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Weaving Your Wedding Garment.

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"For the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said?"

"Hurrah! here comes a wedding."

John, Sir Walter, and someone else, are responsible for these quotations; the merit of them is to be judged in this order. And who is not interested in weddings? You passed down the street that day in a tremendous hurry until you came to the crowd around the church doors awaiting the reappearance of the bridal couple. Then you forgot your important errand, and joined the expectant group. Who was it that was married, doesn't matter in the least. Who were you that looked on? that is of no consequence, either, for this kind of interest, and curiosity, is inherent, and does not depend upon sex, creed, education, or wealth. "All the world loves a lover"—and a wedding, and so you stayed also to add your smile to all the others, and in your heart wished them good luck.

This leads us to remark that wedding occasions are degenerating, at least when we compare weddings that we used to attend years ago with these ultra-fashionable, ten-minute service, light refreshment, downtown cafe, fast motor weddings of to-day. Oh, those old-fashioned Missouri home-weddings! Relatives and friends came from everywhere, came a couple of days before, and stayed a couple of days behind. Refreshments, no sir! they were Biblical weddings, for they feasted—turkeys, hams, cranberries, strawberry short-cake that dripped cream, blackberry wine and fresh cider. The old people made speeches, the young people had games galore, while the frocking was stupendous. The world went very well then; and if there could be any happier, heartier gatherings than those old home weddings—anyhow, again we say, we are degenerating.

And who but the great good Father of

us all would have thought of heaven as a wedding, and as a wedding feast! Perhaps the joyousness of the Cana wedding proved such a happy experience to Jesus, that he felt often prompted to speak about the great wedding when he would receive his Bride. The Revelation to John is hard to understand, but that part which deals with the wedding, the marriage supper of the Lamb, the bride that shall array herself in fine linen, bright and pure, why of course we can understand all that means to imply.

Listen to John again: the "fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints." The raiment in which the ransomed saints shall appear at the marriage supper of the Lamb will have been woven out of the deeds done in the body. This at once invests our life with a transcendent value. It is an old proverb, "Whatever is put in at the shuttle comes out in the web," and so on each day the thread of time comes to our loom, the

shuttles fly quickly, backwards and forwards, and we are weaving daily our wedding garment. Back then to the common round of daily toil, and let us pack into every passing minute some noble thought, kind word, unselfish act, honest labor, and rejoice that in so doing, we are definitely contributing to the glory we shall have with him at the great marriage supper. John said so, and back of John stands the Bridegroom.

Some people regard death as a process by which sinners are transformed into saints, and no matter what kind of a life we live, it will be well as long as we die at peace with God. The legalist says if you are over the line, you are over the line, and that for ever you are separated from the goats. It is hard to argue with a lawyer, but if this is your theology, take up the argument with John, and the Bridegroom, for they say definitely that the beauty of the wedding garment is related to the "righteous acts of the saints." Anyhow, can we think of a just father imputing to his child any virtue that he never sought to possess?

The raiment will not only be the product of the life, but it will correspond with it. We can always tell the flowers by the clothes they wear; the violet never puts on the dress of the rose, nor the carnation that of the dahlia, for you see the dress is the product of the life. A certain man was put out of the wedding feast because his dress corresponded with his life—and it was ugly.

"Ah, me," some one wearily says, "I have but so little to weave with, and my fingers are not skilled as others." Very well then, let us walk in our garden this lovely autumn morning. And how came the crimson on the rose? we ask, or heaven's blue on the violet? or the virgin snow on the lily? Well, of course, first there was life, but then only the commonplace elements of earth, light, water, and heat, these things plus God, and

The Larger Prayer.

At first I prayed for Light:

*Could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly, would I walk
To everlasting day!*

And next I prayed for Strength,

*That I might tread the road
With firm, unflinching feet, and win
The heaven's serene abode.*

And then I asked for Faith:

*Could I but trust my God,
I'd live enfolded in His peace,
Though foes were all abroad.*

But now I pray for Love—

*Deep love to God and man;
A living love that will not fail,
However dark his plan.*

And Light and Strength and Faith

Are opening everywhere;

God only waited for me till

I prayed the larger prayer.

Mrs. E. D. Cheney.

Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like them. And so the weakest and poorest of us can have all that is really necessary; the Bridegroom attends to that—life, love to God, and love to all whom God loves; these, plus God himself, and we can weave the best of wedding garments as we wait for his appearing.

Thank God for weddings and memories of joyous hours, thank God for gardens and the message of the flowers, but oh, my soul, thank God for this heartening word of the beloved disciple, "Let us be glad and re-

joice, and give honor to him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready; and to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the *fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*" And so if we live to-day honestly, lovingly, fearlessly, then we are contributing towards the glory we shall have on the great wedding day when we shall meet our beloved, even the Bridegroom. May our garments be such as will please him. Amen and Amen.

An Arched Garden.

The Rock Sculptures of Kermanshah, Persia.

C. R. Hall.

The morning was glorious. The beautiful Kermanshah Valley was at its best. As we rode out of camp in the Consul's garden there stretched before us miles and miles of green fields, with here and there a haystack glowing golden in the sunlight. The town, as yet hardly up from its sleep, lay away to our left; in front, across the waving fields, we could see the fair gardens of Tak-i-Bustan, and to the right, the great rock of Darius, Bisitun, reared its shaggy head to greet the opening day.

As we passed through the rough cobblestoned bazaars, we stuffed our saddle-bags with the tasty Kermanshah bread against a light tiffin to be enjoyed, *al fresco*, somewhere across the valley.

At first the road led through small gardens in which the peasants worked stolidly with the old-fashioned stake plough; then along narrow lanes and winding paths, and across some fallow land to the Kara Su. Turks or Russians had wrecked the bridge, so a plunge into the cool waters. On the further bank we stop at a welcome chi shop for refreshment—the delicious Persian tea that we enjoy so keenly, served in tiny glasses, without milk, heavily sugared, and piping hot. These chi khana, dotted at intervals along the highways of Northern Persia, were an institution—at least they were to us. They are all much the same. A low carpeted divan runs around the single room, on which you recline or squat. Bare earth for a fitting floor, and mud walls and roof in keeping:—anything else would be out of place. For a ceiling there are long poplar rafters, age and smoke stained, between which, here and there, hang patches of ancient thatch. Centres of gossip, they are always thronged with a spectacular company, from the gentle shepherd in his rough felt jacket, to the veriest cut-throat alive, bristling with arms and ammunition. Some come to sip tea, *a la mode*, and to exchange the gossip of the countryside, others to sleep and dream in a field of poppies. "Mine Host," of the glowing coals and steaming samovar, dispensing the mysteries of his office like some pagan high priest,

adds a final and appropriate touch to the romance and fascination of the scene.

So, refreshed and rested, to the road again, along shady willowed avenues, relics of royal gardens, across a shaky bridge that spans a petulant, noisy stream, and into the sordid little village, that lies half hidden among the ruins of a gaunt caravanserai, at the mountain's foot.

Here we handed our horses to the oldest inhabitant, who promptly gave them to the care of two ragged urchins, being doubtless of the opinion that the office of guide was more lucrative. He showed us the way to the villa (as it faces a large artificial lake), built over the spring head, from whence out of the depths of the earth wells a stream of purest water, clear as crystal, and carrying with it the breath of the snow fields. The path to the carvings leads along a narrow ledge in front of this house, and our guide hurries us to the things he knows we have come to see.

He calls these carvings "antika." An antika is anything that bears a semblance of age, and in which every Englishman is supposed to be deeply interested. If it were possible, he would have offered to sell the carvings to us. As it is he sells us knowledge.

The first is a carving of four figures on the bare face of the mountain, covering a space of about eighteen feet by ten. Two figures clad in kingly raiment, trample a fallen warrior beneath their feet. One offers the other a crown and emblems of royalty. Directly behind the left hand figure, stands one with a halo about his head, his feet resting on a large flower. He is dressed in a loose fitting tunic, with sash and heavily embroidered collar, and holds in both hands, leaning it towards the figure nearest him, a long fluted staff. The face is badly mutilated, and the expression is lost. The more's the pity. The Parsis of India believe that this figure represents their god Zoroaster, and on it they base their pictures of him. But archaeological opinion is not so sure. It is maintained by some that the group represents the sun god

Mithra presiding over the bestowal by Ormazd, of a chaplet of victory to Ardashir I. on the occasion of his overthrow of the Parthians, represented by the fallen foe, Artaban V. Others are of the opinion that the nimbus-crowned figure represents the authority of church and State combined in some priestly chancellor who blesses the occasion of the Parthian defeat celebrated by Shapur and his father Ardashir. The fallen warrior being Artaban, the Parthian monarch.

A few yards further on the smaller of the two arches opens on our right. Here there is but one carving, on the top half of the back wall of the arch. The vault is about twenty feet wide, seventeen feet high, and twelve feet deep. The figures stand side by side, each grasping the hilt of a sword—perhaps an indication of pacific intentions. Inscriptions tell us that these are Shapur II. and Shapur III., his son, who reigned in Persia during the fourth century.

Immediately adjoining is the larger and more beautiful arch. Around the outer face are some quaint angelic figures and scroll work, all exquisitely carved on the virgin rock, while inside are several sets of carvings, more ambitious and beautiful, both in conception and workmanship, than any of the others.

On our right, as we enter, is a large unfinished panel depicting Khosru hunting



Rock Carvings at Kermanshah, Persia.

deer. Khosru is one of the long remembered kings of Persia—remembered for his deeds and because of his charming Christian wife Shireen. The immense ruined arch at Ctesiphon, a few miles below Baghdad, is all that remains of his famous winter palace; the prodigious ruins at Kasr-i-Shirin (castle of Shireen) preserve his name in honor; and these bas-reliefs, around which Persian poetry has woven a tragic yet touching legend, are a national pride. On the panel, the chase in all its aspects is portrayed with pleasing effect, though the carving lacks perspective.

Opposite this, is a similar panel showing the king hunting boar. He stands in a quaintly shaped boat, with his bow drawn, while his soldiers, mounted on elephants, drive the animals out of the long reeds. Other boats, filled with musicians, attend the royal barge, adding to the pleasure of the chase. Both these panels are in low-relief, and have a smooth and polished surface.

But the back of the vault is the most interesting. It is divided into halves, a thick band of carving marking the division. The upper half contains a sculpture of three figures. One, kingly in bearing and dress, receives a chaplet from a richly clad, bearded figure, while behind the king, is the figure of a woman, pouring something from a vial held in her left hand, her right holding toward the king a garland of victory. The king is Khosru, the bearded figure, the god Ormazd, and the woman, the king's favorite and beautiful wife Shireen.

The lower half of the wall is almost completely filled with one of the finest equestrian statues that we have ever seen. It is almost severed from the rock face, and stands in high relief. It represents Khosru mounted on his famous horse Shabdiz—Black as Night—carved in gigantic proportions. The king is clad in heavy armour of mail, a casque is about his head, and in his left hand he holds a massive round shield, while in his right he poises an enormous spear. The horse is also heavily clad in war trappings, all of exquisite workmanship. The tassels and quiver and ornaments of the armour are most delicately done, and the long flowing tail of the horse is a work of art in itself. The armour, so skilfully carved, deeply impressed Abu Dulaf Misar, who, in A.D. 940 wrote, "You would declare that the joints of the mail coat were movable and twisted as you examined them," and our experience bears testimony to the accuracy of the record, that it is true. This is a work of rare excellence. Popular belief declares it to be the work of the lover-artist Farhad. The story goes that Farhad loved the queen, and for the promise of her favor, wrought these mighty works. The reward was to be his, when he had cut a channel through the rocks to lead a stream from one valley to another. With untiring devotion he plied his axe on the mountain from early morning, and, says the poet,

"The mist of night around her summit coils,
But still Farhad, the lover-artist, toils."

The herculean task is at last accomplished,
"The piles give way, the rocky peaks divide,
The stream comes through, a foaming tide."

Now for his reward—and here is the tragedy of it all. Khosru had little intention of granting the boon, and in his extremity, seeks the aid of a witch, who promises to rid him of the sculptor, and of the necessity of keeping his promise. She goes to Farhad on the mountain with a cruel lie—

"Why in vain toil thy fleeting life consume
To frame a palace—Rather hew a tomb,
Even like sere leaves that autumn winds have shed,
Perish thy labors, for—Shireen is dead."

His inspiration and his hopes gone, there's but one thing to do—

"He heard the fatal news"

And from the precipice at once he sprang
The rocks, the sculptured caves, the valleys green
Sent back his dying cry—Alas! Shireen."

It may be so. It is a human story, anyhow.

From the back of the house, a flight of steps cut out of the solid rock, leads up to a throne-like ledge over the larger recess, but we could see no trace of any mark or record.

In front of all this is the miniature lake, about one hundred and twenty yards square, enclosed by a wall twelve to fifteen feet wide at the top, at the far corner of which a giant chestnut grows. This tree is visible miles away, and stands like a grim sentinel guarding this rendezvous of kings.

Standing on the far wall of the reservoir, and looking back towards the mountains, the sight is wondrously beautiful. The arches and carvings, house and mountains are all perfectly mirrored in the still, clear water of the lake. There is a refreshing stillness all about us. The village urchins have ceased their chattering. A soft ripple at our feet, and a water snake glides silently beneath a rock. The sun lingers as if loth to leave the garden, and the purple mists of night spread a soft mantle over all as we ride away home.

The Lord's Day Morning Service

Thos. Hagger.

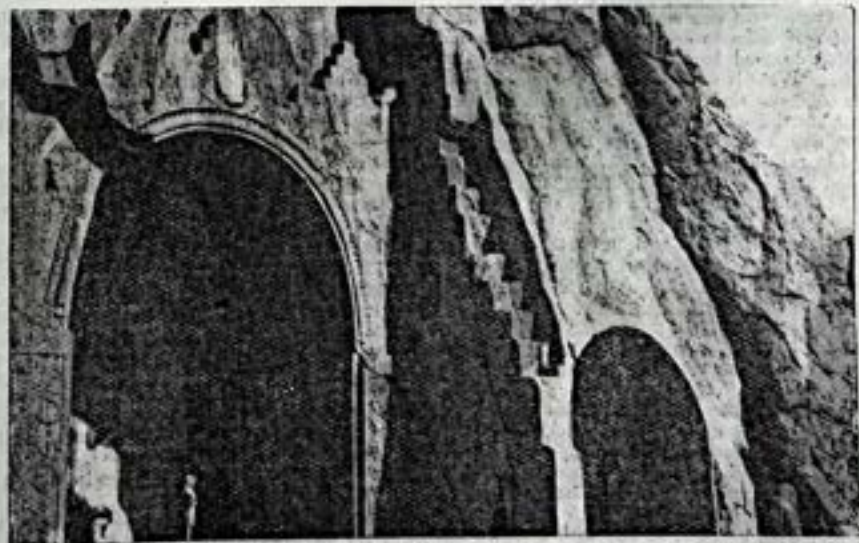
Most of the churches in Australasia known simply as Churches of Christ have arranged to hold their weekly memorial services on the morning of the Lord's day. At that time thousands of disciples gather to break bread in memory of Jesus Christ. That service is the most important that the congregation conducts throughout the week.

Evangelists, elders, and the other public teachers of the assemblies should give clear ringing teaching on the importance of this gathering in their public ministrations. And every convert baptised into Christ should receive definite instruction on this matter at the time of baptism, and afterwards.

In many of the larger churches it has been arranged to spread the table in the evening of the Lord's day for the benefit of those who cannot gather at the morning hour; but it is to be feared that some who could attend in the morning, make use of the little after-meeting at night, and that some of the teachers in some of the congregations too readily assume that certain people cannot attend in the mornings. That after-meeting in the evening (while valuable to those to whom it is impossible to meet earlier in the day) can never take the place of the morning service; it lacks the atmosphere and the address to believers which characterise the morning service.

The well-attended morning service in which mutual ministry is practised has been one of the elements of strength in our movement in these lands, and it should continue to be. If those who now attend but rarely would make it the rule to be present, believing that they have an appointment with Jesus Christ for that day and hour, they would aid the work tremendously.

Disciples of the Lord Jesus, do not neglect (as some habitually do) to meet together (see Heb. 10: 25, Weymouth) on the Lord's day to break bread, but by your presence and the part you may take encourage one another to continue in the faith, and so be true to the Lord.



Arches at Kermanshah, Persia.

From One Room to Another.

Bro. Horace Kingsbury was attracted by the accompanying cartoon when reading a comparatively recent number of "The Expositor," of Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. Learning that electrotypes of the cartoon could be secured, he sent for one, and used it in advertising and illustrating a recent sermon. Under the heading, "The Pulpit," the following appeared in the "Argus":

At the Swanston-st. Church of Christ last night Mr. Horace Kingsbury preached a sermon based on F. Opper's cartoon, "From One Room to Another," which originally appeared in the editorial section of the "New York American." Copies of Mr. Opper's work were distributed among those present, and they were able to follow the preacher's message. Mr. Kingsbury said the cartoon, portraying the procession from "the room where you were born" to "the room where you will die," was a sermon in itself, and a suggestive commentary on the Saviour's words, "Enter ye in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are

his face, and goes to bed with the frown deeper. He spends the day worrying, which means poisoning himself. He is a very foolish traveller on life's journey.

Next, and close to him, is the Utter Idiot, the man with a striped cap and the little jumping-jack fastened to a string. This little individual, wasting life on frivolities, or on some hobby without value to himself or anybody else, is one of thousands such.

Two sermons are preached in the individuals that you see sitting under the tree. Of those two types there are millions. The individual whose motto is "The world owes me a living," lives to learn that the world owes no man more than the man produces. It does owe him a hole in the ground at the end; that is all he is apt to get. The other individual, expecting that the apples will fall into his hat if he waits long enough, is the poor "Great Expectations" type, deluding himself, boring his unfortunate wife and friends with

FROM ONE ROOM TO ANOTHER



they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." The foolish young woman with her mind on the point of her nose, the trouble-hunting man, the simpleton, the individual whose motto was "the world owes me a living," the descendant of Micawber waiting for something to turn up, the professional pleasure-hunter, the gambler, the hypochondriac, the vain man on his stilts of egotism and conceit, the spendthrift, the money-getter, the self-pitying person, and the brawler—all were represented in Mr. Opper's collection of fools and time-wasters on life's short road. The picture was worth pondering, but was only of real value to one asking which type of character depicted bore closest resemblance to himself. "What is your life?" "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." And there was another way, a way which Isaiah the prophet said should be called "The way of holiness"; and that way had been revealed in and through Jesus, who said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The New York paper said, in part:

In this picture are thirteen short sermons Count them for yourself before you read what follows.

First comes Vanity, the foolish young woman whose mind is on the point of her nose, the bend of her eyebrow, the squeezing of her feet, or the curling of her hair. She is overlooking the qualities that last forever, worrying about those that do not last and do not matter anyhow.

Number two, comes the individual, very numerous among us, using up all his power on life's short journey, carrying his triple load of worrying, trouble-hunting, anxiety. Such a man, you know him well, gets out of bed with a frown on

stories of wonderful things that are going to happen. He is waiting for something to turn up. The things that will turn up will be his ten toes, turned up finally for good and all.

Another foolish traveller on life's road is the professional pleasure hunter. You see him with his foolish smile, chasing a butterfly that isn't worth having after you catch it. . . . Pleasure worth having is the reward of real work; nothing else gets it or earns it.

Next comes the gambler fool, who goes through life shooting in the air, with many a stumble and fall.

He follows closely behind the hypochondriac, who worries about diseases that he hasn't got, and sacrifices the possibility of natural health to the morbid pleasure of contemplating disease.

Ahead of him, on his stilts, is the familiar nuisance, whose right leg is Egotism, and his left leg Conceit. Mr. Opper's fancy was particularly fortunate in putting Egotism and Conceit on stilts. They raise a man high in his own estimation, but put him up where he can't do anything worth while.

Next come two kinds of money-foolishness. Ahead, scattering the money that somebody else got, goes one kind of fool. And behind him, with his eyes on the ground, seeing only the earth, never looking to the sky, with no thought but money, the money-getter creeps along. He is numerous in this country, and the funny thing is that, starting from the room in which he was born with nothing, landing in the room where he dies with a great deal of money, people talk of him as the Successful Man. They rarely ask, "What Did He Do That Was Really Worth Doing?"

In Mr. Opper's collection of fools and time-wasters on life's short road, we reach the poor

goose that goes through life pitying himself, imagining that everybody is against him; and the other foolish creatures that are always against somebody else, wasting their time in quarrels over nothing, squandering energy that might do something worth while.

In Mr. Opper's excellent cartoon of the short road and the wasted time, practically every reader will find something that applies to Somebody Else. The wise and scarce man is he who in every lesson finds something that applies to himself and decides to make the necessary change or application. . . . "What part of it applies to me?" and "How can I improve my own journey?" between the two little rooms.

The New Church in Bohemia.

A correspondent associated with the Scripture Gift Mission sends us a copy of a remarkable letter from a minister in Czecho-Slovakia, who was formerly a Roman Catholic priest in Bohemia, and who tells of wholesale desertion of Catholicism and the establishment of the Christian Church of Czecho-Slovakia. In his own case, he was pastor of 2000 souls, and practically the whole parish left the State subsidised church and went over with him. He writes:

"The movement is spreading around us. In a city near by over five thousand have left the Roman Church; in another, four thousand five hundred; in another, seven hundred; and up to the present time these numbers have been doubled in the surrounding cities and villages, and our work is very good. My parish of 2000 souls is soon to be divided into two parishes.

"God brought me into contact with the pastors of the adjacent Protestant churches, from whom I have received instructions for myself and my people, and I have attended meetings in these various churches. I have got the hymn-books, and all these things more or less have I introduced into my own work. Every week we have Bible meetings in some villages, and the people come in large numbers, and are reading the Bible for themselves. A new spirit is abroad in our village. Conscience is awake, old quarrels are being forgotten, people are giving as never before, and unfaithfulness in the marriage relation has been put aside. Of course, not everything is at it should be, but there is promise everywhere.

"One of the great hindrances is the scattered condition of our villages and the lack of teachers. The former Catholic Church which we are now using is cold and dark and uncomfortable for us. We need halls such as you have for our service. We receive no aid from the Government as we did when Romanists; we must take care of ourselves. In the Republic at the present time there are two million who have left the Roman and joined our Czecho-Slovak National Church."

My Father's World.

This is my Father's world,
I rest in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

Read the Gospels and you cannot help seeing that what men learn from Christ was to be themselves—not bound by convention, or fashion, or custom of unintelligent respectability, tradition, or ordinance, which only restrict and confine, but that each man, in his own individual gifts, has his own splendid opportunities, his own unique powers of development put into his own hands, and that the voice of the Father was perpetually calling him to use them to the utmost and so to rise into the glorious liberty of the children of God.—William Holden Hutton.

The Realm of the Bible School.

Conducted by W. B. Blakemore, B.A.

Victorian Annual Examinations.

The Annual Examination will be held shortly after the close of the present quarter's lessons. The exact date will be announced later. For the information of teachers and scholars, the list of lessons from which the examination questions will be taken is given below. Full details of the examination will be supplied to all schools in due course. These are from Austral Graded Lessons, Division II., April-June quarter.

Jesus Anointed at Bethany. John 12: 1-8.
Jesus Enters Jerusalem in Triumph.

John 12: 12-23.

Jesus Teaches Humility. John 13: 1-15.
Jesus and the Traitor. John 13: 21-30.
Our Heavenly Home. John 14: 1-14.
The Vine and the Branches. John 15: 1-11.
Friends of Jesus. John 15: 12-25.
The Promise of the Comforter.

John 15: 26-16: 14.

Brunswick Launches Out.

The need for more room for Sunday School and young people's work at Brunswick has been urgent for some time. In an endeavor to meet that need the church has erected a hall at the rear of the old building. The hall is of brick, and is 24ft. by 42ft. It will serve admirably for the Kindergarten and Primary Department on Sunday afternoon, and for young people's activities during the week. A very largely attended reunion tea marked the opening of the hall on Saturday evening, April 22, and was followed by a public meeting in the chapel, presided over by Jas. E. Thomas, Conference President. A number of speakers representing various organisations and churches were there to congratulate Brunswick on this forward move and to express good wishes for the future prosperity of the work.

"What was good enough for our schools forty years ago is not good enough to-day." These words, used by Bro. J. G. Barrett, in speaking at the opening of the Brunswick hall on behalf of Moreland, an offspring of the Brunswick church, should be pondered well by all who are interested in the teaching and training of the young. His words are true. And in saying this no reflection is cast upon the work of those faithful teachers of a generation ago, neither is there any lack of appreciation of their splendid service. All honor to those to whom we of to-day owe so much. But the world has moved some in forty years. Ideas and methods of education have advanced. The times have changed. And with these changing times have come new demands upon those who would seek to help and guide the childhood and youth of this generation. Just as our day schools have advanced in buildings, equipment, methods, etc., so also must our Bible Schools advance, or be left hopelessly in the lurch. "What was good enough for our schools forty years ago, is not good enough to-day," let it soak in till it reaches the grey matter.

"Nothing will ever take the place of getting the Word of God hid in the heart." Something else good and true, said at that Brunswick opening by another speaker, Bro. Robt. Lyall. We put these two statements side by side lest some run away with the idea that we think only of up-to-date methods and modern equipment, and lose sight of the all-important, the essential thing. Bro. Lyall is right. Nothing can ever take the place of planting the Word in the heart. If a school has every modern convenience, and fails to teach divine truth, then its failure is complete. Such a school has missed the very purpose of its existence, and might as well have Ichabod written over its door. But just as the day school uses buildings, equipment, new methods, etc., as aids to teaching, so also can the Bible School use these to more effectively teach, train, and mould young lives.

The Teacher.

(For teachers who cannot attend any of the training and preparation classes being conducted by the Bible School and Young People's Department, we are publishing answers to questions on "The Teacher," by Miss E. C. Gill, one of our own splendid workers, a State school teacher, and Superintendent of the Kindergarten Department in the Bible School of the Box Hill church. These answers are full of meat, and should be eagerly read by teachers.)

1. It is said that four fundamental principles underlie all teaching. What are these? Fully explain any one of them.

1. Self activity. 2. Apperception. 3. Adaptation. 4. Organisation.

Apperception is the process of getting the meaning of a new idea by relating it to the old—by linking it on to something already in the mind. The meaning of a new idea is determined by its relation to instincts, ideas and habits. In early childhood the child apperceives from the standpoint of use and action, e.g., a knife is something to cut. His instincts determine for him the meaning of anything new. As he grows older, and acquires ideas and habits, these form the basis of his apperceptions. We can see as much in anything as we put into it, and to give a child some perfectly new information without his having had any previous association with which to connect it, is useless to him. So the first thing for the teacher to do is to find out what is already in the child's mind concerning the truth he wishes to teach, and proceed from that. We must not assume that the child has a certain amount of knowledge concern-

ing any subject, we must make sure. We must understand what experience the child can bring regarding the subject, and teach accordingly. We need to get on to the child's plane, and teach from there. We must find the point of contact between the child's mind and the lesson, and then he will be able to interpret, comprehend, and assimilate the truth presented.

My Service.

I asked the Lord to let me do
Some mighty work for Him;
To fight amidst His battle hosts,
Then sing the victor's hymn.
I longed my ardent love to show,
But Jesus would not have it so.

He placed me in a quiet home
Whose life was calm and still,
And gave me little things to do,
My daily round to fill.
I could not think it good to be
Just put aside so silently.

Small duties gathered round my way
That seemed of earth alone;
I, who had longed for conquests bright
To lay before His throne,
Had common things to do and bear,
To watch and strive with daily care.

So then I thought my prayer unheard,
And asked the Lord once more
That He would give me work for Him
And open wide the door,
Forgetting that my Master knew
Just what was best for me to do.

Then quietly the answer came:
"My child, I hear thee cry;
Think not that mighty deeds alone
Will bring the victory;
The battle has been planned by Me.
Let daily life thy conquests see."

—Selected.

In the Religious World.

The Alternative.

In one of his letters to Sir W. Robertson Nicoll the late Principal James Denney said: "You may call Jesus Lord, and be a Christian; or refuse to do so, and not be a Christian; but it is absurd to think yourself a Christian when your attitude to Jesus is that of a vigilant jealousy that he shall not invade your freedom, nor come between you and God—tempered with an admiration not free from patronage. This is what the philosophy of religion brings some men to."

A New Organisation.

In the countless organisations for the world's betterment, yet another society has come into being. Its designation is sufficiently imposing. It is known as "The National Movement Towards a Christian Order of Industry and Commerce." Fittingly enough this institution has its headquarters in London. No smaller place could appropriately furnish it with an adequate base. It is composed not of men in cynical quarrel against society, but of men in intensest sympathy with all wisely concerted effort after social improvement—practical and experienced men, men of affairs and many of them men of affairs in a large way. It includes in its membership Lord Cecil, Viscount Hambleden, Mr. Arnold Rowntree, Mr. Seebohm, Mr. Angus Watson, and many others of equal prominence. It avows as its aim "to rally men and women of goodwill engaged in the administration of industry, commerce, and the professions, for the application of Christian principles to industrial, commercial, and professional life." In a word—a big word—it addresses itself to demonstrate the real workableness of Christianity. And what more does the world need than that?

John R. Mott's Religious Experience.

Dr. John R. Mott recently gave this interesting little bit of autobiography. He was speaking in the Guild Hall, full of University men, and he told how he went up to Yale University to study for the law; then it came home to him to settle what place Jesus Christ was going to have in his life, and he went on to say how as a law student he gave himself to a minute study, line by line, and word by word, of the story of the trial of Jesus Christ, and after months of studying there came the verdict, "My Lord and my God." All in the assembly felt the thrill of it when John R. Mott so spoke.

Will Crooks' Epitaph.

This striking epitaph has been engraved on the white marble headstone which is to mark the grave of Mr. Will Crooks, who represented Woolwich in the House of Commons for some years:

Will Crooks,
After a Life of
Long Service to the Nation,
Passed from us on June 5, 1921,
Aged 69 years.

A Cooper by trade, he became
A Guardian of the Poor,
A Borough Councillor,
A Mayor of Poplar,
A London County Councillor,
A Member of Parliament,
A Privy Councillor.
He lived and died
A Servant of the People.

Victorian Women's Conference.

The Victorian Women's thirty-seventh annual Conference was held in the chapel, Lygon-st., Carlton, on Wednesday, April 12, 1922. The President, Mrs. B. J. Kemp, occupied the chair. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. F. Lee, her theme being, "Praise the Lord." Minutes of last year's meeting read and confirmed. Correspondence included letters from Mrs. Herbert and Mrs. Potts.

Mrs. A. R. Main was appointed essayist for 1923. Decided to hold next Conference in the chapel, Lygon-st., on Wednesday prior to Good Friday. The Secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the sisterhood to the Editor and Manager of the "Australian Christian" for their courtesy in printing the monthly Executive reports. Sympathy was expressed for several sisters who are laid aside through sickness. Greetings to be sent to our missionaries and to those who were unable to be with us. The notice of motion, That as a Mission Band we undertake to wholly support a lady missionary instead of paying small sums to Home and Foreign Missions and College of the Bible, as at present, was held over until next Conference, in order to bring the matter before all the Bands.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Knott, Mrs. P. A. Dickson (America), Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (China), Mrs. Cosh (W.A.), Mrs. Crisp, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Ludbrook (N.S.W.), Mr. G. T. Walden, Secretary Federal Foreign Missionary Committee; Mr. T. Bagley, Secretary General Conference; Mr. J. E. Allan, Secretary Foreign Missionary Department; Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, West Australian Women's Conferences. We were pleased to welcome Miss Mary Thompson (India), Mrs. Connor (Ballarat), Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Dewar (South Australia), Mrs. Schwab (Geelong), Mrs. Hargreaves (Boort), Mrs. McGregor (West Australia), Mrs. Jackel (Wangaratta), Mrs. Oram. 59 churches responded to the roll-call. The obituary told of 30 sisters called to be with Christ.

Afternoon devotions were led by Miss Metzenthin. Miss Hillford, of the College of the Bible, gave an address on "The Unconquerable Faith." The welcome greeting was very cordially given by Miss Huntsman, and responded to by Miss Mary Thompson, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Riches.

The President took for her message, "Christ's First Miracle." Reports presented and received were: Executive, Treasurer's, Prayer Meeting, Benevolent Home, Isolated Sisters, General Dorcas and Church Aid, Home Missions, Hospital Visitation, Foreign Missions and Hostel Work, Women's Mission Bands, Social Questions. The essay, "Women's Influence," prepared and read by Mrs. C. Gill, was much appreciated. Collected (up to date) for Girls' Hostel, £129/1/8. Mrs. Paternoster conducted the evening devotional exercises, and spoke on "The Lord's Prayer." Organ solo, Miss Pittman. An interesting talk on her travels in China by Miss Baker, who brought greetings from Dr. and Mrs. Macklin, and from the church in Shanghai. "The Leadership of Christian Women" was the subject of a very fine address by Mr. B. W. Huntsman. "The Mission of Flowers," given by young ladies of Box Hill church. Mrs. Main in a very happy way introduced the officers elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. B. J. Kemp; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. Gill, Mrs. F. Lee; Secretary, Miss Rometch; Treasurer, Mrs. Hayward; Assistant Financial Secretary, Mrs. Kefford. Thanks were proposed by Mrs. A. E. Illingworth. We thank the officers of Lygon-st. church for the use of their building in which we hold our annual Conference; the officers of Swanston-st. church, for the use of their building in which the monthly meetings of the Executive are held during the year; our organist, Miss Pittman; our essayist, our speaker with his helpful address; the young ladies under the superintendence of Miss Ethel Mitchell and Miss Winnie Lyall, who catered for the tea; Mr. R. Lyall, who so kindly audits our

books. We thank one and all who have contributed in any way to the success of our Conference meetings. We thank God for the opportunities of the past, and that we use our best endeavors to seek new avenues of usefulness in the coming year.

Much pleasure was given by our soloists, Mrs. F. L. Mitchell, Miss Edna Hamblin, Miss Pearl Carlos, Miss Hilma Dickens, Misses Eva and Lily Brodie, Swanston-st. Quartette Party, and the recitals by Miss D. Buchanan. A very happy and helpful Conference was brought to a close with prayer and benediction by Mr. Huntsman.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts.—Balance, March, 1921, £3/17/8; Collection at Conference, £8/6/9; Pennies received from Churches, £8/6/8; Sale of Tea Tickets, etc., £12/5/6; Dinner and Tea, General Conference, £9/14/6; Sale of Goods, £1/17/10; Donation, Mrs. Lucas, £1/1/-; Total, £85/9/11.

Expenditure.—Printing, etc., £8/11/-; Secretary's Expenses, £2/10/-; Catering for Sisters' Tea, £9/9/8; Catering for General Conference, £9/6/7; Sundries, 5/1; Balance carried to Executive Statement, £15/17/7; Total, £85/9/11.

Executive.

Receipts.—Balance brought down from Conference Statement, £15/17/7; Collections at Executive Meetings, £22/3/4; Pennies received from Churches, £5/14/11; Bank Interest, 15/8; North Fitzroy Sisters' Class, for General Dorcas, £1/1/-; Donations for Foreign Missions, £1/3/5; Sundries, £2/9/8; Total, £49/5/7.

Expenditure.—Secretary's Expenses, £2/10/-; Hospital Comforts, £4; Miss Cameron, for Orphan work in India, £4/1/-; Miss Caldicott's Dispensary work in India, £5; Presentations, £2/5/-; General Dorcas work, £4/1/-; Treasurer's Expenses, £5; Foreign Missions, £1/3/5; Printing and Calendars, £3/8/-; For Benevolent work, £1/11/6; Presentation to Secretary, £5; Sundries, £1/11/11; £39/11/10; Balance in hand, £9/13/9; Total, £49/5/7.

Women's Mission Band.

Receipts.—Brim, £1/14/6; Bamba-road, Caulfield, 14/9; Brighton, £4/3/-; Carnegie, £2; East Camberwell, £2/2/6; Emerald, £3; Essendon, £5; Gardiner, £2/16/-; Hawthorn, £15/4/-; Lygon-st., Carlton, £9/12/6; Middle Park, £3/4/6; Moreland, 15/3; North Richmond, 17/6; Prahran, £2/12/5; Preston, 8/9; South Yarra, £4/3/6; Swanston-st., Melbourne, £12/1/-; Windsor, 15/-; Sth. Melbourne, 17/6; Total, £73/2/8.

Expenditure.—Expended for Mission work as under:—Paid to Mr. T. Bagley, for Home Missions, £36/11/4; Paid to Mr. R. Lyall, for Foreign Missions, £29/5/1; Paid to Mr. R. Enniss, for the College of the Bible, £7/6/3; Total, £73/2/8.

Home Missions.—The sisters' organised work began in 1886, when we were invited to help the brethren evangelise our home land, first by prayer that the word of God preached might win souls for the Master's kingdom, and all along the line the women have helped well. The past year has been full of encouragement. Tent missions have been held at Bamba-road, Ararat, Coburg, Mildura, Merbein, Stawell. Over 500 souls have been added to the churches. The Committee has held meetings at South Yarra, Lygon-st., North Fitzroy, Box Hill, Brighton, and Thornbury. Members of our churches are asked to contribute one penny per week to help win souls for Christ.—L. Pittman, Superintendent.

Foreign Missions.—India is our first and largest field. All our missionaries are doing a fine work, and are greatly encouraged by the results of the year's efforts. Bro. Watson says, "I feel more than ever that this is the time of missionary opportunity in India. This is the waking-up time of the East." The missionaries in China are Bro. and Sister Anderson, and Bro. Waterman. All are hard at work with the language study. A good work is being done amongst the South Sea Islanders. There have been many baptisms, and

our missionaries are encouraged by the faithfulness of the converts. Mr. and Mrs. Black and Mr. Waters have come through serious illnesses. We welcome home our beloved Mary Thompson, who for over 30 years has represented us at Haridwar, India. Miss Tonkin has been home some time, and is doing good work in visiting churches and interesting them in the great land of China. Miss Caldicott is home on furlough; her medical work at Baramati has been greatly appreciated; many cases of sickness being treated. To better fit herself for the work, Miss Caldicott is taking studies at the College during her furlough. At the College of the Bible 21 students are preparing for Foreign Mission service. There are others taking the nursing course. Pray for our missionaries.—Mrs. D. Pittman, Superintendent.

Isolated Sisters.—During the year 135 letters have been written to our isolated sisters in various parts of Victoria; 25 replies received, and 19 letters returned. We have received some very kind letters, especially from some of our aged members. Mrs. Thorburn, of Swan Reach, will be pleased to accommodate two sisters going on holiday. Mrs. Clare and Mrs. Enniss have helped in this work of trying to cheer the lonely in their isolation.—N. Ray, Superintendent.

Benevolent Home.—At present there are 700 inmates in this institution, all of them being fit subjects for our sympathy and consideration. The churches responded to the call of the aged and infirm. Cheltenham, with Mr. Williams; Prahran W.M. Band, with Mr. Parslow; Brunswick, North Fitzroy, Malvern Ladies' Aid; Middle Park, Moreland, with Mr. Gale; Swanston-st., with Mr. Kingsbury; Brighton W.M. Band, with Mr. and Mrs. Pittman; Students of the College of the Bible, with Mr. Enniss. Our visitors cheer the inmates, and they feel they are not forgotten by God, who visits them in His people. Comforts distributed—sweets, tea, sugar, biscuits, etc. We all take note that visits are paid on the last Wednesday in the month; that the arrangements made by the organiser and an inmate, Mr. Geisler; these visits are much appreciated by the inmates. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it."—C. Jerrems.

Prayer Committee have visited 14 churches during the past year. Attendances at the meetings have been most encouraging. We have been received kindly by all the churches, and invited to come again. We miss from our Committee the late Mrs. Kelly. She was a faithful worker for many years. It is a privilege to have fellowship with one another. In the secret of His presence there is mutual joy.—N. Trinnick, Superintendent.

North Fitzroy prayer meeting has had a successful and profitable year. On Sept. 22 we met to bid farewell to our highly esteemed treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, and her daughter, on the eve of their departure for West Australia. We look forward to another year of usefulness in the Master's service.—H. Moate, Secretary.

Hospital Visitation.—Another year has gone, and we have tried in a small way to help cheer the sick and lonely. 48 visits have been paid to 19 of our institutions. Members of town and country churches visited. 38 visits have been made with the small organ on Saturday afternoons, when some of our Sunday School girls sing to the sick folk. We thank all who helped with Christmas cheer. The Virginia Club, for their many gifts; Mrs. Warmbrun, of Berwick, for flowers; those who sent books; Mrs. C. Edwards for her gift of £2.—S. Meyer, Superintendent.

Social Questions.—In the Temperance work of our Committee we have operated chiefly through the Anti-Liquor League of Victoria. Invaluable work has been done by Mr. J. G. Barrett as Director of the Licensing and Law Department. A united appeal was made in October last for the starving millions of Russia and Central Europe. £715/4/8 has been raised in Victoria. It is anticipated that another No License poll will be taken about the end of 1923. Let us all work hard, so that King Alcohol shall receive his death blow. Let us strive more earnestly to this end.—L. Darnley, Superintendent.

General Dorcas meetings have been held monthly during the year. The Committee has been most

faithful and energetic in the work. Parcels of clothing sent to Burnley W.C.T.U. Kindergarten, Richmond. Every month parcels are sent to the homes of the needy. At Christmas £8 was distributed amongst the aged and widows. A large supply of clothing was sent to Miss Cameron to help her in her work. We are thankful to the Margaret Goudie Fund for £35; North Fitzroy, £1; Moreland sisters, £2; Middle Park, 10/-; smaller donations amounting to 18/-. Our expenditure has been £98/11/-. We thank all who have helped with their generous support, and ask again for their help in the coming year to carry on this good work.—A. M. Moysey, Supt.

Box Hill has held 21 meetings, including a visit from the Women's Prayer and Home Mission Committees. Parcels of clothing sent to Richmond Kindergarten (Mr. Nichols) for distribution in Burnley, and to Superintendent of General Dorcas. Sisters donated several pounds to cover the remaining debt on the chapel.—M. E. Peters, Secretary.

Hawthorn has held 24 meetings, four of which were spent in working for the Burwood Boys' Home. Sent a box of goods to Surrey Hills, to furnish a stall at the Anti-Liquor League Fair. Our sale of work realised £64/1/8.—E. Singleton, Secretary.

South Yarra Women's Guild has had a very successful year under the presidency of Mrs. F. Lee. A large number of garments distributed to needy cases; also £8/6/10 expended in food and clothing. Sale of work realised £46/12/6. Hospital visitation has been faithfully attended to, and comforts provided for the patients.—R. B. Tucker, Secretary.

Swanston-st. Dorcas has held 19 meetings. We have been engaged in making garments for hospitals, the Indian orphans, and other needy cases. 62 garments made and distributed. We are kept busy with social work, and have pleasure in all we do for our Lord.—A. M. Kemp, Assistant Secretary.

Prahran Dorcas meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon. About 12 sisters meet to mend and make. 940 garments have been distributed amongst the poor and needy of the district. We have enlisted the sympathy of the Matron of the Prahran Creche, sergeant of police, and the Repatriation Committee, the result being that many children are now attending the Bible School, and the poor mothers comforted and helped.—E. King, Secretary.

Malvern Ladies' Aid.—Meetings are held weekly. Parcels of garments are sent to Indian Mission and to Burnley Mission. Visit paid to Benevolent Home. Service held; comforts and literature distributed to inmates. Sale of work for church building fund realised £103, of which £59 was raised by the Ladies' Aid. Sick are visited, and benevolent work attended to.—Mrs. A. E. Illingworth, President.

Moreland Ladies' Aid.—Members are working consistently. The departments of service have been varied and numerous. Many deserving cases have been helped. £4/13/- was spent in Christmas cheer. A visit was paid to Benevolent Home; 260 bags of sweets distributed, and the inmates cheered with song and story; as also the Old Folks' Home, Royal Park. £1 donated to Burnley Mission; £2 to General Dorcas; one dozen hymn-books presented to the church; also a polished blackwood handrail, suitably inscribed, erected on the platform in memory of our late beloved President, Mrs. Paul. May the coming year of service be rich in blessing.—E. Wilson, Secretary.

Essendon Ladies' Guild meets regularly for sewing. £10 was given towards cost of installing a bath-beater. Two parcels of clothing sent to Burnley, and several families assisted to help clothe their children. The meetings are small, but the few who attend are workers. A devotional service is held at the close of each meeting.—Mrs. Ferguson, Secretary.

Carnegie Ladies' Aid meet weekly. After a short devotional the remainder of the afternoon is spent in sewing. £2/10/- sent to Burnley Mission; £14 given for church purposes. Miss Baker gave an interesting talk on her visit to China. A presentation was made to Mrs. Eaton. The sisters are enthused with a spirit for service. We hope for

great things in the coming year.—M. Ward, Secretary.

Footscray Girls' Guild are doing a good work. The sick are visited, flowers and fruit distributed, clothing and groceries given to those in need. £1 donated to Home Missions; 10/- to Foreign Missions; 10/- to Bible College; £15 to Kindergarten; 5/- to Bible Society. £12 was the result of sale of work, this being used to pay off debt on church building.—V. Plunkett, Secretary.

Women's Mission Bands.—The financial results of our work are somewhat disappointing, but we believe the benefits accruing from the meetings cannot altogether be counted in money. Our Miss Blake has written to the Bands regularly. A number of the sisters have prepared papers upon the monthly topics. Miss Mudford has again very generously given her time and ability to the service of the sisters, and made it possible for us to circulate the letters and papers. In this connection we thank Mr. Craigie for his help. The great field, the world, has been kept before the sisters. £56 has been gathered by the Bands. The Band remembers the sick and wounded soldiers. The Brighton sisters provide afternoon tea at the Amzac Hostel once a month. We regret Warrnambool has dropped out, but we hope to hear of them soon reorganising. Prahran and Berwick have reorganised, and new Bands formed at Gardiner, Bamba-road, and Windsor. Saturday prayer meetings have been helpful, although the attendances are very small. We hope the future will hold better things.—H. C. Ludbrook, Supt.

Brighton has held 16 meetings; have sent parcels to Richmond Kindergarten, Ladies' Benevolent, Burnley Mission; spent one day cleaning the chapel; paid a visit to Benevolent Home, Cheltenham. We sent Christmas greetings, with a small gift, to all our Foreign Mission stations. Collected for general work, £9/12/11; Indian orphans, £12; for Hostel Bricks, £6.—E. Sharp, Secretary.

Bamba-road has held seven meetings, which have been most helpful and interesting. We have sent £14/9 to the Treasurer for Missions.—B. Burden, Secretary.

Brim Mission Band has held meetings regularly each month. Two large cases of clothing we prepared and sent to Bro. Nichols for his work among the poor of Burnley. Members' contributions, £1/14/6; Foreign Mission money boxes, £1 19/9; Home Mission boxes, 15/8; given to a sister in need, £5/10/-.—J. Hood, Secretary.

Carnegie Band meets once a month. Several visiting speakers have given very interesting addresses. £2/13/- was sent in to help the funds, and £4/10/- towards the support of an Indian orphan; garments made and sent in for Foreign Missions. We hope for greater things in the coming year.—M. Ward, Secretary.

Berwick reorganised, and joining with the prayer and Bible Class. Have had a fair attendance, considering the long distance and dark roads many have to come. The papers and Miss Blake's letters are a great help to us.—J. Warmbrun, Secretary.

East Camberwell still retains its interest in Mission Band work. Beside our usual subscription, we support an orphan at Baramati. Many parcels of useful garments sent to a needy family. £2/2/- collected for Hostel; proceeds of clarity concert held in Town Hall, £13/18/-.—B. A. Browne, Secretary.

Lygon-st. meets regularly each month. Very helpful meetings are held. Missions and the need for help to carry on the work are brought before us.—Mrs. J. E. Thomas, Secretary.

Emerald reports no meetings, because of scattered membership. Miss Blake's letters are received regularly, and several sisters contribute to the Mission Band funds.

Essendon.—11 meetings held during the year. This Band is much indebted to Mr. B. J. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore, Miss Baker, Miss L. Kemp, the Prayer Committee. An effort is being made to make the meetings interesting to women attending the gospel services, and to the mothers of the kindergarten children, as well as instructive to members of the Mission Band. The sum of £5 was given to the Mission Fund.—Mrs. Ferguson, Secretary.

Gardiner reports interesting monthly meetings. We were pleased to welcome back our President, Miss Baker, who gave an instructive account of her experiences in the Orient. We were pleased to have our missionaries, Misses Thompson and Caldwell. £3/17/- has been collected for general mission work. The letters from Miss Blake give us a larger vision of our responsibilities in mission work both at home and abroad.—E. McCam, Secretary.

Hawthorn Band has a membership of 56. The monthly meetings keep up in interest. As often as possible we get a missionary to give an address. Our preacher, Mr. Scambler, visits us as often as convenient. We have contributed for the year £15/14/-, and look forward with joy to another year of service.—A. Smith, Secretary.

Swanston-st. meetings are held quarterly, and well attended. It was a pleasure to have Miss Mary Thompson with us. Letters have been received from Sisters Watson, Escott, Black, Blake, Jones. Most interesting accounts have been given of their work. Special mention is made of the help and comfort received by our missionaries, from the knowledge that we are praying for them. Subscriptions for the year, £12/11/-.—C. Jerrens, Secretary.

North Richmond meets monthly. Inspiring addresses have been given, as well as a lantern lecture on "The Soudan Mission." The Committee meets to discuss items of interest in connection with mission work, and plans for future work arranged. We have contributed £5 for the support of our Bible woman; £5 for Mission Band work; donations have also been given to the Soudan Mission, and the China Inland Mission.

Prahran has reorganised, and is growing in numbers. Several speakers have visited us, their messages being very helpful. Miss Baker's travel talk was very instructive and interesting.—Mrs. Kefford, Secretary.

South Yarra has held ten meetings, including three in country districts. Subscriptions for the year, £5/18/6. Assisted with boxes going to the different mission stations. We have undertaken to supervise and finance by voluntary help from our members, the Cradle Roll of the Bible School Department.—E. Frankland, Secretary.

Warrnambool.—Since our President, Mrs. McCullough, became ill, in 1921, and unable to attend the meetings, the interest in the class gradually diminished. There have been only five meetings during the year. However, we have sent away two missionary boxes to Miss Blake (India) and to Mrs. Black (New Hebrides). We hope at some future time the Band may be reorganised.—L. Thomson, Secretary.

We thank all who have helped in any way the Women's Mission Bands; for the assistance given at the prayer meeting; the church officers who have kindly placed rooms at our disposal; for the united services. We pray that the women of the Churches of Christ may become a large-hearted missionary body.—H.C.L.

Committees were elected as follows:—Home Mission Superintendent, Mrs. Alec. Lyall; Committee, Sisters Blakemore, Lee, Pittman, Haddow, Edwards, Craigie, McMaster, Wilson, Wakeley. General Dorcas Superintendent, Mrs. Moysey; Committee, Sisters Zeliuz, Martin, Kemp, Allen, Johnston, J. Illingworth, Bennetts, S. Wilson, Daws, Withers, Cowley, Wood, Gibs, Barrett. Foreign Mission Superintendent, Mrs. D. Pittman; Committee, Sisters R. Lyall, Ludbrook, Baker. Hospital Visitation Superintendent, Mrs. Meyer; Committee, Sisters Northeast, Smith, Cameron, Ennis, Lee, Stewart, Gole, Teeson. Social Questions, Miss Darnley. Prayer Committee Superintendent, Mrs. Swain; Committee, Sisters Sharp, Baker, McCrackett, T. Mitchell, Eaton. Women's Mission Bands Superintendent, Miss Baker; Girls' Mission Circles Superintendent, Miss Huntsman; Isolated Sisters, Sisters Ray and Clare; Benevolent Home Superintendent, Miss Tuck; Nurses' Christian Movement, Sisters R. Lyall and J. W. Baker. Obituary, Mrs. Zeliuz.—L.R.

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

The Family Altar.

J. C. Ferd. Pittman.

UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE.

As in Naaman's case, there is, with most people, an unfortunate tendency to hesitate on account of the apparent insignificance of the deed commanded, or to suggest a substitute more to one's natural inclinations. The servant's words, "If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it?" and the master's question, "Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean?" both suggest pleas commonly put forward by unregenerate souls, and even by professed faithful followers of the Lord, as excuses for not doing exactly the thing commanded.

As a notable example of this, we may instance men's attitude towards the ordinances of Christian baptism and the Lord's Supper. Apparently there is, in the minds of many, nothing "great" in either, and it is easy and quite common to suggest that what appears so small a thing may be dispensed with, or that something else, sprinkling for immersion, monthly or quarterly observance of the Lord's Supper, will equally serve the purpose.

All who reason thus should remember that the least of God's commands (if it be right to classify God's orders by speaking of great and small ones) is of more importance than the decrees of the mightiest of earth's potentates, and is to be obeyed promptly and gladly. "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim."

MAY 7.

Our Worst Foe.

And Abab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah.—1 Kings 21: 20.

The old proverb hath it, "Here's talk of the Turk and the Pope, but 'tis my next neighbor that does me the most harm." It is neither popery nor infidelity that we have half so much to dread as our own besetting sins. We want more Protestants against sin, more Dissenters from carnal maxims, and more Nonconformists to the world. Our own besetting sins require far more of our watchfulness than State blunders or ecclesiastical abuses.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Bible Reading.—1 Kings 21: 17-20.

MAY 8.

The Prophet's Chamber.

And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, that passeth by us continually. Let us make, I pray thee, a little chamber on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.—2 Kings 4: 9, 10.

"Dame Mary Abney, widow of Sir Thomas Abney, entertained Isaac Watts for many years in the mansion and gardens which once covered the ground of Abney Park Cemetery. "Madam," said Watts, to a noble lady who called to see him, "you are come on a very memorable day." "Why so remarkable?" she asked. "This day thirty years," replied the invalid, "I came hither to the house of my good friend, Sir Thomas Abney, intending to spend but one single week under his hospitable roof, and I have extended my visit to the length of exactly thirty years." "Sir," replied Dame Mary, "what you have termed a long thirty years' visit, I consider as the shortest visit my family ever received."

Bible Reading.—2 Kings 4: 1-11.

MAY 9.

Doing Exactly as God Commands.

My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather, then, when he saith unto thee, Wash, and be clean?—2 Kings 5: 13.

"I would not have the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child,
And guided where 'to go.
And if some things I do not ask
In my cup of blessing be,
I would have my spirit filled the more
With grateful love to thee,
And careful less to serve thee much
Than to please thee perfectly."

Bible Reading.—2 Kings 5: 1-14.

MAY 10.

Our Unseen Helpers.

And Elisha prayed, and said, Jehovah, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.—2 Kings 6: 17.

"Lo! to faith's enlightened sight,
All the mountain flames with light;
Hell is nigh, but God is nigher,
Circling us with hosts of fire.

Christ the Saviour is come down,
Points us to the victor's crown,
Bids us take our seats above,
More than conquerors in his love."

Bible Reading.—2 Kings 6: 8, 19.

MAY 11.

Intensity Required.

Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; ... whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.—2 Kings 13: 19.

When leaving Oxford for Lincoln, Bishop Edward King, addressing his undergraduate friends assembled together for the last time, said, "Aim high in your life (see Kings 13: 19). 'Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times.' Often the cause of failure is because you don't press your victory. Let me leave that with you as your text, Bishop Wilberforce impressed that text upon me years ago. Have higher aims."

Bible Reading.—2 Kings 13: 14-19.

MAY 12.

Humility Rewarded.

Because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before Jehovah, ... and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith Jehovah.—2 Kings 23: 19.

"Humility is a gracious herb, and allays the wrath of God; whereas pride provokes it. It is recorded of an English king, Edward I., that being exceedingly angry with a servant of his, in the sport of hawking, he threatened him sharply. The gentleman answered, It was well there was a river between them. Hereat the king, more incensed, spurred his horse into the depth of the river, not without extreme danger of his life, the water being deep, and the banks too steep and high for his ascending. Yet at last recovering land, with his sword drawn he pursued the servant, who rode as fast from him. But finding himself too ill-horsed to outride the angry king, he reined, lighted, and on his knees exposed his neck to the blow of the king's sword. The king no sooner saw this but he put up his sword, and would not have touched him. A dangerous water could not withhold him from violence; yet his servant's submission did soon pacify him. Whilst man flies stubbornly from God, he that rides upon the wings of the wind posts after him with the sword of vengeance drawn. But when in dust and ashes he humbles himself, and stands to His mercy, the wrath of God is soon appeased."

Bible Reading.—2 Kings 22: 14-20.

MAY 13.

The King's Loyalty to God.

And the king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep His commandments, and His testi-

monies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book.—2 Kings 23: 1.

"So shall I bless thy pleasing sway;
And, sitting at thy feet,
Thy laws with all my heart obey,
With all my soul submit."

Bible Reading.—2 Kings 23: 3.

PRAYER.

O Lord Jesus, help me to daily acknowledge thee as my Master in religion. May I gladly hear thy voice, whether in tender entreaty or in command, and ever do exactly as thou dost desire or order. Help me to joyfully do thy will. Save me from picking and choosing from thy commandments, or substituting man's way for thine. May all thy commandments sound as sweet music in my ears, because of the knowledge that thou orderest those things which tend to my own good, and thy glory. For Jesus sake. Amen.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON (see Emerson).—On April 23, at Nurse Hardie's Hospital, Maryborough, Queensland, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Anderson—twin daughters. All well.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kingsbury, of 97 Wilson-st., North Carlton, Victoria, announce the birth of a daughter (Mary Lyall) on Thursday, April 27, 1922.

IN MEMORIAM.

DUNN.—In loving memory of Captain Francis Henry Dunn, M.C., Adj. 23rd Battrn, A.I.F., who was killed in action at Bullecourt, May 3, 1917. Dearly loved only son of Eleanor Rea Dunn, Storey-st., Parkville, and the late F. G. Dunn.

COMING EVENTS.

MAY 7.—Annual Offering in all Victorian Churches for Bible School and Young People's Department. An opportunity for gilt-edge investments.

MAY 7.—South Richmond. Great Gospel Test Mission commences on Sunday evening, May 7, near the chapel in Balmain-st. Sunday evenings, song service, 7.15. Week night meetings commence at 8 o'clock. Visitors, singers, and all helpers will be heartily welcomed.

MAY 9.—Hawthorn. "Lights and Shades of a Preacher's Life." Lecture by T. H. Scambler, B.A. Tuesday, May 9. Musical and Elocutionary Programme. Admission, 6d.

MAY 13.—Superintendents' Conference (General, Kindergarten and Primary) at Cheltenham Church of Christ, Saturday afternoon and evening.

MAY 19 & 20.—Wanted known.—Fete and Sale of Gifts, on corner Glenhantly-road and Griffiths-st., Caulfield, on Friday evening, and Saturday afternoon and evening, 19th and 20th May. Folk from sister churches should enjoy the event. Take number 11 tram from Elsternwick or Glenhantly stations, and ask for Griffiths-st.

MAY 14-20.—Bambra-road, Caulfield. Second Church Anniversary. May 14, special services. May 16, public gathering. May 19 and 20, great anniversary fete.

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Here and There.

The address of A. L. Haddon now is 321 Glenhasty-road, Caulfield, Vic.

Five confessions recently at Winkie, S.A., Bro. C. H. Hunt preaching.

The secretary of the church at Marburg, Qld., now is H. W. Berlin, Haigslea, via Walloon.

C. A. Sampson, 75 Donald-st., North Brunswick, is now secretary of the church at Moreland, Vic.

The secretary of the Church of Christ at Wararagul, Vic., is now A. Pedersen, Gas Works, Wararagul.

The secretary of the Maryborough, Vic., church is now W. G. Combridge. His address is "Glen Iris," Napier-st.

We are glad to learn of progress at Stirling East, S.A. Recently there were four confessions, Bro. A. C. Killmier preaching.

Bro. R. Blackburn has accepted an engagement under the South Australian Home Missionary Committee to labor at Broken Hill.

Ballarat, Vic., reports good meetings on Sunday. At Dawson-st. there was one decision, Bro. Connor preaching. Peel-st. had one decision also, Bro. Combridge preaching.

Bro. Reg. Lampshire, of the Mile End, S.A., church, has accepted an engagement as preacher with the Christian church, Hindmarsh, with which Bro. A. Pascoe formerly labored.

P. R. Baker opened up his work with the church at Cheltenham, Vic., happily. Both meetings on Sunday were largely attended, and the impression made was favorable for success in the future.

The cricket premier-ship of the Victorian Churches of Christ Cricket Association for the season just concluded was won by Thornbury in the senior section, and Moreland in the junior section.

On Sunday, April 2, Sister Burns, of Toowoomba, Qld., visited and addressed the Bible School scholars at Harlaxton. The invitation was given to make the good confession, and 14 of the senior scholars responded.

Geelong, Vic., Bible School enjoyed a good time at the anniversary services. Last Lord's day the meetings were helpful. In the evening Bro. Schwab discoursed on the parable of the two sons, when two young men confessed Christ.

The Hinrichsen-Brooker tent mission at Hampton, Vic., commenced on Sunday. Excellent gatherings were deeply interested in the fine addresses and the special singing. Up to Tuesday night five Bible School scholars had confessed Christ.

The Secretary of the Queensland Conference and Home Missionary Committee now is E. P. Adermann, Chelmsford Avenue, Lutwyche, Brisbane. The newly-elected Treasurer is G. Colvin, Earle Terrace, Bowen Bridge, Brisbane.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rofe, of Wahroonga, N.S.W., with some members of their family, expect to leave Sydney for America by the "Sonoma," on May 30. Their tour will last for about five months. Bro. Rofe expects to be back in time for the Federal Conference.

We learn that Bro. Wallis Ludbrook has had a successful course at the Adelaide High School, winning Government bursaries in two successive years, and also the Tennyson gold medal for English Literature. He has now entered Roseworthy Agricultural College, where we wish him every success.

We congratulate Bro. Douglas Renton, of the Lygon-st. church, on successfully passing his final exams for the M.B. degree at the Melbourne University. Dr. Renton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Renton, of Parkville, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyall, of Swanston-st., Melbourne.

At Ringwood, Vic., all departments are doing well. The attendances in the evenings are increasing. Regret that Bro. Oldfield and Waters met with a painful accident and were taken to a private hospital in Kew, but are pleased to state they are on the improve. Bro. Perry filled the vacancy in the morning, and W. Wilson on behalf of the Anti-Liquor League in the evening. Both were much appreciated.

Bro. and Sister Burden, late of Maryborough, Vic., where Bro. Burden was church secretary, are now resident in Ballarat, and have linked up in service in the church there. Bro. Burden preached at Mount Clear, his boyhood's home, on his first Sunday in the district.

Our N.S.W. readers are again reminded of the monster procession and demonstration to be held under the auspices of the Y.P. Prohibition Council on Saturday, May 13. A special programme has been arranged for the Town Hall meeting, to begin at 3.15. It is anticipated that this will be "one of the biggest young people's events of Sydney."

The day for gilt-edge investments is at hand—May 7. Every church and every member is urged to make a gilt-edge offering for the work of the Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department. Churches and schools are requested to keep the offering open for one or two Sundays after the 7th, and then to send all moneys promptly to the Organising Secretary, W. B. Blakemore, 70 Power-st., Hawthorn, Vic.

In the list of names of those admitted to the "privileges and honors" of degrees at Melbourne University Commencement on Saturday last were the following:—Bachelor of Arts (Ordinary Degree): H. A. G. Clark. Bachelor of Arts (Degree with Honors): A. J. Wedd; L. A. Anderson (in absentia). Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery: D. G. Renton. Master of Arts: L. C. McCallum; A. C. Garnett (in absentia). Doctor of Medicine: D. G. Stewart.

G. E. Burns writes as follows:—In the report from the Ann-st. church, Brisbane, Qld., a few weeks ago, it was reported that Mrs. Burns and her daughter Maud, of Toowoomba, had been received into membership at Ann-st. This Mrs. Burns is not the wife of evangelist Burns. Singularly enough, the daughter of evangelist and Mrs. Burns, of Toowoomba, is also Maud. The Mrs. and Miss Maud Burns in question were members of the Toowoomba church in 1914.

At Enmore, N.S.W., during the last few weeks all meetings have been well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Sivyer are holidaying on the mountains. Mr. H. B. Robbins preached on Sunday, April 30, to a splendid audience. The Tabernacle Cricket Club have just completed a very successful season, playing in "A" Grade Western Suburbs Churches C. Union. Mr. R. Miller winning the batting average, and Mr. E. Smith the bowling. The Football Club (Soccer) have opened their season and are playing under the W.S.C.F. Union.

Three received into fellowship at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., last Lord's day, following their recent baptism. Inspirational meetings were held. Four years ago the church bought for £225 the building lot adjoining the chapel. £100 deposit was paid, and a mortgage was taken out for the £425. This mortgage expires next month, and the vendor will not renew it. Bro. Illingworth launched a scheme on Sunday morning for raising this money, the £425 being regarded as 425 square feet at £1 a foot. The need of Bible School accommodation is very acute, and a school hall must be an accomplished fact of the near future.

At City Temple, Sydney, N.S.W., all services well attended on Easter Sunday. Large number of State and interstate visitors. Fine exhortation from Bro. Martin, of Merewether, morning. The Conference Sermon was delivered by Bro. Hon. W. Morrow during the afternoon; topic, "The Once Delivered Faith." The same speaker at night gave a fine gospel message. Glad to have fellowship on April 23 with a number of visitors, also Bro. Harward, who had been away for eight months. Helpful message from Bro. Crossman at morning service; Bro. Eaton giving the gospel address at night.

At Maryborough, Vic., in order to ensure the care of the new converts, the group system has been adopted. The church has received a great uplift from the mission, and the members are set-

ting down to hard work. One hundred and twenty broke bread on April 23; four were received in, one restored, and five others immersed. Attendance at the Bible School constituted a record; over 150 present. The church met on Thursday week to bid farewell to Bro. Burden and family, who have removed to Ballarat. Presentations were made to each as follows: Bro. Burden, loose-leaf note-book; Sister Burden, hand-bag; Thelma, brooch. Bro. Combridge has been appointed secretary of the church. The diamond jubilee of the church will be celebrated in May. Bro. Young has accepted the offer of the church to continue his work for a further twelve months. The church is now self-supporting.

Bro. Ennis writes as follows from Queensland: "The Queensland Conference held on Good Friday and Saturday passed off happily. Meetings were well attended, and a spirit of harmony prevailed. Ethelbert Davis is the new Conference President, having succeeded Bro. Rankine. These two brethren have been a tower of strength to the work here. The cause would be poor indeed without them. The outstanding need appears to be for an organiser and State evangelist. Conference carried a motion calling for the aid of one of our strongest leaders. His coming would prove a boon to the State."

The latest published statistics of the Churches of Christ in Australia and New Zealand show a combined membership of 29,222, and that there were 2487 additions by faith and baptism during the year, and a net increase in membership of 660. In proportion to membership West Australia shows the best result so far as baptisms are concerned, and New Zealand in the matter of net increase. South Australia shows the best return in the matter of additions to the churches in the Sunday Schools, about 60 per cent. New South Wales, Victoria, West Australia, and New Zealand all show a larger enrolment in the Sunday Schools than their total church membership. The Sunday School enrolment (teachers and scholars) for Australia and New Zealand is 28,730.

The churches in the Swan Hill district, Vic., are without the services of an evangelist, and the work is being carried on by the local brethren. A successful gathering of members from all the district churches was recently held at Woorinen. An essay on "The Secret of the Success of the Early Church," written by Bro. Scambler, B.A., of Hawthorn, opened the discussion for the morning meeting. In the afternoon a debate on the subject, "That Infant Sprinkling is Justifiable," aroused much interest and discussion, D. A. Cockroft taking the affirmative and H. Hargreaves the negative. Bro. Hargreaves, who had come up from Boort, next led the meeting in the discussion on "The Kingdom of God." During the evening meeting Bro. Hargreaves and A. J. Wilson gave fine addresses to a full house. Meals were provided by the sisters during the day, and supper at night.

At Mile End, S.A., on Wednesday week last those who confessed Christ the previous Sunday were baptised and received into fellowship last Sunday morning with one, a baptised believer, Mrs. Hanaford, making five in all. 53 Juniors present in the morning. Over 200 broke bread during the day, and over 100 in Kindergarten department in afternoon. An in memoriam service at night for the late Bro. F. Sheffield, who passed to his reward on April 6, after a long period of patient suffering. Sincere sympathies are with the bereaved ones. One communion at night. Successful Band of Hope anniversary on Friday last, Bro. H. R. Ackland presiding, and Bro. Manning giving an interesting acrostic on "Drink Water." The new cause at Cowandilla was commenced on Sunday under favorable and promising prospects. 36 scholars and teachers were present at opening of school, Bro. Pearl in charge. Mid-week meeting, Thursday next. At the morning meeting a special offering for purchase of land there realised about £33, making it possible to complete purchase of one block this week, according to arrangement. Building operations to commence at once. Three received into fellowship in the morning, one by letter from Dulwich, and two by faith and baptism.

Queensland Women's Conference.

The ninth annual meeting of the above was held in the chapel, Ann-st., on Thursday, April 13.

The morning session commenced at 11 a.m. Mrs. Wendorf led the devotional exercises. Mrs. Davis, President, occupied the chair. Minutes of previous annual meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence included greetings from New South Wales, Victoria, West Australia, and Tasmanian Sisters' Conferences; Mrs. Larsen, Maryborough, Qld.; Mrs. Anderson, Yunnanfu, China, and Bro. Walden. An essay by Mrs. Spratt, Roma, on "Women Friends of Jesus," was very favorably commented on. Announcements for afternoon session and singing of hymn 669 concluded morning session. Visiting delegates and friends were entertained at lunch by city and suburban sisters; 21 sisters present.

Afternoon session was opened at 1.30, when Mrs. Burns, Toowoomba, was leader of devotional exercises, after which Mrs. Davis again occupied the chair. On behalf of Executive, Mrs. Rankine welcomed the visiting delegates and friends. Mrs. Spratt, Roma, responded. In answer to roll-call, 11 churches were represented: Ann-st., Albion, West End, Hawthorne, Sunnybank, Zillmere, Marburg, Rosevale, Ma Ma Creek, Toowoomba and Roma. 36 sisters and a good number of brethren were present at the afternoon session.

Secretary's report showed that business and prayer meetings were held in alternate months. Orphan fund promises made last Conference were not all fulfilled. We hope to have them redeemed.

By sale of bricks for Hostel we have so far received £9/17/-. When country churches forward their amounts we are hoping to augment this fund considerably.

Treasurer's report as follows:—Conference meals, 1921, Good Friday and Easter Saturday,

receipts, £18/12/4; expenditure, £17/18/3. A special offering, £2, handed to Home Mission Committee during the year. With other amounts we have altogether a balance on hand of £4/2/8. Home Missions 1d. per week, contributed to by six churches, £10/5/2. Foreign Missions, 1d. per week, two churches, £5/19/3; support of orphan by Conference, £6/15/6. Promises towards orphans received at Conference, 1922, £8/17/6.

Bible Schools, Isolated Sisters, Temperance, Prayer meeting, Hospital and Obituary reports were read.

Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Wendorf; Vice-Presidents, Sisters Davis and Rankine; Secretary, Mrs. Berlin (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs. Coward (re-elected); Superintendents: Home Missions, Mrs. Stainton (re-elected); Foreign Missions, Mrs. Hermann (re-elected); Bible Schools, Miss Wendorf (re-elected); Temperance, Mrs. Webster (re-elected); Hospitals, Miss Stabe; Obituary, Mrs. Feuerriegel (re-elected); Isolated Sisters, Mrs. Colvin.

Mrs. Davis gave an address on "The Three Graces." Mrs. Wendorf moved a hearty vote of thanks to our retiring President for her very helpful address. Bro. Enniss was unavoidably detained, and therefore unable to deliver an address to the sisters. Bro. Davis very kindly filled Bro. Enniss's place on the programme, and left this thought with us: "Cheer up, for God is not dead." Musical items by Sisters Feuerriegel, Hackett, Primus, and Wendorf, the latter acting as accompanist during the day.

Mrs. Morton, in introducing the new committee, thanked the retiring officers for past services, and wished the incoming officers success in their year's work. Mrs. Wendorf responded. Votes of thanks were accorded all who had assisted in making the meeting a success.—E. Berlin.

Obituary.

HUSSEY.—North Adelaide has suffered in the home-call of Sister Mrs. Hussey. For many years our sister was a faithful member of Kermodie-st. She was always consistent in life and enthusiastically interested in every phase of our Lord's work. When through the infirmities of age she was unable to attend worship, a few of the friends were accustomed to visit her home on one Sunday afternoon each month, and these meetings of fellowship were a source of help to all. Our sister was 93 years of age at the time of her death, and one could not but feel that hers was a life well run, and that the influence she had exerted in her life would continue. We sorrow for her with her loved ones, but we look toward the time when the great reunion of saints will be accomplished.—W.W.B., Prospect, S.A.

DEVINE.—During the evening service hour on April 2, our aged Sister Mrs. Catherine Devine received the "kiss of the Lord," and nestled to rest in his arms. Sister Devine, who was 86 years of age, was born near Loch Lomond, Scotland, and with her husband was baptised at Balaklava

by Bro. John Wark, elder of this church. It is forty years next month since our sister was widowed. Her life was one of simple, consistent, and childlike faith. For some time the weakness caused by advancing years has prevented her meeting with the church, but she enjoyed very much the visits of the brethren who on Lord's days broke the memorial loaf with her in her home. It has been a joy to meet with her each Friday during my service with this church. Her cheery soul responded so brightly, and the opened Book was her delight. If the passage chosen was familiar, she would recite as I read. The sympathy of the whole church is with her two devoted daughters, Miss E. Devine and Mrs. Squires, in their sorrow. The home was always fragrant with love, and the loss they have sustained is real.—F.T.S., Balaklava, S.A.

METCALF.—Bro. Charles Booth Metcalf was unexpectedly called into the presence of the King early on the morning of April 3, at Berri. He was a young man, only 23½ years of age, and was a teacher in the public school at that place. Dur-

ing the mission conducted by Bro. S. G. Griffith, in 1913, with three of his sisters he was baptised. Later, two more of his sisters were baptised, and these have been among the most consistent and consecrated families in the church here. Bro. Charles spent some years in training in the city, returning to Balaklava for a year during 1918, and then spent a year in the University, before being appointed to Berri. While here he served as organist in the Kindergarten and Y.P.S.C.E. At Berri he served as organist in the men's meetings which Bro. C. H. Hunt has organised. He had retained his membership with the Balaklava church during his absence from home. His death caused a wave of sorrow through this district, where he was widely known. The funeral took place at Balaklava, the Methodist preacher assisting the writer at the graveside, his mother and brother being members of that church. We commend the sorrowing ones to the comforting Saviour's care.—F.T.S., Balaklava, S.A.

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The relation of the preacher to missions is as important as that of the missionary on the field. The preacher is at one end of the line, and the missionary at the other. The former needs to be as fully consecrated to the cause of missions as does the latter. Both are engaged in the work of soul-saving. The preacher who is not imbued with the missionary spirit will have no revival, and the church under his care will languish in spiritual life. He may, by preaching on sensational and so-called popular themes, obtain a large hearing, but he will lead few souls to Christ, and the church of which he has charge will not be a centre of evangelistic, soul-winning power.

It is of the first importance that the preacher shall be thoroughly missionary in spirit, both for the sake of the church of which he is the minister and for the cause of missions, in both the Home and the Foreign fields. He must also be abreast of the times with missionary information. His zeal must be according to knowledge. He will find it necessary to read missionary literature and keep himself posted in regard to the movements of the church in all parts of the world, so that he may be able to give to his people the facts they need to quicken their zeal and enlarge their liberality. The preacher's relation to the cause of missions, from a financial point of view, is vital. He must keep the fountain of benevolence open by keeping his people informed and by inspiring them with genuine missionary zeal. He should see to it that his people are supplied with the best missionary periodicals and tracts, as only by so doing can he keep their interests alive. He should frequently remember the cause of missions and the missionaries when he leads his congregation in public prayer. An earnest prayer for missions will sometimes accomplish quite as much as a formal sermon.

It is of the utmost importance that a missionary prayer meeting shall be held once a month at least, in each congregation, and that the Sunday School and Endeavor Society shall also hold monthly missionary services. No preacher is faithfully filling the great office to which he is called unless he prays earnestly for, preaches frequently on, and keeps his people well informed in regard to the great missionary enterprise. Wherever the preacher is all aglow with intelligent zeal for the speedy salvation of the world, the people never fail to catch his spirit, and the results are seen in the aggressive spirit of the church for the salvation of the lost at home, and enlarged and ever enlarging contributions for the sending of the gospel to earth's remotest bounds.—"World-Wide Mission."

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- "God's plan depends upon man."
- "The mission of the church is missions."
- "The church must go to the lost or go to oblivion."
- "The o-missionary church is dead or dying."
- "Our only concern is to win the victory, regardless of cost.—S. M. Zwemer."
- "Anywhere, provided it be forward.—David Livingstone."
- "Prayer and pains through Jesus Christ will do anything.—John Eliot."
- "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God.—Judson."
- "Christ is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all."
- "Love never asks how much must I do, but how much can I do?"
- "A man may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving."
- "The goal of history is the redemption of the world."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

STARVING CHILDREN FUND.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Butler, S.A., £3; Chatswood, N.S.W., Bible School, £3/16/1 (scholars' picnic, prize money, and offering); Brethren at Caveside, Tas., £4; Roma, Qld., church, £3/4/-; Zillmere, Qld., additional, 17/-; S.A. Churches, £13/13/1; Mrs. Payne, £1; H. W. Butler, £1; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shipway, 10/-; E.P., 10/-.

W. C. Craigie, Treasurer.

VICTORIAN HOME MISSION FUND.

During the months of February and March the following amounts were gratefully received:—

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News of the Churches.

West Australia.

West Guildford meetings are keeping up well. Easter Sunday, amongst visitors were Mrs. Cosh and daughter. Bro. Leece gave an earnest address; Bro. Paul Pallott preached, Bro. Stirling being away at Northam. On the 23rd, nearly 100 met around the Lord's table, and at night Bro. Cameron, of Collie, preached to a fine company.

At Fremantle on Sunday morning, April 16, Bro. R. G. Cameron, of Kendenup, addressed the church in a most helpful manner. Visitors were also present from Collie and Subiaco. In the evening Bro. Mudge spoke on "The Argument of the Empty Tomb." Since the commencement of Bro. Mudge's work there have been 23 confessions, and two formerly immersed have been added to the church.

At Subiaco on April 23, splendid interest in all meetings. Bro. Mudge addressed the morning meeting. The Sunshine League enjoyed a happy hour at 10 a.m. The church records the passing of a loved one in the person of Mrs. P. Miller. After six months of intense suffering nobly borne, she passed peacefully away on April 21. Loving sympathy is extended to the bereaved. A large audience listened to a splendid address by Bro. Clay. A duet by Bro. and Sister Clay was enjoyed.

Queensland.

All meetings are well attended at Ma Ma Creek. A combined service was held on Easter Sunday night. Bro. Kingsford, evangelist, and Bro. F. Boettcher, of Ipswich, being the speakers. Bren. H. Bade and E. Rosenberg attended the recent Conference as delegates.

Good work is being maintained in Brisbane. On Lord's day, evening, April 16, a man who was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith responded to the preaching of Bro. Rankine. Bro. Davis, of Albion, exhorted on the morning of April 23. Bro. Stuart Trudgian took the night service, owing to illness of Bro. Rankine. The visit of Bro. Ennis was much enjoyed.

Meetings at Zillmere are improving under Bren. Aderman and Butler. April 20, Bro. Ennis spoke on the College of the Bible, and afterwards gave a gospel address, when two girls from the Bible Class and one who has been attending of late, made the good confession. April 23, Bro. Aderman exhorted, and after his gospel address a middle-aged man confessed Christ.

At Toowoomba on April 23 Mr. W. M. Neil, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave an inspiring exhortation. Meeting in fellowship were Sister Wendorf, of Brisbane; Sister Quire, of Chinchilla; and Bren. Mortimer and Kewski, of Goombungee. Bro. Burns delivered an appealing address at night to a good attendance. Gospel services are held at Harlaxton every alternate Sunday. Bren. A. and C. Day conducted the meeting on April 23. Bro. Burns conducted the meeting at Meringandan on Lord's day morning, and reports a splendid attendance.

Tasmania.

At Hobart two were received, one by baptism and one by letter. Bren. Renton, of Sydney, Duff, of Launceston, and Sisters Smith, of Ulverstone, Ashlin and Lambert, of Geeveston, have been welcome visitors lately. The Senior C.E. Society is doing a good work for Christ and the church, and the Junior C.E. also. With sorrow the passing of Bren. E. Gates and R. Jacobson by the hand of death is recorded. At the recent State Conference Bro. Nightingale was elected President for the third year. Sister Nightingale received a similar honor from the Women's Conference. Bro. W. Cooper was elected President of the Bible School Union. Good audiences on April 30. Bro. Tucker, of Launceston, gave the exhortation. At the close of Bro. Nightingale's message at night a lad decided for Christ. He is the first-fruit of Sister Welsby's work in the Bible School at Cascades.

Caveside still have good times. One member has been lost, Sister Mrs. E. Cubit, who has re-

moved to the Blue Mountains, N.S.W., with her daughter Esther. They were farewelled by the church at the morning meeting a few Sundays ago. Sister Cubit was promised a twelve months' subscription of the "Australian Christian," so soon as her address is known; so that she should still feel somewhat in touch with the work at Caveside. The little daughter was presented with a nice Bible. On April 24, Bro. Bowes, of Ulverstone, gave the exhortation at the morning meeting, and took the gospel service in the afternoon. Both were splendid addresses. Meetings are so well attended now that a larger building will most probably be necessary in the near future.

After two years of faithful service with Launceston church, Bro. P. R. Baker, through indisposition, has sought more favorable climatic conditions. Bro. Baker's fearless preaching has won him widespread admiration, and the church has been blessed both spiritually and numerically. About 14 made the good confession during April. About 40 have been added to the church during Bro. Baker's ministry. On Wednesday week the members met to bid him farewell. A splendid programme was presented, and Bro. Baker was presented with a wallet of notes. Bro. W. H. Campbell, of Geeveston, has accepted a call to the church. Good attendance at morning service on April 30, when Bro. Campbell delivered a splendid exhortation. Sister Mrs. Clarke, of Adelaide, met in fellowship. Gospel service well attended. Great interest manifested throughout.

South Australia.

At Balaklava one has been received by letter. April 30, meetings well attended. Bro. Saunders gave a fine exhortation, and at night made an earnest appeal for decisions.

At Prospect work is in good heart. Bible Class growing. Junior and Senior C.E. very bright. Wednesday prayer meeting full of interest. Four by letter since last report. The brethren happy in their testimony for Christ.

At Dulwich on April 30 Bro. and Sister J. Madder, from Grote-st., were welcomed into fellowship. There were also several additions to the school, of which Bro. Chas. Vero is now the acting superintendent. Better accommodation for the kindergarten is urgently needed.

Murray Bridge church choir gave a very fine programme on Thursday evening week, proceeds in aid of manse funds. Sunday, 23rd, Anzac Sunday, combined service on rotunda in afternoon; Bro. Warhurst presided. In the evening he conducted a special service in the chapel appropriate to the occasion.

Bro. J. Smith, from Mile End, took the services at Milang on Easter Sunday, also speaking at Pt. Sturt in the afternoon. His addresses were much enjoyed. Bro. Marshman spoke on April 23 to good meetings. Bro. Horace Overall, from Victor Harbor, was present in the morning, also visitors from Glenelg, Croydon, and Moota.

York Sunday School anniversary was observed on April 9. Bro. Chappell addressed the children in the morning. The scholars rendered a beautiful song service in the afternoon. Bro. W. C. Brooker led the evening service, and gave a fine address. Bro. Raymond addressed the public meeting on the following Tuesday. The church building was crowded out at all meetings.

Anzac Day commemoration services were conducted at Hindmarsh on April 23. E. J. Pateroster preached morning and evening to large congregations. Special singing was rendered by the male voice choir under R. G. Hindley. The subject of the appeal was "The Challenge of Anzac." In the afternoon the scholars of the Bible School took part in the procession, and the huge interdenominational service held on the Hindmarsh Oval, which was addressed by Chaplain G. T. Walden, M.A. Bright services on April 30. Bro. Pateroster preached morning and evening. Church cricket club terminated a successful season by securing second place in the A Grade of the United Church Association.

At Forestville on April 23, morning, Bro. Matthews exhorted. Afternoon, school practice for anniversary. Evening, Bro. Hollam's address for well received by splendid attendance. Three adults (who confessed Christ the previous Lord's day) were baptised. Bro. Harry Jones has been appointed church secretary. All are sorry to lose Bro. and Sister Green, and Bro. and Sister McDonald.

At Grote-st. since last report meetings have been fair. April 23, Bro. Hagger addressed both meetings, taking for his subject at night, "The Three Kingdoms." One man came forward to re-new his faith in Christ. April 30, good attendance at Lord's table, when Bro. Hagger gave his farewell message to the church. At night he took for his subject "A Divine Plea." Two young men made the good confession.

A party from Wallaroo travelled to Kadina on April 29, and spent a helpful time at the first Convention of the Endeavor Societies of the District. The Endeavor meeting was not held on Tuesday on account of the Anzac service held that day, but the mid-week prayer service was observed. Meetings were held on Sunday, morning service being early to give opportunity to those who wished to join Methodist friends in their anniversary.

At Gawler several new scholars have recently come into the Bible School. On last Lord's day Sister Mrs. Graese, of Oakleigh, was a visitor. On Sunday a surprise visit was received from Bro. W. J. Manning and Bro. and Sister Horsell. Bro. Horsell presided, and Bro. Manning gave a message of helpfulness and of great encouragement. Sister Mrs. Green was received into fellowship. Bro. Raymond preached earnestly at night.

At Unley Sunday School anniversary on April 11 a nice number of scholars and friends sat down to tea. At the evening meeting the children again acquitted themselves well under the leadership of Bro. Frank Messent. Bro. S. J. Southgate, from Cottonville, gave a splendid address, and the prizes were distributed by the evangelist. Opportunity was taken of presenting the late secretary, Bro. H. Bond, was a book as a token of appreciation from teachers and scholars.

At Maylands Bro. Collins has returned from a short vacation. Bren. Ludbrook, Hudd, Caldwell, Wearne, and Popp supplied acceptably during the period. There has been a deal of illness among the members. Sister Miss M. Chivell has passed away. The evangelist's special classes for boys and girls of the Bible Class have been commenced. The school has subscribed £5, and the Kindergarten and Primary Grades brought 7 dozen "Easter" eggs for the children at Minda Home.

Queenstown on April 23 had good meetings. Q.Y.P.M. Bro. W. C. Brooker spoke to the young people. Worship, Bro. J. Mitchell exhorted. Evening, Bro. W. C. Brooker preached a strong sermon. April 25, an Anzac memorial service at 10 a.m. was well attended. April 30, crowded meetings for Bible School anniversary. Q.Y.P.M. Bro. J. Mitchell spoke to the young people. Worship, several present after serious illness. Bro. Brooker addressed the church and children. Afternoon, his message was well appreciated. Evening, the subject was interesting to young and old. Special singing throughout the day by the scholars, under Bro. Morphett's leadership. Sister Norman Watkins passed away early on April 24, and was laid to rest in Cheltenham Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon by Bro. Brooker. Mr. Norman Watkins at the time was in hospital awaiting operation.

On April 10, a farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister Beiler, on the termination of Bro. Beiler's ministry with the church at Norwood. Bro. G. H. Jenner presided, and spoke on behalf of the church, Bro. A. Godden, on behalf of the Endeavor Societies, Bro. H. Taylor on behalf of the Sunday School, and Bren. Mathews and A. Glover on behalf of the choir and boys' club. Appreciative reference was made to Bro. Beiler's work during his three years' association with the church. A suit-case was presented to Bro. Beiler, and a rose bowl to Mrs. Beiler, and a Bible to Master Don Beiler. Bro. Beiler suitably replied after which light refreshments were partaken of.

On April 16, services were good. Bro. Jenner exhorted, and Bro. Bowen conducted the evening service. April 23, meetings were also good. Bro. A. Jolly gave the address. In the evening Bro. H. J. Horsell gave a fine address to a large congregation. At the close two young women were baptised. Fine meetings on April 30. Bro. J. T. Brown, of America, gave fine messages at each service. Two young sisters were received into fellowship. The church is fortunate in being able to secure Bro. Brown's services during his two weeks' stay.

New South Wales.

Meetings at South Kensington have been good during April. Bren. Cook and Elder, from Inverell, and Mrs. Elder, were received into fellowship on April 23. They will be a great help. An old lady over 60 years of age was baptised last Wednesday evening. Bren. P. Dixon and A. Smith are starting a mission at Gladesville on May 1, and desire the prayers of the brethren.

At Hurstville the work is being maintained. Meetings keeping up well. One sister received through faith and baptism. Fine word of exhortation from Bro. Eaton, Conference President, on Sunday, April 26. Bro. Crossman spoke on "Whatever Things are Lovely" to a splendid congregation at night. Several visitors, some from the home-land, who will soon be uniting with the church.

At Merewether Bro. Martin, who had just returned from his well earned rest, exhorted the church on April 23. At night a special prayer meeting was held instead of the usual open-air. The prayer meeting was well attended, following which Bro. Martin addressed the gospel meeting on "The Good Samaritan." There were four confessions and five baptisms, one being a sister who confessed a few weeks ago.

At Lismore on April 16 Bro. Allan Browne spoke acceptably, morning and night. On April 23 at the morning meeting Bro. P. J. Pond gave an account of the Conference in Sydney. At night he conducted an Anzac memorial service. Bro. and Sister Cottee, of Brisbane, had fellowship with the church. Bren. W. Aitkin, T. Houlden, and G. M. Davis, have been gazetted trustees for the Church of Christ portion of the Lismore General Cemetery.

Good meetings at Paddington on April 23. Bro. Gale, of Moreland, Vic., presided at the Lord's table, and gave the hand of fellowship to Sister Mavis Stockbridge, recently baptised, and Bro. Porter, from the church at Chatswood. At the evening service Bro. Gale gave a very interesting talk, after which Bro. Stevens gave a splendid gospel address. The young lad from the Bible School who made the good confession the previous Lord's day was baptised.

At Chatswood on Sunday, April 23, at the morning service Bro. Morris (Victoria) gave an interesting talk to the church. Evening, prohibition service; address by the Baptist preacher of Harris-st. church, Sydney. On April 29 Bro. J. Ateich and Sister Ivy Murray were united in marriage at the Church of Christ, Chatswood. Bro. J. Whelan officiated. On April 30, Bro. W. Fox addressed the church. Visitors included Bro. and Sister Burns and Misses Tonkins, from S.A. At the gospel service Bro. Whelan's theme, "Those Christ Cannot Save." Splendid attendance. Mr. Sniell, from Melbourne, made the good confession.

On April 26, after undergoing an operation in Auburn Hospital, Bro. Windmill was called home. A widow and two daughters are left to mourn their loss. On Thursday evening Auburn church met to bid farewell to Sister Miss Dorothy Smith, who left last Saturday for England. She was presented with a writing case in recognition of valuable services to the church during the past twelve years. Last Sunday Bro. Casperson gave a fine exhortation. In the evening a memorial service was held in memory of Bro. Windmill. Members of the Auburn Branch of the L.O.L. and M.U. Lodges were present in regalia. Bro. Forbes spoke of the fine Christian character of the late beloved brother.

Victoria.

Ivanhoe had a good meeting on Sunday morning, April 23, 46 being present. Bro. Tully's ad-

dress was much appreciated. In the evening Bro. Gibbins, of Bendigo, occupied the platform. On Easter Sunday Bro. Robinson, of the College of the Bible, acceptably exhorted.

At Berwick, Bro. Robinson, of the College, addressed all meetings on April 23. His messages were helpful.

Meetings at Warragul are still growing. Splendid gathering at the Lord's table on Sunday morning, including Sister Beal and Bro. W. Diamond, from Melbourne. Bro. Waters gave an inspiring address, and in the evening there was a good attendance.

At Castlemaine Bro. Wakefield, of Stawell, presided on April 30, and Bro. Clipstone gave a stirring exhortation. Bro. and Sister Anderson were present from Hawthorn. Bro. Don Smith, one of the young members, met with a serious motor cycle accident, and is in the Kymeton Hospital.

At Footscray on April 24, Bro. Warren gave an address on Anzac to over 800 children, and helped to distribute 1500 New Testaments in State Schools. These were provided free by the New Testament League. On Saturday evening the Senior Bible Classes held a very bright social.

At Emerald East on April 8, a working bee put a new iron roof on the building. At the S.S. anniversary on April 15, an enjoyable time was held. Bro. Wilkie Thompson spoke to the children, and each child received a prize. On April 23 Sister Miss Caldicott gave an interesting account of work in India.

During the past few Sundays Fitzroy meetings have improved. Bro. Brown is giving good addresses. On April 23, Bro. Grayden, of Queensland, gave an appreciated address. On April 8 a very pretty wedding took place between Bro. E. R. Everett and Sister Grayden. Bro. L. C. McCallum, B.A., officiated.

At Croydon fellowship with several from suburban churches has been enjoyed. Good interest is shown in the addresses delivered by Bro. Parslow. On April 23, the local troop of Boy Scouts attended, and Bro. Parslow delivered a fine address. The church took part in the united Anzac service in the afternoon.

East Camberwell and Hawthorn held a fine combined prayer meeting on April 19. Bren. Scambler and Gibson acting in conjunction, when Sister Gwen Edwards was baptised. On April 23, Sister Edwards was given the hand of fellowship along with Sister Rainer, transferred from the Baptist Church, Camberwell.

At Hawthorn on April 23 two (husband and wife) were welcomed by letter. On April 30, two ladies were received into fellowship, and at the evening meeting a father and son made the good confession, T. H. Scambler preaching. The morning services have been helped by addresses from W. B. Blakemore and W. J. Kenley.

At Box Hill on April 30, Wedd's messages were helpful and convincing. Fellowship enjoyed with Sisters Mrs. Wedd, of W.A. (the preacher's mother), Sister Mrs. Pryor, of Castlemaine, Sister Miss Skurrie, of Ararat, and Bro. and Sister E. Clements. On Good Friday morning a united church service was held in the Baptist chapel, when Bro. Wedd delivered a splendid message.

Fine attendance at Brighton services on April 23. Sister Mrs. Bell, baptised on the previous Lord's day, received into fellowship. At the close of the sermon by Bro. B. W. Huntsman, a young lady made the good confession. Bren. Herrington and Lawrence are recovering from operations, and expect to return home from the hospital. Sister Pask is sufficiently well to resume her class of young ladies.

Good meeting at Swanston-st. last Lord's day morning. Several visitors, including Bro. and Sister Kirkland, from Marriokville, N.S.W., and at evening service Sister Mrs. Potter, from City Temple, Sydney. Bro. Rupert Hutchinson was received into membership, having been baptised the previous week. Bro. Blakemore addressed the church on the work of Bible Schools and amongst the young people. Good attendance in evening, and excellent attention to Bro. Kingsbury's splendid message. Wednesday evening meetings are keeping up, and the Bible studies are very interesting. These meetings are open to all visitors.

During the absence of Bro. Wakefield at Conference Stawell church had a visit from Bro. J. E. Shipway, from Port Pirie, S.A., who gave an uplifting address at the midweek prayer meeting, and preached on April 16. On April 23 Bren. F. Mackie and A. D. Perry were the speakers. Bro. and Sister Wakefield are taking a well-earned holiday.

At Ascot Vale, Bro. Patterson is giving splendid addresses. One young lady made the good confession. April 9, a memorial service was held for the late Sister Stewart; at the close there was a baptismal service. Conference Sunday, Bro. Wakefield gave a fine exhortation. In the evening A. C. Garnet gave the gospel address. Bro. Payne is training the children for the S.S. anniversary.

Meetings at Ararat keeping up well. On April 23, a full attendance listened to Bro. Combridge's address. Two confessed Christ. At the close of the service three were baptised. Bro. Payne conducted a service on Good Friday morning. Bren. Welsh and Payne conducted the services on April 16. Two confessions on Sunday, April 9. On Easter Monday a very enjoyable picnic was held by the church. Men's Band conducted a meeting on Good Friday night.

North Fitzroy Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, and was a great success. J. McKean, of Ivanhoe, spoke in the morning; J. E. Thomas in the afternoon, and W. B. Blakemore in the evening. The afternoon and evening attendances were equal to anything experienced in the past. In the evening the teachers and visitors were splendidly entertained at tea by Bro. Cother, treasurer of the school.

Nice meetings at Lygon-st. on Sunday. One young man received into fellowship. In the morning R.K. Whately gave a splendid address. Among visitors were Bro. and Sister Cole, from Hobart; Bro. and Sister Eagle, of Brim. Impressive Anzac Memorial Service at night, when J. E. Thomas spoke upon "The True Spirit of Service." As the congregation stood the names of those who had fallen were read, and Bro. Thomas engaged in prayer.

A social was held at Kymeton on April 8 to welcome Bren. Baker and Hinrichsen to the circuit. Bro. Hinrichsen's address created much interest on April 9, when he also baptised a lad from Drummond. April 16, the church enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. W. A. Russell, who conducted all services. Visitors were present from North Fitzroy. The Improvement Society held an enjoyable picnic at Trentham Falls on April 17. Bro. Arthur Baker gave a fine address on 23rd on "Justifiable Pride."

Services at Windsor on April 23 were helpful. Bro. Hatwell gave a good address in the morning, and at night there was a very impressive service in memory of those who had fallen, when Bro. Dawson preached a fine sermon. A Boy Scout Brigade has recently been formed, and a concert was held in the Prahran Town Hall, when £16 was raised, which goes towards educating the boys. Any boys will be very welcome to join this Brigade. They meet every Wednesday night at Church of Christ, Windsor.

Bro. Haddon's work at Bamba-road is richly blessed. Six confessions the last three Lord's days, and five additions by letter. Good meetings, able addresses, splendid interest. Making special effort to raise £200 towards church debt. Bro. King is giving valuable assistance in growing Sunday School. Two clubs are doing good work, creating an interest for the church among the young people. Boys have formed a football club. Church finances are improving under special promise scheme. 150 scholars present for three consecutive Sundays. K.S.P. Club held a successful concert. Seven immersions since last report.

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Dear Bro. Editor,—

In your issue of April 20, Bro. E. Patrick criticises my brief article on the above subject. In reply, may I be permitted to say:

1. That I did not say or imply that we should "hurry through it very quickly," or that we should "treat it lightly." I clearly stated that the presiding brother "should not be hurried," and that he "should be dignified." But long talks, and sometimes inappropriate ones, are not an indication that the leaders are not hurried, and oft times they are wearisome to the worshippers who desire to "see Jesus," and get into touch with Calvary, and the presiding brother comes between.

2. Remembering Jesus, and listening to a presiding brother talk, are not one and the same thing. Some of the sweetest communion services I have ever attended have been those in which the leaders have said little or nothing just before the feast; perhaps have just reverently read some such Scripture as a portion of Isaiah 53.

3. The observance of the Lord's Supper does not necessarily involve an address just before. We usually arrange to have an address at another stage of the service, and that should be for the edification of the church. If the address or sermon does not build up and strengthen God's children, the elders should not ask the brother who fails, to speak again.

Finally, I would say that I have been greatly helped and richly blessed by the ministry of many of my brethren presiding at the Lord's table; but when I have had to listen to talks on political and national questions, or to long efforts to interpret symbols in Revelation, I have not been helped, but the service has been marred. Let us all do our best to secure the attendance of every possible member at the communion service; and let those of us who take part seek to so help those who assemble that they will be anxious to be present the next Lord's day.—Yours sincerely,

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