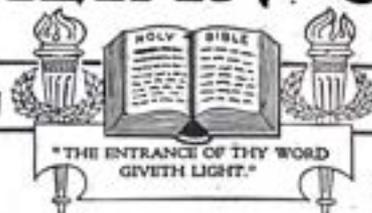


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The Christless Millions March.

NO reflecting Christian will doubt that the world of to-day needs the gospel of Christ. The Lord Jesus must come into his own, and his principles of living be accepted, if the world is to be saved from dissolution and destruction. Every other way but Jesus' way is found wanting.

Whether we consider those nations whose inhabitants have always been overwhelmingly non-Christian by profession, those who formerly made a profession but have largely renounced Christianity; or the lands professedly Christian in which apathy and indifference have so progressed as to endanger a lapse into paganism, there is forced upon us the conviction that the world needs supremely the reign of God and the salvation of Jesus Christ.

As Churches of Christ in Australia think of their missionary enterprises and prepare for their support and extension, the present state of the world should be a great inducement to increased endeavor and expansion.

Some of us may be tempted to weigh the pros and cons of missionary work, to balance the losses against the gains, and estimate the hope of conquest. The careful inquirer will find much to cheer and also much to make him sad. There are depressing failures and lapses, but also much of glorious success.

We wish to emphasise once again that our great Leader has not demanded of us that we save the world. He has, however, commanded us to do our best for him, and to take his gospel to all for whom he died. That Christ will ultimately triumph over all his foes is certain. But it is not knowledge of victory that is our impelling motive, nor are failures to be regarded as excuses for unfaithfulness. It is ours to be true and to seek to bring the world to the service of God and his Son Christ Jesus. We are responsible for witnessing, but not for the results.

The Unending March.

One of the saddest thoughts which we can have in connection with missionary

work in the largest of what we describe as "non-Christian lands" is that the growth of the Christian population is not so great as the natural increase of the countries. In India and China, for example, the result so far is that with an annually increasing number of converts there is greater increase in the number of non-Christians. We do not say this to depress but to emphasise the need of more strenuous endeavor.

Everyone is familiar with Ripley's "Believe-it-or-not" cartoons. An article in the New York "Times" stated that a nightmare in which he dreamed that Chinese were marching across his chest all night started Robert Ripley's "Believe-it-or-not" cartoons. "Being of a mathematical turn of mind," he says, "I began to wonder next morning if all the Chinese in the world could have crossed my chest during the night, and tried to figure it out." Taking the estimate of 500,000,000 as the population of China, Ripley sought to calculate how many Chinese could march by in a certain formation at a given rate, and arrived at the astonishing result that

the marching columns could never finish passing, for there would be as many millions as passed being born every year to join the parade. "This means," he says, "there would always be 500,000,000 Chinese waiting. They could go on marching through eternity. . . . When I drew that cartoon of the marching Chinese, it caused such a stir that it started me in the believe-it-or-not business."

Now apply Mr. Ripley's idea to our missionary problem. China has probably 450,000,000 people, and India about 350,000,000 to 375,000,000. Mission converts are numerous in each of these great lands, but they do not equal the number of the general increase in population, and so there are always more Christless millions than ever before.

This startling fact was considered at the recent missionary conference in Madras, India, and grave concern was expressed regarding it. It should cause grave concern to all of us, and should rouse us to greater missionary endeavor.

Much to Cheer.

It is equally important to note that splendidly successful work is being accomplished. The power of the Gospel unto salvation is constantly being demonstrated in every land in which it is being proclaimed. Whether we deal with the numbers who definitely become Christians, with the mass movements in India, or the permeation of Christian principles or ideas, there is much to encourage us.

There are movements in India which may swing millions to Christianity in the near future. 15,000 converts are reported every month. In China last year the China Inland Mission reports a greater number of conversions and baptisms than in any one previous year—the war has not stopped the progress of the Gospel. The fact that the missionaries remained in their stations has greatly impressed the Chinese.

We have other evidences of results than figures relating to conversions. We

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were greatly impressed by a recent report from Japan. (We do well to remember that in all the warring nations to-day there are hosts of sincere Christians who are deeply distressed and who strive to rise above a spirit of nationalism.) A few months since we read that at the sixteenth annual meeting of the National Christian Council of Japan, a message of friendship and greeting was sent to the National Christian Council of China as follows:—

"The National Christian Council of Japan, in conference assembled, being deeply concerned over the distressing situation which at present obtains, and the terrific ordeal through which our two nations are passing, desire to share with you, our comrades in the faith, the grief which we feel.

"Our prayer is that our two peoples, who possess a common culture and a common racial heritage, might be bound together in friendship and make the realisation of lasting peace in Eastern Asia their common cause. We deeply deplore the fact that although more than a year has passed since this conflict broke out, no solution has as yet been reached.

"We earnestly pray for God's guidance. Yearning for the early coming of the opportunity to work together with you, our fellow-Christians, for the restoration of former relations and the stability of Eastern Asia, we respectfully present this communication."

Col. F. J. Miles, representing the Russian Missionary Society, is now in Australia. He has a stirring story to tell of Russians and the Gospel, of Bible circulation in Russia itself, and of revival of religion in border States and among Russian people. His story of packed prayer houses in Poland is thrilling. Do not the following paragraphs make an appeal?

"There is no furniture in the prayer houses, as we cannot afford to accommodate wood. The people are packed to suffocation, so eager are they to hear the Gospel, and so quick to respond to the overtures of Christ's love and to react to the offer of his glorious salvation. I have often had to use physical force to get inside the door, and a great deal more to get on to the platform. There is no heating apparatus, but the people are so tightly packed that even in the depth of winter streams of perspiration literally pour down their dirty cheeks. Many travel 25 to 30 miles to hear the Gospel. They have no boots or shoes, but wear pieces of birch bark tied on to their feet, and another supply under their arm-pits. They stand throughout the services of the day, and then have to walk home in the dark over the rough frozen roads, and they complain bitterly because the meetings are too short, and they have not heard enough of the Word of God."

The story might be continued indefinitely. In all lands there are folk ready to accept the Gospel of Christ, and lost souls who have never heard the story of God's love. There are cheering signs in the darkest lands. The work of Christians, including our own work, is being greatly blessed. If we could double our missionary forces, we could make a great contribution at the present critical time. At any rate, let us not go back. We are not on the losing side. But whether or not there be constant success, whether vic-

tory or discouragement come, let us be faithful to our commission. The command has never been cancelled nor the promise recalled. "Make disciples of all the nations," says our risen Lord to whom has been given all authority in heaven and on earth; "I am with you alway."

Homer Nods.

HOW easy it is to slip! The following is evidence of the ease with which a slip can be made. An editorial article in the April 27 issue of "The Christian Evangelist," headed "Gratitude is Expensive," begins as follows:

"Every parable of Jesus is important. What artistry of words had he! How everyone of his pictures reveals human nature. He understood both man and God. Which one of his parables, if acted upon universally, would best transform mankind and make this a happy world? This is perhaps an idle question, for every parable he uttered is superbly transforming.

"Nevertheless, we would give first place to his story of the ten lepers who were healed and only one returned to give thanks. This is an amazing story."

When we read that last sentence we mentally added: "It sure is!" Of course we do not charge the "Evangelist" writer with ignorance of the fact that there is no parable of the ten lepers, but he certainly slipped badly. In case any reader wishes to refresh his memory, we suggest a re-reading of the record of the miracle of our Lord in Luke 17: 11-19. We should all endeavor to become so familiar with the New Testament that slips and howlers, as well as manifestations of gross ignorance, will be avoided.

Disciplining Priests.

CONSIDERABLE interest has been aroused, not only within the Roman Catholic Church, by the publication of decrees relating to ecclesiastical discipline which were agreed to at the fourth plenary council of Australia and New Zealand and which will come into force in September next. Some of these relate to the conduct of priests and are of more than ordinary interest, both by their suggestion of what the present practice must be and because of the indication of a determination to effect reform. From the published report we cull the following:

Under pain of suspension, the attendance of priests at horse races, dog races, prize fights and theatrical entertainments in a public theatre, and betting by priests with bookmakers are forbidden.

Priests must not associate themselves with political factions, even under the excuse of religion. They must not speak or preach in the church on matters merely secular or political without the permission of the bishop.

Membership of priests in lay societies without the permission of the bishop is forbidden, and there is a special prohibition of their

joining theosophical societies or attending theosophical lectures or reading theosophical literature. It will not be lawful for them to institute spiritualistic experiments or take the part of a medium or be present as an onlooker.

Priests are enjoined never to possess motor-cars savoring of luxury or ostentation, and curates or chaplains may not possess a motor-car without the permission of the bishop. Priests may not act as trustees for the moneys of other people even under the pretext of charity. And lest they should leave an amount of money that would be a scandal to the faithful, priests are exhorted to dispossess themselves of their possessions in opportune time before their death.

Decrees for Laity.

DECREES for the Roman Catholic laity are said to include the following:—

One declares that blasphemy and perjury in or out of a law court are to be regarded as amongst the greatest of sins that provoke the anger and vengeance of God.

Parents are enjoined to take great care lest their daughters frequent the company of young men alone without due vigilance. Attendance at picture theatres is forbidden unless the pictures have been approved by the censor, and there is a condemnation of all dancing and ballets that infringe the rules of Christian modesty. Even respectable amusements, it is stated, should be indulged in moderately and not prolonged till far into the night.

Other decrees contain warnings against extravagance, non-payment of debts and gambling. The decrees favor membership of trades unions, but warn members of the church to safeguard their Catholic principles.

A pastoral letter of R.C. archbishops and bishops accompanying the decrees contains the following paragraph:

"We uphold the practice of administering the total abstinence pledge to all children at confirmation. We desire to encourage the spread of temperance societies and the exclusion of strong drink from Catholic halls and other social functions carried on under the patronage of the church."

The attitude of many Roman Catholic priests and laity towards gambling and drinking has greatly hindered the cause of reform. For the hope of improvement aroused by the promulgation of the decrees we may all be profoundly thankful.

FOR ALL IN NEED.

My little ones sleep, happy, safe and warm—
Their children wander, crying, in the storm.
My sisters dance in raiment fresh and gay—
Their sisters drag to toil in shapeless grey.
My brothers know the cheer of wholesome fare—
Their brothers meet at tables almost bare.
I have skill's ministry for wounds and pain—
They have no help for stricken flesh and brain.
O let me never stand, unmoved, apart—
But take their sorrows, in my hands and heart.

—"The Cincinnati Enquirer."

Undying Power of the Cross.

A Challenge to a World Crisis.

W. R. Avenell.

THE story of the cross still possesses its undying power. By that sign the Christian church conquered in many lands; and to-day, in the midst of a distressed world, it brings with more significance than ever its message of comfort and hope to troubled humanity.

No doubt was left by the evangelists that for them the suffering, death and resurrection was the great fact of their faith; and their emphasis, perhaps, needs remembering in days when the tendency is often to stress rather the ethical teachings of Christ and find in them a call to the social conscience for the reform of social evils.

For many persons, however, impersonal ideals are not enough, and they turn to the personality of Christ to find that strength of personal faith, that warm richness of emotion, which is the dynamic force translating ideals into action.

To them, as to the evangelists, our Lord came for the salvation, not of society, but for the individual soul, not to cure evils, but to redeem men from evil; yet the message of the cross, addressing itself to the individual is personal, none the less it is universal in its nature and in its appeal. The gospel has found a home in the hearts of men and women in lands all over the earth.

There was a time, too, when Christianity, partly through the broad imperium of Rome, won to a large measure of practical universality. Europe in the middle ages was the world of Christendom, and the peoples, despite differences of languages, rule and class, were united in a common faith, and welded together by the power of a universal religion that preached the worth of the individual human being, prince and peasant alike, and taught the brotherhood of man through the love of God.

To-day it seems as if the glorious evangel falls vainly on the deaf ears of the warring or fearful nations; a separatist nationalism, breeding hates and fears and jealousies, has set the human race apart in the armed camps.

On two continents merciless warfare is being waged, and men, women and children are suffering massacre, devastation and misery.

From a partial realisation of international order, the world seems to have relapsed into tribal barbarism.

The material strength of the aggressive dictatorships rests, too, in the end, not so much upon their armaments but upon their

ability to inspire their peoples with a self-sacrificing devotion to their countries.

Without that faith and sacrifice mere force alone would not be enough; indeed would not be possible.

Is there not some hope in this fact, which shows the capacity of the human being for a fine renunciation for some end beyond mere selfish pursuits? This capacity may be misused and put to destructive purposes, but it may also be enlisted in the constructive service of a wiser and nobler cause, when the individual offers his sacrifice, not for a national state but for the welfare of mankind in the commonwealth

of God, following the example of "The Servant of Man."

The manifest evils of civilisation demand, instead of inadequate political or economic cures, a spiritual redemption, for there is no difficulty that could not be overcome by mutual goodwill and Christian action.

In the story of the cross the sacrifice was a means of redemption, the suffering not in vain, and Calvary was followed by the resurrection.

So Christ gave to man for to-day as in past ages, a message of hope, a pledge of the ultimate triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness.

HUMILITY.

Let us not boast of pomp and wealth,
Or rank, or race, or power;
But ask thee, Lord, for faith and health
To do thy will each hour.

—Forest Charles Dana.

Pictures in Words.

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

IN the Greek New Testament there are many words which conjure up pictures in the mind of the reader. Sometimes these pictures are dissolved in the process of translation, because the English word chosen as the nearest equivalent does not have the same associations as the Greek.

A good instance is the word *agonizomai*, which is variously rendered in the Authorised Version by "strive" (Luke 13: 24; 1 Cor. 9: 25; Col. 1: 29), "fight" (John 18: 36; 1 Tim. 6: 12; 2 Tim. 4: 7), and "labor fervently" (Col. 4: 12). In the Revised Version, 1 Tim. 4: 10, the word is rendered "strive." The Authorised Version has "suffer reproach," but this is a translation of *oneidizomai*, the change in the Revised Version being due to a revised Greek text.

The picture which *agonizomai* calls up is of the games which were so prominent in the life of the Greeks. These games, which were associated with religious festivals, were so highly esteemed that rival Greek States would even suspend war to compete in them. They were celebrated with great enthusiasm by lyric poets, such as Pindar, who wrote many beautiful poems in honor of victors in the athletic contests.

In classical Greek, the word had other meanings and references which are of significance for New Testament study. In addition to the thought of competing in the games and in dramatic contests, the word took on a more sinister meaning. From contending in friendly rivalry it moved to fighting an opponent. It was

also used of contesting a case at law, and more generally of exerting oneself in any enterprise.

The word does not appear in the Greek Old Testament except in the apocryphal books and in Theodotion's Version of Dan. 6: 14. We read such phrases as "to contend for truth," "to contend for the high-priesthood," "to strive nobly" against an enemy, and "the king exerted himself to deliver him." In the inscriptions contemporary with New Testament times the word is common in connection with warfare.

New Testament references show the influence of the classical meanings. In 1 Cor. 9: 25, the background is obviously the effort of the athlete in the games to gain the crown of laurel. Not so obvious is the reference in Luke 13: 24, where the term implies the continuous striving, the straining of every nerve to enter the narrow door. Clearly John 18: 36 means the fighting of opponents, and 1 Tim. 6: 12 speaks of a conflict against moral and spiritual foes. In 2 Tim. 4: 7 the ideas of athletics and warfare are blended. The more general idea of "striving" is found in Col. 1: 29; 4: 12 and 1 Tim. 4: 10, but it is a striving which implies struggle, toil, and even suffering.

It is an easy transfer from this last usage to the English word "agony," which is from the same Greek root. Though it is used more of "anguish" than of a "contest," to the reader of Greek the word is suggestive of the ancient *agou*, applied to the place where games were held, and also to the contest itself.

Christ Weeps Again.

W. S. Lowe.

LET it be fully understood that the church of Christ has been a glorious success in some spheres of her work and that we are not of those who would pessimistically bemoan her decadence. Still, the friends of the church are not those who close their eyes to her shortcomings or who allow the radiance of past achievements to blind them to the vision of present tasks. Our Lord would have us carve above our doors and bury within our hearts those words, "Brethren, I do not imagine that I have yet laid hold of it" (Phil. 3: 13, Wey.). A little humility inspires to greater effort, and surely our Lord must weep again over many pages in the church's record.

A Converted Church.

The church was called to a world-wide evangelism. To this high destiny Israel was called and chosen, and prophetic souls always proclaimed that there was no boundary to the realm of God. In Christianity this universal element becomes a specific portion of the gospel, and to deny it is to deny the faith.

The early church saw this clearly, her first task being the proclamation of the word. In the world but not of it, these first Christians were resolutely non-conformist to the evils of their day. Their gospel was one of no compromise.

As the centuries passed and ever new conquests were recorded for Christ, pride in victory submerged the divine wisdom in a compromise with paganism. Instead of Christ or Caesar, it was Christ and Caesar. Christ lost his crown, being asked to abdicate in favor of paganism and popularity. Human devices replaced divine oracles, and the church which was called to convert the world was converted to it.

The reformation and subsequent movements helped to cleanse the church and to free her from compromise, but she is still too closely linked with things as they are—a legacy of the old days of her enslavement to political power. The influence of men and the power of wealth still operate to sway the church, whose only guide should be the voice of God.

Historic Failures.

We may bemoan the fact that when the great Kubla Khan asked for missionaries for his mighty Eastern Empire the church was content to send him a bottle of holy water, but the church is ever open to the same mistake—the confusion of ritual with reality, the offering of the stone of ceremony when men cry for the bread of life.

Russia, after 1500 years of tutelage to the church, threw off her yoke as an "opiate" and a deception. What a caricature of Christ the church must have presented! Is not the same criticism equally true of many modern churches? To be more occupied with organization than with ministering to the needy "in their affliction" is to invite for the church in our land the same ultimate fate.

Shall we say that the church is yet fully reformed when the countries in which the reformation had its greatest success (Britain and Germany) were recently the chief protagonists in the bloodiest war in history and are actively preparing for another? Where in all this is our message of the Prince of peace? It has been remarked that had we of the British Empire devoted but a tithe of what we have spent on expanding our earthly empire to extending the kingdom of God the result to-day could not be forecast.

The Church has a Responsibility.

It is almost trite to say that the church must share the responsibility for the world's turmoil and disturbance. Many a social sin exists to-day because the church, like Jonah, fled from her tasks. The world is a storm centre, but it would do untold good if the church were to take some part of the blame and confess: "We have done those things we ought not to have done, and left undone those things we ought to have done, but by the grace of God we'll change that!"

The genuine practice of the Christian religion is the great need of to-day. Too much concern for the lengthening of church rolls and too little for the deepening of church life has robbed the church of its vital efficiency and close fellowship with God. The temple of God needs cleansing again. We knew a church where a brewer was the usher and another where two men met weekly at communion who were so much at enmity that they refused to speak even in the church doorway. How few churches are free from bitterness, quarrels, snobbery and selfishness! While these things are in the church how can she be the salt of the earth?

Our own plea has too often been a noble appeal to others to come together on the New Testament platform without the "unreasonable inconvenience of practising what we ourselves present," as one of our American brethren recently remarked. The "faith, ordinances and life" of the New Testament has been our aim. Too often we have lost sight of the last, which, after all, is the most important.

Bow Down and Worship.

Contrast with the modern spirit of compromise the spirit of the Nazarene who calmly stood alone, undaunted, before a clamoring

mob; of a Paul who purchased Christian liberty by a battling life and a martyr's death; of a John who in the midst of a demand for a worship of the world saw heaven opened and countless thousands worshipping the Lamb of God.

Yet it is not enough to spur the will to emulate these, for such life and spirit arise from a condition of things within. It may be that the church's lassitude to-day is traceable to her submission to the modern god—life is so hurried that we have little time to sit quietly and hear the voice across the years, "Be still, and know that I am God." The challenge of this hour is not to greater effort but first to deeper worship; to create those oases of quietness wherein God may speak to us. To serve him better we must know him better.

Hear a parable. A new town council came into office bursting with enthusiasm and new ideas. In overhauling the old-fashioned methods which had prevailed, they found on the salaries roll a man who was described as "The Keeper of the Springs." Interviewed, the roughly clad hill man told the smiling councillors that his work was to patrol the springs in the distant hills from which the town's water supply was derived to see that they were kept clear of decaying vegetation and impurities. The council decreed this an outmoded precaution and dismissed him. As the weeks passed sickness came to the town, so serious that every house was affected. The worried council instructed experts to seek the cause, which was ultimately found in impurities in the water supply. Hurriedly the sheepish councillors recalled the old keeper of the springs, who returned to his task of purifying the water at its source with consequent regained health to the town.

When the Christian bows in quiet reverence before God, that the springs of life may be purified at their source, the body of Christ will regain its vigor and power. Heed the voice which calls, "Be still and know that I am God." Must Jesus weep again over the modern city of God with the cry, "And ye would not?"

Interesting News from China.

A. M. Ludbrook.

MR. EDWIN ORR, travelling evangelist, has recently been contributing to the "Christian Herald" interesting articles on his stay in war-ridden China. In Kwelyang he saw Feng Hu-siang, mention of whom has been wanting so long in reports from the Flowery Land. He says that the "Christian General," whose testimony was once very bright, seems to be regaining it. Although many people talked of his "backsliding," he himself all the way through insisted that he was a Christian. After rebelling against Chiang, he was defeated and fled to Russia, his only avenue of escape from the north-west. But now they have been reconciled, and Feng is working very hard with the Generalissimo for his native country's salvation. Mr. Orr heard him deliver a speech which, he says (being translated to him), "rang with both patriotism and Christian principles, and sometimes humor." This is cheering news!

Mr. Orr then visited Chungking, the present capital which has just been so dreadfully bombed. He describes it as a progressive modern city, with wide streets and fine buildings. He and his native assistant had great meetings, "over 100 made public profession of faith in Christ; backsliders also were restored, and a crowd of Christians blessed." He also had an interesting interview with Dr. Kung, brother-

in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, and Premier of a nation of 400 millions.

Dr. Kung's Message.

Speaking in excellent English, Dr. Kung, himself a believer, gave Mr. Orr a message for the Christian world:—"China as a nation is very grateful for all that Christians have done for her. We especially appreciate the self-sacrifice of the missionaries of the Christian gospel.

"We all know that the Lord Jesus Christ taught us to stand for righteousness and to stand against evil. And we have learned to respect Christians for their loyalty to such principles as these.

"But just now, the people of China are disappointed with the attitude of professedly Christian countries. Cowed by brute force, they have lost their courage in the face of evil and aggression. It seems that they have forgotten their Christian duty of helping a neighbor against the attack of recognised evildoers.

"While we appreciate the sympathy of Christian nations, we have a right to expect more. In the League Covenant they have given their word to protect their neighbor, and in the Nine Power Treaty they pledged their word to pro-

fect China. But because of unchristian selfishness, they have broken their word, and China stands alone.

"If a fire breaks out and seizes hold of your neighbor's property, it is all very well to say: 'It does not concern me.' Who knows that the wind may change direction, and your own house may be involved in the conflagration?"

"For over a year the world has witnessed this raging fire in the Far East, and millions of peace-loving Chinese homes have been reduced to ashes. The fate of China to-day may become the fate of other nations tomorrow, unless the fire is checked.

"China will fight on. To the surprise of the world and the consternation of her enemy, we have been stubbornly waging a defensive war, undismayed by the temporary loss of my city, unbroken in spirit, united as a people—as never before.

"We welcome the prayers, the sympathy, and the help of every Christian. It seems certain that the sympathy of every Christian must be with us in our struggle against the evil forces that oppose us."

General Chang, whom many readers of these pages will remember as a high officer under

Marshal Feng, continues faithful in the service of Christ as well as of China. He, too, has given fresh witness to this, but space forbids inclusion in this article.

Seeking Christ.

Only two or three weeks ago the present writer listened-in to a talk at an Adelaide Rotary Club luncheon by Mr. J. H. Robinson, of the China Inland Mission. He said that the war with Japan had "caused countless Chinese to seek the doctrines of Christianity, and was achieving in a few months what would have taken scores of years in the way of spreading culture and education," and Dr. Stanley Jones says practically the same. Out of China's national disaster may come China's greatest good. Who knows? God reigns!

This article may well conclude with Mr. Orr's appeal to his readers: "I hope that I do not appeal in vain when I urge them to pray for China, for her leaders, for the suffering Christians, for the maimed and wounded, for the starving refugees, for the gospel-hungry masses of this great Oriental nation. Pray for China."

Our Book Table.

"A LIVING CREED FOR TO-DAY."

MR. P. B. FRASER, M.A., well known in New Zealand and Australia, has published "A Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith," in agreement with recognised standards of Presbyterian Churches throughout the world, and with a view to help in a better understanding of the Christian faith. This little volume has evoked much favorable comment, and Presbyterians particularly will be glad to have this statement of faith, which was endorsed and commended by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand. The little volume may be had for 7d., and may be ordered from the author; address 80 Queen-st., Dunedin, N.Z. It will be sent free to foreign missionaries.

"TELLING AUSTRALIA."

J. EDWIN ORR is an Irish evangelist well known in Australia because of his two mission tours. Last year he led the Revival Fellowship Team which evangelised in the Commonwealth. The team had two Irishmen, a Scot, a Welshman, and Gih, the Chinese revivalist; "yet in spite of such diversity, there was unbroken harmony throughout." "Telling Australia; by J. Edwin Orr and Others" tells the story of the stirring times which the Fellowship Team had in Australia. Readers of Mr. Orr's earlier books ("Can God—?" "Prove Me Now," and others) will not need any recommendation, but will be glad to read this volume dealing with our own land. It is brightly written, and full of interest. The authors deal faithfully with some of the evils of our land. They say that the total percentage of church goers in Australia is less than 7 per cent. Gambling and drinking are condemned as the national vices. Edwin Orr is quoted as saying that, "There isn't a country in the British Empire where there is more law-breaking and irreligion." He is sure that "between Melbourne and Sydney there is little love lost." He is also sure that Gospel team work is effective. All this and much besides will be found in this book of "adventures in experimental evangelism" published by Messrs. Marshall, Morgan and Scott Ltd. Copies may be ordered through Austral Co.; price 1/6, posted 1/9.

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP."

THIS is a helpful and interesting volume by Andrew Gih, a Chinese evangelist with

world experience and reputation, who visited Australia last year with the Edwin Orr party. Those who heard Andrew Gih will be glad to have this little volume, the first part of which contains graphic tales of revivals in China and the latter part a few sermons by the author. Andrew Gih was trained at the "Bethel Mission" in Shanghai, and his story of the Bethel Evangelistic Band and its work is very inspiring. We should like to be able to quote the accounts of the prison conversions and the communist opposition, but space forbids. Thrilling incidents are recorded, as of the bandit soldier leader who heard the preacher describe a sinner, a man without God or hope. When the evangelist asked, "Are you here to-night in this crowd?" the young ex-soldier put up his hand and called out, as though he had been asked the question, "Yes, sir, I'm here, and I need your Jesus. Will you introduce me to him?" Of the ten bandits in the group, all but one came to Christ, and four went out to evangelise China.

The second part of the book is interesting in that it gives the kind of message which this faithful evangelist preaches. The sermons are not great in themselves, and some of the expositions are quaint and far-fetched. But the book as a whole makes excellent reading and is very helpful. Edwin Orr says of Andrew Gih that "only one personal friend of mine vied with him in his practice of the presence of God." That gives the clue to this man's power. The book is published by Messrs. Marshall, Morgan and Scott Ltd. It may be ordered through Austral Co.; price, 1/6; posted, 1/9.

South Australian News-letter.

H. R. Taylor, B.A.

Preachers Migrating.

SEVERAL changes are taking place in city and suburban pastorates. Bro. W. W. Saunders, of Hindmarsh, has accepted an invitation to labor at Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic. Our conference president, Bro. C. Schwab, will relinquish his Grote-st. work at the end of September. The Cottonville and Colonel Light Gardens circuit has accepted the resignation of Bro. Frank Hollams. Your correspondent will move from Unley after conference. The Christian church at Hindmarsh-place has secured the services of Bro. Frank Cornelius,

who has served our brethren at Cowandilla for several years. A very hearty welcome has been accorded Bro. Dan Wakeley by the Maylands church. The first induction service conducted by our churches in South Australia gave our brother a fitting and an impressive introduction to his new field. Probably other churches will follow this church's good example when a preacher starts his ministry with them.

"Prayer Days Taken too Cheaply."

The lack of general interest in the national day of humiliation and prayer called for this criticism from Mr. J. Arthur Lewis, the minister of the Flinders-st. Baptist Church, in an address he delivered at a small meeting on the Monday following, one of a series of gatherings held that day under the auspices of the Council of Churches, in which it was anticipated that preachers and church members would come together in large numbers to cast themselves upon God in a time of uneasiness and political crisis. Mr. Lewis's own services were smaller than usual on the Sunday: "We are 'playing with this matter,'" he said, "and have not realised that this should be no half-hearted observance." We are wondering whether the day was observed better in the other States.

Decrease in Betting.

After some years of very rapid rise in our betting figures since the opening of the betting shops, we are heartened by the report of the Betting Control Board that the turnover for the first three months of 1939 has dropped £211,648, compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. Changes have been made in the betting legislation lessening the facilities provided in betting shops with the object of inducing bettors to go to the racetracks. Bets in premises have fallen 17 per cent., while the value of on-the-course bets has increased by 10 per cent. It is suggested that a factor in the decrease is the reduced spending power of the people consequent upon the low prices obtained for the last wheat harvest. Perhaps, too, some of the punters are at length beginning to wake up to the fact that betting is a "mug's game." Experience is a sound though a hard teacher.

A Real Conversion.

A betting shop in Prospect-rd., Prospect, is henceforth to be used as a Church of England mission hall. The building was once the headquarters of a temperance organisation. It became a skating rink and a dance hall, and going from bad to worse eventually drifted into a betting shop. Conversion has come late in life. We hope the change will be permanent.

Deacons and Evangelism.

Recently the deacons of the Baptist churches met in conference in the city to consider the relation of their officers to evangelism. A deacon who opened the discussion said that the problem of evangelism was one of weakness in the church and coldness in the spiritual life. The remedy lay largely in the hands of the officers. Their need was personal evangelism plus the power of the Holy Spirit. He referred to the influence of a "Fisherman's Club" in his own church. Some deacons, he went on to say, needed a new understanding of the importance and value of the prayer meeting. Deacons' meetings often degenerated into discussions on finance. He contended that first things should come first. A resolution carried by the deacons embodied the following pledges: (1) Private and corporate prayer for the stimulation of the spiritual life of the churches; (2) a re-dedication of themselves to the tasks to which the Lord had called them; (3) a pledge of loyal support to the church and minister in every endeavor to further the work of winning the souls of men that God's kingdom may come and his will be done on earth.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

THE GREAT MESSAGE.

MESSENGERS of the risen Christ go forth!
Let love compel.
Go, and in risen power proclaim his worth,
O'er every region of the dead, cold earth,
His glory tell!

Tell how he lived and toiled, and wept below;
Tell all his love;
Tell the dread wonders of his awful woe;
Tell how he fought our fight, and smote our
foe,
Then rose above!

Tell how in weakness he was crucified,
But rose in power;
Went up on high, accepted, glorified;
News of his victory spread far and wide,
From hour to hour.

Tell how he sits at the right hand of God
In glory bright,
Making the heaven of heavens his glad abode;
Tell how he cometh with the iron rod
His foes to smite.

Tell how his kingdom shall thro' ages stand,
And never cease;
Spreading like sunshine over every land,
All nations bowing to his high command,
Great Prince of peace!

—Horatius Bonar.

THE WAY TO WIN HEARTS.

THE way to win hearts is to show kind attentions and utter kind sentiments. "You have called me brother!" cried the Russian beggar radiantly, who had just begged of Tolstoy without receiving anything. "I am sorry, my brother," said Tolstoy, "but I do not have a single copeck about me." "You have given me more than I asked for," was the joyous answer. "I asked for a few coins, and you have called me brother."

CHURCH LIFE.

THE church is the great fostering and sustaining agent of the holy life. Many are good at prayer and as students of the Word, who nevertheless lack fulness and completeness in their Christian walk because they fail to cultivate their church life. The church belongs to Christ, for he purchased her with his blood. He is the builder of the church. She is his body, and he is the Head. And we are members of his body, and must be "fitly joined together." Christ cherishes and nourishes the church, and outside of the church we languish and die. The church wears his name; then let us do honor to that name. Christ is the Master Builder; then let us be yielded and pliable in the Builder's hands. He is the Head of the church; then let us always be in subjection. He nourishes and cherishes her; let us therefore partake by abiding in him. She is his bride; then let us maintain the purity. He purchased her with his blood; therefore let us "bear about in our bodies the dying of the Lord Jesus," "that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

We must cherish a deep regard for the great day of the church. The first day of the week, or Lord's day, is the great day of the church. Services are held for worship, preaching of the gospel, and instruction of the young. What a day of help and inspiration for those in the

Christian walk! Those who attend most feel they cannot be there too often. What encouragement, what building up, what seasons of refreshing await the Christian at the Lord's house on the Lord's day!

It is very fittingly called the Lord's day, for our Lord gave special honor to it in that on that day he rose up from the dead. On it he made his first two appearances to the disciples, sent the Spirit on the apostles, and builded his church. The disciples observed it as the day of worship and observance of the feast, and in early New Testament times the whole Christian church, like John on Patmos, could say, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Never allow anything to mar the sanctity of the day for you. Set up a hedge about it, and guard it from every attack. Keep it as Christ wishes you to keep it—a day of worship, rest and Christian service.

"Rise, my soul, the day is breaking,
Gleddened nature drinks the light;
From the sleep of darkness waking,
Put off all the clouds of night;

"Take the rest the day is bringing,
Best of all our earthly days;
Enter thou his gates with singing,
Tread the hallowed floor with praise."

—Selected.

HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF.

"HAVE you ever studied the art of self-defence?" said a young man to a man of magnificent physique and noble bearing.

The elder man looked at his questioner with a quiet smile and then answered: "Yes, I have both studied and practised it."

"Ah!" said the other eagerly. "Whose system did you adopt?"

"Solomon's," was the reply; "and as I have been in training for some time on his principles, I can confidently recommend his system."

Somewhat abashed, the youth stammered out:

"Solomon's! and what is the special point of his system of training?"

"Briefly this," replied the other; "'A' soft answer turneth away wrath."

RETURNED EMPTIES.

ON one occasion the Dean and Mrs. Hole were returning from the Continent, and the Channel passage was very rough. Landing much exhausted at Dover, they suffered a considerable delay at the railway station. To fill up the time the Dean made a study of the company's bye-laws. As he pored over the regulations an inspector came up. "Ah!" said the Dean, addressing the official, "it is one consolation, after such a crossing, that we go back half price." "I don't understand, sir," was the man's reply; "there is no special reduction." "Oh, yes, there is; I've been reading your notices, and you state that you take returned empties at a much reduced rate."

IN OTHER WORDS.

A baboo, or native clerk, in India, who prided himself on his mastery of the English tongue and skill in its idioms, sent the following telegram in announcement of his mother's death: "Regret to announce that hand which rocked the cradle has kicked the bucket."

The Family Altar.

1877.

TOPIC.—WATCHFULNESS COMMANDED.

Monday, June 26.

WATCH in the watchtower.—Isa. 21: 5.
Though lamenting the captivity of his people, Isaiah, in a vision, beholds the overthrow of the adversary. At God's bidding he had climbed the watchtower, and declared what he had seen.

Reading—Isaiah 21: 1-10.

Tuesday, June 27.

What, could ye not watch with me one hour?—Matt. 26: 40.

To Peter was the question addressed, for it was he who boasted that though he should die with Christ he would not deny him. Jesus points out his weakness and warns him to be on guard lest he should fall in the coming struggle. He and his fellow-disciples failed to keep watch even for one hour. They were ashamed of themselves and knew not how to answer. Coming to them for the third time, Jesus said, "Sleep on now, and take your rest," for the opportunity to assist their Lord had passed away for ever.

Reading—Matthew 26: 36-46.

Wednesday, June 28.

Watch ye.—1 Cor. 16: 13.

As sentinals on guard, so Christians should ever be watchful, lest they be overcome by their enemies. False teachers would try to rob them of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; wicked men would endeavor to entice them into worldliness; the devil would attack the stronghold of the church. Hence the necessity of constant watchfulness.

Reading—1 Corinthians 16: 1-13.

Thursday, June 29.

Be thou watchful, and establish the things which remain, which are ready to die.—Rev. 3: 2.

The tendency was to become drowsy and disinterested, so the church is exhorted to watchfulness and urged to establish the good qualities which still remain, that there might be a complete spiritual recovery. Failing watchfulness and diligence the glimmer of life which still remained would be extinguished.

Reading—Revelation 3: 1-6.

Friday, June 30.

Let us watch and be sober.—1 Thess. 5: 6.

The special reference is to the coming again of our Lord, the certainty of which should lead to constant watchfulness. When this stupendous event takes place the world will be unprepared; sunk in sinful indulgences, careful for nothing but their own selfish interests. Christians, unlike the rest, should be ever wide-awake, and always ready to welcome the return of their dear Lord.

Reading—1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11.

Saturday, July 1.

Blessed is he that watcheth.—Rev. 16: 15.

The Christian who is constantly looking for the coming of his Saviour, and, whilst his Lord chooses to tarry, makes adequate preparation by purity of life and fervency of service, is far better and happier than he who will find himself unready when our Lord reappears.

Reading—Revelation 16: 12-16.

Sunday, July 2.

And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch.—Mark 13: 37.

Whether Christ comes to meet us or we, departing this life, meet him, we must be prepared, lest we find ourselves surprised and overtaken as was the world when the deluge came.

Readings—Hosea 14; Mark 13: 24-37.

Healing a Foreign Girl.

Mark 7: 24-30.

Prayer Meeting Topic for June 28.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

WE are on the eve of our great foreign mission day, and it is good to remember that Jesus was the greatest missionary the world has known. First he came to earth from heaven. John says he "came unto his own," but we know that he taught about the "other sheep" that are "not of this fold," and himself went to them on occasion.

Jesus in Foreign Parts.

He was born a Jew and prepared those of Jewish birth to be his agents in carrying the gospel of the love of God to all. In the course of his ministry on the one hand opposition developed against him, while in Galilee there was enthusiasm, and insurrection was dangerous. The twelve must be trained, and in order for that he would be quiet, and decided to go beyond the borders of Israel. Jesus was not seeking a ministry to the heathen there, for he knew his time was short. Better prepare the twelve than himself to be missionary to them. The work of preparation of others may be more important than for oneself to go. Parents and teachers can prepare others for great tasks.

Conduct of Jesus.

When the woman appeared why did Jesus not grant the request immediately? Keeping in mind what we have already said, consider the effect of such action. There would not any longer be opportunity for training the twelve. There could be no quiet, for these people would through him as in Galilee. The long journey would be in vain. Subsequent events on the healing seem to suggest that this did happen.

And what of the woman? Is there not such a thing as a testing of faith? God submits us to testing that pure faith may be discovered. Some fall in the test, and some are made stronger through it. There was apparent severity in Jesus' reply, but in the mouth of Jesus it would have a meaning different from that used by the ordinary Jewish rabbi. The woman takes the word of Jesus and cleverly uses it to press her need. She does not resent it, but uses it. What a lesson for those who would interpret the words of others in the worst light. She received the reward of true faith in the healing of her daughter.

Another Striking Thing.

Though on foreign soil "he could not be hid." The Phoenicians were a race of traders, and their leading business men had seen the Christ and something of his work around Galilee (cf. Mark 3: 6-12). Others might come and go easily and no one take the slightest notice. Jesus was known far and wide.

Christ should never be hidden in us. In actual fact he cannot be hidden. The tragedy in international relations has been that so-called Christian nations have not revealed Christ. Here could have been one of the most powerful missionary agencies in all the world. Exploitation of the native races for selfish ends has done much to make void the gospel of the love of God. Christ was not revealed either in our treaties or in our actual relations with them. Self first and last makes our so-called Christianity a by-word. Is Christ in you? Is he revealed in conversation, in home life, in business life, in recreation, in church service, in literature you read and thoughts you think? These make us what we are. If Christ is not hidden we shall find increasing opportunities for service.

TOPIC FOR JULY 5.—REDEMPTION OF THE PURCHASED POSSESSION.—Ephesians 1: 3-14.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

Reverence in Worship.

"HOW can we secure a more reverent attitude among our church school members for the opening worship service?"

Why not make this the subject of one or more workers' conferences? In preparation ask a competent worker to make careful observation of all that actually happens during this worship period, keeping careful notes. In the conference let this person describe in some detail just what happened. Which activities contributed to reverence? Which detracted? Try to be very objective, neither excusing nor justifying anything that happened. This observation and report may be assigned to different workers successive Sundays for several weeks. Many things will be observed which otherwise might escape notice or be considered of no consequence.

Then a careful study of worship may be made by the group, following such guidance as is found in good books. What is the meaning of worship? What place has it in the whole programme? How are school worship and church worship related? What is the proper setting for church worship? How can provision be made for pupil participation?

Why not engage some of the classes also in a study of worship as a supplementary study or as an elective unit? Try placing more responsibility for worship programme building and leadership on student committees. Take periods other than those designed for worship to learn, interpret and appreciate materials for use in worship such as hymns, psalms, prayers and readings.

Try planning well in advance and building up toward some special worship service, seeking to make it a very profound experience. This may be a communion service, a vesper service, or a special self-dedication service. It might be occasioned by representatives being sent away to camp, or conferences, by having a "parents' day," by some seasonal interest like Christmas, the unveiling of a new picture or fellowship with some visiting group.

Let the leaders watch very carefully their own attitudes, conduct and inner experience. The spirit of reverence is contagious. Children are quick to sense the real experiences and attitudes of their elders.

Notes from Queensland.

Youth Week.—Preachers, officers and secretaries of Queensland brotherhood responded to the department's request for their local oversight to make Youth Week and the annual offering great successes. Some country churches held special functions, and metropolitan interests were focussed by a successful rally in Ann-st. chapel, Brisbane. Eighty representatives of our youth work enjoyed the fellowship in a boat trip on the beautiful Brisbane river to Lone Pine Zoological Park. Churches were benefited by accepting talented and consecrated services from their youth during that special week.

Home Department.—Isolated members gratefully respond to the increasing work of our Home Department. Part of our Bible School and Young People's Department's permanent policy is to compile a register of brotherhood, childhood and youth for helpful contact right from cradle membership to that of the church.

Annual Examinations.—Interest in annual scripture examination is increasing. Last year 312 scholars of 21 schools entered, and 338 of 22 schools this year. Two large schools

have adopted two smaller in supplying them portion of Bible school requisites.

S.A. Commission.—Appreciation is expressed to the South Australian Commission appointed to investigate the "decline in Bible school attendance." Their findings have been beneficially circulated through the youth page of "The Christian Echo," our Queensland brotherhood monthly.—N. G. Noble.

Australian Youth Workers' Convention.

THE biennial Sunday school and youth workers' convention will be held this year in Melbourne from September 20 to 25. The convention is being arranged under the auspices of the National Council of Religious Education, in which seven religious bodies are co-operating. The purpose of the convention is to help Sunday school and youth workers to solve the problems which are confronting them to-day. The theme of the convention is "Christian Leadership of Youth To-day." Youth at worship, leisure, study and work will all be considered. A special feature will be an exhibition of teachers' aids for all grades in the Sunday school. The conference centre will be at Scots Church, in the centre of the city. A great youth rally is planned for the Exhibition Building for Saturday, September 23. Inspirational addresses, vital discussions, helpful fellowship are being planned.

Reduced fares from all States have been provided, and hospitality during convention is being arranged for visitors who desire it.

Registration forms and further particulars can be obtained from your State youth department. Registrations close on August 20. Full details may be received from the convention secretary, Norman Smith, M.A., Methodist Young People's Department, 288 Lit. Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I. Victoria.

South Australian Notes.

A DAY of very delightful fellowship was enjoyed with the brethren at Mt. Compass, at the annual all-day Bible school conference arranged by the Bible School Department on the King's Birthday holiday, June 12. Twelve schools were represented, a bus load making the journey from the city. The morning devotional session led by Bro. E. S. Caldicott gave a fine opening tone to the sessions, Bro. Cornelius giving a helpful talk on "Beholding, Holding Fast, and Holding Forth." In the afternoon a "Methods Session" was presided over by Bro. H. A. Dunkerton. Miss Bond helped splendidly with her practical talk and display of kindergarten helps. Bro. F. Collins followed with a thoughtful message on "Bible School Methods." Healthy discussion followed.

At the evening "Inspirational Session" the chair was taken by Bro. Cornelius (chairman of the B.S. Department), when Bro. I. Durdin gave an earnest address on "The Purpose of the Bible School," the day's meetings closing with the organiser's address on "The Teacher Needed To-day."

Musical items given during the day were a solo by Miss Roma Durdin and a quartette by Misses Margaret Bartlett, Thora Smith, Roma Durdin and Gwenda Beller. Misses Verco, Moore and Nettlefold acting as organists during the sessions.

Meals were splendidly arranged for by the Mt. Compass ladies. It was felt on all sides that the day had been most beneficial to all engaged in our youth work.—Will Beller.

Here and There.

THE following telegram from Queensland reached us on Monday afternoon:—Macnaughtan mission made good start Moorooka; tent crowded; one baptism.—Alcorn.

We learn that Bro. W. W. Saunders, preacher of the church at Hindmarsh, S.A., has accepted an invitation to labor with Dawson-st. church, Ballarat, Vic., in succession to Bro. J. Wiltshire, who has gone to Perth, W.A.

The secretary of the church at Tempe, N.S.W., requests us to correct the report in our issue for June 7 regarding the appointment of a preacher. He writes: "The appointment of a preacher to succeed Bro. Everett has not yet been finalised."

Miss F. Cameron, who recently arrived from India on furlough, will visit churches in South Australia until July 16. After that date she will be definitely resting. Applications for her services up till July 16 can be made through Mr. W. W. Saunders (S.A. secretary), 24 Osmond-st., Hindmarsh.

At a meeting of United Board of Chaplains, representing Baptists, Congregationalists and Churches of Christ in N.S.W., held on June 16, Bro. W. J. Crossman was elected senior chaplain (first class). Endorsement was given of the conference executive's recommendation for the appointment of Bro. R. Acland as a chaplain.

Under the auspices of our N.S.W. conference executive a convention was held in Petersham chapel on King's Birthday. Three sessions were held. Many of the preachers gave inspiring addresses, and there was a high spiritual tone. The conference president (Bro. W. R. Avenell) represented the brotherhood at the levee held at Government House, also the review at Centennial Park.

Bro. A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., has accepted an invitation to labor with the church at Johannesburg. For some weeks Mr. and Mrs. Ladbroke have been in New Zealand, visiting relatives and friends. On Tuesday of this week they arrived in Melbourne, where they are due to stay for one week, after which they will leave for Western Australia. They expect to sail from Fremantle for Africa towards the end of July.

Bro. Keith Robinson, of Nelson church, N.Z., recently conducted a three weeks' spiritual crusade at South Wellington, where Bro. W. G. Graham is preacher. It was a time of very great blessing. The work at Wellington South is going along steadily. Average attendances for May were 189 at Lord's supper, 170 at gospel service, and 60 at prayer meeting. Bro. Graham's children, Mary and Alan, have been ill, but are improving.

The annual business meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Wives' Association was held in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Friday, June 16. There were 22 ladies present. Newly appointed officers are Mrs. J. E. Webb, president; Mrs. J. W. Lewis, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. A. R. Main expressed thanks of the ladies to the retiring officers, Mrs. A. E. Forbes and Mrs. H. Earle. Mrs. Campbell, from U.S.A., gave a helpful address dealing with some of her experiences in America.

In a letter to the manager of the Austral Co. an isolated sister writes as follows:—"I am now an isolated member and look forward more eagerly than ever to the 'Christian.' It is the one big link that keeps me bound to the church I love. I may also state that my husband is not a member of the Church of Christ, but also enjoys reading the 'Christian.' He says that it is by far the best church paper he has ever read, for it is full of sound thoughts and splendid material. He says the writers all seem to see and understand things as they should be seen and understood."

A meeting of general interest is to be held at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Wednesday, June 28, at 8 p.m. Mr. Richard Ward, L.L.B., Rabbi Saenger, and Miss Jessie Brookes are to speak on various aspects of the refugee problem. An intelligent grasp of the facts is the first step toward a solution.

We are glad to report that there were more decisions for Christ at the concluding meetings of the Greenhalgh-Marley mission at Bexley North, N.S.W., making a total of eight. Other people are interested. Thankoffering amounted to £13 in cash and promises. Bro. R. Greenhalgh's messages were inspiring and helpful and appreciated by members and all who attended. Bro. G. Marley's able assistance as song leader was also much appreciated, as well as the help of the pianists, Bro. Brown, Paddington, and Miss Hope Toyer, Rockdale, and of those who assisted in song. To the churches who attended in delegations and to Paddington church and the home mission committee Bexley North church is deeply grateful.

The home-call came early on Sunday morning, June 18, to Mrs. Walden, wife of our Bro. G. T. Walden, at their home in Edmund-ave., Unley, S.A. Our sister had been ill for a considerable time, but had never failed, whenever possible, to attend the Lord's day morning service in the Unley church. News of her death was made known in all churches of the brotherhood in and around Adelaide on Sunday morning, and there was a large attendance at the obsequies later in the afternoon. Services in the home and at the graveside in the Mitcham Cemetery were conducted by Bro. H. B. Taylor and A. C. Rankine. Bro. Walden was too ill to attend. Heartfelt sympathy is felt with him and their four daughters in their bereavement.

The Victorian Local Option Alliance will celebrate its annual conference on Tuesday, July 18. Sessions at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. will be devoted to conference business. 8 p.m. session will take the form of a public temperance demonstration in Central Hall, Melbourne. Mr. Walter Alliston will speak on "Temperance in Politics and Public Affairs," and Mr. A. A. Hughes (president of Victorian Christian Endeavor Union) speaks on "The Temperance Approach to Youth." Churches and organisations affiliated with the Alliance are invited to send at once to the Alliance secretary the names of two delegates to the conference, whilst individual congregations or branches of affiliated organisations may each appoint one representative. The evening demonstration will witness the inauguration of a State-wide Temperance Pledge-signing Crusade, and will be presided over by Hon. J. A. Kennedy, M.L.C.

Bro. Bess J. Manning was married to Miss Christina Attwood, daughter of Mrs. G. T. Attwood, of Worthing (England), on March 8 at Ikau in the Belgian Congo, Africa. The native church building was decorated by the natives with wild flowers gathered from the forest. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Hall, a co-missionary at Ikau, partly in English and partly in Tomougo, the native tongue of the district. Three little native girls were bridesmaids, and Mr. Frank Manning, the groom's brother, was best man. As the church ceremony had no legal significance in the Congo, the bridal party had to journey to the State Department office. There the marriage ceremony was read in French, and the happy couple were legally married. The wedding breakfast was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austria, co-workers on the mission field. The furlough of Bro. Frank Manning will shortly be due. He is expected to be home in South Australia in November next.

"The announcement of the successful completion of the campaign for the reduction of the debt of the National City Christian Church is an occasion for general rejoicing," says "World Call." "The heavy financial obligation carried since the dedication in 1930 has in less than twelve months' time been reduced by nearly 200,000 dollars. In addition the interest rate on the remaining 340,000 dollars of property indebtedness has been reduced from 5½ per cent. to 4½ per cent. While many people and many churches co-operated in this undertaking, perhaps a major share of credit is due the National City Church's indefatigable pastor, Doctor R. H. Miller, and to the representatives of the Board of Church Extension, Doctor John H. Booth and S. R. Bradley. The responsibility on these men during the months of the recent campaign has been very heavy. That responsibility they have borne well; and now they merit and receive the appreciation of their brotherhood, for this is an achievement of brotherhood significance."

The two-weeks' pre-Pentecost campaign at Rockhampton, Qld., concluded with splendid services on May 28. There were 95 present at morning meeting and 116 at gospel service, 124 breaking bread for the day. A lady who had confessed Christ during the campaign was baptised. During the mission 20 members read the book of Acts. New contacts have been made with non-members, and Christians have been greatly strengthened by the addresses given. June 4 marked the completion of the first year of Bro. H. E. Greenwood's engagement. During this period 11 were added by faith and baptism. On June 11 the C.E. anniversary was held, young people taking part in both services. The theme for the day was "Christian Youth Building a New World." Appreciated messages were given in the morning by Bro. N. Watson, "A New Person," and Bro. A. Johnson, "A New Church." At evening service over 100 were present; Miss Jean Williams spoke on "A New Home"; Miss Essie Nelson on "A New Community," and Bro. Greenwood on "A New World." All the addresses were excellent.

In a recent issue of the "Sydney Morning Herald" a sub-leader appeared on the subject of larger lotteries. The reference was to the proposal under consideration by the N.S. Wales Government for an increase in the size of lotteries. The adage of Dr. Johnson was quoted: "Sir, I do not call a gamester a dishonest man. But I call him an unsocial man, an unprofitable man," and the proposal of the N.S. Wales Government was criticised as unsocial and unprofitable. Already the State lottery constituted an anomaly since the Government, while conducting it, put other forms of gambling outside the law. Encouragement of gambling through the lottery must be deemed inimical to the welfare of the community, and the fact that the evil was established afforded no true excuse for its extension. If the State lottery prizes were increased, whether to help the hospitals more substantially or to ostracise the Tasmanian and Queensland large-scale lotteries, it might well institute an undesirable interstate competition to which no limit would be put, with prizes soaring to astronomical proportions. As for raising extra sums to meet hospital needs, only a minor percentage of the State lottery subscriptions went towards the hospitals. With their heavy outgoings, lotteries were an expensive and inefficient form of raising money. In fact, several Governments in Europe had found them so uneconomical that they had discontinued their lottery experiments. Apart from the ethical issue involved, the State Government could hardly remain blind to the salutary lessons of overseas experience. This might well be the plea of the churches or of one of our religious journals, and it is gratifying to find it in the columns of one of our leading daily papers.—"A. C. World."

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth (Lake-st.).—Bro. J. Wiltshire was due to commence his work with the church on June 18. During the past nine weeks the ministry and fellowship of Bro. and Sister Hutson have been enjoyed. Last Sunday evening Mr. Hutson gave a powerful address entitled "Now or Never." Two young men made the good confession. Bro. and Sister Berry are back from Tasmania.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Northern District Conference at Devonport on June 12 was well attended; 25 members were in attendance from Launceston churches. Wednesday night's quarterly spiritual rally was well attended. On Sunday, addresses morning and evening were delivered by Bro. W. S. Lowe to good congregations. 112 broke bread. Evening attendance, 115. Sister Mrs. Brown (nee Miss Parkin) has been called to higher service, and was laid to rest in Carr Villa Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Bro. Lowe officiating.

QUEENSLAND.

Northern Suburbs Circuit.—Boondall church has been strengthened in numbers, spirituality and finance, during the six months' leadership of Bro. J. Larsen, which ends on June 30. Recently a baptised believer was added, also one by faith and baptism. Bro. W. J. Wiltshire will be church secretary from July 1. Good meetings are reported at Zillmere. Bro. and Sister Owen have been received from Rosewood. Y.P. guild shows decided improvement.

Maryborough.—Since Bro. Stirling commenced his series of meetings on May 14, enthusiasm has been kept up and attendances have been good. On May 21 Bro. Stirling held special meetings for youth week. A picnic was held on May 20 at St. Helens. After Bro. Stirling's address on May 21 a young man confessed Christ, and at evening service on May 28 seven young people were baptised. Special revival meetings were held every night except Saturday from June 4 to 13, and there were four confessions, making a total of eleven confessions since Bro. Stirling commenced his campaign. Our brother also conducted an induction service on June 14, and gave the charge to Bro. G. R. Van Eerde who commenced his ministry on June 18. This service was followed by a welcome social to Bro. Van Eerde and a farewell to Bro. Stirling.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—There were splendid meetings on June 18, and four were baptised prior to gospel service. Bro. Brooke gave an address on "The Man who wasn't Himself." The choir, and Bro. Ern. Collins as soloist, ably assisted. On morning of June 15, 50 ladies participated in women's fellowship rally. Vocal and instrumental items and an illustrated talk by Bro. Allen Brooke were enjoyed. Women's guild provided lunch. On June 17 an outing planned by men's fellowship was abandoned on account of heavy rain, but a good number of men gathered at the chapel and experienced a happy time. A discussion on "What's Wrong with the Brotherhood?" created great interest. Bro. Allen Brooke gave an illustrated talk. Bro. H. Banks voiced appreciation of the fine tea provided by officers' wives. The passing of Bro. Edgar Foreman, an aged member of the church, is reported with regret.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Stirling East.—Recently Bro. Paddick baptised and welcomed into fellowship one of the Bible school scholars, and one young woman was received in by letter. On June 18 another Bible school boy made the good confession.

Berri-Winkle.—Attendance at Bible school was excellent with 96 present on June 18. At gospel service one young man and two young Bible school girls from Winkle were baptised. After service two girls from Berri Bible school made the good confession.

Hindmarsh.—At morning service on June 18 the interchange of preachers by arrangement with F.M. committee took place. Bro. Saunders going to York and Bro. Ira Durbin bringing an appreciated message in interests of forthcoming offering. At gospel service Bro. Saunders preached on "Obeying Christ in Baptism," after which Shirley Smith was baptised.

Bordertown.—Christian Endeavorers appreciated a visit from Bro. Wiltshire, formerly of Ballarat. Bro. Anderson, foreign mission organiser, showed entertaining pictures from India on June 16. Messages were delivered on June 11 by Bren. Russell (morning) and Anderson (gospel service). Y.P.S.C.E. held a successful social on June 7. A young lady who had made the good confession at Wolseley was baptised on June 13.

Glencig.—There has been one baptism and two have been received into fellowship since last report. Three young ladies from Bible school confessed Christ at night meeting on June 18. Bro. F. Collins addressed morning meeting in interests of foreign mission work, and gave a very fine message. The service at night was taken by Dr. Johnston. Attendances continue good, and great joy has been experienced as a result of the Master's blessing on the work.

Midland.—Anniversary services held the past two weeks have proved a great time of fellowship and blessing. Large gatherings enjoyed inspiring messages from Bren. J. Wiltshire, J. E. Shipway, A. Baker, B. W. Manning, P. Collins, A. Jones and W. L. Ewers (State organiser). There were many visitors, and greetings were received. Cricket club held a tea on June 14 in honor of being premiers for first time. Among visitors were the church officers and Mr. J. Meyer, who presented the shield after expressing encouraging words.

Fullarton.—June attendances show a marked improvement over May. On June 4 a young man confessed Christ, and on 11th, after a splendid address on "The Personal Baptism of Our Lord," Bro. Rankine conducted a baptismal service. Bible school had best attendance this year on June 11, several new scholars attending. Sister Spry has been restored to health after severe illness. There is keen interest in J.C.E. work. The church appreciates the services of Sister Mauser and Miss Thompson. The sisters' guild does good work.

Wallaroo.—The church held its anniversary on June 4 and 5. Bro. McDowell, of Owen, exhorted, and attendances were very good. Kadima male quartette party helped on Monday night. J.C.E. attendances are good, and the reds and blues are having a keen competition. Sisters are working hard on three-year plan. The busy bee circle, under Sister Bennett, does good work. The Bible school keeps up a good attendance. On June 11 Bro. Brooks exhorted in morning. At night Bro. Andrews spoke on "Repentance," and Sister Prosser sang a solo. Bro. Banks is away on sick leave.

Kadina.—On May 25 the ladies' guild held a cafeteria night; £2/13/- raised for building fund. On May 23 the Y.P.S.C.E. held a fathers' night. Bro. A. P. Russack spoke on "God the Father." On May 28 Bro. Ken Dyster spoke in morning on "Life with a Divine Purpose," and on June 4 on "All Things Work Together." At night Bro. Lance Marshman, president of Northern Conference, preached; subject, "And he preached Jesus." Ladies' guild had splendid meeting on June 8, 18 ladies assisting in hind-

ing choir music books. On June 11 Bro. Dyster exhorted on "How Peter was Delivered from Prison." Mr. Roberts preached at Wiltamulka. Bro. A. P. Russack gave an illustrated lesson to Bible school on "Conversion of Cornelius." One new scholar. At night Bro. Ken Dyster preached on "The Conversion of a Commercial Traveller."

Maylands.—On May 28 Bro. A. E. Brown, who assisted the church for two months as evangelist, had one confession at close of his concluding service. Welcome meetings were extended to the new preacher and his wife, Bro. and Sister D. Wakeley, on June 4. Opportunity was also taken to welcome home on furlough from India our living link missionary, Miss Florence Cameron. On June 7 an induction service was held. The leader was Bro. F. P. Langlois, church treasurer; two former preachers of the church assisted, Bro. F. Collins reading the Bible lesson. Bro. H. R. Taylor spoke on "The Duty of the Church in Relation to the Preacher," and Bro. A. E. Brown on "The Duty of the Preacher in Relation to the Church." C. Schwab (conference president) presented the introductory charge to the new preacher, followed by response by Bro. D. Wakeley. Words of welcome were spoken by conference representatives, Eastern District ministers' fraternal, local church and auxiliaries. Sisters Wakeley and Cameron were recipients of many floral greetings. The choir rendered special anthems. On June 11 meetings were well attended. The church is enthusiastic, and looking forward to a period of co-operation with Bro. Wakeley.

Berri.—Increased interest is shown in all departments. On June 4 Bro. Hollar spoke on "The Only Thing that Jesus ever Bought." Two young men made the good confession. Numbers of young people attend services. The church has entered wholeheartedly into the three-year plan of the churches in this State. The church held a conference on the King's Birthday weekend. Bren. Ewers and Hollams came for Sunday services. Bro. Ewers addressed the brethren at Berri. Bro. Hollams spoke at Winkle at the Lord's table. At evening youth demonstration Bro. Hollams spoke on "Wasted Goods." Forty more chairs were used. The building was packed. Eight young people decided for Christ. After the service Bro. Hollar installed new officers of K.S.P. and P.B.P. On June 12, at 2 p.m., the church assembled to meet Bro. Schwab and party from Adelaide. A conference was held and each auxiliary submitted its plans. Over 120 persons sat down to tea at Berri Institute. The chapel was again full to hear a message from Bro. Schwab entitled "God and Our Greatest Needs." Two Sunday school scholars responded to the invitation. On Wednesday Bro. Hollams gave a message to 45 at prayer meeting. The work in the district presents great possibilities.

VICTORIA.

Northcote.—Bren. Russell Sterling and Don. Chipp, by faith and baptism, were welcomed into fellowship on June 18.

Chelsea.—A visit from representatives of Young People's Department on June 14 was greatly appreciated. Bro. Hunt delivered a very fine gospel message on 18th.

Dandenong.—The Endeavor society continues to have good meetings. Bro. Lewis delivered helpful addresses on June 18. At gospel service he spoke on "The Church in the Modern World."

East Kew.—Meetings have been very well attended lately. Many visitors have been present. One of the members of Bible school and a young person have recently made the good confession. On June 10 Bro. Clem. Mott was married to Sister Mabel Washbourne; they will make their home in Surrey Hills district. A K.S.P. club has been commenced for young men. Auxiliaries are functioning very well.

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Foreign Missions.

Conducted by
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ANNUAL OFFERING.

ONLY two more weeks to annual offering day! We are praying for sacrificial giving in lives and substance. During the year the giving has merely been average, but our expenditure averages higher than former years. We are seeking to advance, but advances can only be made by having the full loyalty of our brethren and sisters. Not less than £5000 is required in the annual offering to maintain our present work.

DR. OLDFIELD'S ILLNESS.

OUR readers will regret to learn that Dr. G. H. Oldfield since his return from Sydney has been confined to his bed with pneumonia. His condition is reported to be satisfactory. At the request of Dr. Oldfield, a cable was sent to India asking the prayers of missionaries and Indian Christians. We ask, too, that the churches will remember Mrs. Oldfield and family in prayer, and pray also for the speedy restoration to health of the doctor. During the past few months the doctor has had a busy time at the Sydney University taking a course

would have been incomplete without them, for they were unmistakable signs that God's love is a real and a practical thing.

To-day, on the mission fields, we, as the disciples of Jesus, are preaching concerning the love of God, and we, too, feel that actions which will witness to the reality of what we preach are needed. Our benevolent work, our children's homes and our medical work are found to be such witnesses. As one patient said not long ago, after a stay in hospital as a patient, "I have heard your preachers tell of Jesus before, but now I have seen Christianity in action." The works which he saw witnessed to the truth of what he had heard, and were a sign to him which proved our claim to be ambassadors of the loving Father.

These actions spring naturally as a result of the presence within us of the Spirit of Christ, and God uses them as a witness to others. Send the means so that we may witness more worthily, and pray that God will use this witness mightily in the salvation of those who are dependent on us for their knowledge of him.—G. H. Oldfield.

MISS FLORENCE CAMERON.

WE are happy to report that Miss Cameron is in excellent health, and has already visited several centres in South Australia. Her home State has given her a warm and loyal welcome. She will continue visiting churches until about the middle of July, and then intends to have a complete rest. She reports the joyful news that round the Easter period there were fifteen baptisms in the Shrigonda area. The Lord is blessing the work in this area, and it appears as if the future days will bring in even greater harvests. Christians belonging to outcaste groups in the Shrigonda area might be the means of introducing the gospel into large outcaste areas further afield.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

THE idea behind this arresting phrase from I Kipling is similar to that of Jesus in John 4: 38, "Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors."

Born in debt.—In every realm we come to life hopelessly indebted. The sleepless nights of the world's Edisons and Pasteurs are paralleled in Christian history by the dauntless courage of the apostle to the Gentiles or the courageous pioneering of Livingstone and Carey. These all labored, and we are entered into their labors. The very gospel itself proclaims the same indebtedness, for have we not entered into life through the labors of another?

A sacred trust.—These blessings were created

for countless unborn generations of which we are only one; yet through the faithful stewardship of this heritage we may leave our imprint upon this common human inheritance. We may so labor that others enter in to our labors. In every field of Christian service we have this opportunity, but perhaps supremely so to-day in the sphere of overseas missions. This is the Christian white man's burden.

The world's future depends on the road which the backward races of the world take in emerging from their darkness. Emerge they will by one road or another. If these peoples do not take the pathway of Christianity the future is very black indeed, for the only thing which can give them true perspective in their rapid absorption of Western civilisation is the message of Christ. Without that no dark prophecy is too imaginative; with it new glory will be added to the name of Christ.

The choice is in our hands. These peoples are seeking Christ with fervor, but other agencies are seeking them, to which, if the Christian church fails them, they will certainly turn. We, the church of to-day, may so labor in this sphere that we place the world of to-morrow eternally in our debt.—W. S. Lowe, Tasmanian Conference President.

TEACHING THEM.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded."—Matt. 28: 19, 20.

WE must preach the gospel and teach the disciples. Teaching takes time and money. If the colored people of the earth are to be kept in the "way of righteousness" they must be taught the things of the kingdom of God, which are written in the Word of God. More Testaments, more Gospels, more tracts are needed to supply the converts of our mission stations. More money is needed to buy these books. Bible-women and native preachers make wonderful teachers. These people who spend their days in this work must be paid a small sum. The workman is worthy of his hire. Our Bible-women and evangelists reach many thousands, but there are millions yet to be reached with the gospel and taught the commandments of Jesus. A better filled treasury will help the field of missionaries to employ more of these native workers.

Reader, you say you cannot teach the heathen. No; but someone else can, if you supply the necessary money. Every shilling given to missionary work helps in some way to teach heathen people about Jesus.—Miss D. Judge, chairman Queensland F.M. Committee.

DEATH OF MRS. WALDEN.

THE Board expresses deepest sympathy with Bro. G. T. Walden in the death of Mrs. Walden on Sunday, June 18. Bro. Walden himself has been very ill, but makes constant enquiry regarding overseas work, and till recently has attended meetings of the Board.



Baramati Bazaar.

Baramati has a population of 14,000. On market days large crowds visit this area outside the city.

in tropical diseases and medicines. We congratulate the doctor in securing the Diploma of Tropical Medicines. On arrival in Victoria it was the intention of the doctor to visit several centres prior to the offering. He regrets his inability to keep these appointments, but urges all to stand behind the work overseas, that the work might not only be maintained but make progress. Dr. Oldfield's present address is 32 Range-rod., Camberwell, Victoria.

WITNESS.

THE miracles of healing and social service which Jesus performed are considered by the New Testament writers to be witnesses to the fact that he was divine. Jesus himself said when questioned as to his right to heal on the sabbath day, "The works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me that the Father hath sent me." Jesus did these works because he knew that the Father wished him to do them, and he considered that they were evidence of the fact that God, whom he described as LOVE, had sent him.

As we read through the gospel records we are struck by the fact that on very few occasions are we told why he performed the miracles. Many people appealed for pity and were never refused. In other cases Jesus' power was exhibited quite spontaneously—as he healed Peter's wife's mother and as he stretched out his hands in pity on lepers and other sick people. The miracles were evidently expressions of God's love for humanity, and the message of his love

EVERYONE LOOKS FORWARD TO FRIDAY—

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Obituary.

Joseph Roy Atkinson.

WITH the passing of Bro. J. R. Atkinson on June 5 at the age of 73 after a short illness, the church at Blackheath, N.S.W., has lost an officer and brother who could ill be spared. Born in Lancashire, England, he was born again in Ulverstone, Lancs., in 1909 under the preaching of Bro. Airey and immersed by him. He linked up with the Church of Christ from the inception, and during the late war rendered great service for the Lord there. Thirteen years ago the family came to Australia and linked up with the church at Lidcombe, N.S.W., where he was on the diaconate for seven years. Five years ago he removed to Blackheath, and worked in the church till his passing. A member of the I.O.O.F., he was greatly esteemed in the town, shown by the great company which attended church and graveside. Blackheath is poorer but heaven richer by the home-going of our brother. We express our deepest sympathy to the widow and family. May God's grace be sufficient for them until the day breaks.—G.E.

Mrs. E. C. Clarke.

ATTAINING the ripe age of over 91 years, and a church association of 63 years with the church at North Fitzroy, Mrs. E. C. Clarke, of North Carlton, Vic., fell asleep on June 4. Arriving in Melbourne in 1861 by the steamship "Great Britain," our sister was afterwards attracted to the meetings held by Bro. Earl in St. George's Hall. Result, decision for Christ and baptism at Lygon-st. in 1865, where she entered into membership. On the church at Collingwood being organised she, with several others, was drafted to help the church there. On her marriage she transferred to North Melbourne for some time, subsequently taking up membership with North Fitzroy, which she retained until her death. She was a good and generous woman, a stickler for the "old paths," and an earnest helper in all the musical ministries of the church. During her closing years she suffered severely, but maintained an un-

wavering faith in the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus, and fell asleep with the fullest confidence that for her "absence from the body" was to be "present with the Lord." All that the tender ministries of her daughter, Miss Ethel Clarke, could devise were utilised to make her closing days bright and comfortable. She leaves a family of five—two daughters and three sons—to cherish her memory.—J.W.B.

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

THE monthly meeting was held at Grote-st. on June 1. Mrs. Downs (overseas superintendent) was leader for devotions, her message being "The Ministry of Commonplace Things." Miss Nancy Graham was soloist. Of 64 sisters present, 36 were delegates. The collection, £1/16/9, was handed to overseas superintendent.

Mrs. Riches (president) led the business session, and apologies were given from Mesdames Verco, Stokes, Richards, Edwards and Harding. Mr. Rootes was present, his message to the sisters on "Give ye them to eat" being much enjoyed.

Treasurer's report for May.—Home missions, £1/17/-; overseas, £3/4/7; catering fund, £4/15/4; balance in hand, general fund, £9/1/11.

Overseas committee superintendent, Mrs. Downs, reported that during May £1/15/- was received, and that a welcome home would be tendered to Miss Cameron.

Catering committee receipts and expenditure for Bible school workers' tea held at Grote-st: received from suburban churches, £6/9/11; expenditure, £2/15/6; balance, £3/5/5, which will be handed over to Bible School Department.

Hospital superintendent reported that during March and April 188 visits were paid to sick and aged in hospitals and private homes; 79 magazines and dainties distributed.

Dorcas committee (superintendent, Mrs. Burns) stated that good reports were coming from many societies. Sewing was being done for Children's Hospital, Minda and Protestant Children's Home. Stirling East has resumed meetings.

Obituary committee (superintendent, Mrs. House) reported that the following sisters had

received the home-call: Mrs. Fax (North Adelaide), Mrs. Warren (late Broken Hill), Mrs. Pridcaux (Hindmarsh). The sorrowing ones were brought to the throne of grace in prayer. The president (Mrs. Riches) was to visit Williamstown sisters on June 7. Mrs. De Lane will be devotional leader for July meeting.—Mrs. H. R. Charlick, assistant secretary, Victoria-ave., Medindie, S.A.

ON A SUNNY DAY.

This day—how great a boon!
"He makes his sun to shine";
It climbeth up towards noon,
The air pours heaven's wine:
Token of that free gift
Man's soul to heal and bless,
And all his powers uplift—
The Sun of Righteousness.

—Selected.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.	Wanted:
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THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT:

WAR and all its circumstances are contrary to the mind of Christ.

—The Dean of St. Paul's.

—A Quotation inserted by a Group of Christian Peace-Lovers.



Men's Banquet held at Unley, S.A., on May 15, when over 100 were present.

—Block by courtesy "Adelaide Chronicle."

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Prahran.—A social evening in aid of church building fund was held by the sunshine club on June 10. Bro. J. E. Webb delivered his final address on June 11. Bro. Turner, of East Kew, was morning speaker on June 18.

Ararat.—On June 14 the ladies' society held a successful American tea in the home of Mrs. C. Welsh. C.E. society had a bicycle picnic to Mt. Ararat on King's Birthday. On June 18 Bro. L. Gole gave an after-church missionary lantern lecture.

Fitroy (Gore-st.).—Bro. Andrew gave a nice address on morning of June 18, and spoke at gospel service on "What is Christianity?" A message in song was rendered by three brethren. Attendances the last three weeks have been smaller through sickness of members.

Newmarket.—On June 11 Bro. Payne addressed both meetings. A young boy from Bible school confessed Christ. On June 18 Bro. S. Fordham, of Moreland, presided at morning service. Bro. D. Gardiner, of Ascot Vale, gave a splendid address at night. Much illness prevails amongst members.

Wangaratta.—The church has been greatly blessed by the visit of Bro. Gale, H.M. secretary, who spoke at several meetings, including a largely attended women's meeting. On June 11 Bro. Geyer spoke at gospel service in the interests of overseas missions. Meetings are well attended. Much sickness prevails.

Caullfield (Bambra-rd.).—A choral concert given by Meistersingers' Choir in aid of organ fund was well received. On June 18 Bro. Clipstone gave the church a forceful foreign mission message. In the evening, continuing a series of addresses, the subject was, "The Church—Her Practices." A good number are absent through illness.

Balwyn.—On June 7 a fine concert was given by the Regent Concert Party. On 15th the Sunshine Mission Band held a meeting. It was the 15th anniversary of the band, and a happy birthday was spent, visitors from various churches attending. One young man accepted Christ on June 11, and one young lady was baptised on 18th.

Malvern-Caulfield.—About 100 members and friends gathered at a kitchen tea on June 14 to do honor to Sister Marg. Mitchell and Bro. Ken. Holmes, who were married on June 17. These two have been excellent workers in the church for many years and will be missed very much. Bro. Buckingham gave excellent addresses at both meetings on June 18.

Croydon.—Meetings have been affected by members being sick or on holidays. During absence of preacher at Bendigo C.E. Convention, both services were conducted by Bro. Burns, sen. Bro. Burns, jun., was back on June 18. Morning message was "Witnessing for Christ"; evening, "The Lordship of Jesus." C.E. society held an enjoyable social evening.

Ballarat (York-st.).—"India" was presented graphically by Bro. Scambler on morning of June 18. In afternoon and evening, anniversary services were repeated, Bro. Lindsay Smith being speaker on each occasion. His messages, appealing to young and old, were much appreciated. The anniversary eclipsed all previous efforts both as regards finance and attendance.

Hamilton.—On June 5 a special prayer meeting of combined churches was held at the school hall by Aborigine Uplift Society. On June 11 Bro. Garland's gospel message was "The Teachings of Christ." Bro. Dinning, of Bordertown, S.A., was a visitor. On June 18 Bro. G. Emmett, B.A., of Coleraine, was morning speaker, and at night Bro. Garland spoke on "The Character of Christ." Social evenings are held frequently to aid different stalls at forthcoming fair. Sisters Mrs. Colman and Mrs. Comer have been ill.

Camberwell.—On June 11 appreciated addresses were given by Brea, T. H. Morris and T. Scambler. On June 14 the women's mission band had a visit from matron of Christian Guest Home. The Bible school demonstration was held on June 20. Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family and Mrs. Cook and family have been received by transfer. General interest is being well maintained.

Stawell.—K.S.P. chapter enjoyed a visit from Ballarat K.S.P. Two members of Y.P.S.C.E. attended Bendigo convention. Attendances are very fair; many church members are indisposed because of sickness. Sister Miss Jones is back after several weeks' sickness. A visit was paid the church by Bro. Gole in connection with foreign mission work. He addressed the church on June 18.

Kyneton.—There was a good attendance of members on June 11 at 10 a.m. to hear Dr. E. R. Killmier's appeal on behalf of overseas missions. At breaking of bread Bro. R. Goudie spoke on "The Trumpet Call." An offering was taken for social service work. Owing to indisposition of Bro. A. Reed on 18th, addresses were given by Brea, R. and G. Goudie. Sickness is prevalent amongst members.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—A splendid musical programme was given on June 14 by the Barnden orchestra and West Moreland Baptist choir, as a Bible class fixture. On June 18 two ladies were received into membership by letter from Shepparton and Nallsworth, S.A. Bro. Baker at 11 a.m. spoke on "The Love that Passeth Knowledge." 107 attended Bible class, when Bro. Baker spoke on "A Night of Reckoning." At 7 p.m. he preached on "The Highway to Zion." Many members are ill.

Ormond.—On account of Bro. C. L. Lang being ill, Bro. J. Ritchie, conducted prayer meeting on June 15. These meetings are keeping up in attendance. Lord's day, June 18, was 14th anniversary day. At worship service Bro. W. Gale gave a delightful message to a good audience on "Coming Home." At night Bro. Gale gave a very fine gospel address to a good meeting. Some old members were back. Sister Miss P. Daff sang a beautiful solo. A number of members were away through illness.

South Melbourne.—Influenza has interfered with attendances of church and school during past few weeks. Bro. H. McCallum conducted both services on June 11 and 18. Soloist for June 18 was Sister Doreen Murray. Kappa Sigma Pi club celebrated 21st birthday on June 8. Bro. H. B. Robbins, first chaplain, and ten of the first chapter were present, also State council and church officers. With 21 years' unbroken service, the club has helped train some fine young men for better service.

Footscray.—On June 13 the married ladies of the church entertained the Phi Betas at a social evening. Endeavorers held a splendid meeting at the home of Sister Mrs. W. Osborne, when echoes of the Bendigo Convention were related by delegates. With assistance of church the societies have collected 300 bottles and jars for Melbourne Hospital. On June 17 the three Bible schools held the annual tea and prize-giving. On morning of June 18, Bro. Robt. Storey gave a fine foreign mission address.

North Essendon.—The leadership of Bro. McIlhagger in all departments is greatly appreciated, as also have been addresses already given in a special series for the month of June. A Bible school campaign has brought a number of new scholars. On May 30 Mrs. Brough (women's conference president) addressed sisters at a successful afternoon function. On June 18 the visit and addresses of Bro. S. H. Wilson, of Berwick, were appreciated. The book of Acts is subject of present quarter's midweek meetings.

Brunswick.—Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on June 8 was conducted by Nicholson-st. Methodist society. On morning of June 11, Bro. Coventry brought before the church the work of the C.F.A., and in the evening Bro. S. L. Patching delivered

his first message, "Release for the Prisoners." Bro. Wigney, of West Preston, brought the message on morning of June 18. Meetings are fairly well attended, although many members are ill. Sister Wittecomb is making excellent progress toward recovery. Congratulations are offered to Sister Sargent on the attainment of her 95th birthday.

Preston.—The marriage of Sister Linda Garth to Bro. F. Morgan (Invermay, Tns.) was celebrated on June 17, Bro. W. T. Atkin, of Northcote, officiating. Sister Garth has been an active worker for many years, and was the recipient of many tokens of esteem from various organisations, in addition to which she received a handsome chiming clock on behalf of the church. Best wishes go with Bro. and Sister Morgan for the success of their work at Invermay. Bro. Robinson has delivered nice messages since commencement of his ministry, and is becoming known in the district.

Castlemaine.—Dr. Killmier, of Melbourne, and Bro. E. Duns, of Bendigo, spoke at morning and evening services on June 11 in absence of Bro. L. Baker at Echuca conducting a mission. Brea, Swalling and S. Lacy took charge of week-night meetings. On June 18 Bro. Baker spoke at both services. Eleven folk represented Castlemaine at Northern Central Conference at Echuca on June 12. A happy time was spent. Women's mission band anniversary was celebrated on June 14. A good parcel of clothing has been forwarded to social service department by the ladies' help assembly.

Cheltenham.—Owing to absence of Bro. Allan, visiting Shepparton and Yarrowonga in interests of overseas missions, Bro. Watson addressed morning meeting on June 11, and at night Bro. F. J. Funston, B.A., Dip. Ed., conducted the meeting, which was in the form of a hymn service. On June 18 Bro. Allan gave appreciated messages on "Jesus in the Temple" and "Doubt Shattered." Annual meeting of mission band was held on June 8. Mrs. Lewis was elected president, Miss Judd secretary, and Mrs. Daff treasurer. On several Saturday afternoons the tennis club have had working bees renovating the courts.

Hartwell.—On June 11 Bro. Allsopp, of Hawthorn, gave a splendid talk to a large meeting, and at 7 p.m. Bro. A. L. Gibson gave a magnificent address on "The Conquering Christ." On June 14, 140 gathered in the chapel to welcome Bro. J. E. Webb and family. A very fine supper was served by the sisters. On June 18 Bro. Webb gave the church an inspiring address after he and Mrs. Webb and family had been welcomed into fellowship of the church; 124 broke bread. At 3 p.m. Bro. Webb gave a fine message to the senior Bible class, and at 5.15 Bro. and Sister Webb were entertained at tea by Sunday school staff and senior Bible class; 42 took part. At 7 p.m. the chapel was filled to hear Bro. Webb's opening gospel message. The work is in good heart.

Geelong.—Splendid meetings were conducted on June 11 by Bro. D. Stewart. Speaker at men's fellowship tea, which was largely attended, was Mr. Wallace Jaekel. At evangelistic service the male choir gave several delightful messages in song. The address was on "Final Scenes." Members of senior Endeavor society and midweek prayer meeting have disbanded meetings for past fortnight to enable members to attend mission held at Drumcondra. Bro. R. Watt gave a very inspiring message at morning meeting on June 18. At night Mr. Ambrose Roberts (Victorian Local Option Alliance) gave a splendid temperance address. Choir greatly assisted. One young lady from Bible class made the good confession. Sisters Mrs. Hair and Mrs. Dawson are in hospital.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Inverell.—The church sympathises with Sister Mrs. J. Hamilton and family in the loss of their husband and father, who passed away on May 27.

Rockdale.—On June 18 Dr. Verco exhorted, and at night Bro. Priestley preached to a good meeting. Solos were rendered by Bro. MacLean, of City Temple, and Bro. Newbury, of Tempe.

Tempe.—On June 11 Bro. Fairbrother exhorted the church, and Bro. G. Morton delivered the gospel message. A fine spiritual atmosphere was evident at both services. 68 scholars were present at Bible school.

Lidcombe.—Bro. E. Andrews addressed the church on June 18. At night Bro. W. J. Crossman's subject was "Moral Failure." Bro. E. Bulgin conducted gospel service at Carramar. There is much sickness throughout the circuit.

Enmore.—A large and happy gathering on June 10 honored Bro. Ron. Watson and Sister Minnie Robson, who were to be married on June 17. They will be missed from Enmore and no doubt welcomed at Hamilton. Bro. MacLean, of City Temple, gave an interesting address on morning of June 11. Stuart Stevens preached at night, when there was a very good meeting. Misses Wakely and Wymer rendered two duets very nicely.

Taree.—A successful convention in connection with Manning River District C.E. Union was held on June 12. The convention speaker, Bro. C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D., made a valuable contribution to the helpfulness of the day. Bro. E. J. W. Caldecot, also of Lane Cove, was week-end speaker for June 18. He spoke at Taree and Wingham in the morning, and conducted the gospel service at Taree in the evening. All the messages were edifying and appreciated.

Granville-Parramatta-Seven Hills Circuit.—A successful Bible school social was held at Seven Hills on June 17. This auxiliary is doing a good work. On June 18 there were good meetings at North Parramatta, Pendle Hill and Doonside. Interest continues at Doonside, and work is very encouraging. An impressive service for the dedication of elders and deacons was conducted at Granville morning service, Greystanes members having fellowship. There was a good meeting at night.

Mosman.—G. E. Burns edited the church on June 11; subject, "Christ's Promised Presence." At night he preached on "Christ's Promised Power." On 18th he spoke on "Ye shall be my witnesses," when Mrs. Mitchellhill was welcomed to fellowship after absence through illness. Bro. Perkins, of Chatswood, addressed men's brotherhood on "Is Prohibition of Evil Effect?" discussion following. At night "Christ's Promised Return" was Bro. Burns' gospel subject. The church congratulates L. Owen on passing his final medical examination.

Blackheath.—In recent months the church has suffered the loss of three members, the last being Bro. J. R. Atkinson, who received the call to higher service on June 5 after a short illness. His body was laid to rest in Blackheath cemetery on June 7 after a service conducted at the church and grave by Bro. G. Everett and members of the I.O.O.F. On June 11 there were good meetings, especially at night, when memorial service was held, Bro. Everett speaking. Mrs. Allen, of City Temple, rendered an appreciated solo. A young man and a girl accepted Christ as Saviour.

Broken Hill.—Special young people's services were conducted at Wolfram-st. on June 4 and succeeding evenings, 5th, 6th and 7th, Bro. Will Beller being speaker. He addressed a pleasant Sunday afternoon, special items being rendered by scholars from both Bible schools. At gospel service he gave the address, and installed into office members of recently formed Phi Beta Pi club. On Monday evening, around the tea table, a conference was conducted, led by Bro. Will Beller, who gave helpful suggestions for preparing and presenting lessons. On Tuesday evening a combined C.E. rally was held, at which representatives from sister churches attended, and a challenging message

was given by Bro. W. Beller. Items were rendered by J.C.E. and a visiting Methodist Y.P. society. A church social was held on June 7. On June 11 Bro. J. Cremer exhorted at Wolfram-st. Bro. Elliott Arnold delivered gospel message to a good congregation. He also spoke at Railwaytown in the morning. Sister E. Bryant sang a solo at gospel service. Sister F. Ball is back again. A welcome was also given to Bro. Baker, of Glenelg, S.A. Sister L. Evans was admitted to local hospital for operation for appendicitis.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE, TASMANIA.

AT a conference of Northern Tasmanian churches held at Devonport on June 12 a time of happy fellowship was enjoyed by visitors from each church.

Bren. Arnot and Crowden presided over the meetings, which were of a devotional nature. The theme was "Our Responsibility," the following speakers dealing with various aspects:—Bro. Morgan (Invermay), "Towards God," F. Howard (Ulverstone), "To our Pioneers," A. Harvey (Caveside), "To Preach," J. Byard (Mole Creek), "To our Brothers," F. Daniel (Sandhill), "To our Brother in the Lord," A. Cameron (Devonport), "To our Assembly," W. Lowe (Margaret-st.), "To our Nation." Solos were rendered by Sisters Sinsfield, P. Byard, P. Howard and Bren. A. Byard and T. Arnot, and quartettes from Sandhill and Margaret-st., Launceston. Song-leader at night meeting was Bro. T. Wilmot, and organist Sister Harvey. Bro. H. Crowden was appointed president and Sister Crowden secretary for the ensuing twelve months. It was decided to hold the next conference at Ulverstone on a date to be fixed. Tea and supper were served by Devonport sisters:—T. Orr, Sec.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AUXILIARY, OLD.

THE auxiliary met in Ann-st. chapel on Thursday, June 8. Devotions were led by Mrs. Harlan. A reading on "Privilege of Service" was given.

Mrs. Wendorf (president) welcomed all present, especially Mrs. Burnham, who has returned after some years in Sydney. Mrs. Wiltshire (Albion) was then welcomed as new treasurer.

The price of a pair of blankets was donated to Sunsetholme. Arrangements are well in hand for conference. A day of fellowship will be held at Wynnum on July 18. Treasurer's statement showed a balance of £1/2/3 in hand.

Foreign mission receipts: May-June—3/8 1d. per-week, Ann-st.

Home mission receipts: May-June—Sally, Ann-st., £3; Annerley sisters' birthday box, 4/-; Rosewood sisters, 14/-; £1/5/11 handed to H.M. committee; prayer meeting, Stones Corner, 8/6. A delightful day of fellowship was held at Annerley on May 25. Sister Wendorf presided. Bro. Macnaughtan gave an address on "A Hole in the Hedge." Offering realised £2/11/-. A great day of fellowship was spent at Sunnybank on June 1. Sister Wendorf presided and spoke. Bro. Noble also gave an address. Basket lunch was served by Sunnybank sisters. Offering, £1/15/6. £6 raised for month.

Mission bands have been formed at Albion, Annerley, Kedron, Toowoomba and Rockhampton. From four of these bands £5/14/- has been received.

Social service received 75 articles and 9 pairs shoes. 73 articles, rug, blanket and 9 pairs shoes were distributed; £3/1/6 for Christmas cheer.

To isolated 41 "Echoes" and four letters were sent.

A delegate was sent to W.C.T.U. Convention in Tasmania.

At prayer meeting at Stones Corner speakers were Sister Willis and Bro. Alcorn.—Mrs. D. Harlan, Secretary, "Winona," Sunnybank.

ADDRESSES.

A. J. Huntley (secretary pro tem. East Kew church, Vic.)—9 Weir-st., East Kew, E.4.
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LACY.—In fond memory of our dearly loved daughter, Nesta, who fell asleep in Jesus at Boort, June 21, 1931. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

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"BALAAM."

WE have been reading a lot lately of prayers being offered for peace, but peace to live how and to do what? To follow after our hobbies, love affairs, pleasures, etc., no matter at whose cost? No doubt a huge war would upset these. Are we praying to One who cannot read the thoughts and cunning desires of the heart? Has he not heard the same cry for generations past of selfishness, not righteousness, praying for peace, while we won't sacrifice the smallest thing for peace—with our neighbor over the fence, our workmate, or between employer and servant; men striving against men, "right" quietly laughed at while pressing upward in what is called the social scale, looking selfishly but eagerly toward the day when we shall be able to sit back and let the world go by? Ever think of a mad standing praying for the uplift of his fellow-man, for missionaries and the salvation of souls while in pocket or bank he has money to spare? It sounds so strange, without harmony. Since faith is the power in prayer, and faith never dwelt where righteousness could not, would it be wrong to doubt God's ever hearing such prayers? Was it not the gospel that was said to be the power of God to save a man, nation or world? By all means let us pray, but, above all, let us be converted wholly to the Lord.—H. Wotherspoon.

SUNRAYSA DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THE annual conference of Sunraysa district churches, comprising Mildura, Merbein, Red Cliffs and Dareton, was held in Merbein chapel on Wednesday, May 31. A representative gathering met for the business session in the afternoon. A devotional period was led by Bro. E. J. Waters, of Mildura, who spoke on "Planted by the Waters."

Bro. A. Martin, of Red Cliffs, presided over business session.

The membership of the district churches stands at approximately 350. This is an increase of 130 over last year, and is a result largely of the Hinrichsen-Morris mission. Gratitude of all the churches was expressed at the results of the mission, and at the fellowship that was enjoyed in contributing nearly £100 to the Hamilton work.

Desire for closer co-operation and fellowship between the churches was expressed. It was recommended to the incoming executive that definite consideration be given to plans to foster this fellowship. It was decided to continue the combined half-yearly Sunday morning services.

Future annual conferences will be held at Mildura, while the half-yearly conferences will be held at the other three churches in rotation. Bro. George Chislett was elected president for the ensuing year and Bro. Gordon Chislett secretary.

Bro. Keith Jones was the special speaker for conference. He brought an inspirational message in the afternoon from Luke 9: 51.

The members enjoyed fellowship at tea served in the chapel. The evening service took the form

of a lantern lecture. Bro. Jones showed slides concerning the youth camps. He also deputised for F.M. Committee and showed slides of our India field.

Services were also held at Dareton on Thursday, June 1, for young people and Mildura on Friday for young people's workers. Bro. Jones spoke at both services.

On Sunday morning Bro. Jones spoke at Red Cliffs, Bro. Waters at Merbein, and Bro. Martin at Mildura. The Mildura service was broadcast over 3MA.

About 84 young people sat down to tea on Sunday in the Mildura school hall. Bro. Jones addressed them on "The Utmost for the Highest." The chapel was crowded for the service that followed, Bro. Jones giving the address. All the conference gatherings proved an inspiration to all.—E. J. Waters.

TAS. WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE.

A MEETING was held at West Hobart on June 5. Although some were absent through sickness, the attendance was good. Devotions were led by Mrs. Warmbrunn. Part of the meeting was devoted to temperance. Informative readings were contributed by Sisters Warmbrunn (superintendent), Woolley, James and Boxhall. Mrs. T. Lilly prepared and read an excellent paper. A recitation was given by Mrs. Staples. A warm letter of appreciation was received from Sister Street at Derby for money received from the executive.

A letter from Mrs. Libby (Doreas superintendent) reported wonderful work being done in Doreas classes of churches at Invermay, Dover, Devonport, West Hobart, Greenveston, Margaret-st. (Launceston) and Collins-st. (Hobart). West Hobart held an American tea in May and raised £3/4/-.

For home mission penny-per-week Invermay gave £1/2/- and Collins-st. £1/12/6. Collins-st. has led the way in mission bands, the first meeting to be held on June 8.

Weekly visits have been paid to St. John's Hospital, Hobart Royal, Dr. Clark's rest home and New Town by Mrs. Bowes. On Mother's Day the Collins-st. girls' club made and distributed bouquets to the sick and aged. Sister Bowes has been laid aside by sickness. Mrs. Rimers has accepted the appointment of sick visitor. Loving sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. Kingston and family, of Kingston Bench, whose mother, Mrs. John Kingston, has been called home.

Isolation superintendent reported five letters to isolated members.

Invermay is holding collage prayer meetings and Collins-st. has held two Sunday evening prayer meetings, one at the home of Mrs. McPherson.

The presentation of a bedroom clock was made by the president on behalf of the sisters to Mrs. Boxhall, who for three years has given loyal and unstinted service as secretary to executive. Afternoon tea was served by West Hobart sisters.

Next meeting of executive is to be held at Collins-st. on July 3. Daring May a special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Cole to discuss mission bands. Mrs. Hughes, Vic., gave an insight into the work carried on in Victoria. Mrs. Boxhall was appointed superintendent of mission bands. A dainty supper was served by Mrs. Cole.—Blanche Taylor, secretary.

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Prayer opens the hearts of those who hear the Christian message, so that they not only attend but proceed to manifest the trust and obedience of believers (Acts 16: 13, 14).

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O Lord my God, let me be a worker in the harvest-field. Let my heart leap to the privilege of service. Let me not move with reluctant feet. Give me speed as one who delights to do thy will. Let me return with rejoicing, bringing my sheaves with me. For the Saviour's sake. Amen.

My Father in heaven, may thy Spirit enlarge the circle of my sympathies. Let me be more concerned to include my brother than to shut him out. Let me discover my kinship with all who confess my Saviour's name. Enlarge my fellowship with the whole family of man. For the Saviour's sake. Amen.

My Father God, open my eyes that I may see the greatness of the immediate moment. Let me not waste my time in waiting for famous days. Help me to make the present day glorious. Let my life fill it with glorious service. Let me see and hear thee in the commonplace calling of a passing event. For Christ's sake. Amen.—J. H. Jowett.

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taketh from you," love and friendship, which
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

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shoves of its hero workers,
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pushes of every honest
worker."

—J. R. Green.

To the challenge of despair the reply may be
Hemley's semi-pagan—

"Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul."

But set beside it Emily Bronte's—

"No coward soul is mine,
No trembler in the world's storm-tossed
sphere;
I see heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal, arming me from
fear,"

and who can doubt which is to be preferred?

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