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The Good Shepherd.

Ira A. Paternoster.

John 10: 1-18.

This is a very familiar subject, one upon which many sermons have been preached, so we can scarcely hope to present anything new or original. There have come to us some thoughts in the study of this beautiful passage which we trust may prove helpful to others; and though our conclusions may at times appear strained, we believe they are perfectly justified. The chief thought we have chosen from this lesson is that suggested in the latter portion of verse three, and verse four: "And he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. When he hath put forth all his own he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." The need of the church to-day, as we see it, is for consecrated leadership, and in the example before us surely we may find our inspiration.

In the first place, we wish to remind you that leadership means a willingness to explore—to enter new fields where pasture may be found sweet and nutritious. Recently we were visiting a farmer in a hospital. He had broken his leg, and for weeks was confined to his bed. While visiting him I frequently found his man talking over the work on the farm. The sheep were a constant topic of conversation, and I was interested in noticing the solicitation on their behalf. Many questions were asked, but all could be summed up in one: "Are they being moved into the fields where there is plenty of good food?" The sheep had to be moved every little while. Then, too, I found the lambs were not forgotten. They were separated from their mothers into pastures suitable for themselves. Surely here is a fitting illustration of good shepherding. Our movement is one of growth and not stagnation. There is much associated with it which is as dear to us as the vestments of Anglicanism or the distinctive dress of "parsonism." Frequently we are confronted by ideas which were in place years ago, but have become moribund, yet we hang to them as valuable heirlooms. And such they are, and should be carefully placed where all such antiques belong—in the museum! We are growing, and with our growth must be prepared for the casting off of shells that the sweet nut may be more easily obtained. In this growth it is only the superfluous which may be discarded. No loss of principle is emphasized. This can never be lost. Truth will stand out more clear when shorn of much of the machinery of organization and opinion. Then there are the lambs. These are often expected to pasture with the old sheep. If

not with them, then on the same food they ate when they were lambs—or should we say the food they thought they ate? For is it not a fact that most old sheep have forgotten a great deal about the days when they were lambs excepting that they "never did things like that!" May be some of them would have been better had they lived on different pasture—we cannot tell. We have no complaint with the "good old days." But we do ask for the lambs of to-day the right to graze in pasture suitable for lambs. This is not the pasture they might choose for themselves, for often poisonous weeds are in it. But here is where leadership enters again. The difficulty with much of our leadership is that there is so little discrimination made. Leaders who like rank grass can scarcely expect to keep the lambs off it.

To us, leadership means concentration on the main issue. If you study closely the life of the Chief Shepherd you find this concentration highly developed. He walked sixty miles to his baptism, and coming up out of the waters he set his face toward the future and never once turned back. As we have hinted, there are many things in our organization and conduct of worship which do not matter—are not vital. But the main issue must never be in doubt. The Good Shepherd gave his life for the lost sheep. We are all familiar with the picture: bearing home the one lost, having left the ninety-nine safe. So anxious was the Shepherd for his "other sheep" that when his work was finished and the time of his departure was at hand he for ever more bound on us the same work. The lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son were not far removed from the Cross, and the Cross was only forty days removed from the Commission: "Go ye and disciple all nations, baptising them into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have ever commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, unto the end of the ages." Herein is the main issue. Leadership for Christ is a commitment to this Commission. Jesus came, not that we might have organization, not that we might have brotherhood, not that we might have distinction, but that we might have LIFE. "Ye must be born again." The new life in Christ for every man; and the challenge of leadership to-day is concentration on this main issue. If other things not forbidden in the Word can be used to bring men into this new life, then for the sake of perishing souls use them. Do not let us cloud the main issue over with little things

which belong to other days, but which have no meaning to us to-day. "This one thing I do. Forgetting those things which are behind, I press on." "Yes," I hear some good saint say, "another misquotation." Possibly so, brother, but a very apt one, eh?

Let us note one other feature of leadership as presented from this lesson. Jesus drew his inspiration from the Father. "Even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father. . . . therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life. . . . This commandment received I from my Father." Jesus constantly said he could of himself do nothing. If that were true of Christ, what hope for us to-day? We must draw largely on Christ for inspiration. Jesus thought more of his work than he did of himself. When the devil offered him all the kingdoms of this world if he would sacrifice his leadership, Jesus told the devil off in very few words: Yet many to-day sacrifice leadership for the pictures, the ball-room, the theatre or other of the devil's devices. No man or woman can be a leader to-day who thinks more of a picture show than a prayer-meeting. We have been forced to that conclusion, and have felt that to prove our leadership we had to cut pictures right out. Of course if you do not wish to lead but follow all your life then the case may be different, but we do appeal to preachers, church officers, Bible School teachers—leaders of the flock. Catch this spirit of leadership as manifested by the Chief Shepherd. This same spirit was seen in Christ as he crossed the lake to rest and the great multitude met him. His tired feeling is forgotten in the work before him, and the final outcome more than justified his actions. How often the late Saturday night is responsible for our absence on Sunday morning, or the long walk or motor drive on Sunday afternoon brings us back to tired for service. The burdens of the week take us away for the week-end, and we fish or hunt, read or sleep away in some sequestered spot while the multitude goes on as sheep not having a shepherd. Leadership demands self-abnegation. Jesus took his leadership seriously. With him it was no side-issue. In business a man will at times introduce a side line, but the side line is never allowed to take the place of the real business. Is religion our first concern, or is it only a side issue with us? Jesus never let social engagements, however inviting, come between himself and his Father's will. It is so easy to do this. We start to follow Christ and suddenly remember there is a balance to strike in our



A. C. GARNETT, F. J. SNYVER and L. C. MCCALLUM were amongst those upon whom the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred at the Melbourne University Commencement on Saturday last. These three entered upon their University studies after completing their course at the College of the Bible. Bro. Garnett was one of the few Arts candidates to receive the "degree with honors."

books, and Sunday evening is the only quiet time in all the week. Wednesday night is prayer meeting, and it is also the only night a certain play is being staged, or a certain picture screened. We can go to prayer meeting next week but never see this particular play again, so we choose the play. We have not taken Jesus seriously. He has said, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do to you," but we do not take him seriously. He has said, "Love is the fulfilling of the law," and we hold enmity in our hearts—we have not taken him seriously. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Was Jesus serious in this? "Not every one that sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom, but he that doeth the will of my Father." Did Jesus really mean it? We are too light and frivolous in our consideration of Jesus' words. We are looking for the easy way when leadership is not easy. It was hard for Jesus. People said hard things about his character because he sought publicans and sinners. One of his own disciples betrayed him with a kiss, and his own people put him to death, preferring a murderer. But his was the ideal of leadership. He was the Good Shepherd, the one who fought the dangers on behalf of his defenceless sheep; and all this he did that we, catching the inspiration of his life, might be willing to "endure hardness as a good soldier," to make good proof of our ministry.

"The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day
To speak a message of cheer
To a heart that was weary and worn and sad,
And weighed with a mighty fear.
He asked me for mine, but 'twas busy quite
With my own affairs from morning till night.

"The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day
To do a loving deed;
He wanted two feet, on an errand for him
To run with gladsome speed.
But I had need of my own that day;
To his gentle beseeching I answered, 'Nay!'

"So all that day I used my tongue,
My hands and my feet as I chose;
I said some hasty, bitter words
That hurt one heart, God knows.
I busied my hands with worthless play,
And my wilful feet went a crooked way.

"And the dear Lord Christ, was his work undone
For lack of a willing heart?
Only through men does he speak to men?
Dumb must he be apart?
I do not know, but I wish to-day
I had let the Lord Christ have his way."

Queensland Conference.

H. C. Stitt.

The thirty-seventh Annual Conference was held in Brisbane during Easter. Following the established custom a Temperance demonstration was held on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by Bro. A. C. Rankine. Speakers supplied by the Strength of Empire movement addressed the assemblage.

The Women's Conference was held on Thursday, and much interest was shown by the forty-two delegates present as well as visitors. An address was given by E. Adersmann, and a paper was read by Mrs. J. Coward. During the year over £30 was handed to the Home Mission Committee. Mrs. E. Davis was re-elected President, Mrs. J. Coward Treasurer, and Mrs. Berlin Secretary.

The Bible School Union, presided over by Geo. Cane, held a united demonstration in the chapel on Thursday evening.

The business session of Conference was opened on Friday morning, and the President, W. A. C. Wendorf, occupied the chair. Country churches were well represented by delegates, and there were also a large number of visiting members present. The writer was again appointed press correspondent, and selected Brethren Colvin and Fisher to assist with reports for the four Brisbane daily papers.

Nine evangelists are now laboring in the State, all of whom were present. One new church was established, Silverdale, in the circuit controlled by H. U. Rodger, and admitted to the Association.

The Treasurer, H. C. Stitt, presented the financial report, which showed an income from all sources of £471. Expenses amounted to £253, leaving a credit balance of £218. A further addendum report was submitted by the treasurer covering up to Conference, which revealed further income of £33 and expenses £74, and reducing the credit balance to £187. The subsidies now being paid amount to £281 per year. Personal donations were £675/-. Conference decided in future to close the financial year as at Dec. 31.

Five churches, including Brisbane, reported having placed their property under the trust deed of the Association.

The Connexional Fund report was read by the treasurer, J. B. Ash. Annerley church had been helped to build. The trustees were re-affirmed.

The newly-elected Home Mission Committee are: President, L. Gole; Vice-President, F. Enchelmaier; Secretary, E. Davis; Asst. Sec., W. Clorhier; Treasurer, E. Adersmann; Committee, A. C. Rankine, W. Wendorf, F. Stubbin, A. Hirschsen, W. Suchting, H. U. Rodger and W. Morton.

A motion moved by F. T. Stubbin was carried, that a vote of thanks be placed on record for the valuable services rendered by the retiring Treasurer, H. C. Stitt, during the past five years.

On motion of E. Davis it was agreed, that churches be recommended to do all in their power to support the Strength of Empire and vote Prohibition next October.

The Home Mission demonstration held on Friday evening was packed to the door. The new President, L. Gole, was introduced and presided. Addresses were given by A. C. Rankine, E. Davis and C. H. Pratt.

The first business on Saturday morning was the Temperance and Moral Reform session, L. Gole being

in the chair. The report was made by W. Suchting. Committee elected: A. C. Rankine, W. Suchting, L. Larsen, W. Wendorf, H. C. Stitt, C. H. Pratt and E. Davis.

The claims of the College of the Bible were ably set forth by E. Adersmann, and the "Australian Christian" was the subject advocated by F. Enchelmaier. The Christian Workers' session was addressed by G. E. Burns. Future State Work was the subject dealt with by H. U. Rodger.

Applications were received from Tannymore and Roma for financial aid towards securing evangelists for those fields. Ma Ma Creek is also seeking for a preacher.

The Foreign Mission session was presided over by E. Davis, and the report made by L. Gole. The treasurer, H. W. Herman, read the financial report, which showed a record income. The annual offering was £445, and from all sources £520. The motion of G. Burns a special vote of thanks was passed to L. Gole for his services in organizing the annual offering. The officers are: Secretary, L. Gole; Treasurer, H. W. Herman; Committee, Brennan, Rankine, Berlin, Colvin, Enchelmaier, Davis, Stabe and Blackwell. Greetings were ordered—on the suggestion of L. Gole—to be sent to all Foreign Mission workers abroad.

G. Cane presided over the Bible School session, and reports were made by B. Wendorf and Miss M. Helsdon. £35 was expended during the year, chiefly for scholars' prizes. Election of officers: President, F. Enchelmaier; Vice-President, E. Adersmann; Secretary, Miss Ruby Wendorf; Asst. Sec., B. Wendorf.

During the Conference all half-day sessions were opened by devotional exercises, and the singing was conducted by W. Suchting. The catering was efficiently carried out by the sisters of the city churches. The usual votes of thanks closed Conference.

Victorian Women's Conference.

The thirty-fifth Women's Conference was held in the chapel, Lygon-st., on Wednesday, March 31. Mrs. Blakemore presided, and led devotional exercises, giving a beautiful message for the day—"Let all that ye do be done in love." Several engaged in prayer.

Minutes of last year's meeting were read and confirmed.

We regretted the absence of our Treasurer, Mrs. Hayward, who was unable to attend through illness. Apologies were received from Sisters Moysey, Proctor and Burrows.

Decided to hold next Conference in the chapel, Lygon-st., on Wednesday prior to Good Friday.

Reports presented and received were as follows: Executive, Treasurer's, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Prayer, Dorcas and Church Aid, Hospital Visitation, Benevolent Home, Temperance, Isolated Sisters, Women's Mission Bands, Girls' Mission Circles.

The Obituary told of 47 sisters "called home."

Fifty-six churches responded to the roll-call.

Essayist appointed for 1921 was Mrs. J. W. Baker. Greetings were received from Mrs. T. Hagger, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gordon, Mrs. Alf Bailey, Mr. Bagley, Mr. Mudford; Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and West Australian Sisters' Conferences.

Sisters from South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, West Australia, New Zealand, Gippsland, Colac, Ballarat and China Island Mission responded to the welcome greeting.

An address, "No License, the Opportunity of Womanhood," was given by Miss Grace Holder.

The items given by the Girls' Mission Circles were much enjoyed.

Mrs. R. Lyall introduced the officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. B. J. Kemp; Vice-President, Mrs. Chown, Mrs. J. W. Baker; Treasurer, Mrs. Hayward (re-elected, Miss Huntsman to act pro tem); Secretary, Miss Rometch (re-elected); Assistant and Financial Secretary, Mrs. C. Gill.

Home Mission Superintendent, Mrs. J. Pittman; Committee, Sisters Thompson, J. Hadow, A. Lyall, A. E. Illingworth, Craigie, Jerrems, Lee, Blakemore, Garnett.

Foreign Mission Supt., Mrs. D. Pittman; Committee, Sisters R. Lyall, Pang, Baker.

Prayer Meeting, Supt., Mrs. Baker; Committee, Sisters Sharp, Wilson, Hunter, McCracken, Huntsman, Trinnick, Leitch.

General Dorcas, Supt., Mrs. Moysey; Committee, Sisters Zelius, Martin, Cowley, Connor, Gill, J. Illingworth, P. A. Kemp, Wood, Withers, Johnston, Dorcas.

Hospital Visitation, Supt., Mrs. J. Tully; Committee, Sisters Myers, Chandler, Stewart, Cameron, Peabody, Smedley, J. W. Baker, Burgess, Skinner, A. H. Smith.

Temperance, Miss Darnley.
Girls' Mission Circles, Mrs. Knott.
Isolated Sisters, Mrs. Ray.
Severest Home, Mrs. Mudge.

Obituary, Mrs. Zelius.
Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference be given to Mrs. Blakemore for the able manner in which she presided over the meetings; to Miss Whistman for acting as Treasurer; to Miss Holder for her address; to the soloists, Mrs. F. L. Mitchell, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Ball, Miss P. Johnston; to the young men's quartette; to Miss Nina Youlden for recitals; to the scrutineers; to the ladies at the door; to Miss E. Mitchell and Miss W. Lyall, who so ably superintended the tea, and to the ladies who assisted; to the editor, Mr. Main, for printing monthly reports; to the organist, Miss Pittman; to Mr. R. Lyall as auditor; to the officers of Lygon-st. and Swanston-st. for use of buildings during the year; and to all who helped make this Conference one of the best.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts—Balance, April, 1919, £4/4/10; Collection at Conference, £5/8/6; Special Collections, £2/16/-; Sale of Tea Tickets, £29/9/-; Refund from Catering Committee, £1/13/9; Pennies Received from Churches, £8/7/8; Total, £29/19/9. Expendi-

ture—Austral Co., Printing Expenses, £5/15/6; Presentations, £3/15/-; Secretary's Expenses, £2/10/-; Catering Expenses, £7/5/8; Conference Programmes, £4/10/-; Sundries, £1/2/6; Balance carried to Executive Statement, £5/1/1; Total, £29/19/9.

General Conference.—Receipts—Sale of Dinner and Tea Tickets, £32/2/6; Sale of Goods, 16/1; Total, £32/18/7. Expenditure—Catering and Cost of Provisions, £30/10/8; Balance carried to Executive Statement, £2/7/11; Total, £32/18/7.

Executive.—Receipts—Balance brought forward from Conference Statement, £5/1/1; Balance brought forward from General Conference, £2/7/11; Collections at Executive Meetings, £9/15/2; Received from Women's Mission Band and Girls' Circle, £4/11/3; Pennies Received from Churches, £1/10/1; Donation for General Dorcas, North Fitzroy Sisters, £1; Bank Interest, 8/10; Sundries, 10/-; Total, £25/4/4. Expenditure—Secretary's Expenses, £2/10/-; Hospital Comforts, £4; Postage, Isolated Sisters, £1/10/-; Mission Band and Girls' Circle, £2/8/-; Paid to Mr. Bagley for Home Missions, £5; Printing and Calendars, £4/3/8; Paid to Mrs. Moysey for General Dorcas, £2; Sundries, £2/15/-; Balance in hand, 17/8; Total, £25/4/4.

WOMEN'S MISSION BAND.

Receipts—Contributions from Sisters of Churches, £89/11/2; Collected from Churches for Orphans in India, £20; Total, £89/11/2. Expenditure—Paid to Mr. Bagley for Home Missions, £34/15/6; Paid to Mr. Enniss for College of the Bible; £8/19/-; Paid to Mr. R. Lyall for Foreign Missions, £7/16/8; Expended for Orphans in India, £20; Total, £89/11/2.

Very encouraging meetings at Cottonville, S.A., on Sunday. One young man confessed Christ.

In the interests of our Victorian Home Mission work Bro. Bagley is on a tour visiting the churches at Echuca, Rochester, Shepparton, Boort and the five churches of the Swan Hill and Ultima circuit.

At Federal Conference a splendid response was given to an appeal for funds for Federal evangelism. Bro. W. C. Craigie is the treasurer for this fund, and would be glad to receive money promised or other donations for this work.

Some churches make a practice of receiving Conference reports from their delegates. Thus interest and enthusiasm are spread. Four delegates on April 7 reported to the West Guildford church concerning the recent W.A. Conference. Good meetings are being held in this district.

For six months past Bro. E. T. Ball has given faithful service as evangelist of the church at Walkerville, S.A. He and Mrs. Ball were farewelled recently at a social gathering. On the Sunday prior to his leaving Walkerville, Bro. Ball baptised a sister in the River Torrens.

Very many readers will learn with deep regret that Bro. H. S. Earl, who rendered valiant service to the cause of primitive Christianity in Australia many years ago, passed away at Richmond, Va., U.S.A., on Dec. 16, 1919. A recent number of the American "Christian Standard" announced his death.

Victorian Bible School Examination will be held this year on Monday evening, July 12. This is some months earlier than usual, and schools are asked to note carefully this matter. Full printed information will go out to schools when it can be prepared; meanwhile typewritten particulars have been sent to all schools.

Owing to strike conditions it has not been possible to prepare the usual printing for the Victorian Bible School Annual Offering. Envelopes have been prepared, and churches should receive these in a few days. They are larger than usual, this being found necessary. It is hoped that they will contain larger gifts than the small envelopes generally used.

The mission at Wallaroo, S.A., has opened nicely. There have been seven decisions for the first week. The attendances have been fine. The spirit of the meetings is excellent, and Bro. Chandler's sermons are getting home. The singing under Bro. Clay's leadership is holding the crowds. Bro. Clay has been unwell, but has held out, and is now improving very much in health. Prospects are good.

W. H. Nightingale has accepted an engagement to labor with the church at Hobart, Tas., and is due to begin work there on May 2.

Record Bible School at Balaklava, S.A., on April 18, with 123 scholars and 20 teachers. Greatly increased attendance at the gospel service.

Growing the church of the future. This is the work of the Bible School, a work to which our Victorian brethren are asked to give of their means on the first Sunday in next month.

Last Sunday at South Kensington, N.S.W., there were the best meetings held for years. Bro. and Sister Robbins were welcomed at a social on the 13th inst. Bro. and Sister Garden were the recipients of presentations, tokens of appreciation of their good work in the district.

Auburn Bible School, N.S.W., is now using the new School Hall. Attendances at all services are excellent. Recently a young lady and three young men were baptised and welcomed to fellowship. Auxiliaries are in a healthy condition. The Endeavorers gave £3/6/- towards the building fund.

Kadina, S.A., celebrated its Bible School anniversary last Sunday. W. H. Nightingale spoke in the morning, and W. J. Taylor afternoon and evening. Three ladies were baptised in the afternoon. Seven members of this church are willing to give them selves to missionary work in home or foreign fields.

A number of visitors—from different States and from New Zealand—were at Enmore, N.S.W., last Sunday. Two were received into membership by letter. Sympathy is expressed with many bereaved ones. Last Sunday the pipe organ was played for the first time by Miss Lane, the organ now having been fitted with an electric motor, the generous gift of Dr. Bardsley.

In view of the extensive Home Mission enterprise in Victoria the H.M. Committee sincerely hope that every church will do its utmost to appoint collectors where the duplex envelope system is not in use. There is need of a steady source of income such as can be provided by this means. The work is too important to receive less than our very best attention. Collecting books will be provided by the secretary, T. Bagley, 537 Lygon-st., Nth. Carlton.

It was reported at the recent Federal Conference that most of the debt on the college property had been paid, and that a sufficient sum had been promised to entirely liquidate the debt. A correspondent in the "Christian" of October 12, 1916, promised to donate the last twenty pounds. It would be of great assistance just now if those who have outstanding promises to this fund, including "College Friend" whose promise has been mentioned, would forward cheques to the Treasurer, Bro. Craigie, or to Bro. Enniss.

Bro. W. R. C. Jarvis, of Hobart, Tas., writing regarding the farewell meetings and presentations to Bro. and Sister S. J. Southgate, and Bro. and Sister J. A. Adams (already reported in our columns), remarks: "Bro. Southgate's ministry has been a most successful one, and he leaves behind him a prosperous church. The church is a most harmonious one, the roll stands at 320, and the finances are in credit. Bro. and Sister Adams have been associated with the church and school since their early days, and leave behind them a host of friends."

The following item from Invercargill, N.Z., is of special interest:—"A son of our esteemed Sister Howie has united with us. Through the amalgamation of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist congregations in this town, the church has been enabled to acquire for £2700 the Methodist Church and Sunday School, situated at the corner of Teviot and Ythan-sts. This is a very fine purchase, and marks a new era of progress for the church. The church building is of brick with tile roof and commanding appearance, with two fine classrooms at the back, and will seat 200 people. It has been built thirteen years. Ample provision has been made for future extension when required. The Sunday School is a separate building of wood with iron roof, and was built about six years ago. It has a commodious assembly room, and small class-rooms, and all the necessary equipment required for conducting a Bible School on modern up-to-date lines. Opening services, Sunday, April 11. So far we have been unable to get a brother to take up the work here. In the meantime Bro. Watt has arranged to remain with us for another three months."

Here and There

Sunday, May 2, Bible School Annual Offering in Victoria.

One confession at the Chinese church, Carlton, Vic., on Sunday evening.

During Bro. Rankine's absence from Brisbane on April 11, G. E. Burns and J. Coward delivered appreciated addresses.

From Berril, S.A., we learn that happy times are being experienced. There has lately been a decided improvement in meetings in the district.

T. Bagley assisted Bro. Les Vlac with the anniversary services at Echuca, Vic., last Lord's day. Full house and deep interest in all the meetings.

W. Montgomery, 35 Barry-st., South Yarra, is now the secretary of the Prahran church in place of Bro. A. E. Moody, who will shortly be leaving Victoria.

Six were recently received by letter at Oakleigh, Vic. The church has renewed full-time engagement with Bro. A. Anderson for the next six months.

Bro. J. McKenzie, who is on a visit from Canada, will take up the work at South Melbourne commencing Sunday, April 25. He expects to remain here about three months.

Queensland brethren are notified that all money for the Home Missionary Committee should be forwarded to its newly elected treasurer, E. P. Adersman, Chelmsford-av., Lutwyche, Brisbane.

Nabeena sisters, Tas., have a "Sunshine Class" which does excellent work in helping the needy and which has also assisted the church by providing "Gloria" lights, table cloth and other necessaries.

The next meeting of the Victorian Preachers' Association will be held on Monday, May 3, at 2.30 p.m., in Swanston-st. lecture hall. Reports. Lecture by Bro. H. Watson on "Our Indian Mission Station Map."

Anniversary services at Emerald East, Vic., on April 10 and 11 were a great success. Bro. Arnold was the speaker. On 4th inst. at a farewell social a presentation was made to Bro. T. Sparks, who is leaving the district.

T. Bagley will shortly hold a ten days' mission at Kyneton, Vic.

Meetings at South Wellington, N.Z., are improving. Bro. H. Leng is delivering powerful addresses.

An unusually good meeting was held at Lake Boga, Vic., last Sunday afternoon, J. Warren preaching.

The secretary of the Auburn church, N.S.W., now is Jas. C. D. Green, Optometrist, Auburn-rd., Auburn, N.S.W.

Merewether school, N.S.W., is increasing; 94 present last Sunday. Bro. Wright and Newburn have preached the last two Lord's days.

S. J. Southgate had expected to begin work at Bendigo on next Lord's day; but, owing to the illness of his little girl, he may not be able to do so.

On 11th inst. Bro. W. Wakefield, of Brim, and J. Wiltshire, of Mile End, S.A., were the speakers at Geelong, Vic. A Men's Club was inaugurated on April 14.

E. W. Pittman is still organising secretary of the Royal Institution for the Blind, S.A., and his services as preacher to the Dulwich church will be of an honorary character.

Forrester church, S.A., is trying hard to secure a block of land for building purposes, and would be glad of the brethren's assistance. Good morning meetings are being held.

On April 11 there was one confession and baptism at Maryborough, Q. One of the little Bible School scholars passed away very suddenly to the grief of the church. Much sickness prevails.

Recently five adults were added to Ascot Vale church, Vic., by faith and obedience. Last Sunday two young men confessed Christ, Bro. H. J. Patterson preaching. The work is in good condition.

There was one confession at Maryborough, Vic., on April 15, while two decided for Christ on Sunday last. A member has presented Bro. Young with a fine new bicycle which will be of great use in visitation.

The work at Glenhuntingly, Vic., is prospering under the capable leadership of Bro. A. L. Haddon. The people of the district are taking an active part. A number of the students of the College of the Bible are assisting.

Ringwood, Vic., reports good meetings; 11 members were recently received by letter, 47 were present last Sunday night. School is growing; 4 new scholars. Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen will hold a fortnight's mission beginning May 9.

H. Watson has accepted a short engagement with the church at Berwick, Vic. On Wednesday, April 14, at a social Bro. G. H. Oldfield was farewelled and Bro. Watson welcomed. Recently Bro. Scarle and Way have filled the platform very acceptably.

Queensland Conference passed a very kind resolution of appreciation of the "Christian" and commended it to the brethren. The efforts of the Austral Co. in providing a continuous issue under strike conditions were favorably commented upon.

A married woman confessed Christ at Queenstown, S.A., recently, Bro. Cecil, of W.A., preaching. The Seamen's Mission, with which Bro. W. C. Brooker is connected, held its anniversary in Port Town Hall. Bro. T. Hagger delivered a strong message thereat.

There were splendid attendances at Hindmarsh, S.A., last Lord's day. Bro. Cuttriss spoke in the morning. At night Bro. J. C. Ferdinand Pittman conducted a memorial service to the late Bro. Reg. Parsons, who passed away on 10th inst. after a long and painful illness.

S.A. brethren are reminded that May 2 is to be celebrated as Sunday School day. In the morning Sunday School Extension work will be the centre of interest. A collection in aid of this worthy object will be taken. C. H. Hunt has established a small school which meets in a private house at Lake Bonney, River Murray. One of the aims of the Executive is to be in a position to purchase a portable building to be erected in such places until a permanent structure can be obtained. An entirely new move this year is the appointment of Bro. B. W. Manning to the position of S.S. Organiser. He will take up this duty at the close of the current year for a period of at least three months. The aim of the Executive in making this appointment

is to assist in organising and grading schools in town or country where desired and to stimulate and develop Christian work among our young people. To meet the financial obligations thus incurred, it is necessary for the church members to respond generously to this appeal, the aim being £250 on May 2. The sum of £31/10/- annually is required to meet the expense of the upkeep of the cot in the Adelaide Children's Hospital which is maintained by the S.S. scholars. An offering for this purpose will be taken in the afternoon. A special opportunity for decision for Christ will be given to the scholars at the evening service.

"Something Must be Done."

Thos. Hagger.

In these days one frequently hears such expressions as "The church is up against it," and "Something must be done." Before the war occasionally such expressions were heard, and something was done. In some quarters the pulpit was turned into a lecture platform, in others Sunday evening services were transformed into concerts and picture shows, while in others the work of evangelisation was side-tracked to give some other good work the right of way. And what did it all accomplish? Practically nothing, except to still further depreciate the church in the estimate of thoughtful people.

Then the war came, and ecclesiastical prophets declared that it was God-sent, and would be a means of filling the church-houses and of causing a great revival. But it didn't. Then we were told to wait till the soldiers returned. And we did. But still no great revival in religion. And now in many quarters the trap is being baited again with picture shows, and billiard tables, and boxing gloves, and so on ad nauseum. And such things are done because it is felt that "something must be done." But picture shows, and billiard tables, and cigarettes do not constitute God's power unto salvation.

But the church must do something. She should, first of all, cease making distinctions between the returned soldier and the other man. The returned soldier, so far as I have been able to learn, is "fed up" with the effort to put him into a class by himself, and now that he is returning to civilian life he desires to be treated as a man among other men. At any rate he seems to desire this so far as the church is concerned.

But what else must the church do? "Take heed" to herself, "and to the doctrine." In other words the must live a life consistent with her profession and her great mission. And with "clean hands" and "pure heart" she must go on preaching the everlasting gospel with a zeal that she has never manifested before. It is the gospel that this old world needs and the Christian life lived by those who preach it. The gospel earnestly preached and faithfully lived is the only way to win success. God forbid that we should be side-tracked, but may His people "keep on keeping on" preaching the old truths and living the Christian life.

"The church must do something." Yes, she

must keep on preaching and keep on living the Christian life. Nothing else will do.

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