could expect Mr. Chen and his family (wife and three children) to come in the first part of October. I have been asked to try and get Miss Yiu for the work here. Now I have Miss Yiu's word. She has definitely decided to join them."

In explanation let us say Mr. Tong is the general secretary of the C.H.M.S., and the Miss Yiu mentioned is a fully qualified nurse. It will thus be seen that the C.H.M.S. are trying to carry out the programme they outlined to the Board, that of sending a pastor, a doctor, Bible-woman and nurse. Mr. Chen, mentioned above, is a very gifted pastor. He is graduate of the Oriental Missionary Society, and has had eight years' missionary experience in Korea. At present he is the principal of a school in Shang-

hai. Miss Yiu is a graduate of the Bethel hospital. Bethel is one of China's great institutions, and constantly has her graduates going out witnessing for Christ. This school always has some hands going on preaching tours, and in the past few years these hands have become famous for their evangelistic zeal and fervor.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN SHANGHAI.

Last China mail brought us an interesting letter from Mrs. John Davies, of the American Baptist Mission. Those who have followed our China work closely will recall that her husband, Mr. John Davies, was sent as the Baptist representative when we entered into that work, and was for some months closely associated with our beloved Bro. Waterman. Mr. Davies in a footnote says, "Perhaps the lonely grave will not allow the Christians of Hueili to forget."

Mrs. Davies writes as follows: "Shanghai is a place of unflinching interest. This summer I have again been impressed with the spread of Christianity in this metropolis. One day I was shopping in Sincere's attractive department store, and the boy waiting on me said, 'Are you a jiao-huei shang tih ren?' (a church person). I smiled and said, 'Yes; are you?' He said, 'Yes, and this store is owned by Christians.' I asked him where he learned English, and he said, 'Oh, this store has night school. They teach us English and business methods, and they dzan-chen (approve) Christianity.' A few days later I was in a shoe shop. The young man there was so gentle and kindly, I said to him, 'Where did you learn English?' He replied, 'I go to the Moore Memorial night school.' I said, 'Oh, I know that church well. We went there last Sunday. Are you a Christian?' He said he was. Then we had a nice little talk together, and I left him beaming, and I know my face was also beaming. Later on, in a leather shop, the clerk said, 'Are you a Christ-man?' I said, 'Yes, I am a Christian.' He caught the difference, and repeated the word 'Christian.' I said, 'You also were right. Christian means Christ-man. Are you a Christian?' He answered, 'Yes, I studied in a mission school, and I am a Christian.' So we had a nice long talk, and an older man in the store joined in. Believe it or not, once again in a tailor shop, as I was pricing suits, the head man quoted a price, and added, 'For Christians we deduct 10 per cent.' I asked him, 'Are you a Christian?' When he said he was, I burst out, 'Well, praise the Lord, I am so glad.' Never before had such a succession of events happened to me, and I went out from that place humbled and also rejoicing. I said, 'Oh, to so carry about Christ as to be always recognised as his follower. Be with me always, Lord Jesus.' What impressed me most deeply was to discover that, in four separate business places in Shanghai, Chinese business men were trusting the Lord and not ashamed to admit it."

A WEEKLY VISIT.

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South Australian Conference.

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conducting of special missions with home mission churches, in order to make them self-supporting.

Diamond Jubilee.

Next year conference hopes to celebrate the sixtieth year of annual conference meetings. Plans are being made to celebrate it in a fitting manner. Each department is planning special aims, culminating in a great Diamond Jubilee Conference in September, 1935. Bro. E. A. Riches indicated his desire to contribute £50 towards putting the tent in repair for proposed missions. Bro. Riches was applauded for his splendid offer.

Missionary Messages.

During the afternoon conference was pleased to receive messages from the brethren of the home mission field: E. J. Miles (Gawler and Williamstown), H. L. Davie (Wallaroo), H. G. Norris (Central Eyre Peninsula), E. G. Warren (Broken Hill), E. H. Randall (Murray Bridge), B. W. Manning (Victor Harbour and Goolwa), Miss H. Cony assisted in song.

The foreign mission rally was said to be the best for some years. Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald was introduced as the new chairman by Bro. W. A. Russell (retiring). Those who have suffered in the great cause were remembered in a period of silence and prayer. Grote-st. choir, conducted by Bro. W. Watson, with Bro. G. Ellis at the piano, sang feelingly "Across the Bar." Miss Rita Watson rendered a solo, and Bro. A. Anderson delivered another of his soul-stirring addresses on "The Field is the World."

Training Committee.

The training committee reported suffering a great loss in the removal to Victoria of Bro. J. Wiltshire, since when Bro. H. R. Taylor had carried on the work alone. Thirteen students sat for the third terminal examination in 1933. Of these seven were second-year students, all of whom qualified for the diploma. Miss Anna Harrison, a diploma student, has recently accepted work with the United Aborigines' Mission. Bro. W. C. Brooker continues his class at Queenstown. There is an enrolment of 27 students. Diplomas were presented by Bro. G. T. Walden to successful students at the C.E. rally.

The young people's department endeavors to keep the young people together on the field of sport. It reported 24 basket ball teams with 179 members, 9 cricket teams with 160 members, 7 football teams with 194 members, and 14 tennis teams with 193 members.

Social Service.

The prohibition and social service department reported that the Enterprise Colony established a few years ago to assist unemployed brethren had been taken over by the Unemployment Relief Council, but the promise given the committee that it would have the right to nominate successors to settlers vacating was not being honored. The department had established an unemployment bureau in the hope that unemployed brethren and sisters might be assisted. The department stands behind every effort to remove the betting shop legislation. The work of the department has been greatly handicapped by lack of finance. Six bands of hope are affiliated with the Churches of Christ Union, with approximately 1,600 attending members.

In the report of the Morialta Protestant Children's Home appreciation of our representatives—Bren. E. W. Peet, T. M. Glover and Sister Mrs. Lyle—was expressed. During the year an average family of 100 has been maintained. Contributions by our churches, individuals, and boxes amounted to £46/17/6.

Home Mission Tea and Rally.

A South Australian conference concludes with a great home-made tea served in the Adelaide town hall. It is a time of happy fellowship. This is followed by a great home mission rally preceded by a song service, on this occasion led by Bro. F. P. Langlois. The incoming president, Bro. A. E. Illingworth, was introduced by Bro. E. W. Peet, and messages appropriate and appreciated were delivered by Bren. E. H. Randall and L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D. The southern suburban choir and male quartette rendered special items. Bro. W. Craddick conducted, with Miss J. Ding at the piano.

Officers and Committees.

The following were elected to office:—

Past president, Bro. J. Harkness.
President, A. E. Illingworth.
Vice-president, J. Warren Cosh.
Secretary, H. J. Horsell.
Assistant secretary, H. R. Taylor.
Treasurer, F. P. Langlois.
Home Missions Committee.—Will. Beller, W. C. Brooker, Theo. Edwards, A. McGlasson, W. T. Matthews, A. C. Rankine, E. A. Riches, J. T. Train, C. M. Verco.

Church and Sunday School Building Extension Committee.—F. P. Langlois, E. W. Peet, C. M. Verco.

Foreign Mission Committee.—H. P. Manning, A. C. Rankine, E. A. Riches, C. Schwab, Miss R. Tomkin, G. T. Walden.

Bible Schools Committee.—Will. Beller, H. W. Beer, L. J. Hudd, L. C. McCallum, W. T. Matthews, C. Schwab.

Christian Endeavor Committee.—H. W. Beer, L. Fitzgerald, F. Hollams.

Nominations Committee.—Will. Beller, H. J. Horsell, E. W. Peet, H. R. Taylor, T. E. Yelland.

Training Committee.—R. Harkness, B.A., L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., C. Schwab.

Prohibition and Social Service Committee.—H. R. Ackland, A. G. Brown, Mrs. F. Burgess, W. Green, R. J. House, A. C. McLean, A. McGlasson, W. G. Mulchier, R. N. Tippett, R. G. Vaughton.

Protestant Homes Committee.—T. H. Glover, Mrs. W. Lyle, E. W. Peet.

Representatives to South Australian Alliance.—A. G. Brown, W. Green, J. T. Train.

Representatives to Council of Churches.—G. T. Fitzgerald, H. R. Taylor, G. T. Walden, T. E. Yelland.

Resolutions.

That this conference expresses its appreciation of the work being done by Principal Bro. Main and the staff of the College of the Bible in training students for the Master's service both at home and abroad. The conference promises the College its wholehearted support, and urges all the churches to further the interests of the College by extending its practical sympathy and assistance. The conference further expresses its sincere appreciation of the Board's action in making it possible for Principal Main to attend the World Conference of the Churches of Christ to be held in England next year, feeling sure that Bro. Main's presence and influence will prove beneficial both to the conference, the churches of Australia, the College of the Bible, and to our greatly esteemed Bro. Main himself. Finally, the conference wishes Bro. and Sister Main Godspeed, bon voyage, and a safe and happy return to their home in Australia.

The conference of Churches of Christ views with alarm the rapid increase of gambling in the Commonwealth, and the dangers associated with the licensing of betting shops in this State. We earnestly entreat the members of the House of Assembly to protect the moral life of the citizens from the devastating effects of public lotteries by voting against the private bill at present before the House, and we commend the Premier (Mr. Butler) for his determination to

refer the matter of the national control of lotteries for discussion at the next Premier's Conference. We urge our churches to use every available means to discourage anything that savors of gambling in the private life of the members: It is our conviction that the young people who are being prepared for citizenship in public and private schools should be taught, on the highest ethical and national grounds, the serious consequences of seeking material gain without giving adequate return in honest and productive labor.

This conference of Churches of Christ is deeply concerned with the necessity for the periodical heavy revisions of church rolls, and requests the home mission committee to appoint a sub-committee to enquire into the manner of preparing candidates for baptism and church membership, and of retaining members in active fellowship, and asks this sub-committee to report their findings and recommendations at next conference.

The conference of Churches of Christ deplors the condition of destitution forced upon many of the citizens of the State, who have been unable to find employment, and urges the Government to take steps in extreme cases to assist in providing shelter for families which otherwise would be rendered homeless.

The delegates constituting the 1934 conference of Churches of Christ express the deep sympathy which they feel towards their fellow-Christians and all others in Port Pirie who have been called upon to suffer hardship as the result of the recent disastrous flood, and record their appreciation of the unprecedented practical help given by all sections of the Australian people to the unfortunate.

This conference heartily supports the efforts being made at present to re-introduce the Bible to our State schools, on the ground that the strength of the nation depends in a large measure upon the solid foundation of the principles of Christianity inculcated into the minds of our youth. At the same time this conference allies itself with the movement being inaugurated to encourage the regular and systematic reading and study of the scriptures in the homes of our people.

That this conference records its conviction that the use of armed force by any nation outside its own borders in the furtherance of national policy is contrary to the teaching of Christ, futile as a measure of security, irrational as a means of settling disputes, and devoid of any commensurable good. We therefore urge the Government of Australia to make a declaration of its willingness to submit all international disputes to arbitration through the instrumentality of the League of Nations, and to set the example of peaceful intentions by progressively reducing rather than increasing our armed forces.

That this conference, in view of the long continuance of the prevailing unemployment, its serious moral effects, the misery caused by it, and the injustice of a situation which deprives large numbers of that opportunity to earn a living which should be the right of every member of society, urges upon the Federal and State Governments the necessity of adopting increasingly vigorous measures for the provision of work until unemployment is eliminated, and pledges its moral support in whatever sacrifices may be required of the people as a whole in the attaining of this end.

THE PATCH (VIC.).

Church of Christ meeting every Sunday. Believers' meeting at quarter to three, followed by gospel meeting at 3.15. At home of Bro. Davis, "Mayfield," Monbulk. Preacher, Bro. Griffiths.

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Two comfortable furnished rooms, for holiday season.—C. F. Davis, Monbulk, Vic.

News of the Churches.

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South Australia.

Kadina.—During September meetings maintained good average attendance, those of 9th (church anniversary) being especially good. The anniversary tea on 12th was well patronised. Bro. G. Warren closed his ministry with the church on Sept. 20.

Murray Bridge.—The church has had a visit from Bro. G. P. Pittman. The sisters arranged a foreign mission afternoon on Saturday, and Bro. Pittman preached at both services on Sunday. For the fourth time in succession the Y.P.S.C.E. has won the country banner presented at conference. Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 23. Bro. Russell, of Prospect, was visiting speaker. Good attendances, good singing by scholars and kinders, and appropriate addresses. On Monday a programme was given by scholars, and prizes were distributed to all the scholars. On Saturday an enjoyable picnic was held.

Cottonville.—On Sept. 16 Bro. Ingham gave a splendid exhortation. At night Bro. Hollams preached to a large meeting. A young lady was baptised, and a married woman and a girl from the school made the decision. Sept. 23, one received into fellowship, and a further baptismal service at night. Sept. 30, Bro. Hollams commenced his second year with the church. Visitors included Mrs. F. Evans, Melbourne. Sister Miss Laura Jones is back from W.A. Splendid C.E. meeting on Sept. 26, when Bro. Don. Beller (president C.E. Union) spoke. On Sept. 13 a social and kitchen evening was given in honor of Miss M. Stevenson and Bro. C. Butler, two loyal church members. Gifts were presented from J.C.E., Y.P.S.C.E., Bible school and church. The marriage took place on Sept. 22.

Victorian News-letter.

A. W. Connor.

At my last writing Melbourne was waiting the coming of Dr. Graham Scroggie. His visit is near its close. I was unable to be at more than two of his meetings. One of these was his welcome meeting. At that, in his response to the welcome, he spoke some plain words as to his position. He disclaimed being a "militant fundamentalist," though he hoped he was true to the real fundamentals. He deprecated the attitude of those ardent pre-millennial advocates who were ready to question a man's faith and rule him out of the church if he did not accept their view. He affirmed his belief in the true divinity of Christ, in the cross and its saving purpose, in the authority of the Bible. He expected to be so busy about the big things in the centre as to leave little time for things out on the circumference. His messages have been a real strengthener of faith in Christ and in revealed religion; but his messages do not make good "copy" for the press, so we heard little from that source.

Renovations at Lygon-st.

Lygon-st. church holds a big place in the thoughts of our brotherhood. All will rejoice in what has been accomplished in a few brief months. The old building has been renovated within and without, and is very attractive and a joy to see. The effort needed to do the work has, as often, infused new life into the church itself, and the prayers of many will be with the members for a rich revival of the work in the old historic centre. She is not a "has been" yet.

Hotel Closing on Good Friday.

I am writing a little early, as I am to go to Albany for their second anniversary; but it looks at the moment as if our parliament may pass the bill to close liquor bars on Good Friday. Feelers are out in the press for an increase of

trading hours as a "Centenary gesture to our visitors," and even because "less liquor would be consumed"! The hypocrisy in these matters is beyond belief. One thing is clear: we must watch if we would keep our gains, and the cross-currents of party politics make it hard for us to get the right color into the house.

Missions.

Our Centenary missions are continuing. Bren. Hughes and Thomas being kept busy. Both are in the city at present. There have been no big increases to membership, but a good constructive work is being done. This is true also of the volunteer efforts, of which many have been held, and some are yet to be. We are all anticipating a big town hall meeting in connection with our social service fellowship rally. It gives us a good "come together" opportunity, and brings financial help to the department in its good work.

Youth and Jobs.

We had the spectacle lately of blocked streets because a firm had advertised for some 40 girls. Police had to keep a path through the waiting crowds. At the same time the Y.W.C.A. was announcing that it had many jobs waiting for acceptors. What was the explanation? Was it the kind of jobs? Nothing, however, can cover up the fact that there are numbers of well-educated lads of 20 who have never had a job. Unless some way out is found, even if we have to scrap some cherished theories, the fruitage will be a sad one.

Melbourne En Fete.

Melbourne is spending a lot of money in doing what not a few people call spoiling the appearance of the city, for the royal visit and the Centenary. When we are asked to accept the verdict of "experts" we may well wonder. What one calls beauty another calls "defacing our noble streets." I am not an expert, but I incline to the latter. Many of you will see for yourselves. Noble buildings are better than gaudy poles.

Town Hall Prayer Meeting.

It was claimed that 2,500 people were at a big prayer meeting. Another is to be held shortly. The prayer is for "revival." All must be in sympathy with anything that unites men together for prayer. Not all, however, who went in deep sympathy were satisfied that the end sought was attained in the carefully staged programme. They felt there was something forced and unreal in much of it. I was not there, so cannot speak from knowledge. The craze for bigness and spectacular effects grips crowds of people who are out of step with the regular everyday work of the church. Yet it is the latter that tells for most in the kingdom.

Next month should give your scribe some special copy. October begins our "celebrations."

Victoria.

Hamilton.—On Sept. 30 several visitors were present. Seven were received into fellowship—four by transfer and three by baptism. Meetings are bright and well attended.

Dandenong.—Ladies of the church held a social afternoon at home of Mrs. Ragg on Sept. 27. Bright meetings were enjoyed on Sept. 30 under guidance of Bro. Rasmussen, who gave excellent addresses.

Monbulk (The Patch).—Good meetings each Lord's day. Bro. Griffiths faithfully preaches the gospel. A prayer and Bible study meeting has been commenced on Thursday evenings at home of Bro. Pugh.

Footscray.—In the absence of Bro. D. D. Stewart, conducting a mission at Essendon, services on Sept. 23 were taken by Bro. H. Pietzsch in the morning, and Bro. F. T. Saunders at night. Mrs. J. Abercrombie addressed women's mission band on Sept. 25. Bro. G. Swallow gave the exhortation on Sept. 30. Bro. L. Brooker, of Middle Park, addressed the evening meeting.

St. Kilda.—Meetings on Sept. 16 were good. Mr. Alcorn spoke at both services, and at those on Sept. 23. Mr. Stirling, of the College, has accepted the invitation of the church to succeed Mr. Alcorn when he concludes in a few weeks' time.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Good meetings were held on Sept. 30. In the morning Bro. Bates gave an enjoyable message. In the evening Bro. J. North-east, jr. (of Fairfield), spoke on "Glorifying Christ." Sisters Mrs. McLean and Miss McLean are both ill.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Excellent addresses on Sept. 30 by Bren. W. Clay and W. Graham. Bro. Collier, jr., was received into fellowship by faith and baptism. Sister Biney Bremner has returned in good health after a health trip to W.A. Bro. and Sister Geo. Mitchell celebrated their "silver wedding" last week.

Ivanhoe.—Bible school anniversary services were largely attended. Bren. L. E. Brooker, H. Julien and H. Watson were speakers. Children's choir and orchestra did well under leadership of Bro. C. Hall (North Richmond). Miss D. Stewart gained first prize for junior teachers in recent Bible school examinations.

Surrey Hills.—Bro. A. Wilson addressed the morning service on Sept. 23, and Bro. Combridge preached at night. Bren. C. P. Hughes and Abercrombie addressed two special prayer meetings, the subject being "The Stages of the Formation of the Churches of Christ." On Sept. 30 Bro. Combridge spoke at both meetings.

Cheltenham.—Helpful addresses have been given by Bren. Ladbroke and A. R. Benn to the church and Bren. Rasmussen and G. Black at gospel services. The church is grateful for the assistance given during Bro. Allan's continued indisposition. There is marked improvement in his health, with promise of full restoration.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On Sept. 23 Bro. R. T. Pittman addressed the church; Bro. Burden conducted evening meeting. On Sept. 27 an enjoyable fellowship tea was held. Sept. 30 was Endeavorers' anniversary. At each service they took efficient part. The church welcomed Bro. Youens after his Drumcondra mission, and his addresses were greatly appreciated.

Carnegie.—Well-attended services on Sept. 30, the first Sunday of Bible school anniversary. Fine addresses were delivered by Mr. G. Andrews, afternoon, and Mr. Reg. Stevens, evening. Splendid singing by school under Mr. J. Tinkler. There is great improvement in Bro. Cowap, in Alfred Hospital. Sister Hazel Hargreaves, who is in Eye and Ear Hospital, shows improvement.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—A number of visitors were present on morning of Sept. 30, when Bro. Ralsbeck brought an interesting message to the church. One of the members has had rebound the Bible, used in the pulpit, presented to the church 70 years ago by the ladies. At night the week of special spiritual meetings began. Bro. Ennis' subject was "Secret Discipleship." Mr. Simpson rendered a solo.

Hampton.—Sister Henderson has lost her husband by death, Sister Bollitho a brother, and Bro. E. Mason was called home on Sept. 27. The sympathy of the church is extended to all those bereaved. Bible school anniversary celebrations began on Sept. 30. W. Gale addressed the church. W. W. Saunders spoke at afternoon session, and A. W. Stephenson, M.A., at night. Choruses by school, under direction of J. Y. Buckley, were rendered splendidly.

Ballaarat (Peel-st.).—Fine meetings on Sept. 30; 42 broke bread, 95 at evening service. Bro. Benson, of Dawson-st., exhorted the church. Sisters Mrs. and Miss H. Roberts welcomed into fellowship, baptised on Sept. 27. At evening service Bro. Lindsay Smith's address on "Choosing a Life Partner" was listened to with rapt attention. A baptismal service preceded gospel service, Y.P.S. held monthly parade, and contributed items; 30 members present. All appreciate expositions at midweek service by Bro. Wiltshire, of Dawson-st.

Doncaster.—Bro. Connor being away conducting meetings at Albury for the week-end, Bro. R. F. Geyer, of Prahran, spoke in the morning, and Bro. R. E. Burns took charge of evening meeting. The sympathy of the church is extended to Sister Mrs. Arnott, whose eldest son passed away during the week.

West Preston.—On Sept. 29 Bro. H. B. Robbins performed the first marriage ceremony in the chapel, and presented the bride with a Bible. Enjoyable and well attended meetings were held on Sept. 30. Bro. L. E. Snow was morning speaker, and Bro. H. B. Robbins preached at night. The choir rendered an anthem. Sickness is still very prevalent.

Camberwell.—On Sept. 23 Bro. Hughes spoke at both services to good congregations. In the afternoon the Sunday school held a foreign mission session at which Dr. Killmer gave an interesting talk on China. Children's day boxes were returned, and to date over 12 has been received. On Sept. 25 Bro. Ritchie, Jones and Smith visited Y.P.S.C.E., and spoke on different aspects of the College of the Bible.

Drumcondra.—A successful mission was concluded on Sept. 23, when a large congregation listened to Bro. F. A. Youens' stirring message on "The Eternal City." The church has been greatly blessed by the effort; twelve souls decided for Christ. A happy time was enjoyed on Sept. 26, when a large number of hand of hope members and friends gave Bro. R. A. Banks a birthday tea. Meetings on Sept. 30 were conducted by Bro. Banks.

Parkdale.—S.S. teachers held a business meeting on Sept. 26. Bro. Beaumont gave a helpful address on reading and studying scriptures at prayer meeting on Sept. 27. Services on Sept. 30 reflected credit on those organising ninth anniversary of Y.W.L. Miss Allamby is superintendent. At worship service the address of Bro. Williams (Glenferrie) was on "Dare to be a Daniel." Items by members of league at gospel service were nicely rendered, and Bro. Beaumont gave a fitting gospel message.

Bet Bet.—During Bro. Bischoff's absence conducting a mission at Buchan, services were conducted by Bro. Hill, of Maryborough, and Bro. Brown, of the College. On Sept. 16 "Every member present" Sunday was observed, both meetings being well attended. Bro. I. Living, of Maryborough, preached on Sept. 23, when children's day service was also held. The church is sorry to lose the services of Bro. Bischoff, who has labored faithfully as student preacher for nearly two years. Farewell messages were delivered on Sept. 30, and a presentation was made to Bro. Bischoff at close of evening meeting.

Middle Park.—On Sept. 19, in absence of Bro. Westwood at Collingwood, Bro. Thompson, of North Essendon, addressed the prayer meeting. On Sept. 20 a kitchen tea was tendered Sister May Dowell and Bro. Reg. Armstrong, who were married in the chapel on Sept. 22. On Sept. 23 messages by Bro. T. Fitzgerald were enjoyed. At prayer meeting on Sept. 26 Bro. C. H. Billington gave an interesting address on "Dispensation Truths." At morning service on Sept. 30 Bro. Burgin, of South Melbourne, gave a fine address on behalf of the College. Bro. C. H. Billington preached the gospel, and a young lady decided for Christ.

Kyneton.—The Ellis Goudie memorial mission conducted by Bro. Arthur Baker, of Hartwell, from Sept. 23 to 30, closed on Sunday night. There was a large attendance. Special addresses to young people have been given, that on Sunday evening being "The Mastery of Self." Bro. D. Butler sang a beautiful solo. Interest shown through question-box, good publicity from local press, Mrs. Baker's solos, delegations from Drummond, and assistance of an orchestra, were features of the mission. Bro. Baker held deepest attention of every listener. At a farewell social on Oct. 1 Bro. and Sister Baker were presented with an enlarged photograph of the late Bro. Goudie.

Maryborough.—Bible school anniversary services were celebrated on Sept. 30. The building was filled to capacity both afternoon and evening. The church was pleased to renew acquaintance with Bro. and Sister A. Withers, of Kaniva. Scholars, under leadership of Bro. G. Hughes, contributed largely to the success of the day with their singing. Bro. A. B. Withers' discourses were much appreciated.

Boort.—Meetings for September were good. Bro. S. Lacy, P. Stocks and F. Burt have been speakers since Bro. Hargreaves left. Bro. Les. Baker has taken up the work. At a social Bro. Lacy, Stocks, Dunner and Burt spoke words of welcome. On Sept. 30 a "back to churches" was held in conjunction with "Back to Boort," and many visitors were present. Bro. Baker addressed morning meeting, gave a talk to Bible school, and at night preached on "Back to Christ."

Shepparton.—At Bible school anniversary services on Sept. 16 Bro. Baker gave special messages. Large audiences appreciated the addresses, and the singing of the scholars conducted by Mr. Frank Young and assisted by a full orchestra. The concert on Sept. 18 was a great success. The whole of the interior of the chapel has been renovated; this was made possible by a voluntary effort, materials and labor being supplied by the brethren. On Sept. 30 the church had a record number of visiting members.

Gardiner.—There were good attendances on Sept. 30, it being Bible school anniversary. In the morning J. W. Enniss (superintendent) presided and gave a message to the children. C. G. Dawson, M.A., addressed the church. H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., was afternoon speaker, and H. J. Patterson, M.A., preached at night. One of the Bible school girls confessed Christ. All the services were very helpful. The scholars sang well under the leadership of C. R. Brough. The school did well in recent examinations, securing seven prizes.

Western Australia.

Brookton.—On Sept. 9, a young man confessed Christ. 35 people were present on Sept. 16, when, at the close of Bro. Taylor's gospel address on "Life's Supreme Test," the young man was baptized.

Victoria Park.—Two baptisms on Sept. 23, and one decision for Christ at gospel service. Senior C.E. has doubled its membership recently. Bro. Chas. Fred and Roy Jones have been called upon to part with their mother.

Haslemere.—On morning of Sept. 16 Bro. Gray gave a timely exhortation, recognizing the services of Bible school teachers, who were all assembled together, it being anniversary day. In the afternoon the kinders rendered items well, under leadership of Sister S. Jenkinson, and received prizes. Sister Burrows presented the cradle roll cards. At night the children sang excellently under baton of Bro. Hoskins. Bro. Gray delivered a fine address. On Sept. 18 the annual tea was followed by demonstration. Bro. Gray distributed prizes. All meetings very well attended. On Sept. 23 Bro. Gray was speaker at both services.

Fremantle.—On Sept. 6, at a social, presentations were made on behalf of Sunday school, girls' club and Adelpian club to Bro. Roy Thomson and Sister Hazel Bailey in view of their approaching marriage. Both have given splendid service to church and auxiliaries, and the wonderful array of presents, and the crowded chapel at the wedding on Sept. 15, testified to their popularity and the esteem in which they are held. Bro. Wilkie J. Thomson, of Maylands church, brother of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony. Bro. R. Raymond is absent on holiday in S.A., and Bro. Les. Peacock is conducting gospel services in his absence. Bro. and Sister Cole and family have removed to Wembley.

New South Wales.

Lismore.—On Sept. 16, 206 broke bread; 204 on Sept. 23, when there were four decisions. Bro. W. T. Atkin, preacher at Dandenong, Vic., assisted in services, and spoke at C.E. meeting on Sept. 26, when 34 were present. Junior and intermediate societies have also gained new members. Bangalow church has gained some new members through the mission, and a meeting has been commenced at Coraki, 15 miles from Lismore.

Wagga.—Successful anniversary services of the church were held from Sept. 12 to 16. Bro. H. G. Harward, of Sydney, was the visiting speaker, and his messages were of a high order. On evening of 16th he gave a splendid message on "The Mission and Message of Churches of Christ." The choir, under leadership of Bro. Midgley, rendered two fine anthems. Bro. William Rapley, a sufferer for many years, passed away on Sept. 13. Church and Bible school held an enjoyable picnic on Sept. 17.

Taree.—Bro. C. Jenkins addressed the church on Sept. 16, and Bro. P. G. Saxby in the evening. Sister Miss Lynda Foreman on Sept. 18 gave an interesting message on F.M. work in India. A united young people's C.E. rally was held on Sept. 24 at Jones Island, when district president, Bro. V. C. Stafford, addressed the gathering impressively on "Echoes of the State Convention." After six years' faithful and efficient service Bro. Stafford has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted with regret.

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Points from British Conference.

The conference held at Edinburgh in August was a great success. We cull the following paragraphs from "The Christian Advocate."

The chairman-elect is Principal Robinson—a singularly happy choice in view of the fact that next year's conference coincides with the World Convention. For that occasion no more representative brother could have been chosen for the chair.

T. H. Fraser goes to America in October as fraternal delegate to the International Convention of Disciples. He will sing his way into the hearts of our brethren across the seas.

For the seventeenth year Mr. J. Wycliffe Black presented the report of the general evangelistic committee. A deficit of £901 was reported, being £400 more than last year.

A resolution expressing hearty greetings to our Australian brethren and thanks to them for their cordial reception of our fraternal delegate, Mr. J. W. Black, was passed.

Above 350 people attended the foreign mission breakfast held in a cafe at 7.45 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. R. Penny Pryce were the speakers. The collection at the breakfast amounted to £305.

The committee reported some improvement in the condition of their funds. The bank overdraft had been reduced from £3,475 to £2,433. Including special gifts and contributions sent direct to the stations, or received from the native churches, the total receipts had been £8,789. The expenditure during the year had been £6,031/1/3.

World Convention, 1935.

Great interest had been aroused in the forthcoming World Convention. In America, Australia, and elsewhere the brethren were looking forward with eager anticipation to this great assembly.

The Convention committee had been making preliminary preparations and co-operating with the district committee of the Leicester churches.

The local arrangements for so large a gathering were necessitating much forethought, and about a dozen committees were being set up so that nothing might be omitted that would tend to the success and enjoyment of the convention.

It was anticipated that round about two thousand visitors would attend from all parts of the world, and that possibly one thousand members of our own home churches would desire to be present at what was expected to be a soul-stirring and epoch-making series of meetings.

The programme was expected to be of the greatest interest. Mr. Lloyd George would probably deliver an address at one of the sessions, and it was hoped to arrange for a symposium on Christian Unity, led by representative speakers of national reputation.

E. C. Hinrichsen.

Conference passed a special resolution recommending more pastoral care and intensive missions as a means not only of securing converts to the gospel but also of increasing the zeal and activities of the members.

According to the "Christian Advocate" the General Evangelistic Committee's report recalled that at the Liverpool Conference in 1931 a resolution was passed authorising the G.E.C. to communicate with Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen with a view to securing his services for evangelisation in Britain. Circumstances at the time were not favorable, but when the chairman of the G.E.C. was in Australia, the proposals were renewed, and it had now been arranged for that successful evangelist to come to Britain for a period of not less than one year. Mr. Hinrichsen was a preacher who had been wonderfully blessed in his various campaigns. In more than a hundred missions over ten thousand persons had been immersed under his preaching, and it was to be hoped that his consecrated labors would be as productive in Britain as they had

been across the seas. His plan would be to conduct special services in suitable localities, where he could be well supported by the brethren. No definite charge for his services would be made, but at the conclusion of each effort he would make a personal appeal to the older members as well as to the new converts for such a thank-offering as they might be able to make towards the expense of the mission. No financial obligation would fall upon the G.E.C. Mr. Hinrichsen would begin his labors with a ten or twelve weeks' mission at Melbourne-rd., Leicester, at the end of September."

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She has addressed several morning meetings of our churches, and it may be claimed for her that she delivers a very impressive exhortation. Every Monday evening she conducts a Bible class among hospital nurses in Melbourne. By this means she is becoming a very effective instrument in God's hands of spreading the gospel among those whose vocation brings them into touch with life in a unique way.

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