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The Church Militant: A Call to Battle.

Frank J. Funston.

We are all agreed on the fact that, in these post-war days, the world is passing through a time of crisis. Now, too, it is claimed by many of the world's leaders that the world's hope for the future lies in Christianity, and such a conviction has been expressed by no less a body than a conference of the prime ministers of the British dominions. On the church, then, there is largely thrown the responsibility of bringing this earth of ours through the throes of its crisis. In view of the signs of a reawakening life in our churches—in view of the "ninety-days' campaigns" and the "every one win one campaigns," with which the air seems to be thick—it seems but appropriate that our thoughts should be on ways and means of helping on this forward move.

We have been in the past, and we still are, fond of singing of ourselves as "Christian soldiers," and we speak of the Christian life as a "Christian warfare." What am I doing, what are you doing, to make it such? How, for example, do we treat the evils apparent in our midst? Is the church fighting to get them removed, or does it sit still and trust that, some day in God's good providence, something will be done to remove them? Too often, we fear, an attitude of passivity is taken up, and we have often perhaps too much regard for the feelings of one the evils of whose life we might oppose. Is our life in the church a warfare, or are we satisfied to neglect our duty in a few small respects rather than to put ourselves to inconvenience that the higher good might come?

Where lies the path of duty along which the Church of Jesus Christ must tread to-day? Surely it must be her plan to fulfil the gospel command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Surely, too, she must instil into those who have already allied themselves with the church, the necessity for the surrender of their all to Jesus Christ—their hearts, their hands, their purses, and, hardest of all, their wills must be not theirs, but his. The members of our churches must see that if their Christianity is an easy life, they are not very deeply Christian. They must gird on the armour of Christ, and be prepared to battle for his sacred name and cause.

Let us examine, from a worldly standpoint, the position of a church which hesitates or does not do its absolute best to give

unto others that gospel of Christ of which it thinks so much. The story is told of the Pacific island Ambrim, which some years ago became a very active volcano, and caused its savage inhabitants to flee from the showers of ashes and lava which it sent forth. Men, women, and children, the old and the young, set forth for the coast. The men ran on unencumbered, while the women stayed to help the old men and the children. The men on reaching the coast quickly seized the few boats that were available, and left their women folk, their children, and the weaker ones of their tribe, without means of escape, to perish very soon in a horrible and painful death, while they saved their own miserable lives. What terms of scorn even the most worldly would heap on the characters of these savages who so saved their lives and let others die! Yet how much more inhumanly callous is the man—now perhaps an educated man, and not an untutored savage—who flees to the cross of Christ for refuge, and takes no thought for those who, more encumbered than he, are in danger of being overwhelmed by the peril of sin that he has escaped! The story of the savages tells us of an earthly life—and perhaps a miserable one at that—cut off; the story of the man who will not pass on the gospel of Jesus Christ tells us of others shut off from a life everlasting and full of glory. How now can we describe a church which has not that hunger for souls which so animated its Master?

The question which inevitably comes up before us is whether we, who have in our keeping that which we call the "only true gospel," will ever be charged with having failed to recognise the magnitude of our responsibility. God forbid that such should ever be so. But how are we to prevent it? The only way is, in short, to give back to God in full that life with which he has entrusted us; to live in Christ and in him find the courage and strength needed to fight every evil that comes in our way; to preach, in word and in deed, to all with whom we come in contact, our love for the Master; to give of our money to the Master's work until we feel the pinch.

As to the church of Christ. Is not this the time when the church should fitly begin active propaganda work? Should not the Church of Christ let the world know in an

unmistakable way that there exists a church which claims to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ as he himself taught it? If we are in possession of full faith in the truths for which we stand, we can have no fear for the consequences of advertising ourselves to the world at large. Could we not, at a very small expense, place into the hands of every man and woman in Australia a card or a leaflet designed to set forth to all our distinctive features as a church, and our plea for unity of all Christians everywhere on the Word of God without man-made additions or subtractions? We should not hesitate to use in the service of God the means which our modern civilisation has given us to communicate with our fellow-men and which are often so freely used by the enemies of the church. There appears to be no reason why we, the Church of Christ in Australasia, should not be the originators of a world-wide "revolution" in favor of Christianity—and, what is more, the Christianity of the New Testament. It may need but a spark to set going a fire which would for ever purge the world of corrupting creeds, so-called Christianity, which mar the unobscured vision of the Christ which the world needs to see. If this is so, why should not we be the ones to give birth to that spark which could set up for ever the kingdom of God in the hearts of men everywhere? Let us remember the command of the Christ, that we preach his gospel to every creature, and let us remember his assertion that every knee shall bow before him. There is no time now—any more than there ever was—for trivialities. The greatest work demands of us the fullest of our attention—the fullest sacrifice we can make towards it. Can we not picture one Jesus Christ—once "a man of Nazareth," but now seated at the right hand of the Father in his glory—waiting patiently, but waiting too long, for us to get busy and continue with our might his great work on earth? Surely we can.

"He expecteth, he expecteth!
Down the stream of time,
Still the words come softly singing
Like a chime.

"He is waiting with long patience
For his crowning day,
For that kingdom which shall never
Pass away.

"And till every tribe and nation
Bow before his throne,
He expecteth loyal service
From his own.

"He expecteth—doth he see us
 Busy here and there,
 Heedless of those pleading accents
 Of despair?
 "Shall we—dare we, disappoint him?
 Brethren, let us rise;

He who died for us is watching
 From the skies.
 "Watching till his royal banner
 Floateth far and wide,
 Till he seeth of his travail,
 Satisfied!"

"Greater Works."

What Are They?

John 14: 12.

Chas. Hale.

Can mortal man possibly do greater works than did the Divine Son of God? It is recorded in the above Scripture it should so happen. What did the Lord mean by greater works? Have they been accomplished, and are they still being done? These questions are very frequently asked, and not always so readily answered satisfactorily. In order to interpret the mind of our Lord, and answer this question scripturally, we need to think back to the beginning, when the Creator said, "Let us make man in our likeness." God spake and it was done, while angels wondered and might have exclaimed, "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?" "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor." Yes, the Mighty Maker was very mindful of man, and again spake saying, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will give him a helpmeet," and so it was. Hence we have the Creator's great work extended to yet a greater, and Paradise now possesses the first Adam and his bride, surely a fitting type of Christ, the second Adam, and his church. God looks on his mighty work, and declares it good. Instructions are now given how to retain life and continue happy, the penalty of disobedience is death. Just how long Adam and Eve continued in sweet communion with their Maker, we do not know; or how often they might have been tempted to disobey, we cannot say; but, alas! we do know they were sorely tempted on one occasion, and disobeyed, and fell from their first estate. Disobedience lost Paradise, and death, the penalty, ensues. O thou vile tempter, art thou not content with thine own great fall, but must you mar God's image in man, and drag him to thine own low level? Listen! thou fallen one! Man shall be restored; he shall be redeemed, and thine own head shall be bruised, and thou shalt finally be overthrown. The heavenly host are saddened at the great fall, and exclaim, Who will redeem? Who will pay the penalty for man? The Son who is in the bosom of the Father says, I will redeem, "Lo, I come to do thy will. In the volume of the Book it is written of me." The fallen pair hear the promise of a Saviour, and so does the tempter, and has not since forgotten it. Beginning with Cain, he has continued his satanic work, and to this very day the tempter has not forgotten that in Eden was given first

The gospel in promise.

Yes! the first gospel message of a coming Redeemer preached to fallen man and woman in the presence of the great adver-

sary, and so ends for the time happy Eden. Time rolls on, the world increases in population, and so does sin increase; the world waxes worse and worse, till it repented God that he had made man; yet a faithful few feared God, and these are saved from the deluge while the rest were overwhelmed in the flood.

God "does not quench the smoking flax, nor crush the bruised reed," and sees some image of himself still preserved in mankind, and he is not left without witness to his love and power. The patriarchs and prophets receive inspiration, and speak to us of God, and remind us that the promise of man's Redeemer is not forgotten by the Almighty. The psalms and prophets foretell plainly of the Coming One. The 53rd chapter of Isaiah gives a full panoramic view of the vicarious sacrifice of Christ and of his ultimate glory. Thus the world is encouraged to expect a way back to Paradise and God. Here again we see with an expectant joy

The gospel in prophecy.

Time rolls on. Some prophecies are being fulfilled, but where is the sign of his coming? When are we to expect the advent of the world's Redeemer? Doubt enters the human mind; hope is deferred; many are disbelieving or misconstruing the meaning of the prophetic messages. A faithful few are looking and longing and praying for redemption, saying, probably, "Our fathers trusted in thee and were helped." "O Lord, how long?" They say, "It's a long lane that has no turning," and "good things come to those who wait," and it did; some good thing did come out of Nazareth. Suddenly one night while shepherds were tending their flock, there was joy with the angels. Yes! the angels who were so saddened at man's fall, are now rejoicing over a Redeemer born in Bethlehem, in order to restore in man the image lost in Eden by disbelief and disobedience. Let us hear the glad message given by the angel to the waiting world. "Fear not! for behold, I bring you

Good tidings of great joy.

for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The holy child Jesus is born into this world in the way and manner promised and foretold. Both the promise and prophecy of a Redeemer are now fulfilled. Well might we exclaim with the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The wonderful life of Christ is given in the Gospels. We read how, as a boy he was found in the temple, about his heavenly Fa-

ther's business; and later, when a young man, he walks many miles to show obedience to God in baptism, when a voice from heaven is heard saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Then comes the great temptation to disbelieve God. The tempter now remembers the promise of God in the garden, that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. The mighty foe also appeals to the appetite of our Lord, as he did our first parents, but without success. The Captain of our salvation knew how to wield the sword of the Spirit, and overcame the evil one. Angels must have now been gladdened, as they were at first saddened. Entering on his ministry, the Master now calls his followers, saying, "I will make you fishers of men." The disciples are then instructed concerning the kingdom, and told upon what foundation his church should be built. At the close of his ministry the Lord Jesus cheers his disciples, and among other wonderful sayings, he tells them that they shall do the same and *greater works* than he did, because he was going to the Father. Let us extract the meaning of this Scripture.

The victories of the gospel.

In assuring the disciples that they should do the same and greater works than he did, Christ does not weaken the argument he had taken from his works to prove himself one with the Father, but rather strengthens it; for the miracles which the apostles wrought were wrought in his name, and by faith in him; and this magnifies his power more than anything, that he not only wrought miracles himself, but gave power to others to do so. The disciples, as they were full of grief to think of parting with their Master, so they were full of care as to what would become of themselves when he was gone. Two things he assures them of: 1. That they should be enabled to do such works as he had done, and also greater works, because he would send them the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, which would lead them into all truth, and give them power to do mighty works. Did Christ heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead? So should they. Did he convince and convert sinners, and draw multitudes unto him? So should they. Though he should depart, the work should not cease, but should be carried on as vigorously and successfully as ever; and is it not still being done? 2. That they *should do greater works than these*. First in the kingdom of nature they should do greater miracles. No miracle is little; but some to our apprehension seem greater than others. Christ had healed with the hem of his garment, but Peter with his shadow (Acts 5: 15). Paul by the handkerchief that touched him (Acts 19: 12). Christ wrought miracles for two or three years in one country; but his followers wrought miracles in his name for very many years in divers countries. 2. In the kingdom of grace they should obtain greater victories by the gospel (which should be completed after he had left them) than had been obtained while Christ was

upon earth. And the truth is, the captivating of so great a part of the world to Christ under such outward disadvantages was the miracle of all. Was not the gift of tongues the means of working a world-wide miracle never before witnessed, and a constant miracle—upon the mind, and made to serve a glorious intention as that of spreading the gospel to all nations. This was a greater sign to them which believed not (1 Cor. 14: 22), and more powerful for their conviction than any other miracle whatsoever.

And the reason Christ gives for all this is, "Because I go to the Father," and "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do." In this way they were to keep up communion with him—by prayer. When dear friends are to be removed from each other by distance, they provide for the settling of a correspondence. Thus when Christ was going to the Father, he told his disciples how they might write to him upon every occasion, and send it by a safe and ready way of conveyance, without danger of miscarrying. Let me hear from you by the prayer of faith, and you shall hear from me by the Spirit. This was the old way of intercourse with heaven, ever since man began to call upon the name of the Lord; but Christ by his death and resurrection has laid it more open; and it is still open to us. But we might add, the explanation of these greater works is not to be sought in the individual instances of miraculous power exercised by the apostles, but in the whole work of the church since then, viz., "those who believe in me." The day of Pentecost witnessed the first fulfilment of this promise and prophecy; but it has been fulfilled also in every great spiritual victory, every revival of a truly religious spirit has been an instance of it; every mission field has been a witness to it. In every child of man brought to see the Father, and know the Father's love, as revealed in Jesus Christ, has been a work such as he did. He ascended on high in order for this work to be done and continued. In the world-wide extent of Christianity there is a work greater even than any which he himself did in the flesh. He left his little flock here as one of the smallest of the influences on the earth; but it has grown up as a mighty power over all the kingdoms of the world, and all that is purest and best in civilisation and culture has found shelter in its branches. The earthly works of Christ will have ceased, and he is with the Father. His believers will be now his representatives on earth, as he will be their representative in heaven. Scripturally, it is reasonable to conclude that by the greater works the Saviour had in his mind the establishment of his church, which the apostles were to accomplish after his departure. This could only be done by the

Power and purpose of the gospel.

Man is to be redeemed by the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. The gospel was not an accomplished fact until Christ died for our sin according to the Scripture, and rose again and ascended

to God for our justification, which he did, and sent the Holy Spirit as promised, thus enduing his apostles with power on the day of Pentecost to preach Christ as the Redeemer, which three thousand men believed and yielded loving obedience to the claims of the gospel. We have now the promise, the prophecy, and purpose all fulfilled by the power of the gospel preached, and the Church of Christ founded as

The great and greatest work

the world has ever seen or will see. Creation is wonderful, but what a love story is Redemption! It seems almost too good to be true, and is summed up in John 3: 16. Shall we repeat it? It never seems to grow old. "God so loved (what a love!) that he gave his only begotten Son (what a gift!) that I, or whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." What a purpose! Let us never cease to preach the origin of the gospel, viz., the love of God. It remains to-day for the Church of

Christ to fulfil her purpose, and carry on the great work of perpetuating the gospel message. To this end are needed more Bible students, and definite preachers and teachers; also more tent missions, protracted missions, social functions, too, providing it be a means to something even better. The Apostle Paul said the love of Christ constrained him, and he never forgot that Christ loved him, and gave himself for him. How can the church forget this? And can I help loving him, and giving myself to him, and for him? And how better can I reciprocate his love than doing my part in helping to win souls out of nature's kingdom of darkness and death, into the kingdom of spiritual light and life, which is also the kingdom of God's dear Son? If Christians will be constrained by love, and do what they can in this respect, then a thousand, nay more, souls for Christ are assured within a short time. This is what the Lord Jesus had in mind when he said, "Ye shall do greater works."

Bookmakers a Curse.

The S.A. Premier, Mr. Barwell, in reply to a recent deputation, said that to his mind bookmakers were a curse, and no attempt to legalise them would have his support. In places where they were legalised, public complaints against them were frequent, and even racing men themselves complained. Many of the evils associated with betting or racing arose from operations with bookmakers. Bookmakers were illegal in the State, but there was great difficulty in carrying out the provisions of the Lottery and Gaming Act. He had had a Bill prepared, which he hoped to introduce in the present session, the effect of which would be to wipe the bookmaker out of existence.

We were extremely pleased to note in the S.A. "Register" of 20th inst., a sub-leader dealing with the theme. The editorial word was so satisfactory that we have pleasure in reproducing it. We could wish that politicians and newspapers in other States would follow the example set. The "Register's" short article was as follows:—

"A pleasant surprise was sprung upon the deputation from the Council of Churches which waited upon the Premier to protest against the proposal for licensing bookmakers in the State. Mr. Barwell was already more than convinced. He promptly intimated that he was not only against such licensing, but he regarded bookmakers as a curse to the community, and would bring in a drastic Bill to wipe them out of existence. The Premier's outspokenness is as characteristic as it is commendable. The inconsistency of the Parliament permitting and extracting revenue from a gambling machine at racecourses, while penalising betting between individual persons, is too obvious to need emphasis; but the Premier's attitude towards bookmaking is defensible and logically sound. An argument freely used by pioneer advocates of the totalisator was that its installation would justify the abolition of the bookmaker as a parasitical

nuisance, if it did not actually render his avocation so unpopular that he would be compelled to abandon it, and earn a livelihood by work. During the year ended June 30 last, in spite of the extremely dear cost of living and heavy Federal and State taxation, 82 race meetings were held in the State, and £697,715 (of which the Government received as tax £34,385) passed through totalisator machines. Plenty of legal opportunity was therefore afforded for indulgence in turf gambling, and the 'tote' was popular enough, one might suppose, to satisfy anybody.

"According to a memorable ruling of the United States Supreme Court, no Legislature can bargain away the public morals, and 'Government is organised with a view to their preservation, and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for them.' The concession which the South Australian Parliament has made to the gambling spirit by legalising the totalisator could not, by any stretch of the imagination, warrant it going further and virtually suggesting that betting practices are innocuous, by licensing bookmakers. In view of the tremendous financial obligations with which the community is weighted, and the need for both increased production and the prevention of waste, the State would be better without the presence of men whose chief aim seems to be to encourage and batten upon the love of gambling which is already too greatly in evidence. The Premier's antipathy to bookmakers is endorsed by the Police Department, which, with excellent reason, regards the troublesome offenders on the racecourses as undesirable. During 1919-20 150 persons were charged with breaches of the Lottery and Gaming Act, an increase of 79 for the year. Generally speaking, the fines inflicted were ridiculously inadequate, for they had no deterrent effect. The Premier's new proposals should make bookmaking practically impossible."

South Australian Conference.

The thirty-sixth Annual Conference, which commenced on September 17, called forth the utmost enthusiasm of the brotherhood, and proved to be one of the best yet held.

The majority of the country churches were well represented, and the quantity and quality of the interstate delegations were quite up to the standard.

The sisters again sounded a jubilant note at the outset of the sessions, and all through the subsequent meetings a splendid spirit of gratitude for the blessings of the past year and optimism for the future was displayed.

On Saturday morning the preachers of the State enjoyed fellowship with one another, and with a number of visitors from the sister States. The devotional service, led by Bro. Hagger, served to stimulate and inspire the brethren.

The President, Bro. E. J. Paternoster, extended to all the visitors a cordial welcome, and expressed the delight of the brethren in having several additions to the preaching strength of the State.

Bro. A. R. Main delivered an excellent address on "The Preacher and His Books," and a number of the preachers expressed the appreciation generally felt for the helpful advice given by the speaker.

At the conclusion of the session the preachers adjourned to the Grosvenor Cafe, where, after an excellent luncheon, farewell was said to Bro. J. C. F. Pittman, who shortly leaves for Victoria; and appreciative reference was made concerning the presence of Bro. H. Watson, Garnett and Anderson, to whom an opportunity was given of speaking briefly concerning the work which they have in hand. The fellowship in this gathering was delightfully refreshing.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY.

On Saturday evening the Grote-st. chapel was crowded with people interested in the splendid work of the C.E. Union. The president, Bro. R. E. Mossop, occupied the chair, and introduced the incoming president, Will. C. Beiler, who urged all interested in the progress and spiritual development of the churches to give loyal support to the C.E. movement, which provided for efficiency, spirituality, and practical Christianity. Reports of the year's work were presented; and interesting items were rendered by Grote-st. Juniors, Hindmarsh Intermediates, and Cottonville Young People. The address of the rally was delivered by Bro. W. J. Taylor, of Kadina, dealing with the mutual interdependence and value of the church and the Endeavor Society.

The banners, given for effective work during the year, were presented to the successful societies.

C.E. REPORT.

The twelfth year of the Union's activities has proved encouraging, the assistance of the Conference Committee having materially contributed to the success attained.

The team organised in connection with the "Whirlwind Campaign" has visited almost every city and suburban Y.P. Society, and some exceptionally fine meetings have been held, with stimulating results. As a consequence Y.P. statistics reveal an increase of 73 members.

Recognition has been secured for the Union from the Northern and Southern Conferences, and representatives were present at the meetings of both. The total of societies in the Union is 44, comprising 24 Y.P., 17 Junior, and 3 Intermediate Societies. A special effort is being made to affiliate all the societies connected with the Churches of Christ. Two rallies were held, one at Grote-st., the other at Norwood, and good results had accrued. 74 Endeavorers joined the church, 35 more than last year; 188 members are teachers in Bible Schools; and 91 committees are in operation.

£126 for Foreign Missions and £43 for Home Missions represents good giving by Endeavorers. Almost every public hospital and home within reach of the city have received visits from the members.

The secretary, T. P. Richardson, has been ard-

ent and untiring in his work, and has contributed largely to the efficiency of the Union and individual societies.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

A wonderful crowd assembled at the Town Hall on Sunday to listen to the preaching of the Conference Sermon, for the delivery of which Bro. T. Hagger had been chosen. Bro. Harkness presided over the gathering, and Bro. Morphet again led the singing, while Miss Follett was at the piano. Bro. G. T. Walden led the hearts of the people in the opening prayer, and Bro. A. R. Main read the Scripture, Isaiah 40. The Male Quartette beautifully rendered "To live is Christ," and "On to the Conflict," while the massed choir effectively sang "Rejoice Greatly." Later we hope to publish Bro. Hagger's sermon, which was well worthy of the great occasion.

OPENING BUSINESS.

The President, Bro. R. Harkness, was responsible for the speedy and effective despatch of the multifarious items of business presented to Conference.

In his presidential address Bro. Harkness made a powerful plea for the exercise of victorious faith in the confronting of the tremendous problems which belonged to the period of reaction following the stress of war time conditions. A world weariness and a widely felt emptiness constituted a great menace to the social and religious life of our country. The day of Christ was sure to dawn, but until then Christian men and women must manifest faith and faithfulness, consistency of living, and earnestness of purpose. The great need was for the passionate proclamation of the primitive gospel.

Greetings were read from kindred societies, from other State Conferences, from missionaries in the field, and from brethren near and far. A number of visitors were present, and gave greetings from associated institutions. Chief among these were Bro. A. R. Main ("Christian," and College of the Bible), D. Pittman (Austral Co., and Victorian F.M. Committee), Millis, Schwab (Vic.), Lewis (N.S.W.), and Albany Bell (W.A.). Among the preachers, Bro. Ingham, Baird, Vawser, and W. J. Taylor were welcomed; and delight was expressed on the return of Bro. G. T. Walden.

Applications for admission to the Union were received from Gawler, Barmera, and Forestville, all of which were granted.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

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Christian Endeavor: Bro. B. W. Manning, E. G. Paternoster, A. H. Wilson, A. B. Chappell, W. W. Baird, and L. A. Bowes.

Temperance and Social Problems: W. C. Brooker, G. P. Cuttriss, G. McKie, L. A. Bowes, H. Ackland, and H. Clinch.

Council of Churches: Bro. W. C. Beiler, G. T. Walden, R. Harkness, W. C. Morrow, and H. J. Horsell.

South Australian Alliance: Bro. W. C. Brooker, G. P. Cuttriss, and G. H. Jenner.

DEPUTATIONS.

A deputation from the South Australian Temperance Alliance waited on Conference to thank the brotherhood for the work done during the past year, and to ask for a continuance of effort

during the great fight for Prohibition. Major Smeaton spoke concerning the petition to Parliament, and was supported by Mr. F. Lade.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

During the year Bro. B. W. Huntsman had removed to Victoria, and the appreciation of his valuable services to the brotherhood was expressed. Bro. W. C. Brooker had been prevented from attending the meetings of the Committee, but, under the mercy of God, he had been restored to health.

Grateful mention was made concerning the magnificent work of the sisters, especially in the half of the settlers on the East-West Railway line, and on the River Murray Settlements.

The clause dealing with the South Australian Alliance for the abolition of liquor made mention of the prominence of members of the brotherhood in this movement. Bro. Brooker (President), Hagger (Vice-President), W. J. Manning (Treasurer), W. Beiler, A. J. Gard, and H. J. Horsell played a large part in the forward move of the Alliance, especially in relation to Prohibition.

The Bible Conference, arranged by the Preachers' Fraternal during June, had proved of wonderful benefit in quickening the interest and deepening the spiritual life of the churches. The annual Conference at Wallaroo had also produced a real and apparent benefit among the Northern churches.

It was unanimously resolved to make an annual event of the Adelaide Bible Conference.

During the year the Conference Booklet had been forwarded to a number of isolated members, and some very encouraging replies had been received. The number of those who are debarred from regular fellowship with the churches now stands at 896.

The statistical returns show that in some parts of the State good results have accrued from the work, while in other parts practically no progress has been made. During the year three new churches have been organised, at Gawler, Forestville, and Barmera (River Murray). These showed great promise for the future. The number of churches in the Union had increased to 51. The additions to the churches have been 817, of which number 422 were by faith and baptism, and the losses 768, of which total "revision of roll" had accounted for 395. The nett increase of 49 was in pleasing contrast to the decrease of 123 showing for the previous year; and the total membership was 6691.

In the Bible Schools a decrease of 166 was recorded, the number of scholars being 5697; but the teachers had increased by 16, there being 781 teachers in our schools, or 1 in 9 of church members. Of the scholars 209 have been added to the church, comprising almost 50 per cent. of the total baptisms.

The Financial Statement reveals a splendid spirit of liberality among the brethren. The greater needs of the work had been met by a generous response. The receipts were £3696/17/9, as against £3105/9/11 during the previous year, while the record expenditure of £3684/2/2 represents a large increase over 1919, when £3017/2/11 was expended. The use of duplex envelopes had resulted in the giving of £107/12/8.

Donations amounting to £264/18/- had been received, including a legacy of £108. The annual offering had eclipsed all previous efforts. The aim had been to raise £1111, and £1121 had been contributed.

The work at Barmera calling for the erection of a building, a large expenditure became necessary in that direction, and Bro. Cameron had been engaged in connection with that work.

The bank overdraft at July 31 was £77/14/5. The work in hand and waiting to be done called for the augmentation of funds at once.

The churches had done well, and the thanks of the Committee were extended to them, but more must be done in the near future.

HOME MISSION FIELDS.

1. Barmera.—A new work, presenting splendid opportunities for development, has been initiated by Bro. C. H. Hunt, and is carried on by Bro. A. Cameron, who did excellent work with the troops in Palestine and Syria.

Bro. Cameron began his work with a tent as his dwelling place; but has now attained to the glory of a weatherboard room and two tents.

A church was organised on June 13, with 8 members, while 42 children have been enrolled as Bible School scholars. The chapel, after considerable difficulties, has almost been brought to completion, and it was hoped to hold the opening services on August 22. Bro. Hunt and Cameron have done excellent work in connection with the building as "navvies."

2. Berri and Winkje.—Bro. Hunt has given a year of splendid service. A weekly subsidy of £15/- is paid. Both the Bible School and C.E. Society have grown, while the gospel services are well attended. During the year 11 have been added to the church; 5 by baptism, and 6 by letter. 6 have been transferred, so that the membership now stands at 56.

3. Bordertown District.—Despite the severe handicap of continued sickness, Bro. E. Edwards has again rendered excellent service to the cause. The whole of the preacher's salary has been paid by the brethren. Material assistance has been given to the struggling cause at Naracorte. The membership at Bordertown and Mundalla is 105, a decrease of 10, while Wamboony has 25 members. Bro. Edwards resigned from the work, owing to the failure of his eyes; but at the earnest and unanimous solicitation of the brethren he has consented to remain with the work.

4. Broken Hill.—Bro. W. G. Oram has battled heroically against the difficulties of this place. A large number of members and attendants have been compelled to leave the town, owing to strike conditions. Despite all handicaps, the attendances were good, the Bible School vigorous, the C.E. Society strong. 4 had been baptised, and 7 were received by letter.

5. Eyre Peninsula.—For 8 months these churches had been minus a preacher, but during May Bro. Blackburn undertook the work, and reconstructive work has been done since then. No services are as yet held at Lipson and Butler, but headway has been made at Tumbay Day and Ungarra. C.E. Society, Women's Bible Class, and Literary Society are all in a good state. The coming of the motor cycle is eagerly awaited. Membership in district is 108, a decrease of 1. £2 subsidy is paid.

6. Henley Beach.—Bro. McKie completes his second year's work, and reports an advance in everything save membership. All auxiliaries are flourishing, and the manse has been completed. Membership, 75.

7. Kersbrook and Williamstown.—First R. Blackburn, and latterly R. Raymond, have given splendid service. At Williamstown the work has grown wonderfully, and Kersbrook maintains a good standing. Additions 10, losses 14. Subsidy paid, £2/10/- per week.

8. Moonta.—Bro. H. L. Vawser has taken up the work, and has been helped by the Chandler-Clay mission, which resulted in 96 being added to the church. Motor cycle has been purchased for the preacher; and chapel renovated. Subsidy of £2/10/- is paid. Additions, 116; losses, 21; 212 members.

9. Murray Bridge District.—R. Raymond and P. Warhurst have done good work. Services at Hillside and Woods Point held, with excellent results. Land purchased for preacher's home. Membership, 101. Additions, 20; losses, 23.

10. Port Pirie.—Bro. Shipway reports progress. Good congregations. £608 raised. Auxiliaries thriving. New building nearing completion. Subsidy paid, £2. Additions, 17; losses, 1; membership, 104.

11. St. Morris.—L. A. Bowes in the field. A splendid Bible School of 172. Evening congregations excellent. Subsidy of £1 paid. 47 members. Additions, 13; losses, 1.

12. Wallaroo.—A. J. Ingham preaches here. Chandler-Clay mission stirred the town, and opened the way for aggressive work. Finances in a splendid state. All day Bible-Conference beneficial. Subsidy of £1/12/6 paid. Additions, 34; losses, 9; roll strength, 158.

13. Cottonville.—Splendid cause under leadership of B. W. Manning. Now self-supporting. All departments progressive. Membership, 258. Additions, 33; losses, 25.

14. Croydon.—A. H. Wilson the evangelist. Work on the upgrade. Receive small subsidy from Home Mission Committee. Liability on the building considerably decreased. Additions, 16; losses (chiefly by revision), 43.

15. Semaphore.—J. C. F. Pittman has done excellent work. Attendances average, morning, 65; evening, 130. Good Bible School, and up-to-date equipment. Departments in sound condition. Roll strength, 223. Additions, 29; losses, 27.

16. Southern Conference.—Good work done by P. A. Warhurst until May, when he resigned owing to illness. Membership at Goolwa, 77; increase, 3; at Willunga and Mt. Compass, 42; increase of 1.

Summary of Fields.—16 fields with 25 preaching stations are worked by the Committee. Total additions have been: Baptism, 217; letter, 137; formerly immersed, 14; restored, 8; total, 376. Losses, 219; 105 of which are by revision of rolls. Nett increase, 157. 92 scholars from H.M. Bible Schools have been added to the church.

ORGANISING SECRETARY.

For the fourth consecutive year H. J. Horsell has efficiently carried out the onerous duties of Organising and Financial Secretary. His time has been filled by the many calls of his duties. Almost all of the Home Mission fields have been visited, new work has been opened up, and in addition to routine work, an immense amount of work showing no apparent result has been done. His brotherly spirit, helpful letters, and spirit of sacrifice have endeared him to the brotherhood, and especially to the preachers. Appreciative reference was frequently made during Conference to his splendid qualities and to the nature of his work.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

The addition to the capital fund was £149/12/2, making a total of £2494/13/8. The response to the annual appeal was small, £108 being given. One special gift of £50, and the loan of £1000 for ten years at 5 per cent, have been appreciated. £200 at 3 per cent, has been loaned for the Barmera work, and £110 at 6 per cent, to the church at Forestville.

A special effort, sanctioned by Conference, is to be made to raise £5000, with an annual offering of £500.

The church at Maylands have paid off their debt, and Croydon church have reduced their debt by £159. These good works ought to inspire others to similar efforts.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT.

The establishment of a school at Barmera is the outcome of splendid work done by C. H. Hunt. The Executive were able to assist by providing hymn books and Bibles. The school at Gawler has developed from a small beginning to creditable dimensions. No school has as yet been founded at Forestville, but the Committee's efforts in this direction have not been without fruit, inasmuch that the nucleus of a healthy church has been the result of the advocacy and effort.

The schools at Winkje and St. Morris are among the most progressive in the State.

The Children's F.M. Day returned £73/16/8, and the interest of the children in missionary enterprise was aroused. The instruction thus given in the schools will result in the increase of interest and assistance in the churches of the future.

The "Workers' Tea and Conference, held in Grote-st., provided encouragement, education, and enthusiasm for the teachers and helpers. The great band of 400 workers who attended were helped greatly by the addresses of Bro. Hagger and McKie.

A pleasing feature of the work had been the revival of the Scripture examinations, in which Bro. H. R. Taylor had worked hard and successfully. About 200 scholars and teachers sat, and creditable performances were registered.

The consistent work of Bro. Horsell as Organiser had met with success, and called for appreciation. Sunday School Day had been well taken up, and £117/6/3 was contributed for Extension work. The Children's Hospital Cot offering realised £13 6/10. Three new schools—Barmera, Gawler, and

Blackwood, with a total of 95 scholars, had been organised. 209 scholars had been added to the church; 5607 were on the rolls; and a decrease of 166 scholars and an increase of 16 teachers was reported.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION.

On Monday evening the Town Hall was crowded. Bro. Wiltshire led the song service, and offered prayer. The incoming President, Herbert Taylor, was introduced by F. Collins, and commended to the assembly as a man of striking ability and deep humility. Mr. Taylor said that the Bible School work represented the best possible investment for time and money. Its continual progress and high aim in seeking the full development of the child made it worthy of the utmost support. The chief requisites in the work were faithfulness, loyalty to Christ, and the spirit of friendliness. The sympathies of the people of the church must be aroused, in order to the seizing of the many opportunities for productive effort on behalf of the young. The prizes gained in the Scripture examinations were presented by the President. An address on "The Encouragements in Bible School Work" was given by G. T. Walden, M.A., and together with the splendid items rendered by the scholars of North Adelaide, Croydon, and Prospect schools, met with the deserved appreciation of the assembly.

During the business sessions addresses were given by H. R. Taylor and W. W. Baird.

H. R. Taylor, in speaking of "The Bridging of the Gap," appealed for a fuller co-ordination of the church and Bible School work. As these two institutions were mutually interdependent, so they must fully realise the need for, and value of, co-operation. If there were no gap between the school and the church, the majority of those who are now lost to the church would be retained. The closer alliance of interest and effort would result in the natural transition of the child from the school to the church. In the school the basal truths of primitive Christianity must be taught, so that the children would become familiar with the purpose of the church, the ordinances, and the individual obligations in church membership.

The sanctified, combined work of those in the church and school would serve to tide boys and girls over the changing and dangerous periods of life. The sympathetic interest of all, from the preacher downward, was needed for the conservation of the initial work of the school. The church services must be made attractive to youth, and then the boys and girls would respond.

In speaking of the "Realisation of the Teachers' Vision," W. W. Baird said that the teacher without the true vision of the magnitude of the work could never hope to be successful.

The majority of social measures now being introduced were made necessary by the visionless teacher in the Bible School. The teaching of the man or woman of vision was a great preventive of evil. Before each must be the vision of the kingdom of God, of the perfect Man, Jesus Christ, and of the individual obligation to God. The knowledge and the power of the Word of God in the life; the life of prayer, and the thorough consecration of the powers and faculties were needed for the task. The prayer life resulted in personal cleansing, purified service, and sweetened relationships.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The thirtieth year of Foreign Missionary work has been one of splendid enthusiasm, efficient organisation, and successful effort. The work in India has been strengthened by the addition of Bro. and Sister Escott, Sisters L. Redman and E. Jones. The visit of Bro. Walden served to hearten the workers, and to provide the people at home with a medium of information. There are now 140 orphans at Shrigonda and Baramati. The Blake Memorial Hospital, the gift of Sister Vera Blake, when completed will prove of great value to the work. The "lone sentinel" of our churches in China, Miss R. L. Tonkin, has been compelled to return home; but the going forth of "the happy family" to the new work in Hweilichow has called forth unbounded enthusiasm. In the New Hebrides Bro. and Sister Waters have been blessed in their work, 36 natives being baptised since Christmas, and £70 has been sent for gospel proclama-

tion. Bro. and Sister Black have nobly filled the breach at Pentecost. The passing of Bro. James to higher service has been a loss to the churches, but Bro. Shee Ping has undertaken the work among the Australian Chinese, and should give good service. Financially, the past year has been a record, the receipts being £230 ahead of 1919.

FOREIGN MISSION DEMONSTRATION.

The enthusiasm of the brotherhood on behalf of Foreign Missions was displayed on Tuesday evening, when a great crowd assembled at the Town Hall. The combined choir assisted in the demonstration by their beautiful singing. The new president, W. Garrett, was briefly introduced by T. Hagger, and appealed for full support of the churches in order that the great new work might be further opened up, and other fields entered upon.

Memorable addresses were given by the missionaries-elect, and the inspiration of the meeting will long remain in the lives of those present.

A. C. Garnett, B.A., who was accorded a warm reception, delivered a masterly address on "The Problems of China." He said the problems of China are not only a matter of concern to the national leaders of that land, but to the leaders and people of every civilised nation. The renaissance of the Western civilisation was not comparable to that which was now taking place in China. The natural wealth and productiveness of this land would lead to her becoming one of the greatest international forces of the future. Industrially, technically, and intellectually the citizen of China is superior to the Japanese, whose skill and adaptability we have so admired. Chinese civilisation had reached its apex over one thousand years ago, and was superior in many ways to modern civilisation. The history of China reveals at once the secret of China's stagnation and the possibility of her reconstruction. The character of Chinese life explains the failure to progress, but also the prevention of decay. The mental and social servitude embodied in over-emphasised filial respect, and the evils of worship of ancestors combined to prevent any spontaneous effort in behalf of a new order. The Confucian code governing family and social life, prevented progress, but served to maintain an observance of social obligations.

But now commercial, industrial, and educational advances resulting from contact with modern civilisation made for the nullifying of the proscriptions of Confucius. This is especially true in regard to the restrictions concerning warfare. The contact with Western ideas made for enlightenment, but also constituted a menace. The possibility of a militaristic imperialism called for grave concern. The social and industrial problem, as well as that of officialdom, could not wholly be solved by secular education. The need is for the creation and maintenance of a strong public conscience, and this can only be supplied by the religion of Jesus Christ. More than this, the great spiritual needs of the people can only be met by Christ, and we must take the gospel.

The address was certainly one of the finest, most educational and inspiring that the brethren of the State have heard. It informed the mind, fired the imagination, and gripped the heart.

Bro. Anderson, in presenting "China's Appeal," made a passionate and stirring appeal to the hearts of the people. He said that this was the great day of opportunity for the evangelisation of China. If that country should awake under pagan influences, the last state of the people would be worse than the first. The appeal of China came to the church as a whole, and to every individual member. This appeal was for the light which would lighten the darkness, for the hope which would cause the hearts of the people to glow for the remedy for social diseases, and for the one thing which could satisfy their souls' longings. The appeal called for the utmost speed, for the utter abandonment of men and women to the work of Christ, and for a display of victorious faith.

Miss R. L. Tonkin and Mr. Hy. Watson in the few minutes at their disposal made pithy and powerful appeals on behalf of the work in Foreign fields.

HOME MISSION RALLY.

Another great crowd assembled at the Town Hall on Wednesday to hear the messages from the home fields. R. Harkness, B.A., who introduced the President-elect, W. J. Manning, spoke in glowing terms of the work of the past year, and expressed the brotherhood's gratitude to Almighty God for the abundant blessings which had been enjoyed. In Bro. Manning they would find a splendid leader in every enterprise. Bro. Manning said that he had never sought the position, but once in it he would spare no effort to forward the work in the State. In the hands of the members of the churches was the matter of growth and extension, and upon their faithfulness rested great possibilities. The great immediate opportunity for service was to be found in the Prohibition movement.

A. J. Ingham, of Wallaroo, spoke convincingly of the need for a more forceful presentation of the gospel, for which no apology was needed. The whole force of the brotherhood must be concentrated on the preaching of the Word of God. What we need is a greater impact. He strongly urged that protracted missions be held in every church centre.

A. Cameron, of Barmera, delighted the assembly with his descriptive and powerful address on the work and needs of his district. He paid tribute to the pioneering work of C. H. Hunt. The needs of the soldiers were varied and great. Their environment was not helpful. The conditions of living were primitive, and especially severe on the splendid women who had gone to assist their husbands in opening up this new territory. The opportunity for effective work among them was unique. The erection of a building dedicated to the service of God was the right beginning, and the opening services had abundantly shown the possibilities. He made a powerful appeal for assistance for the cause in that district.

The speaker's humorous interludes, effective illustrations, and racy narrative, kept the assembly in a simmer of mirth, but at the same time served to help in the presentation of the appeal.

At the close of the address Mrs. Ewers, on behalf of the sisters of the churches, presented Mr. Cameron with a first aid kit to assist him in his splendid work.

R. Blackburn, of Eyre Peninsula, supplemented and consolidated the work of the previous speakers by his effective interpretation of the "Challenge of the Impossible." The state of the country and the crying needs of the day demanded that Christian men and women should abandon themselves to the control of the Spirit of God, in order that the dry bones of the national and social order might be brought to life.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

That a central book depot, for the dissemination of our distinctive literature, be established in the city, and that a committee comprising Bren. W. J. Manning, G. T. Walden, J. Wiltshire, T. P. Richardson, W. M. Green, and Miss Thompson, be empowered to consult with the trustees of the Bible College, and to take necessary action.

That the Executive consider and report upon the question of the incorporation of churches in South Australia.

That the work of the Temperance Alliance in seeking to obtain Prohibition be endorsed and supported.

That the greetings of the Conference be sent to the missionaries in the field, with the assurance of our prayers.

That the sympathy of the Conference be conveyed to Bro. T. J. Gore, with the expression of our love, and of our prayers on his behalf.

That this Conference heartily commend to the churches the work of the Seamen's Mission.

That the Sisters' Conference be warmly thanked for their valuable help.

No-License Notes.

Points for Victorians to Remember.

The local option poll will take place in October. Church people have thus but a few weeks in which to rally their forces for the contest.

Does the church realise the extraordinary opportunity offered at this election of getting rid of one of its worst enemies? It has been thirteen years coming. All the churches in every district should unitedly concentrate upon clearing the drink out of their own district.

In thinking of the difficulties of carrying no-license for the whole State, do not lose sight of the possibilities of carrying it in your own district. That is your field, work in it. The chances are that there is a majority favorable to No-License in your own district, if you only look for it. You may lose it for the lack of a little extra work. Remember that your vote only counts in your own district.

A church member has something more to do than merely vote. If simple majority were adopted there might be some excuse for just voting, but to win No-License there must be a three-fifths majority, so that every two people must bring a third. See that you influence at least one other voter!

Church people do not need to be preached to about the horrors of drink. Every sane man and woman realises them. But they need to be awakened to the blessings of prohibition and the priceless opportunity offered them in October. If the church falls short of this opportunity it will deserve to lose that for which countless prayers have been offered up during the years gone by. Honor those prayers by securing votes.

Do not forget that it is the licensed houses in your district that you are responsible for closing up. Is there an active branch of the Anti-Liquor League in your district? If so, help it with all your might during the next four weeks. Talk No-

License to your neighbors. Get your streets planned and every house visited. With a three-fifths majority to work for not a single vote can be neglected.

Some curious, not to say startling, facts are emerging in the course of the campaign that is being fought for the lives and the souls of men and women in Victoria—a campaign that will reach a crisis but not its end, at the forthcoming local option poll in the middle of October.

We have just been reminded in a way that has shocked the community that the fight for No-License is a fight for souls and bodies and not for a mere trade or an industry. It is always "the trade" or "the wine industry" that is considered in arguments, and matters of taxation and employment are put first. But after all "the trade" and those employed in it represent a mere bagatelle compared with the vast army of men and women and children who suffer and die through the drink traffic, and human lives must come first. The Mayoress of Melbourne has reminded us of this fact by boldly stating to the press representatives that drink in a particularly vicious and insidious form is catching the young girls in society. We have become accustomed, if not hardened, to the recruitment of the drunkards' ranks from our young manhood, but this threat on the lives of our young womanhood ought to shock the men and women of Victoria into voting for the abolition of this evil, if nothing else would. Prohibition is the ideal of the Labor Party and the Temperance Party, and No-License is a long step towards it. Therefore let us pray and work—and pay for No-License.

The special speakers of the Anti-Liquor League are now addressing mid-day meetings aggregating not less than 1500 workers per week. The audiences range from 20 to 500 according to the size of the factories.

Here and There.

College annual offering on Sunday next.

Bro. A. P. A. Burden, Palmerston-st., is now secretary of the church at Maryborough, Victoria. We hear that Bro. Horace Kingsbury is expected to visit Australia by Christmas time.

The address of Geo. F. Nicholls, secretary of the church at Gardiner, Vic., now is "Balmain," 47 Maitland-st., East Malvern, Vic.

We are indebted to Bro. L. A. Bowes for his kindness in preparing the report of the South Australian Conference which appears in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Illingworth, of Malvern, Vic., are now on a visit to Sydney. Mr. and Mrs. R. Lyall, of Melbourne, are also in New South Wales.

Secretaries of Victorian Endeavor Societies are reminded that the monthly council meeting of the C.E. Department will be held on Monday, Oct. 11, Lygon-st., at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 3, is the day on which interest is focussed upon the work of the College of the Bible. Let every member of every church have a part in the special offering.

If each member will add a quarter to the amount given last year for College purposes the total offering will reach £1250. Less than this sum may hold back important developments.

Victorian Junior Endeavorers and all interested are asked to remember the J.C.E. rally to be held at Church of Christ, High-st., Prahran, Saturday afternoon, October 9, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Special items and bright singing are promised.

The next meeting of the Victorian Preachers' Association will be held on Monday, Oct. 4, at 2.30 p.m., in Swanston-st. lecture hall. Speaker, Mr. A. Townsend, Secretary Commonwealth Picture Film Censors Board. All speaking brethren are cordially invited.

Preachers and church secretaries are asked to keep the College offering open until the second Sunday in October, that all may have an opportunity to give. As soon as possible the church offering should be sent to the Organiser, Reg. Ennis, College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Victoria.

Bren. Hunt and Cameron, preachers in the Berri district, S.A., spent many days in hard work helping to build the new chapel at Barmera. The quality of their work is illustrated in a story told at Conference. Two men, seeing the unusually diligent and careful work, inquired who the laborers were. The answer given, "Two parsons," called forth the remark: "What a pity to spoil two good navvies by making them parsons!"

We beg to congratulate Bro. Harold T. Illingworth on the completion of his medical course at Sydney University. A successful career has resulted in his receiving the degrees of M.B. and Ch.M. It is a pleasure to us to see the increasing number of our young men who are preparing themselves for lives of great usefulness and influence. We trust they will use their abilities in the service of Christ and for the extension of his kingdom.

Excellent reports continue to come from Subiaco, W.A. The Bible School secretary writes: "The Bible School is moving to good purpose, the finest of all undoubtedly being that during the past quarter more than a score of our scholars have made the great decision of accepting the Master. The future is fraught with mighty expectations, and evidences point to unprecedented activity and success. Bro. Clay is permeating all of us with the spirit that characterises him. As Bro. Nelson continues in office as superintendent, with his indefatigable enthusiasm at work, with God's grace and power over all, we look for records in the newly opened school year. Next month we enter the competition organised by the Churches of Christ Bible Schools Committee. The competition's aim is to secure a big intaking of scholars, model attendance of both scholars and teachers, and to promote a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the Bible Schools."

"Where reason ends, there is still God." So H. Watson finely said in a S.A. Conference talk. Bordertown, S.A., is reported by its preacher to have "the finest soil this side of eternity."

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the passing away of Mrs. W. A. Kemp, of Essendon church. She was called home on 22nd inst. Mrs. Kemp had been in ill-health for a long time. Bro. W. A. Kemp will have the sympathy of a very large number of sorrowing friends. He and his wife were not only foremost in the work of God in their district, but exerted an influence for good which extended far and wide. Our Victorian Bible School teachers and scholars particularly will sympathise with the beloved president of the committee managing our Bible School and Young People's Department.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 23, in the school-room at Grote-st., Adelaide, the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee held a reception in honor of our out-going missionaries and those recently returned (Miss R. L. Tonkin and Miss F. Cameron). A large number were privileged to attend. The tea tables were prepared bountifully and with great care. The President (Bro. J. W. Cosh) and Bren. W. Burford, A. Millis, Sir J. C. Verco and Mr. Burrows (missionary from Bolivia), gave helpful messages. Bren. R. Harkness, B.A., and A. R. Main, M.A., proposed a vote of thanks to the organiser of the gathering (Bro. G. T. Walden) and the ladies responsible for the refreshments provided.

The superintendent of our Victorian General Dorcas has received the following letter of thanks for assistance rendered from the Hon. Superintendent of the Mission for the Friendless and the Fallen, Melbourne:—"Dear Mrs. Moysey,—Please accept most sincere thanks for the very nice parcel of children's things, etc., which came to me from the Dorcas ladies of your church. I can assure you that they were most acceptable. We have never been so ill off for clothing to give away as this winter, with its many calls; nor have ever had so many hungry people coming for food. Please convey to the ladies my appreciation of their thoughtfulness, and with kind regards, believe me, yours sincerely, Sister Grace." Mrs. Moysey reports that she has a splendid working committee. But funds are low and high prices make it very difficult to carry on. The gift or loan of a sewing machine would be greatly appreciated. An appeal for assistance to this noble work should not go unheeded by our Victorian members. Surely there are many who would be willing to help the sisters in their Christlike service. Any who can assist are asked to write to Mrs. A. M. Moysey, 11 Albert-st., Surrey Hills, Vic.

"The World in a Nutshell."—The nutshell being the school hall of the Pitt-st. Congregational Church, Sydney, and the world represented by many rare and valuable exhibits which have been collected by an enthusiastic and discriminating collector from Queensland. These include old Chinese embroideries, hand-carved models of industries, modes of travel and instruments of torture (about 80 models in all) and banners, ancient coins, etc. In the S.S. Island section are rare Solomon Island dancing skirts, a cannibal chief's belt, with a fringe of the teeth of his victims, and a very large whale's tooth, used in olden times in Fiji by missionaries opening a mission in a cannibal village, as it conferred immunity from death or maltreatment. India and Africa are also represented. There will be a large display of literature, charts, and other material for educational work among people in our home churches who know little of the work of the church abroad. The exhibition will be opened in the Pitt-st. school hall on Saturday, October 9, at 4.30 p.m., and Monday to Friday following from 12 noon. The promoters are the Christian Endeavor Union and the Council for Missionary Education. Admission: Single visit, 1/-; children under 14, 6d. Season ticket, not transferable, 2/6; children, 1/3. Concession tickets, 2/6 per set of 6.

The following telegram from Inverell, N.S.W., reached us on Tuesday—"Twenty-three confessions Sunday; seventy-seven total.—Payne."

In this campaign we may lose a number of battles, but we shall win the war.—Mr. F. Lade on S.A. prohibition campaign.

Carnegie report in last week's issue contained two printers' errors in showing amounts raised for redemption of debentures. There should have been £50 from sisters' sale of work included in total of £270.

T. Bagley, Victorian Home Mission Organiser, writes: "I have just returned from a visit to the Mildura and Merbein churches after attending their district conference. It is encouraging to see the development of the work in this prosperous part of Victoria, distant about 350 miles from Melbourne. The places of business and settlers on the land all give one the impression of general satisfaction. The district has become famous for its choice fruits. Mildura grapes, dried fruits, and little normies are household words. With the general commercial prosperity, it is well to see our churches pressing forward with the work of the gospel. At Mildura we have a fine church building, free from debt, and recently a fine adjoining site was purchased for a school hall. About £500 will shortly be spent in church improvements. We have a membership of about 100. G. Fretwell is the resident preacher. He is doing a good work, and is much esteemed. Merbein is nine miles further on. The work here has only been opened for a few years, and good steady progress has been made. We have a membership of over 70. Hugh Gray is the resident preacher. His work is much appreciated, and the church is in a healthy state. A splendid central site has been purchased, and over £300 is in hand toward the erection of a church building. The district conference was held in the church at Mildura on Wednesday, September 22. G. Fretwell, president of the conference, in the chair. At the evening meeting the new officers were introduced, and G. Cameron as president took charge of the meeting. Reports showed progress had been made. A splendid interest was manifest, and a helpful time was spent. A resolution was carried, to be sent on to the Melbourne Conference, urging the starting of a fund to provide for a State evangelist and singer, to open up new fields, especially in country centres. The various speeches were interspersed with some good solos and anthems by the choir under the leadership of J. Barnden. On this long journey of 350 miles, one is much impressed with the need of more definite aggressive evangelistic effort in our State. We could do well with two evangelistic teams. The harvest truly is great. Large and progressive towns remain untouched as far as the restoration plea is concerned. This is the call to more interest in our Home Mission work. We need more general giving, and some large gifts, to enable us to do what we realise ought to be done. Every church member should find a pleasure in contributing regularly to Home Missions. To evangelise the State is the business of us all. The Home Mission Committee can only do what the members, by their gifts, make possible."

OBITUARY.

COUSINS.—After a long and distressing illness, Sister Mrs. Cousins recently fell asleep. Giving her life over to Jesus Christ in November, 1888, she expressed His ownership by seeking to serve him in various forms of church activities, principally in connection with the Sisters' Conference and our local class. Diligence and regularity marked her association with these ministries. A regular attendant at all the services, she was a perfect church member. When the days of anguish came on her the faith that impelled her to paths of busy service was the power that upheld her in the place of enforced idleness. Right to the end of her illness her confidence in the ultimate showed that she had placed her faith in One who was mighty to help. She leaves behind her a husband, daughter, and three sons, one of whom is secretary of the Prospect church.—J.W.B., North Fitzroy.

Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. T. Walden, M.A.

China Mission Inauguration Service.

The greatest possible testimony to the missionary enthusiasm of our people was given on Thursday evening, Sept. 23, when, on the occasion of the setting apart of the four noble young men and women who have given themselves to the Christ-like task of carrying the gospel to the people of the province of Hweilichow, in the south-west of China, a great assembly of members of the Churches of Christ gathered at the Grote-st. chapel. The soul stirring meetings of the State Conference, in which the greatness of our task and the glory of our privilege were emphasised by every speaker, had brought the hearts of the people to a white heat of enthusiasm, and had prepared all for the crowning gathering of the week. Splendid messages had been received from our missionaries during the sessions; so much had been heard concerning the great new enterprise; the missionary spirit had been fanned to flame by the call of the lands beyond; and upon all hearts had been impressed the vision of Christ as the leader of his people in a great crusade against the powers of darkness.

The message of the Federal Foreign Missionary President sounded the note of courage, of trust, of victory. The great incentive for service was set in the place of pre-eminence. Christ, the author of salvation, Christ, the leader of enterprise, and Christ, the rewarder of service.

The President of the Federal Conference, A. R. Main, M.A., said that in the opening of this new field missionary history was being made. The interest of the whole brotherhood was centred in our heroic band of missionaries, who led the vanguard of our army. His joy was full because of the presence of three students of the College of the Bible. Five former students labor in the Indian fields; but the interest was now to be focussed on China. Those who were going out as representatives of the churches in Australia were people of sterling Christian character, and the fullest confidence could be placed in each one. Bro. Anderson had done splendid work in the home fields. Mrs. Anderson had excellent training for her future labors in China. Bro. Garnett's high ability and brilliant University career fitted him admirably for the performance of a great educational work; and Mrs. Garnett would prove her value in the work which was yet to be done.

To Bro. T. Hagger was entrusted the task of bringing to the minds and hearts of the people "The Church's Responsibility," and in a magnificent and stirring appeal he called upon all present to play an heroic part in the great undertaking. He said, the present meeting marks a great advance in Foreign Mission work. Never before, in the history of the Churches of Christ, had a task of such magnitude been undertaken. The work thus taken up was needful, and challenging; and the going forth of these heroic souls spelt responsibility for all in the home land. The work at home was largely the reflex of the work beyond. While the churches were launching forth new efforts in foreign fields, they prospered at home. When they ceased from the work in heathen lands the work at home would inevitably suffer and decay. The churches are not responsible for the success of the preaching of the gospel; but they are responsible for the effort. It was for them to go and preach; the results rested with God. These missionaries were going out to set up the standard of Jesus Christ; and their going meant a threefold responsibility for the church. The missionaries were more than the representatives of the people at home; they were the partners in a great work for Christ. No effort should be spared in order to back them up, both by continual, earnest prayer, and by individual sacrifice. They would need equipment—houses, schools, chapels, and hospitals—and to the brotherhood they had a right to look for these things. Reinforcements would soon be needed, and the very first to be sent to their aid should be a medical man. The going of the missionaries, the great

need of the people, and the command of Christ challenged the churches to the utmost effort.

Probably no man in the brotherhood was better qualified than Bro. J. Wiltshire to deliver "the charge to the missionaries." He said that his duty was not to give them advice regarding the work. That could be more ably done by Sister Tonkin or Bro. Watson. His was a message from the brotherhood.

The evening's meeting was beautifully scriptural, and sweetly solemn. There was a sacred gravity which must always pertain to the setting apart of those who have given their lives in service to Christ.

The church, with her ear open to the message of the Spirit of God, always realises that the flower of her manhood and womanhood must be given to the great work of Christ. Those who were about to go forth represented the best that the churches have to give. They must remember that it was not they who had chosen Christ, but, as he said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you." This thought would provide encouragement in times of hardships and difficulty. As Christ had chosen them, so would he be with them in every moment of their service; and the presence and choice of

Christ was their guarantee of success. The chief thing was to spend one's life where Jesus would have it spent. The work they would do in the name of Jesus would be indestructible. The remembrance of the power of the Lord of their service must always be with them. The command which they have heard was not that of the church or of the brethren, but of Christ; they were not led by the church, but by Christ; they were not not with the pledge of the church, but with the pledge of Christ. For each of them he prayed the God's abundant blessing.

Opportunity was given to Miss F. Cameron, who had returned from India on furlough, to speak. When Miss Cameron arose she met with an overwhelming reception, and could only briefly thank the brethren for the fulfilment of their promises for their support, and for their prayers. Every missionary in the field was filled with gratitude to the brotherhood, and from the hearts of many Christian natives grateful prayers went up before God for the splendid efforts of the missionary people of the churches.

Responses were given by the outgoing missionaries, expressive of the feelings of gratitude to God for his goodness in permitting them to serve him in the great work of spreading the gospel. The prayers of the brotherhood were sought. The purposes of life were being fulfilled for each one. The presence of Christ was the great strengthening reality for all; the great work was challenging them; the needs of the people were calling them, and the love of Christ was the great compulsive force back of their service.

At the Lord's Table.

KEEPING CHRIST AWAY.

Lionel Johnston.

Text: John 11: 56.—What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?

That Jesus had been marked out for death by the rulers of the Jews was a well-known fact to the people who had assembled to observe the passover, and it therefore was not strange that they felt in doubt whether he would be present, saying one to another, "What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?" But they made a mistake if they imagined that persecution was going to hinder him from being at this feast; for in spite of all persecution he must be there. His presence was the most important part of this passover. In all previous passovers the slaying of the paschal lamb was only a type of Christ our real passover, who was to be slain for us; but at this one God's own chosen Lamb was to be slain for the deliverance of the true Israel from the bondage of sin. At all costs Jesus determined to be present. Though many things combined became warning voices to dissuade him from his purpose, yet he heeded them not; but, with a heart of pity and love to humanity, he steadfastly set his face to accomplish his purpose.

I wish now to draw your attention to another feast, which we observe, not annually, but weekly—the Lord's Supper. His presence is the most important part of this feast. Without him, it is just a meaningless form. It can do the worshipper no good. He has promised to be present every time it is observed in the manner revealed to us in the New Testament.

He will not be kept away by persecution. At such times Christ's presence is most manifest. In the early centuries, when Christians had to flee to the catacombs or other secluded spots to break the consecrated loaf, they went forth from those retreats to astound their persecutors by their fortitude in face of persecution. There was no need to ask the question, "What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?"

But, brethren, do we ever have to ask the question, as we approach the place of worship, "What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?" More often we ask the question concerning some brother who ought to be present, "What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?" Often when Christ is there, one here, and another there is missing, but could have been present. Those who complied with the Lord's wish had their souls re-

freshed; but those who stopped away had hearts as cold as stone. It is, however, possible for Christ not to come to the feast. At such a time it is useless for others to come. Without Christ's presence it is in vain you assemble together.

I shall draw your attention to a few of the things that keep Christ from the feast.

Divisions in the church keep Christ away. When there is one party contending against another, it cannot be expected that Christ, the Prince of Peace, should feel at home. We have to create an atmosphere for Christ to live in or he will not come. That atmosphere is love. Brethren, let us love one another, for love is of God. Divisions in the Corinthian church were doubtless one of the hindrances to the proper observance of the Supper there.

An unholy alliance with sin will keep Christ from the feast. Christ cannot remain where sin is allowed to go unrebuked. It was here again that the church at Corinth failed. With indifference, they tolerated shameless immorality, so Paul, in calling them to repentance, says, "Purge out the old leaven, that ye may have a new lump even as ye are unleavened. For Christ our passover hath been sacrificed for us, wherefore let us keep the feast not with the old leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Again, a want of due regard for the solemnity of the occasion will prevent the Lord's presence. Because of the Corinthians' failure here, they were eating and drinking condemnation unto themselves, not discerning the Lord's body. The Lord's table is not to be approached thoughtlessly, but with hearts chastened by meditation and a keen appreciation of all that is represented by the simple emblems.

It is possible for Christ to be present to some and absent to others. While one may depart with joy, conscious of having received an uplift in the spiritual life, another, by his manner, may show that to him no Christ has been present at the feast. It lies within our power to have him there, or by our conduct he may be kept away. Let us therefore fulfil the conditions of Christ's presence at the feast, and the delight and profit will be ours; and then there will be no need to ask the question, "What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?"

The Family Altar.

J. Wiltshire.

BUILT DIFFERENTLY.

It may have been a physical difference which a certain substantial brother had in mind, who, at a recent Conference gathering, interjected, "I'm sure we are not!" when the less portly president observed, "We are not all built alike." There are, however, greater differences between us than those which strike the eye. The great differences of disposition, mind and soul, are merely suggested by our physical differences. If we could only perceive more clearly the differences which are hidden we would less often expect one another to act in precisely the same way, and we should be more patient with such as cannot see eye to eye with us in all matters of opinion. The Psalmist had dipped deeply into the depths of the divine wisdom when he said, "He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." The Lord knows the construction of both mind and body. The Psalmist derived consolation from this consciousness. For God to know was an assurance that God would not allow any crushing burden to be laid upon the weak. A kindly pity tempers every dispensation of His providence. It would save many wounds if it were not so true that God's ways are not our ways. If we could but abide in Christ, then more Godlike in our ways we would become.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Gem Verse.—Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.—Gal. 4: 3.

The words allude to a custom of the ancient times. The child and heir was as though he were of no account until attaining to manhood. His tutors and governors figured in the mind of the apostle the "elements of the world," while the child figured the possible heir of salvation.

Having been delivered from this bondage, and having become heirs to a glorious heritage, we ought to rejoice, and in the strength of holy joy go on to take possession of our heritage in Christ. Truly in Him we are possessors of all things. When temptations to forfeit our station come, then—

"Stand, blessed Jesus, at my side;
Keep me from self, the world and pride,
From deadness, darkness, guilt and sin;
From foes without, from worse within;
By day, by night, awake, asleep,
Jesus, from threatening dangers keep."

Scripture Portion.—1 John 3.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Gem Verse.—But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

God is never behind time. We can always make our calculations upon Him with the utmost reliance. His sun never fails to appear; He registers His faithfulness in the soft light of the moon and stars, and the earth in harmony with the heavens declares this glorious attribute of our God. It must have been a great triumph of love when the eternal councils determined that Jesus should come to earth to die for man. However great the struggle may have been which is expressed in the gift of Jesus, God was not overdue. We ought not to be overdue in our promises to God.

"O Lord Divine, how sweet Thou art!
When shall I find my willing heart
All taken up by Thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
The greatness of redeeming love—
The love of Christ to me."

Scripture Portion.—Luke 2: 1-20.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Gem Verse.—To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.—Gal. 4: 5.

In the Religious World.

A Bible-Reading Creed.

We believe (1) in owning a good, large-print Bible, just for reading.—(2) We believe in reading the plain text printed without outline division or comment. Reading it aloud is calculated to make one give closer attention to what he is reading.—(3) We believe in forming the habit of regular Bible-reading for personal profit, preferably in the morning before beginning the duties of the day.—(4) We believe in reading a portion daily at family prayers.—(5) We believe that notes and helps and outlines have their place in Bible study, but not to the exclusion of the reading of Scripture itself.—"Record of Christian Work."

Bibles in Hotels.

The Gideons are preparing to distribute 50,000 Bibles in hotels throughout the United States. It will cost them 40,000 dollars they will raise the money, and it will be worth it to sow the land with copies of the "Good Book." The Gideon organisation is composed of travelling men, and it has distributed 440,000 Bibles since it was founded in 1899. It is a distinct pleasure to find a Bible in your room at a hotel. Often one is a trifle lonesome and possibly a little homesick when he is "taken up" after a hard day's work or a long journey. When he finds a Bible in his room he has a special reminder that God is there, and he also remembers that the Bible is the book whose influence builds his home and keeps it safe. And some most striking conversions have come from reading these Bibles placed in hotels by the enthusiasm and generosity of Gideons.—"Christian Evangelist."

"To Men of Goodwill."

In the course of a letter to "all men and women of goodwill," issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on behalf of the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, the following passage appears:—

"The hearts of men everywhere are being stirred by hopes of a better ordering of our common life. Yet the foundations on which it rests are being shaken. If these hopes are to be fulfilled, and these foundations rebuilt, there must be a rally of all spiritual forces. Men and women who believe in the power of the Spirit within and without the Church of Christ must no longer keep apart. They must be drawn together by mutual respect and understanding. We, who find our hope and strength in the Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, need, for the winning of his kingdom here on earth, the help of all who are striving for justice, brotherhood, and purity in the life of the State, of industry, and of the family. They, on the other hand, may gain fresh inspiration and steadfastness from the faith which we hold, and a new joy from the worship which we offer, where in the spirit of man finds its rest in God."

Renaissance of Paganism.

A Pastoral Letter of the Wesleyan Conference, which will shortly be in circulation, says the London "Christian," will deal with the disquieting conditions in the present religious situation, and the distressing signs of a renaissance of paganism manifesting itself in the passion for pleasure, senseless extravagance, distaste for work, defiance of authority, ready resort to violence, lamentable laxity in sexual morals, and flaunting disregard of the binding obligation of marriage and family life. The majority of those who are turned to natural religiousness, and dream of a new world-order, says the letter, do not think of associating their hopes with the Christian Church.

"Rather it is the reverse, and it is this attitude which forms the pathos of the present religious situation. Eighty out of every hundred of the young manhood and womanhood of the nation have no use for the churches because they consider that they are out of touch with reality, that their fellowship is cold and official, and that in the conflict of moral forces they are opportunist, taking easily the safe and the popular side."

Job rejoiced to know that his Redeemer lived, and amidst his many trials he was triumphant. But Job lived in the moonlight age of revelation; we live in the clear daylight, when the Sun of Righteousness has arisen with healing in His wings. The relationship of which our text speaks was not known to former dispensations; it was reserved for us. We are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Having received the adoption of sons, we must preserve the honor of our Father's name.

"Three mountain trips: Go to Sinai and see your sins; go to Calvary and behold your Saviour; go to Zion and view your home."
Scripture Portion.—Heb. 12: 18-29.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Gem Verse.—Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.—Gal. 4: 6.

We may truthfully say this verse contains the first-mentioned fruit of the Spirit, viz.: crying to God in filial terms. In natural life the first thing we learn to do or do without learning, is to cry: it is fitting then, that spiritual things should pursue the same order. The Holy Spirit within would ever lead the heart to rejoice in the paternal care of Him of whom the Son said, "Not one sparrow falleth to the ground unless the Father knows it."

Scripture Portion.—Rom. 8: 1-17.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Gem Verse.—Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.—Gal. 4: 7.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians respecting "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." How great must the change be which takes place in the unsaved soul whereby that soul can be said to be fit for its heritage! In 1 Peter 1: 4, we are told the nature of the inheritance. It is "incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." What manner of person, then, ought a son and heir of God to be?

Scripture Portion.—1 Peter 1: 1-9.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Gem Verse.—...how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, wherunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

This is a puzzling question. The devout in all ages have been perplexed by the waverings and wanderings of the unstable and faithless. With all the inducements to be true which we have in Christ, all the love which binds us, all the grace which would sustain us, all the sorrow attending desertion, how is it men and women turn again to the beggarly elements of the world?

"Thou art the same, oh! precious, precious promise!

All else may change—Thou dost unmoved remain;
Firm is the Rock on which our hopes are grounded;

Earth swiftly changes, but Thou art the same."
Scripture Portion.—Heb. 1.

LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 10

Gem Verse.—But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing.—Gal. 4: 18.

The words which here should be underlined are "in a good thing," because so many in Paul's day and so many more in our day, are zealously affected in a bad thing. The zeal of the enemies of truth would often shame the apathetic professor of the religion of Jesus Christ. Mr. Spurgeon once said: "Falsehood will travel the world around while Truth is putting on her shoes." Jesus spoke of certain who would traverse land and sea to make one proselyte who would become a child of hell. With weak brethren to strengthen, children to teach the way of life, the wayfarer to save, a Christ like ours to honor, surely we can be zealous this Lord's Day!

Scripture Portion.—Gal. 4: 1-18.

News of the Churches.

Queensland.

Bro. and Sister Hutson, of Belmore, were at Brisbane on September 19. Bro. Hutson gave an inspiring address at the morning meeting. Other visitors included Bro. Howard, of Prospect, and Bro. Furlonger. At night Bro. Rankine preached to a good meeting on "Belshazzar's Drunken Feast," and gave an appropriate sermon on the great prohibition issue.

Tasmania.

Launceston reports that meetings are keeping up well. Some fine addresses by Bro. Baker both morning and evening, nearly 50 per cent. of evening audience being men. The church is publishing a small paper for free distribution. A number of members are suffering from sickness.

Bro. Barnes has arrived at West Hobart, and the church has started work in real earnest, preparing for the mission to be held in November. An optimistic spirit prevails. Weekly cottage prayer meetings have been started, two members driving some miles to attend. The church is losing Bro. and Sister Spaulding, senr., who are going back to live in the country. Four new scholars were added to the school last Lord's day, also four a previous Sunday. Enrolment now numbers over 60.

Hobart Senior Endeavor Society visited the Old Folks' Home on Saturday, and helped by gifts, words and singing to cheer the inmates. On Thursday a splendid programme of instrumental and elocutionary items was rendered, with Bro. Nightingale's interesting lecture on Superstition. The effort realised about £7 for Bible School class rooms. Bro. F. Barnes delivered a helpful address last Lord's day, while Bro. Nightingale held service at Kingston. The church will commence a ninety days' campaign next Sunday. All regret to part with Sister Iris Stacey to Launceston; Bro. and Sister Spaulding, senr., to Nubeena, and Lilla Spaulding to Burnie.

West Australia

The West Guildford church had a good prayer meeting on Sept. 15, and a good Endeavor meeting on Sept. 19. At worship meeting Bro. Reg. Graham addressed the church on "Apostolic Preaching." At gospel service Bro. Stirling preached on "The Gospel Message." Bro. Seaby is sick.

Subiaco annual church meeting was held on Sept. 15. Good progress was recorded. The renovation of the building is being commenced, over £100 having been subscribed for this purpose. The debt extinction scheme has raised £130 in five months. The church has confirmed a partial revision of the roll, whereby 61 names are removed. The meetings grow in number and spirit. There were five decisions, on Sunday morning, Sept. 19, and eleven at the evening meeting, mainly scholars from the Bible School. The problem of seating will soon be acute.

South Australia.

Splendid meetings at Moonta on Sept. 26. Bro. Trenwith, of Kadina, gave a fine exhortation on "What it is to be a Christian," and delivered the gospel message at night to a large audience.

Last Sunday the Dulwich chapel opening services were continued. The attendances were not quite so large as on the first day, but again a number of visiting brethren were present, and a fine interest was manifested. The public meeting to be held last Tuesday concludes the special series, and Bro. E. W. Pittman begins his evangelistic work next Lord's day evening.

At Prospect meetings lately have been well attended. On Sept. 19 Bro. Main delivered a splendid address at the morning meeting. Bro. R. Raymond preached in the evening. On Sunday morning Bro. A. Anderson gave a very thoughtful address on "Higher Commendation." At night Bro. Paternoster spoke on "One Big Union" to an attentive audience. All auxiliaries are working well. Bible School needs more room, and the problem must be faced.

Good meetings at Queenstown all day Sunday. Q.Y.P.M. Mr. E. Holland spoke to the young people. Worship, Bro. C. E. Lawton exhorted. Evening, Bro. Brooker addressed a fair audience.

At Hindmarsh on Sunday, 26th, Bro. A. C. Garnett spoke to the church in the morning upon the necessity for more workers in the great field of service, and his address was greatly appreciated. The evening meeting was conducted by Bro. G. P. Cuttriss, the title of whose address was "The Loadstone of Christianity."

At Croydton on Sept. 19 Bro. Anderson, missionary-elect, spoke in the morning, and Bro. A. H. Wilson in the evening. Sept. 26, Bro. Wilson spoke morning and evening. Sister Bateup is very ill, and the doctors recommend an operation as the only remedy. The church extends sympathy to Bro. Geo. Bateup in his trouble.

The church at Forestville held its quarterly meeting last Thursday week, and a very profitable and enjoyable time was spent. The business transacted will be of great benefit to the church in the near future. All were pleased to have Sister McDonald present in the morning, after her long and trying illness, also Sister Morrison; it is hoped that her hand will soon be quite well.

Meetings at Balaklava on Sunday were well attended, and the presence of a large number of visitors helped to improve the spirit of the meetings. Among others present were Bro. and Sister E. J. Mowsar, of Wagga; Bro. and Sister J. Curtis, senr., Semaphore; Sisters Miss Jean Roberts, Hindmarsh; Mrs. Gibbons, Mile End; Bren. Olafsen, Gawler; and Martin, Kadina. Also Miss Elsie Shepherd, an isolated sister. Bro. Saunders preached morning and evening, the evening meeting being the monthly men's service. The school registered an attendance of 103 scholars, the best for some months.

At Semaphore on Sept. 12 the Bible School anniversary services were held. Bro. G. T. Walden addressed all three meetings, the building being well filled at afternoon and evening meetings. On Sept. 15, continued anniversary services and presentation of awards to scholars. Bro. J. Wiltshire delivered a very fine illustrated address. By special request the anniversary service was repeated on Sept. 19. Bro. Pittman preached to good congregations. Good singing on each occasion, conducted by Bro. L. Mathews. Sept. 26, Bro. J. C. F. Pittman preached farewell addresses to large congregations. The church trust that God will continue to use our brother for His service, and abundantly bless him wherever he labors.

Victoria.

Ringwood is growing rapidly; great interest. Last Sunday there were good meetings all day, and one confession.

At Kyneton Young People's Improvement Society Bro. W. Russell gave a much-appreciated address on 9th inst. Bro. Andrews preached on 19th inst.; at the close of the service another young lady confessed her Saviour.

Ararat Bible School celebrated its first anniversary on Sept. 26. Good meetings. The singing of the scholars was splendid, and greatly enjoyed. Bro. Tompson gave an interesting address to the children, and distributed the prizes for the year.

At North Richmond on Sept. 26 meetings were very well attended. Bro. Procter was present morning and evening; he delivered farewell addresses to the church, which were greatly appreciated. The brethren wish him God-speed and a pleasant voyage.

Footscray continue to have good meetings. Encouraging reports were given at the annual meeting. A number of the elderly members are unwell. The Girls' Guild demonstration in aid of the building fund promises to be a success. Bro. Charles Emmerson, senr., fell asleep in Jesus last Friday morning. Bro. Arthur Ley gave a good address on Sunday morning. Bro. Warren was speaking at the Chinese mission. At night another good meeting. Reference was made to the home call of Bro. Emmerson, Bro. Warren's theme being "The Christian's Rest."

Kyneton church were happy to have fellowship with Bro. and Sister Smith, of Dunmunkley, on Sept. 26. Two more young ladies confessed Christ at night, after Bro. Saunders' sermon. The fellowship of Bro. G. Newton will be missed for some weeks.

South Yarra reports good meetings last Lord's day. Three received into fellowship, and three confessions at night. Two fine discourses by W. H. Hinrichsen. The church regret that Bro. W. Hinrichsen has resigned, and relinquishes the work at South Yarra in October.

Meetings at Colac have been well attended throughout the mission. Two senior scholars made the good confession at the special service Sunday afternoon. A sister from the Baptist Church was received into fellowship in the morning. Bro. Lang preached to a record attendance in the evening on "The Voice of God."

Splendid attendance at Gardiner last Lord's day morning. Visitors were present from Tasmania and French Island (Vic.). Bro. and Sister Henderson were received by letter from W.A. Sept. 19, Bro. A. R. Main exhorted. Third special land debt offering received £12/11/-, also £3/9/7 ordinary, and also B.C. collection, to be reported later. Work healthy.

There was one confession at Geelong on Sept. 26, when Bro. G. H. Brown, of Lidcombe, N.S.W., concluded a faithful and powerful gospel address concerning "Christ's Power to Save" (1 Tim. 1: 15). Bro. Brown's splendid exhortation at 11 a.m. on "The Use of Disappointments," was highly appreciated. Good congregations and interest prevailed at both services. Best thanks are tendered to Bro. Brown for his excellent services.

At Burnley good meetings continue. Sept. 19 morning service, Bro. G. Nicholls exhorted. Sept. 26, Bro. Knight spoke at both meetings. A visit was paid at night by the local Good Templars Lodge. The church has been much strengthened by the addition of Bro. and Sister Raisbeck and family, from W.A. Thanks are due to Sister Jordan, of Moreland, for her help with solos. Junior Endeavor and Bible School both progressing.

During the past three Sundays Bro. Blakemore has been at Ballarat holding a volunteer mission. During this time Bro. A. L. Gibson has conducted the services at Swanston-st. with marked ability. The special campaign services are in full swing, and increasing audiences have been gathering each Sunday to listen to the splendid messages that have been delivered by our brother. The church is greatly indebted to Bro. Gibson for coming to its assistance while Bro. Blakemore has been away.

At Brunswick, on Sept. 12, Bro. Whately spoke in the morning. After Bro. Corlett's address at night two young girls were immersed. Sept. 19 Bro. Gibbs spoke at morning meeting. Bro. Corlett preached to a good congregation at night. Sept. 26, Bro. Conning exhorted. Bro. Corlett spoke at night. Sept. 16, a farewell social was given to Sister M. Jenkin, who has since been married. On behalf of the Bible School, choir and church, she was presented with a dining-room clock as a token of esteem.

Cheltenham has had two blessings during the past few weeks. The first has been the opportunity to share with the church at Stawell in its great mission work, through the personality of Bro. S. H. Mudge, the evangelist of the church. The other has been in the fellowship and help from such brethren as Thos. Bagley, Jas. Webb, G. B. Moysey and Jas. Sharp, from whom helpful addresses have been received. Bro. Mudge is expected to spend yet another Sunday at Stawell, and Cheltenham brethren pray that God will give much blessing.

At Essendon, the reports given at the half-yearly business meeting indicated a growth in the various activities of the church. The Bible School has now an average attendance of over 160. The church shows a net increase of above 20 members. The treasurer's report evidenced a spirit of liberality amongst the members. A choir is being formed under the leadership of Bro. Buckley. The church has suffered a severe loss by the death of Sister W. A. Kemp, who with her husband has been an enthusiastic leader in the Master's work in the district. A memorial service is to be held on Sunday evening, October 3.

Good meetings on Sunday last at Lygon-st. Excellent addresses by R. T. Pittman, B.A., in the morning, and Jas. E. Thomas in the evening. After the night service a meeting of interested workers was held in the chapel to formulate plans to carry on the great effort of the prohibition campaign. The sympathy of the church goes out to our Bro. Joseph Williams, who has lost his partner in life, after many years of suffering. Sister Williams was the only daughter of the late Bro. Pond.

Although additions to the church at Stawell as a result of the tent mission conducted by Bro. S. H. Mudge are not large, members feel that the effort is well worth while. The messages of the missionary are excellent and full of inspiration. Crowds attend every night. Three men have publicly confessed Christ, two of whom are uniting with the church, while Bro. L. H. Smith and his wife (of the Baptist fraternity), who reside at Allawadda, have definitely decided to take membership with the church. These additions have encouraged the folk wonderfully. The mission will terminate on October 3, and a social evening will be held on October 4.

Ballarat mission closed with ten decisions, three of the Sunday School girls coming out on Sunday night. The church enjoyed the presence and preaching of Bro. Blakemore very much, and deeply appreciates the kindness of Swanston-st. church in freeing him for this effort. He has delivered splendid messages. A most impressive baptismal service was held on the Thursday evening, when five were immersed by Bro. Connor. On the last day splendid meetings gathered morning, afternoon and night. The "volunteer" mission is past, and all are satisfied it was well worth while. The brethren thank God for the blessings received. The aftermath of the effort will be good.

The anniversary of the Middle Park J.C.E. Society was held on Sept. 12, and was a great success. There was a large attendance. The children rendered an excellent programme. Bro. B. W. Huntsman gave an address on Jesus being lost when a boy, and where he was found. The services were continued the following Wednesday evening, when the Juniors rendered a cantata, entitled, "The Junior Garden." The excellent way in which it was carried out was a surprise to many, and called forth praise for those who had arranged the programme. Prizes were awarded to two Juniors who had not missed a meeting of the society for two years. Two others received prizes for being present at every meeting during the past year, and others were rewarded for being absent only once. One little fellow received a special prize for being in attendance every Sunday until he became ill, and was unable to continue. The young ladies who have charge of the society are most devoted and earnest workers.

New South Wales.

At Chatswood on Sept. 26, Bro. Whelan spoke at both services. Evening theme was "He saved others; Himself he cannot save." Sister M. Hunter was immersed, and two young girls made the good confession. Splendid attendance at both services. Great interest is being taken at the gospel services.

At Auburn all meetings are well attended. Seven added to church since opening, five through baptism, and two by letter. Bro. Watson was present on Sept. 6, when over £13 in promises and cash was given for Foreign Missions. Auburn is going in for a great progressive campaign in November, and the church earnestly asks for the prayers of the brethren.

At Taree on Sept. 19 evangelist Wilson Park gave a helpful exhortation to a good attendance at the breaking of bread. At night he preached a special temperance sermon, seating accommodation being taxed to the full. A collection for Alliance work exceeds £10. Bro. Park has greatly deepened the spiritual life of the church. His mission week opened on Monday night with a full house. Tuesday night there was another encouraging attendance. Interest is greatly manifested through the meetings, with many converts for Christ.

Weather has been wet and stormy ever since the Chandler mission commenced at Inverell. Meetings have been good under the circumstances. On Sept. 19 heavy rains fell, but there was a fine meeting with eight decisions. At night there was a good attendance. At the close of Bro. Chandler's address on "Should Protestants Unite?" 12 confessed Christ, making 20 for the day, and a total of 31.

Lidcombe had splendid meetings last Sunday—morning, afternoon and night. Bro. A. Fisher exhorting; text, "Roll away the stone," apropos the theme of the day—prohibition. He also gave the school a ten minutes' talk on temperance. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. Rush; topic, "Let us go again and see how our brethren do." One decision, a scholar from Bible School. We thank the brethren much for their kind services during Bro. Brown's absence on holiday.

The church at Wagga has been called upon to part with one of its young brethren, Fred Waters, son of Bro. E. J. Waters, the evangelist. Bro. Fred Waters, who has been in ill health for some time, was called home to rest last Monday night. He was taken to Corowa for interment. The sympathy of the church goes out to Bro. Waters, his wife and family, in their sorrow. Last Sunday the services were conducted by Bro. Brown, and in the evening an in memoriam service was held. Our young brother was held in esteem both by the church and Bible School.

On Sept. 26, South Kensington morning meeting was good, Bro. Bruff being the speaker. At the close of the meeting in the Dacey Garden Theatre in the evening, Bro. Robbins asked those present if they would like the meetings to continue for another month, and over 200 hands went up in favor of it. This is very encouraging, and will get the work in a good spirit for the Chandler mission early in the new year. The church is thankful for the help given by Sister H. Bains, Bro. N. Jansen, Mr. Airies, Mr. Bardsley, and others who have assisted to make the September meetings so successful.

Good progress is reported from the Chinese Mission, Sydney. A great interest has been awakened. Bro. Shee Ping is working very earnestly. Three men have given themselves to Christ and been baptised, two being pupils of the night school. At all services there are large attendances. The Lord's day school is doing a good work. Several new scholars lately. Great interest is taken in the Bible Class conducted by Bro. Shee Ping. The late secretary, Bro. See Ho, is much missed. He was an able worker. He has gone to Rabaul. The night school has improved. Several new teachers have come, while some of the past teachers have returned.

On Sept. 9 a meeting was held in Marrickville chapel to welcome Bro. and Sister Crisp, and to say farewell to Bro. and Sister Fisher. Bro. McEwing, on behalf of the church, extended a welcome. Brief addresses were delivered by Bren. Eaton, Harward and Rush. As a mark of appreciation and esteem the church presented Bro. Fisher with a wallet of bank notes. Suitable gifts were also made by the Ladies' Aid to Sister Fisher. The public meeting was followed by a social gathering over refreshments, a most enjoyable time being spent. Meetings on Sept. 19 were fairly well attended. Bro. W. E. Day ably exhorted the church. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. Crisp, whose message was much appreciated.

At Merewether Evangelist Martin addressed the church in the morning of Sept. 26. Sisters Sutherland and Lambert were received into fellowship. The chapel was packed at night to hear the gospel message. Sister Williams was immersed at the conclusion of the service.

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DEATHS.

KEMP.—On Sept. 23, Eva, the devoted and dearly loved wife of W. A. Kemp, passed to be with Jesus.

"Sweetheart mine."

He saw thou needest rest,
And to say Good-night was best.

So He gently closed thine eyes until the morning

Her brightness came from Him,

And it shall not be dim

Till the brightness of His rising crowns the dawning;

Then blended one with His

Her royal part it is

With Him to shine resplendent—in the morning."

"She hath done what she could."

KEMP.—On 22nd September, at private hospital, Eva Constance Acteson, beloved eldest daughter of Arthur P. A. and Annie J. Burdeu, beloved sister of Arthur, Percy, Irene (Mrs. Hare), Clive, Vera, Essie, Cyril, deceased, age 36. A patient sufferer gone to rest.

MURPHY (Tucker).—On Sept. 10, at Raetihi, N.Z., Freda, beloved wife of A.G. Murphy, mother of Lionel and Trevor, and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tucker, late of Prahran.

IN MEMORIAM.

BURROWS.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son, Pte. Keith Burrows, 59th Batt., who was killed in action on 29th Sept., 1918, aged 19 years.

Thank God for the faith that teaches

When the struggles of life are o'er,

We shall meet our own brave loved ones

And shall know them again once more.

—W. and M. Burrows, North Melbourne.

KINSEY.—In loving memory of our dearly loved only son, and brother, George William Kinsey, killed in action in France, September 29, 1918.

Fold him, O Father, in Thine arms,

And let our loved one be

A messenger of love between

Our sorrowing hearts and Thee.

—Inserted by his loving mother.

MORRISON.—In loving memory of Richard Morrison, who passed away on September 30, 1908.

—Inserted by his ever-sorrowing family, Lindfield, Sydney.

WINSOR.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, William Andrew Winsor, and loving father of Kitty, Andrew, Myrtle and Clare, who fell asleep on Sept. 29, 1913. Still sadly missed.

—Inserted by his loving wife, Clara Winsor.

WINSOR.—In loving memory of my dear father, William Andrew, who died 29th September, 1913. Sadly missed.

—Inserted by his son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Stella.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 1 & 5.—Anniversary services, Fitzroy Tabernacle (Gore-st.). Mr. J. W. Baker addresses scholars and friends at 3 o'clock on Oct. 1. Mr. H. Swain at 7. Tuesday, Oct. 5, Demonstration and distribution of prizes at 8 o'clock. Singing by the scholars and kindergarten. Old church members specially invited.

OCTOBER 3, 5 & 7.—Windsor Anniversary. Sunday, Oct. 3: Morning, Mr. Thos. Bagley; afternoon, Mr. R. Morris; evening, Mr. L. Anderson. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., Demonstration. Thursday, Oct. 7, Distribution of Prizes. All old friends, come.

NOVEMBER 6.—Surrey Hills Church of Christ Ladies' Guild will hold its annual sale of work in the schoolroom at the rear of church on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, afternoon and evening, commencing 3 p.m. Members of sister churches are cordially invited to attend.

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N.S.W. Sisters' Auxiliary.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the City Temple on Sept. 3, the President presiding. Opening hymn, and prayer by Mrs. Potter. Minutes, roll-call, and apologies. Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Lidcombe, giving the names of two delegates to Conference Committee meetings, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Mackay. We welcome these sisters, and hope to see them on the first Friday of the month at City Temple.

Superintendents' quarterly reports read.

Hospital Visitation: Sydney Hospital, Mrs. Corbett, 7 visits; Mrs. Lyle, 6; Mrs. Potter, 6. Distributed books, flowers, texts, etc. Royal Prince Alfred: Mrs. Dale, 6 visits; Mrs. Potter, 6. Distributed books, flowers, texts. South Sydney Hospital visited; also 23 visits to private homes. Newington: 3 visits. Speakers were Bro. Blok, Sister Arnott, and Bro. Gale. Distributed a very large amount of comforts in the way of tea, sugar, fruit, books, texts, etc. Cash received, £3/4/6; expenditure, £2/15/6; balance, 9/—E. Potter, Supt.

Home and Foreign Missions.—The annual rally was held at City Temple on August 27. There was a good attendance, and all societies were represented. Mrs. Corbett presided. Mrs. Whelan and Mrs. W. Fox sang solos; a brief report of the year's work was read by the Superintendent, and amounts contributed by each society, the result being £28/17/7 for Home and Foreign Missions. Bro. H. Watson gave a most interesting address on the work in India on the Australian Mission Station, and in the Orphanage. Bro. Clydesdale, Foreign Missionary Secretary, gave a few encouraging words to the sisters, thanking them for their interest in Foreign Missions.

The Dorcas Classes brought in their gifts for the box for India, our annual Christmas gift. There were 105 dresses, 7 boys' knickers, 15 quilts, a large number of cards, dolls, toys and old linen, also special parcels for Miss Thompson, Mrs. Escott and other missionaries, for which we are most grateful. For Home Missions, baptismal garments have been made for the Chandler mission, both ladies' and gents'. Several sisters have taken up work at the Blind Institution on the second Sunday in the month, and hold a short service with the women. This is indeed Christ-like work, and truly Home Mission.—M. Fox, Supt.

Prayer Meeting.—One meeting reported, and one to be held this month at Enmore (Wednesday, 8th).—Mrs. Ashwood, Supt.

Dorcas.—Belmore, Mosman, and Enmore classes visited. All doing their best, and happy in the work.—Mrs. Farr, Supt.

Isolated.—50 letters written. 17 replies. 39 papers sent. 2 letters returned. Superintendent read 3 letters received in answer to hers, telling how much the letters are appreciated by those far-away sisters. Miss Holderness is also assisting in the work by visiting the Waterfall Sanatorium.—Mrs. Bull, Supt.

This closed the business session, and the devotional was led by Mrs. Fox; hymn and prayer by Mrs. Whelan and Mrs. Ashwood. Scripture was read from John 17, and Mrs. Fox gave a short address on the reading, "Jesus, the Great Intercessor," and gave some fine thoughts, which were much appreciated. Hymn and prayer closed the meeting. Leader for October meeting, Mrs. Potter.—M. A. Morris.

South Australian Sisters' Auxiliary.

Meeting was held in Grote-st. on Sept. 2. The devotional session was conducted by Mrs. Cherry, and Mrs. Collins presided over the business session. Minutes previous meeting read and confirmed. S.S. additions—Unley, 2; Queenstown, 10; 72 delegates responded to the roll call. Collection realised £15/5/4.

Treasurer's Report (Mrs. Bond).—Received during August, for Home Missions, £27/2/8½; in hand, £25/19/2½; total, £53/1/11. Foreign Mission, £19/8/10½; in hand, £27/1/2½; total, £46/10/1. General Fund, Collection, £1/5/4½; in hand, £2/5/5; total, £3/10/9½; expenditure—To Secretary, for postage, £1; balance, £2/10/9½.

Hospital Report.—Mrs. Young reported 12 visits

had been paid to the Adelaide Hospital, 10 to the Children's Hospital, 2 to Home for Incurables, 3 to Keswick, 4 to private hospitals, 22 to Sick and Aged, 2 to Sick and Aged, Semaphore, and 40 magazines had been distributed. The Henley Beach sisters had sent 9 garments, the Croydon sisters 6 nightgowns, and the Unley Kinders a box of toys, books and fruit to the Children's Hospital, all of which was much appreciated. Mrs. Young also thanked the sisters for the parcels of comforts brought in this afternoon, for distribution in the various hospitals and institutions.

Home Missions.—Mrs. Ewers reported having received during August £5/15/9, and that satisfactory work was being done in the River Murray district. Regret was expressed that Sister Cameron had to come to the city for a surgical operation.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—Mrs. Moseley reported having visited the sisters at Walkerville and Forestville, and spending a happy and profitable time with them, in reading the Scriptures, singing, and supplicating God's blessing in prayer. A paper on "Peace" was read at these meetings.

Dorcas.—Mrs. Cant reported having visited the sisters at Mile End, and Prospect, and found both societies actively engaged in rendering help and comfort to needy cases.

Temperance.—Mrs. Paternoster reported many of the sisters helping with the Prohibition Campaign, and already there were over 50,000 signatures to petition for a referendum, and urged that every sister pray earnestly for the banishment of strong drink from our State.

East-West Railway.—Mrs. Ewers reported having dispatched one bag of literature to the Railway camps, and one to the River Murray district. A letter had been received from Bro. Cameron, River Murray, expressing gratitude on the part of those to whom this literature proved such a boon. Mrs. Paternoster stated that the Prospect sisters had agreed to pay for carriage of same. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Mauger, and the benediction.

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Victorian Women's Executive.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the hall, Swanston-st., on Sept. 3. President, Mrs. B. J. Kemp, presided. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. P. D. McCallum, who gave a much appreciated paper on "The Walled City." "Our College" was the subject of a thoughtful paper prepared by Mrs. A. Anderson, for which she received our thanks. Apologies received from Sisters Chown, Ray and Lee. Attendance, 86. Greetings to be sent to the sisters in New Zealand, and the Women's Conference in South Australia.

It was resolved to ask every member of town and country churches to give at least 1/- each toward the increasing deficit of the Victorian Home Mission Fund. All money to be in the hands of our Treasurer, Mrs. Hayward, not later than 20th of October.

Additions from Bible Schools.—Doncaster, 2; Footscray, 2; Brunswick, 6.

Home Mission Committee visited South Yarra and Box Hill. The meetings were enjoyable, and a fine missionary spirit prevailed, several sisters taking part in prayer, readings, papers, and the President spoke of the great need for funds to carry on evangelistic work.—L. Pittman, Supt.

Prayer Committee visited Oakleigh and North Fitzroy. The attendances were most encouraging, especially the number of young people present. Helpful readings and papers were given and a very profitable time spent at the throne of grace.—A. Baker, Supt.

Hospital Visitation.—Mrs. Stewart reports:—Austin, 7; Bethesda, 1; Private, 1. Mrs. Cameron, Alfred, Old Men's Home, 5 visits. Mrs. Meyers, Eye and Ear, Melbourne, Private, Austin, 8 visits. Mrs. Skinner, Eye and Ear, 8; Private, 9. Members of churches visited and cheered. Books, papers, read to patients. Home comforts, fruit, flowers, clothing, given away. Thanks to all for books, magazines, etc.—R. Tully, Supt.

General Dorcas.—Meetings well attended, and good work done. Pillow slips and bed jackets made and sent to Queen Victoria Hospital; also

money donated by Mrs. B. J. Kemp. We also thankfully acknowledge 10/- from Mrs. R. Lyall. We have received useful parcels, which are very acceptable. The Committee asks all sisters to re-

the assistance possible.—A. M. Moyses, Supt. Benevolent Home.—A happy day was spent among the old folk, when the sisters of Middle Park, with Bro. Huntsman, paid the inmates a visit. After visiting the wards and distributing home comforts and other delicacies, a very interesting address was given by Bro. Huntsman on John 14.—F. L. Mudge, Supt.

Women's Mission Bands.—Good reports received from several Bands. Mrs. Warmbrun, of Berwick, supports an orphan. Isolated sisters are active in personal work. After one isolated sister had been called home, a contribution to Mission Band work was found in a drawer. Surely a Mission sing will follow this gift. The next monthly prayer meeting will be held on Sept. 25, at 3-30 p.m., at Prahran.—C. Jerrens, Supt.

The Temperance and Social Questions Committee held their meeting at Lygon-st. The secretary reported that the officers and members of Castlemaine church were busy in the work. Meetings have been called at Oakleigh, Williamstown, Burnley. Ivanhoe has been canvassed for signatures to the "bare majority." Over one thousand received.—L. Darnley, Supt.

Next meeting of Executive will be held on Friday, October 1, at 2.30, in the hall, Swanston-st. Mrs. F. Lee leads devotional exercises. A paper will be given by Mrs. C. Gill.—L.R.

WOMEN'S MISSION BAND.

Received during July and August:—Brighton, £2/10/-; Preston, £1/3/6; Lygon-st., £2/4/-; Middle Park, £1/1/-; Carnegie, £1; East Camberwell, £1/10/-; Swanston-st., £3/0/6; Prahran, 13/-; Warrnambool, 15/6; Isolated Sister, 5/-; South Melbourne, 15/-; Moreland, 7/1; South Yarra, £1/5/-; Total, £16/9/7.—G. Hayward, Treasurer.

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